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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #25

Year 11 Easter Revision Sessions

We are offering revision sessions over the Easter break for any Yr11 students who would like to attend for further subject support. A letter is on its way to parents listing the sessions, and a form will be emailed to students to sign up and so we know who to expect onsite.

Deadline for sign up is 9am on Wednesday 27th March, and students must only attend those sessions for which they have filled in the form.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremonies

We had a wonderful evening celebrating our Bronze and Silver participants at our Awards event this week. These students have shown resilience, motivation and great work ethic to complete these Awards over the last 12 months. Well Done!!

Thank you to Mr Flux for presenting the Awards and to some of our current Year 13 Gold students who inspired the students to carry on with DofE to complete their Gold awards.



DofE Expeditions

Our Bronze and Silver expeditions are fast approaching and the students are getting very excited!

Bronze participants have their equipment and meal prep training on Tuesday 26th March from 2.20pm - 4.15pm, please remember to bring your boots and waterproofs with you.

School Ties

Due to supplier cost increase, the price of school ties purchased in school will increase to £7 after Easter Holidays.

NSEA Team - Eland Lodge NSEA County & National Qualifiers

Some really big classes last weekend with 32 riders in the 80cm and 50 in the 90cm show jumping class, with school teams travelling from North Yorkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire to compete for the National qualifier places.

Ava May Y won the 70cm class so is County Champion and qualifies for County Champs at Hickstead in May and National Championship in October.

Emily competed on Toby in the 70class and finished in 6th place.

The 80cm team of Brooke W-A, Ava May Y, Emily L and Chloe D finished in 6th place and so qualify for the National Plate Championship in October.

The 90cm team of Brooke W-A, Ruby P, Libbie A and Chloe D finished in 5th place out of 11 teams and so qualify for the National Plate Championships in October. We were just beaten by a very strong Lady Manners team to take the County Championship title.

Libbie A competed as an individual in the 1m class, her first competition at this height and finished in 19th place in a strong class of 25.

As ever, all girls represented the best of QEGS, working for each other, immaculately turned out, smiling and with the welfare of their horses paramount. With some new rider/horse partnerships there is a lot to build on and look forward to this season.

Science Week

Year 7 investigating time last week, for science week. Using various methods to estimate 10 secs.

Plus, here are a few of the fantastic entries for our British science week poster competition. This year's topic was "Time". Well done to everyone who entered.



Sixth Form Update

Congratulations and a big well done to our **KS5 BTEC students** who have received some fantastic exam results over the past couple of days. The students have been working hard to prepare for these assessments, and Year 12 students in particular, have the additional challenge of having to be ready to sit their final/real exams as soon as January of their first year in Sixth Form! Therefore, there is lots to celebrate and be proud of! Keep up the great work and best of luck for your next set of assessments.

Congratulations too, to our **newly appointed Head Students for 2024-25**. After a rigorous and competitive selection process, with a high standard throughout, Evie H, Delilah W, Meri B and Will A were appointed. After Easter we will

be appointing the other roles on the Student Council, and we encourage all Year 12 to take a look at the job descriptions to see how they can be participating in projects and decision making in Sixth Form

And finally, a huge well done to Georgia L-W and her enthusiastic team for the splendid event they organised and ran for elderly residents of Ashbourne, in association with **Connex/Readycall**. Whether it was planning, baking, setting up, clearing up, chatting with the visitors, everyone had their part to play in this lovely event. Thanks also to QEGS choir who entertained everyone with some beautiful singing. It is something that everyone who attended will remember for a long time and our students made a real difference, by giving the Readycall users and staff the opportunity to celebrate such an important charity and community project/service in Ashbourne.

