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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

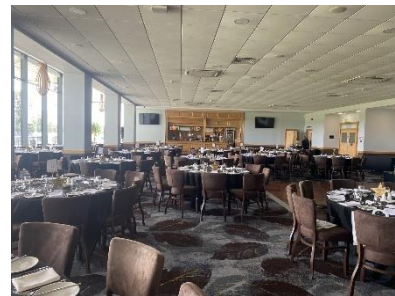
## Weekly Bulletin #37

### Year 11 Prom

Last night saw the Year 11 Prom at Uttoxeter Racecourse. What an amazing celebration for the 230 students who attended. They all looked stunning and hopefully they enjoyed their evening.

Students can view photos taken on the evening via the link on an email which Mrs Caton will send out next week. Students can then request the photos they require.

All the best to Year 11 in their next steps of their education and work life. Please feel free to email me with your adventures!



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### Year 7 - Heads of Year

Mr Bembridge [bembridge@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:bembridge@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk) has now taken over as the Head of Year for Year 7 and will continue as Head of Year in Year 8. In addition, Miss Platt [platt@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:platt@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk) will be Deputy Head of Year and parents should now use these contacts rather than Mrs Robinson who will now take on the Year 6 students coming to us in Year 7 from September.

We are sure parents will join us in saying a huge thank you to Mrs Robinson for all the work she has done with the Year 7 group this year.

### Summer Concert Addition

Further to last week's review of the Summer Concert, which took place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, one of our Year 13 performers was inadvertently missed off the list. Congratulations to Eloise B, who gave a beautiful and very memorable performance of Don't Cry for Me Argentina from the musical Evita. Eloise, your contributions to the music department over the years have been much appreciated and we wish you all the very best for the future.

### Science

Year 8 making model DNA.





### Residential Opportunity with Ashbourne Scouts

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashbourne Scouts are running their 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to Brixham for a Water Sports Week in August.

It is a fantastic week, fully catered, staying at the awesome Grenville House Outdoor Education Centre, situated on the edge of Brixham Marina. Travel to Brixham will be by coach. Activities include; sailing, kayaking, raft building, paddle boarding, canoeing, coasteering, high ropes and a day trip to Dartmouth!

The cost is £420 (which can be paid in 3 instalments) and they can accommodate up to another 28 young people.

If you are interested and would like more information, email 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashbourne Scouts by 12<sup>th</sup> July:

[chair.ashbournescouts@outlook.com](mailto:chair.ashbournescouts@outlook.com).

### 2024 Mock General Elections in Sixth Form

To mark the special occasion of the general election, the Year 12 Economics and Politics classes prepared a Mock General Election within Sixth Form. Students transformed the common room into a polling station, equipped with a ballot box and voting booths. To replicate the General Election as much as possible, we required students to show their lanyard as their proof of ID. Voter turnout in the Mock General Election was 73%, which is a fantastic result in comparison with the 67% voter turnout in the 2019 General Election. Students acted as registrars and polling officers within the polling station ensuring the smooth running of the election and prevented any possible interference. This was a brilliant opportunity for Sixth Form students to exercise their democratic right and prepare for adulthood. We encouraged students to vote on political parties based on policy, as opposed to the personality of politicians. We achieved this by replacing the name of the political parties with shapes (e.g. the Circle party was the Conservative Party) on the ballot paper. Students were able to read simplified manifestos for each of the shapes in the build up to the election.

The winning party was .... the Triangle Party which was the Labour Party with 31.6% of the vote.



### Sixth Form Update

Over the last two weeks we hosted our Sixth Form transition events, first with a very well attended information evening for parents, carers and students. It was great to see so many there to hear more about what to expect when they arrive at Sixth Form in September, our expectations, the support available and what they can expect to experience. The Sixth Form team was joined by student representatives, Henry V, Delilah W and Martha G, who spoke eloquently and honestly about their Sixth Form journey so far.



Then on the 1st and 2nd July we welcomed prospective Sixth Form students to the face-to-face days, when students experienced lessons and met their tutors and fellow students.

On the Sixth Form page of the QEGS website students can find introductions to their chosen subjects in videos made by the course leaders.

This week we also held our Year 12 Sports afternoon, organised by the Sports Captains, supported by Mr Hallam, Mrs Taylor and Miss Clayton. The students took part in 5-aside football, volleyball, rounders, egg and spoon and tug-o-war, so something for everyone! It was a lovely event, for participants and supporters, and luckily it didn't rain!



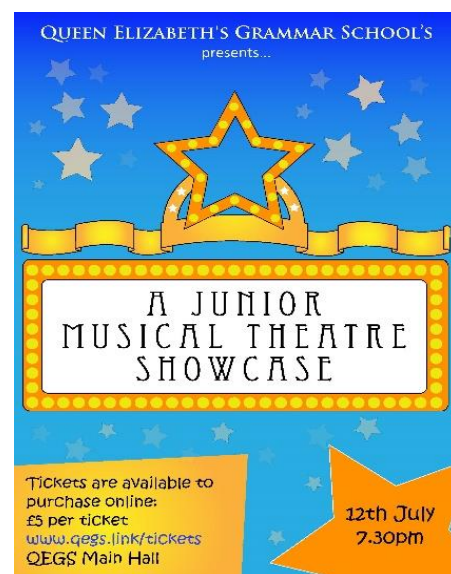
### QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Further details can be found at: <https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

### Junior Showcase

Join us for an enchanting evening of song, dance, and drama as our talented Year 7, 8, and 9 students take the stage in the Junior Musical Theatre Showcase 2024. Witness the stars of tomorrow as they perform a delightful selection of musical numbers from beloved classics and modern hits. It is a night of entertainment that promises to be fun for the whole family. Do not miss out – get your tickets now!

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 7.30pm** Tickets: [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)



### Primary Sport

Our final two primary events of the year were Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 rounders. Well done to everyone that took part.

A HUGE thank you to all of the Year 9 sports leaders, you have been amazing and we are so proud of you all. You have all grown in confidence and become great role models. You will definitely be missed next year.

### Spring Lakes - Year 9 Sports Leaders Reward Trip

50 year 9 sports leaders were rewarded with a day of activities at Spring Lakes, this was our 4<sup>th</sup> year attending Spring Lakes, The weather was fantastic, the kids were great and it was a great day had by all.

### 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>



## Sports Day 2024

This year's sports day was the biggest ever, in terms of the number signing up to participate in the events on offer, with over 500 different students from Years 7-10 taking part and representing their House throughout the day! The main success was the number of students taking part, but the quality of competition was also incredibly high! Each and every competition was keenly contested, but all were done with a great sporting attitude and mutual respect between the competitors, which was excellent to see. Special congratulations to the following students who broke school records on the day:

- Sabah C - Y10 discus with a distance of 22.26 metres
- Alfie D - Y10 shot-put with a distance of 13.31 metres
- Harry D - Y7 100m in a time of 12.57 seconds
- Joey L - Y7 shot-put with a distance of 11.19 metres
- Sophie L - Y10 shot-put with a distance of 9.21 metres
- Poppy R - Y10 1500m in a time of 5 minutes 29 seconds

Unfortunately, we were unable to complete the long jump and triple jump competitions on the day, but we are still doing these events, as part of the Race for Life activities, so students that signed-up for those events can still compete for their House. Once these are completed, overall totals will be calculated and the winning House announced. There is currently only 6 points difference between the first and second place House, so it really is all to play for!

On Wednesday this week, Year 12 students took part in their own Sportsday, organised for them by Charlotte B, Dan G, Oscar H and Tom K. This was the first event that they had undertaken in their new roles as Sports Captains and it was a huge success! They set up a carousel of activities, so that all of the students had the opportunity to participate in 7-a-side football, rounders, volleyball, an egg and spoon relay race and the tug-of-war. It was fantastic to see all of the students taking part and we are looking forward to future Sixth Form sporting events next year!

## Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July – ABRSM exams
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 12 geography fieldtrip
- 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 12 personal development trip
- 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 – Sheffield Hallam University trip (S2, C2 and H1)
- 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 – Sheffield Hallam University trip (B1 and S1)
- 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 – Sheffield Hallam University trip (B2, C1 and H2)
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> July – Junior show
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 12 - university insight day at Sheffield Hallam University
- 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 count down to success and careers fair – 6pm - 8pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 12 personal development trip
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 7-10 enrichment week
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 WOW week
- w/c 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 12 work experience
- **19<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term**
- 19<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 uniform pop-up shop – 3pm - 5pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July – INSET school closed to students and staff
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 pop-up shop – 10am - 3:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> August – Year 6 pop-up shop – 10am - 3:30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> August – A level results – 8am - 10am
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Year 6 summer school
- 22<sup>nd</sup> August – GCSE results – 8am - 10am
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August – Axiom Maths summer school
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September – INSET – school open for staff only
- **6<sup>th</sup> September – School reopens for Year 7, 10 and 12 students ONLY**

- **9<sup>th</sup> September – ALL students to return to school**

**Finally**

Thank you to Sarah Dines for her work as our local MP the last few years and congratulations to John Whitby who will be our new Derbyshire Dales MP going forward.

Yours faithfully

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Scott Garrity  
**Headteacher**