



8th November 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #9

Remembrance Sunday

This week KS3 and KS4 have participated in acts of Remembrance to commemorate soldiers, their families and civilians affected by war.

We have had the privilege of listening to stories from Mr Simon Mahoney, Ashbourne Royal British Legion committee member on the importance of remembrance. We have also had the great pleasure of Mr Ewart, the King's representative, the Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire and branch president of Ashbourne Royal British Legion in leading us through the Act of Remembrance and a 2-minute silence. Students have been very respectful during this time and have thought about all the people and their families who have suffered or are suffering as a result of conflict.



This Sunday staff and students from QEGS will be participating in the Remembrance Parade and service at St Oswald's Church. The parade will be leaving the Market Place at 10.15. It would be wonderful to have as much support as we can and see many of you there.



On Monday Year 11 and Sixth Form students will have their Act of Remembrance during assembly time. At 11am, at the time of the Armistice, the school will be participating in a service with the community at the memorial gates, followed by a short service back in school by our war memorials. As we reflect on the importance of remembrance, let us honour the sacrifices of those who came before us and continue to make them today. We will remember them

Odd Socks Day Tues 12th November

– Anti Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day 2024 is taking place on **Tuesday 12th November**. Students and staff are encouraged to come to school wearing odd socks. Anti-Bullying Week is a special event organized by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. At QEGS we will be raising awareness about the negative impacts of bullying, encouraging students and staff to stand up against discrimination and promote the importance of individuality. It's a week dedicated to celebrating the values of inclusivity, respect and kindness.



A prize will go to the jazziest odd socks in school!

Children In Need - Friday 15th November

To celebrate and raise awareness for this Charity, our Student Council have been busy organising a fundraising event, in the sport hall, for Friday lunchtime. A wide range of stalls and activities will be there to help raise money for this important Charity Day!

We encourage students to bring money on Friday to help support and participate in the stalls available.

Friday 15th November will also be a non-uniform or QEGS PE kit, so we also ask students to make a contribution of a minimum of £1 via ParentPay event if they are wearing QEGS PE Kit or their own clothes. Students must come to school in appropriate clothing or QEGS PE Kit and please remind your child to wear their lanyard and ID

Year 7 'Just Dance' competition

This week, the main hall has been jam packed at lunch time with Year 7s practicing their 'Just Dance' routine! Mrs Starkie and Mrs Robinson are looking forward to seeing which house performs their best moves in the upcoming competition!

Year 10 GCSE Design Technology

This week our Y10 GCSE Design Technology students have laser cut themselves an MDF mould and successfully pewter casted their designs, (wearing full PPE)! They have just started to use a variety of new machines and tools to polish up their pewter and they are looking superb even at such an early stage! Quality work as ever!



Shrovetide Hoodies for 2025

Congratulations to Miles H in Year 13 for winning the design a logo competition run by the Art Department, the logo will be incorporated into next year's hoodie. Please contact the Royal Shrovetide Players Committee directly if you wish to order one.

Green Careers Week

This week has been Green Careers week. The demand for jobs in 'Green' industries is on the increase. Students can come and find out more in Miss Morgan's Careers drop-in session on **Monday lunchtime Rm 526** if they have an interest. The topic will also be covered by all year groups in our next PSHE session on 20th November. Students have been sent recorded webinars via the Unifrog platform. If they wish to view them simply log in to Unifrog and they should be visible on your front page.

Parent Pay Shop for revision resources

QEGS Parent Pay Shop <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7712> is available for the purchase of revision resources for GCSEs and A Levels subjects. Orders are placed the first week of the month e.g., if items are ordered through the Parent Pay Shop the 15th November, the order in school will be placed first week of December 2024. The Pastoral Team will notify students when the revision resources arrive.

Sixth Form Update

Attendance letters were sent to all parents and guardians at the end of the last half term, we will be issuing the next attendance letters at the beginning of the January term. We hope you agree that these are a great way to see where your child is at with their attendance and lateness to lessons and we encourage all parents to continue having discussions regarding the importance of being present in Sixth Form.

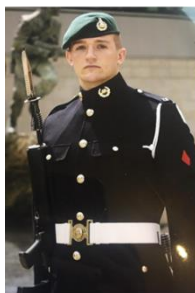
We are regularly requested to comment on a candidate's punctuality and attendance when providing references for university, apprenticeships and employment.

We have had some fantastic talks in Year 13 this week as part of our LifeSkills programme including degree apprenticeship talks from an ex-student from Mercedes, the Royal Marines, Prison Officer and a Forensic Officer. These talks have been so valuable for our students in listening and learning about different career paths. The royal marine, ex-student Ellis Greenway, then stayed to repeat the talk to Year 12 and Year 10 students who are interested in going into the forces.

Ex-student Archie Shaw visited Sixth Form on Wednesday to share information and advice from his time at Nottingham Trent University and as a sports coach for Primary Stars with our Sport and Exercise Science students.

Thank you to Mrs Thrupp and Mrs Taylor for organising.

Our Year 12 students are working on presentations in LifeSkills for what beyond Sixth Form looks like. These will be presented in a few weeks time as part of students developing important skills required in life beyond our Sixth Form.



A reminder to all Sixth Form students, if you are applying to university or making a dual application with degree apprenticeships too, please work on completing your UCAS application form sections this week and ensure you have asked for your personal statement to be checked. The final date for submission is the 15th November 2024. The earlier you submit your application the more time we have for any amendments.

House Cross Country

House cross country will take place on **Wednesday 13th November for all Y7 and Y8 students**. To help them prepare for this, students have been taking part in a fitness unit of work, exploring the different elements of fitness and which elements are important for which activities. We know that cross country is enjoyed by lots of students, but it can also make some feel concerned. The House cross country is a participation-based event, where all students get to represent their House, so success for QEGS PE is that all Y7 and Y8 students take part and complete the 2km course.

We obviously want all students to try their best on the day, but if that means that they need to walk some of the course, that is ok. Those that would like to will have the opportunity to race during this event to qualify for the cross-country team and represent QEGS in the Derbyshire Dales Cross Country Championship the following week.

The Y7 event will take place during P1, so all students in Y7 should come to school in their PE kit on Wednesday. They will then get changed into their school uniform after the run and attend their normal lessons P2 onwards. The Y8 event will take place during P4, so all Y8 students will need to bring their PE kit with them on Wednesday.

QEGS Cross Country Team Trial

As part of the cross-country event, athletes from **Years 9-13** will be able to sign up to race 4km on **Wednesday 13th November, with the top 6 girls and boys from each year group qualifying to run for the school team at the Derbyshire Dales Championship**. Students' sign-up by emailing Mr Hallam (hallam@qegs.email) or by going to the PE office and giving their name to a PE teacher at **break or lunchtime on Friday 8th or Monday 11th November**. The **Derbyshire Dales Cross Country Championship will take place on Thursday 21st November** and those that perform well in this race will be invited to represent the Derbyshire Dales in the County Championships in January.

Equestrian Team update

Our amazing NSEA team qualified for the National Championships 2024 and competed last month. An epic experience with lots of great teamwork and camaraderie shown.

We achieved 10th place team dressage! Out of 16 teams at our first time in a dressage champs!

In showjumping we had a mixed set of results - Brooke finished with a clear in the 1m show jumping and came 22nd/56 individuals and Libbie had 2 unfortunate pole penalties showjumping but finished 16th/31 in the individual dressage.

We were not placed in the 80cm team showjumping - it was a huge field of teams, and we had some unfortunate poles down. Well done to students and thank you to supporting parents and carers.

Photos from the event can be found on the next page.



Top level netball achievement

A very proud moment for the QEGS PE department as 2 of our very own have started on their pathway to top level netball. Jess B gaining a place in the Under 17 team of Birmingham Panthers and Maizie G (unfortunately for her Rams supporting family) has signed with U17 Notts Forest Netball.