School Transport Updates From 15th April 2024

The **443 bus route will be replaced by the 013 bus route** from Monday 15th April 2024, students with bus passes have already been contacted directly by the council. If you pay for a seat on the bus, £1.20 per journey, please see below timings if using the stop at Fenny Bentley:

Service 013		Glovers	
Newhaven Kings B&B	0750	School Finishes:	1520
Hartington, Hartington Station	0755	Departs from school	1530
Hartington, Square	0800		
Heathcote Mere	0804		
Biggin, Church	0805		
Biggin, Council Houses	0806		
Biggin, Dalehead	0808		
Alsop Moor Cottages	0810		
Newton House	0813		
Fenny Bentley	0816	From 15 April 24	
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School	0830		

The **009 bus route will have a new operator from Monday 15th April 2024**; De-luxe Coaches. The route and timetable remain the same and the smart cards you currently have (if eligible for bus pass) should be shown to the driver to prove entitlement to free school transport. **It will no longer be possible to scan the smart cards on the bus and the Council's standard bus pass will be provided when issuing new or replacement passes.** If you are not eligible for a bus pass, payment of £1.20 per journey will be expected please.

Service 009		De-luxe Coaches (01283 319119)	
Sudbury Park	0750	School Finishes	1520
Doveridge, Hawthorn Close	0755	Departs from school	1530
Doveridge, Post Office	0756		
Somersal, Grove Lane	0800		
Somersal, Flacketts Lane	0805		
Sudbury Park A515	0810		
Sudbury Old Hall tractors site	0811		
Cubley, South View Farm	0816		
Cubley, Village	0818		
Cubley, Grange Farm	0825		
Clifton Village	0830		
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School	0840		

Primary Sport

We had over 200 students taking part in the Year 3 and 4 Sports Hall Athletics. It was a great afternoon, enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the Sports Leaders that ran the event.

We had a great turn out for the Year 3 and 4 High 5 Netball event. It was so popular that we had lots of enquiries asking to join Ashbourne Netball Club. Fabulous to see so many children enjoying themselves. Thank you to the Sports Leaders that ran the event and for the netball girls that umpired.



Results Day!

A cracking set of Nutrition and Psychology results for our Level 3 BTEC Sport & Exercise Science cohort, achieving 22% above the national average! We are so very proud of them, they deserve the success after a lot of hard work during the Autumn term.

If you are in Year 10/11 and interested in our Sport & Exercise Science Triple Award at Sixth Form, please speak to Mr Hallam, Mrs Taylor, Miss Brown or Mrs Caton.



Swimming Success

Six students recently qualified for and competed at the 2024 Derbyshire County Swimming Championships.

The annual event, where the top swimmers from across the whole of Derbyshire compete, took place over 2 weekends. Elena A (Year 12), Connie H (Year 9), Daniel M (Year 8), Isabella M (Year 10), Jacob B (Year 7) and Jess W (Year 9) all qualified through many hours of training and determination at Ashbourne & District Swimming Club.

Every swimmer achieved new PB's, plus Daniel M was awarded the overall 2nd place silver medal for 14yrs 400m IM and also overall 3rd place bronze medal for 14yrs 200m butterfly. Isabella M was awarded overall 2nd place silver medal for 16yrs 200m breaststroke. Well done everyone!

Ashbourne & District Swimming Club is currently welcoming new members, catering to all levels of swimmers, for fitness, social, or competitive swimming. Please email

membership@ashbourneswimclub.org or visit the website www.ashbourneswimclub.org if you are interested.



QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Further details can be found at: <https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week 2: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-2.pdf>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- w/c 25th March – House Matches
- 26th – 28th March – Easter Rewards 'Gladiators' – Years 7 – 11
- 26th March – HumanUtopia – Year 11
- 26th March – Year 7 PCE – face to face onsite, 2.30pm early closure
- 26th March – Bronze DofE training (meal prep)
- 27th March – SEND coffee morning – 9:30-11am (venue TBC)
- 27th March – Dance and Drama Performance evening (Main Hall)
- 28th March – Year 13 Physics Sheffield Hallam Trip
- **28th March – (Thursday) Last Day of term**
- **15th April – Start of term**

Finally

Thank you to the students who helped with our recent staff recruitment and interviews from highly competitive and strong fields. We will be welcoming in September Tara Allen as Teacher of Science and Matt Walker as Deputy Headteacher (Quality of Education).

Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity
Headteacher