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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #29

Sixth Form Update

The last couple of weeks have seen the new Head Students busy recruiting and we are very pleased to announce that the Student Council for 2024-25 has now been appointed. With roles representing Well-being, Environment, Aesthetics, Events, Communication, Community Outreach, Charities, Transitions, Inclusion, Sports and the offices of Treasurer and Secretary. The Student Council provides opportunities for leadership and creating legacy projects that have real impact. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve over the next year.



In recent weeks, representatives from Sixth Form have supported Ashbourne Parkinson's group with their information and social event, there have been fund raising bake sales held in the main school and students have supported our PE staff with the House matches. Well done to all involved. There are so many opportunities to get involved at QEGS Sixth Form!

Year 11 and 13 Exams

All the best of luck to our Year 11 and 13 exams who start their exams next week.

Breakfast will be available in the main hall from 8.15 on Thursday 9th May and every day when students have exams.

Rules that apply for the external exams include:

- No mobile phones, iPods, MP3s, MP4s or watches are to be taken into any examination. All wrist wear, including watches, bracelets etc. should be removed and placed on the desk in clear view.
- No food, sweets or chewing gum allowed in any examination. Students may bring a drink (water only) in a clear plastic bottle with a screw top and label removed.
- Students must bring appropriate equipment with them to all examinations. This includes pens, pencils, eraser, ruler and calculator (if allowed). The equipment should be in a clear pencil case or a clear plastic bag. Please note that there are no calculators available to be handed out in the exam hall.
- Students should follow instructions from staff on where to line up, ready to go into the Sports Hall and find their designated seat.
- Students are not permitted to communicate with each other whilst in the Sports Hall during examination times.
- If students are not in a timetabled exam, they will be in lessons as normal, until 13th June 2024.
- Students will also be required to be in full school uniform and lanyard.

Study Support

As part of our co-curricular timetable, we have several support/revision sessions running each week. More details can be found on our website:

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/learning/clubs-and-co-curricular/>

Mrs Caton has put together a very useful Revision Master Class page on our school website, with short videos on several of the most effective revision techniques.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/useful-links/revision-master-class/>

We also have information on every subject (specification, topic lists and revision tips) in the Countdown to Success guide on our website: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/countdown-to-success/>

Reminder for Year 11 History Students

Please remember that Year 11 History revision sessions are taking place every Wednesday in room 107. Please come along to revise content and exam technique in the build up to your exams. See you there - The History Department.

Science

Year 10 investigating the effect of noise levels on reaction times as part of our required practicals in Biology.

Science Homework

Just a reminder for students and parents that science homework is set via the educake website:

www.educake.co.uk Students can access their homework and revision quizzes by clicking 'log on with Microsoft' and using their school email and password.



Certificates have been awarded by teachers this week to those students who have topped the league tables with completing their homework, with some students sitting extra quizzes to boost their revision before end of year exams - a massive well done from the science team!

Any issues with accessing the homework, please direct your child to see Mr Smith.

Fundraising

Jake W and his friend Issac T both in Year 8 are doing a 250 mile bike ride across the Netherlands in the May half term as part of Derbyshire and Leicestershire Scouts Group to raise money for the new **Scout Hut in Ashbourne**, Derbyshire. They have a Go Fund Me page if you would like to support them <https://gofund.me/1816dc93>.

Harry R, Joseph R, Elsie R, Florence R and Jake R did a sponsored 47 miles walk over two days, including an overnight camp. They planned their route and all other details of the walk and raised £4000 which will be donated to **Dementia UK**. Well done on this achievement!

South Derbyshire Neurodevelopmental Community Hub

On the **attached bulletin** there is handy advice to support parents and students with exam pressures (good for everyone, not just neurodiverse students), information about social stories that will help prepare students for residentials and dates of forthcoming FREE CPD offered by the team.

<https://www.qegs.link/aobulletin>

RF Workshops – free online workshops for parents/carers who provide support for neurodiverse children. <https://www.qegs.link/rdworkshops>

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Ashbourne Reborn Information

- In January 2023, central government approved a Levelling Up Fund (LUF) bid designed to transform Ashbourne town centre. The total programme will cost £15.2m of which LUF is contributing £13.4m. The difference of £1.8m is made up of match funding raised locally, including County, District and Town Council contributions, significant funds raised from Ashbourne Methodist Church members, friends and grants, as well as grant giving organisations and local businesses.
- The exciting programme – named "Ashbourne Reborn" is led by Derbyshire Dales District Council working in partnership with Derbyshire County Council and Ashbourne Methodist Church as lead project delivery partners, in collaboration with Ashbourne Town Team, Ashbourne Town Council and AshCom.
- Derbyshire Dales District Council will be responsible for overall programme management and the programme is made up of two projects. The first, led by the County Council, is a series of highways improvements and transformed public spaces including Market Place, Victoria Square, Millennium Square and Shrovetide Walk. The second project, led by Ashbourne Methodist Church, will transform the existing church buildings on the corner of Church Street and Station Road into a community hub, creating space for a wide range of community uses and events and improved visitor accommodation.
- Since funding was announced in January 2023, partners have been busy drawing up designs, gaining planning permissions and preparing for delivery. Although much of this preparation is happening behind the scenes, residents, businesses, and visitors can expect to see work starting on the ground from summer 2024. Work is expected to finish by autumn 2025 and will be carefully managed to reduce disruption as far as possible.
- Find out more about Ashbourne Reborn; sign up for the newsletter at the DDDC website www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/enewsreg (tick the box for Ashbourne Reborn), or visit the Ashbourne Reborn website www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/ashbourne-reborn. Follow on social media: find Ashbourne Reborn on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X \(Twitter\)](#).
- Find out more about the Government's Levelling Up Fund at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/new-levelling-up-and-community-investments#the-levelling-up-fund>

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:

- **6th May – Bank holiday – school closed**
- 8th May – Year 12 Young Drivers course
- 8th May – Silver DofE Practice Expedition
- 9th May – Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
- 9th May – 21st June – Year 11 GCSEs
- 10th May – Year 13 leave
- 13th May – 5th July – Year 13 A Levels
- 14th May – Year 10 Sandheim Theatre Trip
- 15th May – Year 10 Business – Enterprise Day by Young Enterprise
- 17th – 24th May – Year 10 Geography fieldtrips
- 21st May – Primary Arts day
- 24th May – Last day of term
- 3rd June – School reopens

Finally

Good luck to Year 11 and 13 students with the forthcoming exams. Revision is important; little and often, spaced with breaks, keep the mobile and phone and social media turned off (maybe try <https://www.forestapp.cc/> for a concentration App!!), focus on the difficult topics first, use the revision guides, use practice questions, ask your teachers for help, get a good amount of sleep, eat breakfast (we offer free breakfast throughout exam period!), answer every question even if it is a guess – have a go, you can do it!

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, hopefully the weather will start to improve really soon!!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Garrity', written in a cursive style.

Scott Garrity
Headteacher