

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #28

### Headteacher Afternoon Tea

Well done to the students nominated by their teachers for Afternoon Tea with Mr Garrity, great to see so many happy students being rewarded for hard work and great effort.



### Artsmark Gold Award

QEGS has been awarded **Gold status** for the level of excellence of creative and cultural work being produced and their contribution to the wellbeing and personal development of our students. We have been recognised for the broad range of arts qualifications and other avenues we offer to extend students engagement in arts subjects which are enhanced by performances, exhibitions and other cultural trips. We have established and sustained strong relationships with the local and wider community on partnership projects to benefit our students working with professionals within the creative and cultural industries that has informed students creative work towards their final qualifications. We are committed to the continuation of excellence in the arts at QEGS where students can foster their creativity through performances, the arts and our personal development curriculum. Huge congratulations to Mrs Corboz and the staff who have contributed to this success.



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## School Day Timings for September 2024

Apologies, some of the timings were out by 5 minutes in the update sent last week, although the descriptions in brackets were correct. The correct timings are:

08.50 – 09.05 - Form Time (15mins)  
09.05 – 09.10 - Changeover (5mins)  
09.10 – 10.25 - Period 1 (75mins)  
10.25 – 10.45 - Break (20mins)  
10.45 – 12:00 - Period 2 (75mins)  
12:00 – 12:40 - Lunchtime (40mins)  
12.40 – 13.55 - Period 3 (75mins)  
13.55 – 14.05 - Break (10mins)  
14.05 – 15.20 - Period 4 (75mins)


## Year 11 reminders

The Year 11 Leaving assembly is planned for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Until this date Year 11s are expected to be in school and attending lessons as normal. Students will have scheduled revision sessions prior to some exams, receiving support and guidance as required.

Students must also attend school in full uniform. Students cannot enter the exam hall if they are not in full uniform. Students will need their lanyard and IDs when attending school for exams.

## GCSE Science Revision

Just a reminder as we head into the final few weeks before GCSE exams start that students can access a range of science support sessions both during and after school.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week A</b>					
<b>Lunchtime</b>	GCSE Chemistry support room 308			GCSE Biology support room 308 GCSE Physics support room 310	
<b>After school</b>			Science support library		Science support library
<b>Week B</b>					
<b>Lunchtime</b>		GCSE Biology support room 308	GCSE Chemistry support room 308	GCSE Physics support room 308	
<b>After school</b>			Science support library		Science support library

*For clubs in 308 & 310, you may bring your lunch with you*

## Silver DofE Award

We have our final compulsory training session on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April from period 5 until 4pm. Participants need to bring boots and waterproofs for checking and bring a bag to carry home the expedition equipment that will be distributed.

The Practise Expedition is 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May leaving from and returning to the QEGS Boothby site.

## Junior Maths Challenge

A huge well done to all the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Junior Maths Challenge on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We had a whopping 126 students sign up! We are so proud to have so many amazing students signing up to participate in these challenges and look forward to some more fantastic results!



## QEGS Music Concert

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the QEGS Music Department Alumni Fundraising



concert on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024. This is the second such event we have run, and it was a joy and privilege to host QEGS Alumni, as past students came back to school to perform alongside current students. The concert was a resounding success and we have raised over £650 to support the development of the music provision at QEGS. The funds will be used to improve the learning environment in the music classrooms, largely by equipping our keyboards and (new) ICT facilities with headphones for every student.

The remaining funds (approx. £112) will be donated to Derby Nightingale Macmillan Unit in memory of Mr Dave Roberts, who dedicated his career to providing high quality musical opportunities to students at QEGS.

Special mention to our phenomenal guest performers: Sophie Henderson, Olivia Grime, Artemis Swain, Nat Liew, Jessica Duckworth, Tom Cross and Will Cross.



A massive thank you to our current musicians, who never fail to impress; QEGS Choir, Chamber Choir, String Group, Saxophone Group, and the QEGS Concert Band, as well as those who sang solos and duets.



Please join us for our Summer Concert, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Further details to follow.

## Ashbourne Primary School Music Appreciation Week

This week, to support Ashbourne Primary School celebrate their music appreciation week, QEGS students have performed every afternoon to the students in their assembly. This is the second year we have provided music performances, yet another fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their talents, as well as inspire young people to learn to play an instrument or sing.

**Monday: GCSE Music students - Tara L and Rocco H (Year 11)**

**Tuesday: QEGS Choir**

**Wednesday: QEGS Concert Band**

**Thursday: A-Level music students - Alasdair C, Yvan Y and Oliver C (Year 13)**

**Friday: QEGS Saxophone Group**

A massive thank you to all our students and staff who have supported these events this week.

## Great Big Dance Off

On Monday the Dance department took 23 students to perform on the stage at the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham. It was a wonderful day rehearsing with other schools across the Midlands where a group of Year 9 students had created their own routine during lunch times to perform at the event. A group of Year 11s also choreographed their own piece incorporating tap, street and modern dance styles and finished off with our Year 10 dance students performing a contemporary piece they had learnt inspired by professional choreographers by Mrs Corboz. These experiences enrich the curriculum delivered in the dance studio and provide professional platforms to perform on. We are very proud of our dancers that represented QEGS at the event and look forward to other performances in the future. The performances are available to view on the QEGS Dance and Drama Instagram page.

[https://www.instagram.com/qegs\\_danceanddrama/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/qegs_danceanddrama/?hl=en)



## Careers

JCB apprentices joined us on Wednesday to do a STEM workshop for some Year 7 and 8 students. There was a buzz as students tried to solve business and construction issues. The winning team is pictured above.

Year 9 had an assembly from HEPP on Tuesday (higher education progression partnership) with a follow up workshop for selected students on motivation. The theme of the assembly was the benefits of higher education which includes degrees and degree apprenticeships. Students were informed about routes post 18 and finance implications of the varying routes.



## Double Derbyshire County Championship

Both Year 7 girls and Year 7 boys are **Derbyshire Secondary Schools County Champions** in the sports hall athletics, everyone gave their all and we are extremely proud!

Sports hall athletics done for another year, now on to the track and field cup.



## Rugby

Year 10 GCSE rugby players had a great afternoon being trained by England men's rugby coach Steve Borthwick at St George's Park on Thursday. They all had a great time and were certainly worked hard by Steve and his team.



## London Marathon

Miss Clayton successfully completed the London Marathon in 4hrs 44mins raising over £4,000 for Aortic Dissection Charitable Trust. Fantastic achievement – well done!



## 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 1: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-1.pdf>

### Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 30<sup>th</sup> April – Silver DofE Training (equipment)
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Year 8 - Humanutopia event
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Uniform Pop-up shop from 3:30 in the canteen
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Years 10-13 Artist in Residence workshop (photography only)
- **6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday – school closed**
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Year 12 Young Drivers course
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Silver DofE Practice Expedition
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 13 leave
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 13 A Levels
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 11 GCSEs
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Sandheim Theatre Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Business - Leek Building Society - funding for day programme delivery
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Geography fieldtrips
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Primary Arts day
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – Last day of term
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School reopens



Finally

### QEGS Parent Governor Vacancies

The QEGS Local Governing Body is looking to appoint **two new parent governors** from June 2024. All governors are unpaid volunteers, who work as a team helping to contribute and support the school to ensure every child in school receives the very best education. A governor is a responsible role, where you can make a difference, not only for your children, but for children in years to come and your community. No previous experience is required, just a commitment to help drive school improvement. If you have questions feel free to contact Mrs A Griffiths-Brown, Clerk to QEGS Local Governing Body at [enquiries@qegs.email](mailto:enquiries@qegs.email).

If you wish to apply for this position, please fill in the application form, that has been emailed to parents, and send to Mrs A Griffiths-Brown, Clerk to QEGS Local Governing Body at [enquiries@qegs.email](mailto:enquiries@qegs.email) or received via post by 12pm on Thursday 23 May 2024.

Application: [www.qegs.link/pgv](http://www.qegs.link/pgv)

### Local Caretaker Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a caretaker position at a local primary school, St Oswalds. Please follow this link if interested. <https://uk.indeed.com/jobs?q=caretaker&l=de61as&from=searchOnDesktopSerp&vjk=cb49caf26fd6ff19>

Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity  
Headteacher