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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #6

### Countdown to Success – Year 10 and 11

A reminder that the Countdown to Success and Careers Fair event are running from 5-7pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the Main Hall. You can arrive at any time and should expect to spend up to an hour at the event. Please sign in at the Main Hall on arrival. For more detailed information, please see the letter sent last week via email and now on website under 'letters'.

### Award assemblies this week

This week we have had our Yr8-11 awards ceremonies celebrating the achievements and approach our pupils made in the previous academic year. Subject teachers made nominations for all areas across the school for each year group. Pastoral leaders awarded three pupils in their year group who demonstrated outstanding commitment throughout the year to our 3R's of Respect, Responsibility and Ready to achieve.

Congratulations to all those who received certificates, medals and vouchers in Years 8-11. I know Year 7s are already working hard and looking forward to their first event of this kind when they get to Year 8.

#### Year 8:



#### Year 9:



## Year 10:



## Year 11:



## Land-Based Update

Baxter has Joined the Land-Based Team!

Our new life-size Jack Russel teddy will be assisting the land-based team in demonstrating to students how to correctly use an animal First Aid Kit as part of their Level 2 Animal Care Qualification.

'Baxter' was named during the Open Evening by a pupil of Church Broughton Primary School.



## KS3 & KS4 Student Council

This week our KS3 and KS4 Student Council has been announced. A huge well done to all the students that have been selected.

Mrs Starkie received over 70 applications!

We can't wait to begin our exciting plans for the year ahead.

## Maths Challenge Congratulations

Well done to our Y12 and 13 students who participated in the Senior Maths Challenge. This is a 90-minute paper with problems designed to make students think. Stimulating problems for both beginners and experienced problem-solvers. It focuses on the development of students' ability to fully mobilize logical thinking and use mathematical skills to solve problems accurately and fluently, with challenging and flexible questions that usually cover key high school mathematics knowledge such as geometry, number theory, permutation and combination, and a few algebraic and problem solving, as well as some other more challenging questions (not involving advanced mathematics), which greatly expands the mathematical horizons of our students. This year our students achieved 18 Bronze, 10 Silver and 2 Gold certificates,

Congratulations to:

Will A	Isobel C	Ben M	Kerryn C	Henry V
Fred A	Alistair DS	George P	Zach D	Delilah W
Seb B	Hannah D	Evie S	Ava G	Lucie W
Sam B	Noah DM	Harvey S	Tom K	
Ted B	Finley F	Heather S	George M	
Leo B	Charlotte H	Alyssia T	Zac S	
Hannah B	Rocco H	Izzy T	Matilda S	
Sam C	Fergus K	Lauren W	Oliver S	
Megan C	Max M	Max A	Barney T	
Rory C	Ben M	James B	Will T	

An extra shout out to Charlotte and Will who have both qualified for the next round. Well done!

## Anti-bullying Ambassadors

On Tuesday, Mrs Starkie and Mr O'Keefe took ten students from Years 7-12 to Leicester. We attended Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training through the Diana Trust. This is a charity set up in memory of Princess Diana - they support and empower young people 'to change the world'!

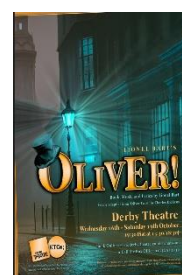
Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will now be training other students in our school on what it takes to support others in a proactive and caring way. We have lots of exciting plans going forward.

A huge well done to:

Year7	Year8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 12
Phoebe H	Zofia H	Leo M	William C	Freya H
Sid R	Jacob B	Jessica H	Imogen H	Dow R

## Upcoming performances

We would like to wish some of our students the best of luck next week with their performances of Annie Jr and Oliver. They have been working hard through rehearsals, learning lines, songs and choreography on top of their commitments at school. There is still time to book tickets to support Esme L and Martha W in their performance at Annie Jr, and also James Ba and James Br in the production of Oliver.



## PE updates

Well done to the u16 girls football team who beat Thomas Alleyne's in the National Cup 3-1. Goals from Emily, Bella & Alice. PoM Emily.





A great afternoon for the year 3,4,5 & 6 Primary Cross Country. Nearly 400 children taking part. Well done everyone and thank you to our Student Sports Leaders.



Well done to the U14 girls football team beating Anthony Gell 6-2. Goals from Laine x 2 Rose x 2 Scarlett x 2 POM Lulu.

On Monday, the U16s rugby team played in a county tournament at Derby rugby club, the team was made up of a mixture of Year 10s and Year 11s and the boys played some great rugby and scored some brilliant tries!

On Tuesday, Mr Brown took the Year 9 football team to Anthony Gell for a friendly fixture. A great team performance took them into the final minutes 2-1 up before Gell scored a last-minute free kick to make the final score to 2-2. A great game nonetheless!



On Wednesday, Mr Brown took the U18s all the way up to Crosby - Liverpool in the National Cup to play a strong St Mary's College. A tough first half meant the team were trailing at the halfway point, but the boys rallied together and continued to battle on scoring some great team tries supported by Julian H's boot to kick the extras. MOTM - Jake R!

Well done to the U18 girls hockey team who drew against Abbotsholme. Special mention to the girls who came out to play who have not played hockey for a few years now!



### Under 16 County Champions!

On Wednesday afternoon the U16 Netball Team travelled to Repton school to face seven other schools in the England Netball County Tournament. They played all afternoon and remained unbeaten against teams such as Trent College, Repton, Ecclesbourne and Lady Manners. The girls have now qualified for the England Netball Regional Tournament on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025.



### QEGS Equestrian Team NSEA news

At the end of September our team had another successful weekend. The team won the NSEA National Dressage Team qualifier at Beaver Hall. With Chloe D and Brooke W -A competing at the Prelim level and Harriet F and Libbie A competing at the Novice level. The team came first and so qualify for the Team Dressage competition at Nationals. Additionally, Brooke won the Prelim section and Libbie A came second in the Novice section so both also qualified as individuals. Harriet finished third in the Prelim, narrowly missing out on qualification.

In the show jumping, our riders were back out seeking qualification in the 70cm, 90cm and 1m classes. Jack F, won the 70cm class and so joins Ava Y in the individual section at the championships. The Team of Libbie A , Emily L, Brooke W-A and Chloe D won the 90cm team competition and Brooke W-A finished third in the 1.0m -1.05m class, thereby securing her individual place in the 1m class at Addington.

The championships are in Buckinghamshire starting on 17th October. Huge, good luck to all our competitors and an even bigger thank you to the parents for their support.

### Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October – Food Technology exams – NEA 1
- 14<sup>th</sup> October – Staff flu clinic
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Countdown to Success and Careers Fair - Years 10 & 11, 5pm -7pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Primary sport
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Uniform pop-up shop from 3:30 – 5pm in the canteen
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – Year 13 BTEC Business Bullring trip
- **24<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term**
- **25<sup>th</sup> October – Inset (school open for staff only)**
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> November – Half term
- **4<sup>th</sup> November – Return to school**
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 11 Core Mock Exams

## School Canteen

Next week's menu is the following: -

Week 2:

*Lunch week 2*

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Beef Ragù	Chicken Curry Served with Pilau Rice	Roast Gammon served with Gravy & Thyme Roasted Potatoes	Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Salad	Battered Fish served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
<b>PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN</b>	Vegetarian Mock Pasta Bolognaise	Spinach & Lentil Curry Served with pilau Rice	Vegetable Stir-fry with Egg Noodles	Vegetarian Lasagne served with Garlic bread & Salad	Vegetarian Burger in a Bun served with Chips, Peas, or Baked Beans
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
<b>STREET FOOD</b>	Greek Style Chicken Flatbread	Caramelized Onion & Sausage Sub	Chicken Burger with Salad	Pulled Pork Nachos	Southern fried chicken & Chips
<b>TAKEAWAY TUBS</b>	Tomato & Chorizo Pasta	Tomato & Macaroni Pasta	Bolognese Pasta	Vegetable Fajita Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta
	Penne Arrabbiata	Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Penne Arrabbiata with Roasted Vegetables	Pei Pei chicken Wings	Macaroni Cheese Pot
<b>PIZZA SLICE</b>	Margherita Pepperoni	Margherita Ham & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita Hot & Spicy	Margherita BBQ Chicken
<b>JACKETS</b>	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Homemade Flapjack	Pear & Chocolate Sponge served with Custard	Chocolate Brioche	Apple Crumble & Custard	Lemon Shortbread

**Meal Deal**  
Main Meal  
Wash Vegetables  
And Dessert

**£3.00**

## QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust:

QEGs current vacancies include:

- Teacher of Maths
- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Art (maternity cover)
- Deputy SENDCO
- Receptionist/Student Services

Further details can be found at: <https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

## Finally

This bulletin is a real reflection of a week at our school. There is always so much going on to recognise and promote our students' talents. Whether it be through sport, anti-bullying, student leadership, volunteering, creative activities, academic success or reflecting our 3Rs of Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Achieve. Well done students and staff, you make me very proud.

## QEGS Points Special Offer

Next week, students can exchange QEGS points for a book from our Book Vending Machine with a 50% discount on the points value to exchange – for one week only books will be on offer for 750 QEGS Points!

The Book Vending Machine is on Level 3 next to the QEGS Rewards Shop.



Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity  
Headteacher