Both girls have worked super hard to get to this point & have dedicated hours & hours of time to develop and improve! They're amazingly committed to both school & club netball and we can't wait to see how they develop and hopefully watch them on TV in the near future! Very well-done ladies, we couldn't be prouder!



Finally, Mrs Taylor took U14 (Y9) Netball Team to Repton School on Wednesday afternoon to play a tournament against 8 other teams. Unfortunately, we did not come away with any prizes, but the team had a fun afternoon out and put in some amazing individual and team performances.



Shoe Box Appeal

Ashbourne Rotary Club, in conjunction with Teams4U and Derby Rotary Club, are collecting shoeboxes filled with small gifts toiletries etc for children in parts of the world where they would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas. Boxes are filled for age groups, 3-5, 6-11 and 12+ years old. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair accessories, socks, toys, games and sweets are some examples of what could be included in the shoebox. Boxes are going to **Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.**

This year the Rotary Club are going to provide school with 50 empty shoe boxes, so we don't need to find as many shoeboxes from home. Mrs Starkie will bring these around to form rooms on Monday and Tuesday next week. It would be amazing if every form group could fill at least one shoe box. Donations for the shoe boxes will be gratefully received in school or if some student wish to create their own box at home- this is also fine! **The boxes will be collected from school on Friday 30th November 2024.**

Information on how to create the box can be found here and the information sent with the bulletin today:

<https://teams4u.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Teams4u-Leaflet-2022-A4-1-copy.pdf>

Students, with the help of parents and carers filled 80 boxes last year and Mrs Starkie would love to set a new total for 2024.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Maths
- Teaching and Learning Assistant

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

School Canteen - Next week's menu is 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
MAIN MEAL	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
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Mince Pie & Bolognese	Spinach & Lentil Curry Served with pilau Rice	Vegetable Stir-fry with Egg Noodles	Vegetarian Lasagne served with Garlic bread & Salad	Vegetable Burger in a Bun served with Chips, Peas, or Baked Beans
ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY					
STREET FOOD	Greek Style Chicken Flatbread	Caramelized Onion & Sausage Sub	Chicken Burger with Salad	Pulled Pork Nachos	Southern fried chicken & Chips
TAKEAWAY TUBS	Tomato & Chorizo Pasta Penne Arrabbiata	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Bolognese Pasta Penne Arrabbiata with Roasted Vegetables	Vegetable Fajita Pasta Piri Piri chicken Wings	Tomato & Basil Pasta Macaroni Cheese Pot
PIZZA SLICE	Margherita Pepperoni	Margherita Ham & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita Hot & Spicy	Margherita BBQ Chicken
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Homemade Flapjack	Pear & Chocolate Sponge served with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Lemon Shrubbread

Meal Deal
 Main Meal
 With Vegetables
 And Dessert
 
£3.00
Includes a drink of your choice (tea or coffee) and a packet of tissues.

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 11th November - Remembrance Day
- 12th November - Primary sport
- 12th November - Odd Socks Day
- 13th November - House Cross Country, Yr 7 & 8
- 15th November - Children in Need
- 19th November - Primary Sports
- 19th November - 5:30pm QEGS Oscars, Year 13 CDM
- 25th November - Sixth Form applications open
- 26th November - Primary sport event
- 27th November - Uniform pop-up shop, 3.30 to 5pm, canteen
- 28th November - Year 7 - Year 11 Flu Vaccinations
- 28th November - Year 9 Parent and Teacher Meetings
- 12th December - Carol Concert, 19.00-22.00
- 19th December - Speech Day, 19.00-22.00
- 20th December - Christmas Service

Finally

Each year, I look forward to seeing lots of QEGS representation at the Ashbourne Remembrance Parade. Students representing cadets, scouts, guides and other community groups will be attending on Sunday 10th November for what is always a moving and special occasion for the school and local community. On Monday 11th November, at 11.11am we will also observe our own 2 minutes silence at school.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher