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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #10

Ashbourne Remembrance Parade and Day

In continuation of last week's assemblies, students and staff from QEGS proudly participated in Ashbourne's annual Remembrance Parade on Sunday 10th November, paying tribute to those affected by both past and recent conflicts. We were especially honoured to have Will (Year 13) lead the main parade as the standard bearer, joined by Tom (Year 13), who carried the QEGS standard.

This year saw outstanding participation from our students. During the service at St Oswald's Church, our readers—Evie, Henry, Delilah, and Rob—delivered a heartfelt rendition of *In Flanders Fields*, and Meri laid a wreath at the memorial gates alongside Mr Garrity and Mrs Martin. It was truly inspiring to see so many QEGS students across Ashbourne, whether marching with the school or other uniformed organisations, or gathered with the community to observe the parade. Their presence reflects the strong bond between our school and the wider community, reminding us that remembrance is more than a single ceremony – it is a living tradition connecting us across generations.

On Monday 11th November, staff and students gathered with the Royal British Legion (RBL) and the local community at Ashbourne's memorial gates for a service, where wreaths were laid, and Eleanor and Ava (Year 13) shared a thoughtful reading. At 11 am, all students participated in a two-minute silence. We are incredibly proud of Arlo (Year 13), who performed the *Last Post* and *Reveille* at each service we had—a shining example of dedication and respect. We also extend our gratitude to RBL members, including Mrs Anne Smith, Mr Mahoney, and the Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire, for joining us in these acts of remembrance. Mr Brell Ewart, Deputy Lieutenant of Derbyshire, has echoed that it was a joy to see the enthusiasm and reverence given by pupils towards remembrance and passes on the RBL's deepest gratitude and thanks to those staff and pupils involved this year.



Christmas Concert

It's that time of year again! Time to dust off your Christmas hats, festive sparkles and get your Christmas jumper out of the cupboard. Tickets for the annual Christmas Concert are available now on www.qegs.link/tickets . Come and join us for an evening of high quality, festive favourites on Thursday 12th December 2024 @7.30pm in the school hall.

Odd Sock Day

In October, you may remember we had 10 students from Years 7-12 trained to tackle bullying by the Diana Award. Students took part in a one-day Anti-Bullying training session, and we eagerly began planning our Anti-Bullying Action Plan. This week we have marked Anti-Bullying Awareness week. Our ambassadors planned resources for Form Tutors and an assembly for every year group. We also had Odd Socks Day on Tuesday this week - it was great to see so many staff and students supporting the event – we have celebrated the values of inclusivity, respect and kindness.



Children in Need

Students and Staff have stepped up to the challenge to dress up for Children in Need this year! Please remember to donate for non-uniform day via the Parent Pay event – all contributions will be totalled up and shared next week. Here are some of today's amazing outfits:



Mr Garrity's Lunchtime House Football Tournament

Mr Garrity has organised a house football tournament on a Tuesday and Thursday lunch where each house can enter a team. Each team are awarded a player of the match, and the finals will be played in the last week of term. This term it is Year 11 and Year 10 and here are some photos from recent matches.



The Year 8 and Year 9 tournament will take place in the spring term and the Year 7 tournament will take place in the summer term.

U15 Rugby

The U15s played in the second round of the national bowl competition on Tuesday against Ratcliffe College. Both teams wanted to play running rugby with some fantastic team tries scored. The boys worked hard in defence with some brilliant tackles all over the pitch. Their hard work was rewarded with a 28-24 win, they now progress onto round 3! Player of the match - Liam K!



NSEA National Championships part two....

We had so many achievements to celebrate it wouldn't all fit into one newsletter section!

In the showjumping 70cm Ava finished 32nd and Jack 36th out of 67. So, no placings but it was both Ava (Year 9) and Jack's (Year 7) first NSEA champs (as it was for Harriet F, Year 8), so a great performance from them to finish mid table in such a competitive & big class.

Libbie finished 16th of 31 in the individual novice dressage. It was her first champs at that level and a fantastic achievement. Novice in dressage is not the simplest level and it takes a lot of training to reach the standard.

The 90cm show jumping team was Libbie A, Brooke W-A, Emily L & Chloe D. and they came a very respectable 10th out of 33 teams.

Again, a huge thank you to parents for supporting our team in their expedition to the National championships as well as all the qualifiers along the way.



Parent Governor vacancy

The QEGS Local Governing Body is seeking to appoint a Parent Governor to start the role from January 2025. Please see the letter sent out on 13th November 2024 for more information if interested in applying.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

If your child has signed up to Bronze, they should now have received a pack in the post with lots of important information. Please keep it safe as they may use the assessors reports section or refer back to other parts.

Information to get started is available here too <https://www.dofe.org/do/>

Drop in for support is in Rm 314 every Wednesday lunch for all groups from Bronze through to Gold with Mrs Wright.

QEGSMAT Vacancies -

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

QEGs current vacancies include:

- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Maths
- Teaching and Learning Assistant
- Deputy Head of Year

Further details can be found at: <https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

School Canteen -

Following half term break, the week's menu is Week 3.

Upcoming Key Dates This Term -

- 19th November – Primary Sports
- 19th November – 5:30pm QEGS Oscars, Year 13 CDM
- 25th November – Sixth Form applications open
- 25th November – ABRSM Exams
- 26th November – Primary sport
- 27th November – Uniform pop-up shop, 3.30-5pm, canteen
- 28th November Year 9 Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30-6pm (virtual)
- 3rd December – Primary event, Culture Day
- 5th December – Year 11-13 Art/Art Textiles Chatsworth trip
- 12th December - Carol Concert, 19.00-22.00
- 19th December - Speech Day, 19.00-22.00
- 20th December - Christmas Service



Lunch week 3

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	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 & Mashy Peas
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	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 & Mixed Bean Wrap served with C/Nips & Salad
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
STREET FOOD	Vegetable Chow Mein	Chicken Fried Rice & Curry Sauce	Cheese Burger & Relish	Chicken Wrap served with mint yogurt	Southern fried chicken & Chips
TAKEAWAY TUBS	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	Pil Pil chicken Wings	Mazaroni Cheese Pot
PIZZA SLICE	Margherita Peppers	Margherita Ham & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita Hot & Spicy	Margherita BBQ Chicken
JACKETS	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Apple Flipjack	Lemon Dazzle Cake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Ginger Shortbread

Meal Deal
Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert
 **£3.00**

Finally -

Well done to Year 11 on tackling their recent mock exams. Never easy, but a great reward trip is coming for all those students who conducted themselves as we would expect.

Also, look out for exciting news coming soon of more cultural, school trip opportunities! Trips to China and Morocco are in the final stages of being launched ready for 2025 and 2026 respectively.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher