

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #30

### Headteacher's 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.



### Year 11 Exams

Well done to the Year 11s on a great start to their exams. Their attitude and conduct has been excellent. Remember this weekend to make time to work, rest and socialise.

**Remember exams start at 9am, so bright and early Monday morning please ready for English Literature.**

### Maths Revision

Maths revision drop-in sessions starting from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May. 8:15 onwards in the maths classrooms. We have breakfast food and hot/cold drinks! All welcome for any help you need.

### Food Technology

Our Year 10 lessons this week have had an Italian flavour to them, our students have been making arancini balls. They are deep fried risotto rice balls with an oozy mozzarella centre and they tasted absolutely amazing!



## Science

Year 10 triple students have had a fantastic week of Dissections, getting to observe a brain dissection and then getting hands on with eyeballs.



## Ashbourne Town Council Mayors Recognition Awards - QEGS Recipients 2024



On the 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2024, Ashbourne Town Council held their Mayor's Recognition in the ballroom at Ashbourne Town Hall, they welcomed over 120 guests from the community to celebrate the achievements by resident's, sports clubs, schools, churches and groups. Making up the nominations were ten Queen Elizabeth's Grammer School students, supported on the evening by staff who had nominated them for the award.



### Emily W

Emily is a Sixth Form student who has been nominated by Mrs Allen the Head of Sixth Form and her deputy Mr Walker as they would like Emily's commitment to the Sixth Form community highlighting, she has helped to organise events, raised the profile of many different charities showing perseverance and determination in sometimes difficult circumstances.



**Emma H and Sabah C** Nominated by Raymond Massey, both young ladies has volunteered alongside Ray at a local sports club for children aged 6-14 years, he says with regard to Emma “to say she is fantastic with the kids is an understatement, she never fails to inspire and encourage them”, Emma would like a career with children and Ray hopes by nominating her it will gives her the encouragement to achieve her ambition. Sabah has been an especially important helper for over 2 years, she has helped primary school



children to learn to run, jump and throw and without her help Ray feels he could not have run the club efficiently, she does this voluntarily and inspires the next generation to love sport.

### **Faye C**

Faye has been nominated by Miss Tilley from QEGS, Miss Tilley noted that since Faye started at QEGS, she is a very mature, kind, caring and, a listening ear, often helping others make the right choices! On top of this she is extremely hard working and brings a smile to everyone’s face.

### **George T**

Mrs Allen and Mr Walker have nominated George for the splendid work he does with setting up volunteering opportunities with the school council for students at QEGS. They also look not only at schemes that need immediate work but take schemes, for



example, the maintenance of areas that can be contributed to over the coming years helping students learn new skills and the joy of volunteering.

### **Izzy W**

Izzy has done over 60 hours of volunteering at Ossies Kitchen. For those who may not know Ossies Kitchen is a community kitchen that provides a hot, freshly cooked three course meal on alternate Tuesday, at no fee! Izzy has helped prepare and serve the food which really brings the community together and this is why, Ms Allen and Mr Walker, The Leadership Team at QEGS Sixth Form think that Izzy deserves this award.

### **Lucy H**

According to Lucy’s art tutor at QEGS, Lucy is conscientious student who works really hard at school, but that is not why Mrs Davies nominated her, Lucy has volunteered with Ready Call over several months, worked on the Ashbourne Reborn Art Project which rebranded the town and is being used on all the promotional material, she also worked on a Coronation Commemorative painting which is installed and displayed at The Boothby Campus, meticulously planned and developed an art teaching day at Ashbourne Primary which she presented along with her peers Lucy also worked on the large painting for our fabulous Lantern Procession that was displayed on railings in the town, all whilst working toward her A levels!





### Matilda C

Is a Year 11 student at QEGS and she was nominated by her form tutor Mr Stevenson, Mr Stevenson describes Matilda as supportive of the school and her peers, helping to organise afterschool sporting events, assisting at parents evenings etc, but what he would like recognising is Matilda's fundraising efforts, on realising Ashbourne Swim Club was in financial difficulties, Matilda decided to raise funds, she completed a 5KM open water swim to raise over £800 giving the club a much needed lifeline. Mr Stevenson finished his nomination by saying Matilda never asks for anything in return and he feels her integrity is one of her major strengths as an individual.

### Mollie D

Mollie is the second nominee who has been nominated by her peer Will Mellor, he states that she has taken on student leadership roles since Year 8, rewrote the bullying policy from the students viewpoint and coined the term peer on peer, has fundraised across the school during COVID, organised whole school events and raised money for young people's charities. During Year 11, as well as completing academic work and excelling in the schools netball and football team Mollie has again volunteered for the student council attending meetings and organising a whole school event for Children in Need whilst studying for her exams. (Molly was unable to attend)



### Zac R

As well as being the final nominee, Zac is the final peer nomination, Zac was nominated by Jack S. Zac has been playing football and representing a local team since the age of six, along with many others, the dedication to a sport and a team like Zacs, keep local teams and football alive for generations to follow.



Finally, we would also like to acknowledge former pupil and Ashbourne business owner Ben Sellers. Ben Sellers, nominated by Cllr Ann Smith, after Ben and his family suffered the very sad loss of his brother Jon to recreational drugs in 2022, they knew they could never get Jon back but one thing they could do was raise awareness of the dangers of using recreational drugs in the hope that other families never have to suffer the heartbreak of losing someone so young. To honour Jon's name and, using his social media platforms, Ben announced at the end of July 2023 that he would run three marathons in three days! A just giving page was opened, fundraising started at The Bank in Ashbourne and momentum just grew using key milestones in Ben and Jon's life as a route including mums house, QEGS, Clifton School onto dad's house,

heritage wood and finally finishing outside the Bank in Dig Street. Posting stories and photos to social media meant that momentum grew, people were gripped and went out to cheer Ben on, hundreds lined the street at 3pm on the Sunday to greet Ben and his entourage home, they smashed their target and raised over £15,000 for Hope UK a drug charity which helps young people make drug free choices in a non-judgemental way.

### 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:

- 9<sup>th</sup> May – 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 11 GCSEs
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 13 leave
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 13 A Levels
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Sandheim Theatre Trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Business – Enterprise Day by Young Enterprise
- 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

Today we said farewell to Year 13 with a leaving assembly and BBQ. Lots of happy faces and bright futures ahead. Good luck with the exams!!





## Ashbourne Park Consultation Day

Saturday 18th May 9.30am – 12noon  
Ashbourne Methodist Church, Waterside Hall on Station Road

Derbyshire Dales District Council and Friends of Ashbourne Park are working in partnership to improve the Park. We would like to hear from residents & visitors, on ideas both big and small. This will help inform development of the Park and support grant applications.



The results of last summer's online survey can be seen using the QR code or at [www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/AshbournePark](http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/AshbournePark)



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Yours faithfully



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