

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #7

### Countdown to Success and Careers Event

We held two fantastic events in school yesterday, with a careers event that ran during the day and evening, plus the Countdown to Success event.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 had the opportunity to visit career and post-16/18 exhibitors during school hours and Years 10 and 11 were invited in the evening. The exhibitors commented on how engaged the students were during the event. Today, Ms Morgan has spoken to students who were pleased to discover information such as entry requirements, when degree apprenticeships open for certain companies and how you can apply for bursary funding in the Army. Lovely to hear how they made the most of the opportunity.

If parents and carers would like to help us with our careers education in the future, please drop an email to [enquiries@qegs.email](mailto:enquiries@qegs.email) for the attention of Mrs Bramwell.

The annual Countdown to Success Event ran from 5pm; thank you to our staff who stayed and supervised subject stalls and to the parents and carers who came along with

students. There was a wonderful buzz around the whole of the halls block, and so many comments on how helpful the conversations were for both future plans and making the most of Year 10 and 11.

Next week, the year 10 and 11 prize draws will take place in assembly, and we look forward to building on the enthusiasm from all in form time, lessons and Year 11 mock exams. All the information shared at Countdown to Success is on our website, including the videos, C2S booklet and revision guide:

[www.qegs.link/c2s](http://www.qegs.link/c2s)



## Sixth Form Opening Evening

On Tuesday 8th October, we hosted our Sixth Form Opening Evening, welcoming parents and students interested in joining our Sixth Form. The evening highlighted the diverse range of courses available from A Levels to BTECs, as well as the exciting extracurricular opportunities, including sports, young enterprise, and the Student Council. We look forward to welcoming many of the students who attended back to Sixth Form in September 2025.

## Visit from a Derby Street Pastor

On 15<sup>th</sup> October, Helen Rollinson, a Derby Street Pastor, visited Year 10 and Year 11 students to discuss her role within the community. This provided valuable insights into the practical application of Christian faith and its influence on her actions in the streets of Derby. The session effectively linked to the Religious Studies and Personal, Social, and Health Education curriculums, fostering a deeper understanding of community service and moral responsibility.



## Sports Psychology Careers Talk

We were absolutely thrilled to have ex-student Ellie May Storr back with us yesterday to talk about future careers with elite athletes, particularly focused around Sports Psychology. Ellie delivered her presentation to our Year 12/13 BTEC Sport & Exercise Science and A Level PE cohort as well as a few Year 11 GCSE students who have a keen interest in this area.



Ellie studied BTEC Sport and Exercise Science alongside Psychology A Level at QEGS Sixth Form from 2015-17 and has since completed her undergraduate

degree and masters degree at Loughborough University, where is she now studying for her PhD. As if that isn't enough, Ellie has also worked with Leicestershire County Cricket Club, World Wheelchair Rugby, Paralympics GB and Burton Albion FC to name a few...!



## Netball vs Ecclesbourne

Year 7 and Year 9 teams played some excellent netball against some very tough opposition on Tuesday. Well done both teams and players of the match Maisie (Y7) and Aydon (Y9).

This was Year 7s first ever fixture, a promising future ahead for this team.



## Football

The Year 9 football team played against Murray Park in the cup on Monday. A slow start in the first half meant that QEGS were 5 down. However, the boys rallied together and showed great determination, scoring 3 goals in the second half, with the final score finishing 6-3.

## Rugby

The Year 10 rugby team were in action on Wednesday playing against Nottingham High School in the National Bowl competition. They were ahead at HT 10-7, a few encouraging words from their captain Jonty got the boys fired up to push on in the second half to win the match 34-7. Some great tries scored by Will, Isaac & Jonty and a player of the match performance by George Dakin. The team now progresses into the next round, with the game likely to be played after half term.

Good luck to Isaac, Will, Jonty, Kaylen, George & Tyler who have Leicester Tigers trials this week.







The Year 9 rugby team played against a strong Mt Saint Mary's on Tuesday, the result didn't go our way but plenty of things to learn from and the team didn't give up!

### Harvest Festival at Ashbourne Elim Church

Ashbourne Elim church is holding a family Harvest service this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Everyone is welcome from 9:30am with breakfast baps and coffee, following a foodbank story and kid friendly game, songs and a whole lot more. Please see the attached flier for more information.

### Uniform pop-up shop

School's In uniform pop-up shop will be visiting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 3:30 to 5pm in the canteen. School jumpers with the logo will be available for sale if you have yet to purchase one now the colder mornings are approaching.

Please check the website for full information of uniform guidance and expectations.

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

The Pastoral Team would also appreciate the return of loaned items of uniform lent over this half term to students. If students could return loaned items to Room 540, please or let a member of the Pastoral Team know if unable to return next week.

### Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 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 3:

<div>Lunch week 3</div> <div>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.</div>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	Mexican Chicken & Rice	Beef Bolognese served with Garlic Bread	Roast Pork served with Stuffing, Gravy & Roast Potatoes	Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Battered Fish served with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas & Mushy Peas
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
<b>PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN</b>	Vegetable Flatbread served with Potato Wedges	Broccoli Pasta Bake served with Garlic Bread	Vegetable Toad in the Hole with vegetables & potatoes	Vegetable Mince Keema	Vegetable & Mince Bean Wrap served with Chips & Salad
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
<b>STREET FOOD</b>	Vegetable Chow Mein	Chicken Fried Rice & Curry Sauce	Cheese Burger & Relish	Chicken Wrap served with mint yogurt	Southern fried chicken & Chips
<b>TAKEAWAY TUBS</b>	Tomato & Chorizo Pasta	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta	Bolognese Pasta	Vegetable Fajita Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta
	Penne Arrabbiata	Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Penne Arrabbiata with Roasted Vegetables	Piri Piri chicken Wings	Macaroni Cheese Pot
<b>PIZZA SLICE</b>	Margarita Pepperoni	Margarita Ham & Tomato	Margarita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margarita Hot & Spicy	Margarita BBQ Chicken
<b>JACKETS</b>	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Load Chocolate Sponge	Apple Flipjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Ginger Shortbread
<div> <b>Meal Deal</b>  Main Meal  With Vegetables  And Dessert </div> <div> </div> <div> <b>£3.00</b>  *Includes 1/2 Pint of Soft Drink  *Available from 12:30pm to 2:30pm </div>					

### **QEGSMAT Vacancies**

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

QEGs current vacancies include:

- Receptionist/Student Services
- Teacher of Science

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

### **Finally**

Thank you to parents and carers for attending our recent Form Tutor events and the Year 10-11 Careers/Countdown to Success. Meeting parents/carers and students onsite to have face to face conversations really helps build relationships and supports us with your child's education. In the new year, we have Parents' Evenings and Options events which we hope to see as many parents and carers attend as possible.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'SG', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Scott Garrity  
**Headteacher**