



6th December 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #13

Change to Spring Term QEGS INSET Day

Please see separate letter attached to this bulletin

QEGS Oscars 2024

Monday 3rd December, we held the second ever annual QEGS Oscars, at the Elite Cinema! The current Year 13s showed off their short films (which were all amazing by the way) and guests who visited voted for their favourite.



Isabella D's film; 'Goodbye, Dear Diary'! won the Oscars award! The runners up were 'Dave' by Josh H and 'The Interrogation' by Richard P.

There was also another award presented to Izzi Forbes from the University of Wolverhampton for her short film; 'Mum'.

This was an incredible opportunity for the Year 13s and we want to thank everyone who attended or who was involved to make the night a success.

December in the QEGS Music Department:

Now the festive season is upon us, the music department are keeping very busy providing Christmas entertainment in and around Ashbourne.

- **Friday 6th December - Ashbourne Lantern Parade**

Come and join us in the market square on Friday evening as the QEGS choir sing the carols for the annual Christmas Lantern Parade.

- **Thursday 12th December - Christmas Concert @ QEGS (7.30pm start).**

Always the highlight of the music calendar, this year's Christmas Concert takes place next week on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm in the QEGS main hall. Come and join us for an evening of festive favourites performed by QEGS students.

Tickets available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qegsashbourne>

When we are not entertaining the public, our musicians will also be providing festive entertainment at numerous local private and school events including Speech Night, the Parkinson's Group Christmas Party, St Oswald's School carol service and the QEGS annual carol service. We look forward to welcoming many of you to our music events this month.

QEGS Year 10 RS Church Visits

Our Church visits have commenced this week with Year 10 attending St Oswald's Church for their RS lesson. Students have been able to develop their knowledge and understanding of the Eucharist and Baptism during these sessions. We are very grateful to Reverend Nigel and Andy Wright for hosting our students.



QEGS Art Textiles workshop

Last week, several students took part in a textiles workshop with community artist Laura Burrill, as part of a project to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day, which falls on 27th January. 2025 marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Our students each researched and chose someone to represent. The research was then used to create a stitched square, which will become part of the patchwork memory quilt. The quilt will depict 80 candles, each candle representing an individual or group affected by the holocaust.

Well done to all the students who took part in this very important and moving project.



QEGS Student Entrepreneur

School entrepreneur Alfie was doing a fantastic job at a local Christmas market, Pub in the woods. He was selling his handmade metal models that he had welded himself. Brilliant work!



QEGS Art Department Chatsworth visit

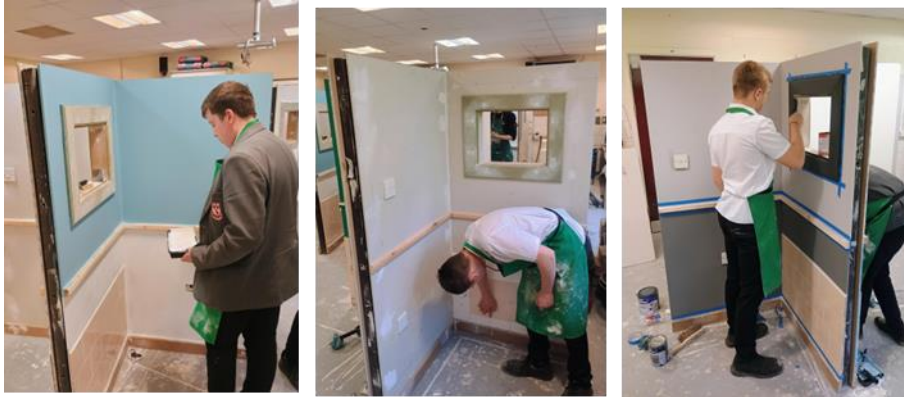
Art, Textiles and CDM students visited Chatsworth House and Gardens this week as part of their course. On the trip we were given the unique opportunity to meet two of the creative team for Christmas at Chatsworth as well as Derbyshire-based video projection artists, Illuminos. The students were able to find out about the process involved in putting together the Christmas displays in the house and gardens, as well as discovering more about the range of careers and pathways available in the heritage and creative sector. The students found it really useful to see how their passion for the creative arts can lead to a wide range of exciting career opportunities. Some have even started looking into the apprenticeships and work placements Chatsworth offer in the creative arts. We are very grateful to the staff at Chatsworth and Illuminos for taking the time out of their busy schedules to speak to our students. Everyone had a lovely time, especially Mrs Smit and Joesph roasting their marshmallows!



Year 11 Construction

Year 11 Construction skills - students are nearing the end of their 3rd practical task. So far, they have fitted skirting and dado rails to a stud wall they initially constructed. Then part of the wall was tiled and the remaining area emulsioned with trim glossed.

Students have developed a great range of skills, ranging from planning in detail how to do the job, identifying tools needed, calculating the amount of materials required for the task and developing their practical skills. In all cases students have showed great pride in their work and some exceptional quality work has been completed. Some students even planned the colour scheme for their painting so that it stood out.



Sixth Form Xmas Fair

Join our Sixth Form students on Wednesday 18th December for the QEGS Sixth Form Christmas Fair, organised by the Sixth Form Student Council. The event will host several stalls selling festive themed food and drink along with some games and activities with prizes on offer.

Based in the main hall, the event will run at lunchtime for the students and staff and afterschool from 3:30pm for family and friends to attend. All support will be greatly appreciated with proceeds being split between Save the Children charity and the councils' projects within school to renovate the Sixth Form common room and funding the 2025 Yearbook.

Come along to enjoy some festive spirit at the QEGS Sixth Form Christmas Fair.

Sixth Form update

This week students have had the opportunity to attend lunchtime talks on Routes into Radiography and Degree Apprenticeships at Rolls Royce.

In Life Skills, as the final element of their Core Skills Programme, Year 12 were working on their presentation skills, speaking to their class colleagues about a course or career of interest.

Also in Life Skills, Year 13 took part in a Question Time event in the 6th Form Common Room. Representatives from the Labour, Green, Liberal Democrat, Conservative and Reform parties were present, answering probing questions from students covering topics such as plastic in the oceans, the winter fuel allowance and the budget, a by-pass for Ashbourne, the likelihood of referendum on rejoining the EU and their views on how the GB government should react to the incoming president, Mr Trump.

We were very proud of how Year 13 conducted themselves; as one of the visitors said afterwards; "if they are representative of the coming generation, then we'll be OK".

School Canteen –
Next week's menu is week 2 –

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 9th to 13th December – Christmas Dinners, Year 7 to 11.
- 12th December – QEGS Music Department Christmas Concert, 19.30-22.00
- 13th December – QEGS Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December – Sixth Form Xmas Fair, lunch and afterschool in the main hall
- 19th December – QEGS Speech Day, 19.00-22.00
- 20th December – Year 7 Carol Service, St Oswald's Church
- 20th December – last day of term – only Yr7-8-9 onsite, Yrs 10-11-12-13 working independently from home due to staff attending Mr Illsley funeral
- INSET Days Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January 2025
- Term starts for all students Wednesday 8th January 2025

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 Lasagna served with Garlic bread & Salad	Battered Fish served with Chips, Peas or Baked Beans
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Mince Pasta Bolognese	Spinach & Lentil Curry served with pilau Rice	Vegetable Stir-fry with Egg Noodles	Vegetarian Lasagna 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	Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta	Bolognese Pasta	Vegetable Fajita Pasta	Tomato & Basil Pasta
PIZZA SLICE	Pepperoni	Chicken & Vegetable Stir-fry	Penne Arrabiata with Roasted Vegetables	Piri Piri chicken Wings	Macaroni Cheese Pot
JACKET POT	Margherita Pepporoni	Margherita Ham & Tomato	Margherita Chicken & Sweetcorn	Margherita Hot & Spicy	Margherita BBQ Chicken
JACKET SANDWICH	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH				
DESSERTS	Homemade Fudge	Pear & Chocolate Sponge served with Custard	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Crumble & Custard	Lemon Shortbread

Meal Deal
Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert



£3.00

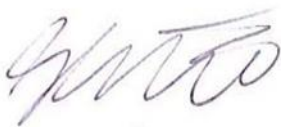
Finally

The festive spirit is well and truly underway at school and students and staff have lots of events to look forward to and enjoy as we approach the final two weeks of term.

Well done to all students and staff who have gone above and beyond this term with trips, visits, sports matches, guest speakers in school, fundraising, performing and just trying their best. A busy school is a happy school, and I am proud to see so many students and staff making the most of the opportunities on offer.

Have a restful and safe weekend.

Yours faithfully



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