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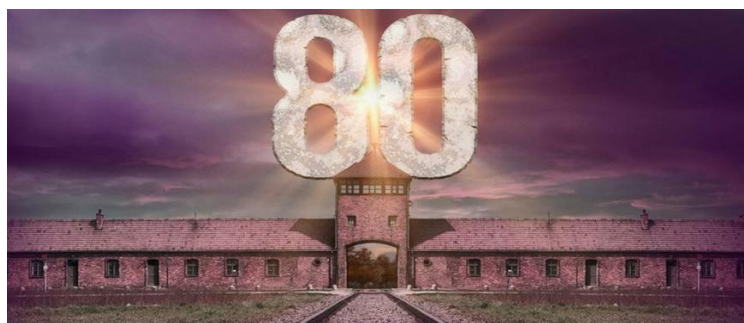
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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #19

Holocaust Memorial Day assemblies

In assemblies this week students have been reflecting on the events of the Holocaust to honour Holocaust Memorial Day, as this year marks the 80th anniversary of Auschwitz-Birkenau's liberation on the 27th January 1945.



Students have been remembering these events, the horrors of the Nazi Genocide during WW2, how they can learn from history and what they can do to promote understanding and inclusivity in their lives today. The theme of this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is 'For a Better Future' and through the continual promotion of our school values of 'Question, Explore, Give and Succeed' we know that our students will continue to learn from these past events and cultivate empathy and respect for all people.

80 Candles Quilt Project

Well done to Isobel B (Year 8) and Evalyn B (Year 10), who read a poem by Sonja Jaslowitz at the Holocaust Memorial Day Interfaith Event on Monday. They delivered the poem with true feeling and were complemented by numerous dignitaries.

Afterwards they set the 80 Candles Quilt Project up at the Cathedral for the Service and spoke with attendees sharing the quilt and the stories it contains. Isobel was interviewed also by ITV Central news.

In the evening the Multi Faith Centre was illuminated by University of Derby students with film and photography of the quilt, including contributions made by several of our students.

Laura Burrill, community artist and co-ordinator of the project says 'They were incredible ambassadors for the school and the HMD project, I am hugely proud of them. The Multi Faith Centre, myself as the Every Stitch A Story co-ordinator, the Derbyshire Jewish Community and Holocaust Memorial Day are grateful to them for their willingness to engage in such a difficult topic and sharing what they have learned with such respect and dignity.'

Well done and thank you to everyone that took part.



Chemistry Olympiad

The science department would like to congratulate the 8 students from Year 12 and 13 who took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry Olympiad recently. This annual challenge is designed to push students out of their comfort zones and tackle some really difficult problems. They get no credit for any working and only a correct answer scores a single mark, so it really is a stern test! Mr Smith has marked their papers and submitted their scores. If the certificate boundaries are broadly in line with last years, then we are hopeful of getting plenty of bronze, silver and maybe even the odd gold award! Well done to these students for taking on an extra challenge, and particularly well done to the Year 12's who had to juggle this paper during as well as their progress exams.

Year 9 options

We already have the majority of option forms completed, thank you! The deadline for these is Friday 7th February at midday. Students need to be logged on to the intranet, where they will find the form in their links.

World Book Day Competitions

Please see the attached poster for the exciting World Book Day Competitions for a chance to win prizes. Entries for both competitions must be handed in to the library before the end of the day, Friday 28th February 2025. Good luck!

New homes for birds

Putting something back. Year 12 students working as a production team to produce birdboxes for Derbyshire Dales Count Council to go up in the park ready for nesting season.

Year 11 Construction

Year 11 Construction students are putting final touches to their assessed practical work. Once again, these students have shown how capable they are when it comes to producing practical work. They have all shown commitment to their work. Planning out how they will carry out each task, calculating the amount of materials required and even identifying what they can do to improve further. For this course they have installed dado rails and skirting, tiled a section of wall and finally painted the wall and trim. With work of this quality Ashbourne should be well provided for in the future as a number are planning to pursue careers in the building industry.



YEARS 7 & 8 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS QEGS

PE are creating their 4 indoor athletics teams next week. If any student in Year 7 and 8 would like to trial, please come to the sports hall Monday & Tuesday lunch. Remember your trainers!

U16 Netball team play Repton Saturday

Good luck to the Under 16 Netball team, travelling to Repton on Saturday to take part in the National - Regional Netball Tournament. Facing schools from across the East Midlands. Here is a throwback picture from when they started as Under 12's.



PE Teacher to run the London marathon

Mr Brown is running the London marathon in April raising money for "Young Lives Vs Cancer". This charity helps families find the strength to face everything cancer throws at them. If you would like to sponsor him, please use the link below or scan the QR code, any donation would be greatly appreciated! Keep an eye out for further fundraising events in school!



https://2025tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/andy-brown?fbclid=PAZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAaiWFJrto_FM9hUCZWHDQqrTz45HDFk054LpRLkOHmOR5IXS6oLc8FPy8_aem_qKpa1pKM8eqc0UIdAQkNNA

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

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

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 2 –

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 4th February – Primary Sports, athletics
- 6th February – Year 7, Joseph & The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat theatre trip
- 7th, 11th, 12th & 13th February – Yr11 NEA 2 exam days for Food Technology
- 12th February – Year 12 & 13 Sports Science trip to Derby Uni
- **13th February – Year 8 Parent Teacher Meetings, face to face and onsite**
- 17th to 28th February – Year 11 mock exams
- 20th February – Year 13 Parent Teacher Meetings, face to face and onsite
- 21st February – Year 12 & 13 Experimental Physics trip to Sheffield Hallam
- 25th February – Primary Sports, netball
- 26th February – Primary Arts Day
- 28th February – Year 13 Business trip to Bullring
- 28th February – Last Day of Spring 1 Term

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 whenever possible.

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| MAIN MEAL | Beef Ragu | Chicken Curry served with Pilau Rice | Roast Gammon served with Salad & Tomato Roasted Potatoes | Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Salad | Roasted Fish served with Chips, Peas or Sweet Potato |
| PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN | Vegetarian Meatballs Bolognese | Spinach & Lentil Curry served with pilau rice | Vegetarian Stir Fry with Egg Noodles | Vegetarian Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Salad | Vegetarian Burger in a Bun served with Chips, Peas, or Sweet Potato |
| ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY | | | | | |
| STREET FOOD | Greek Style Chicken Fishwrap | Chickpea Curry & Sausage Roll | Chicken Burger with Salad | Pulled Pork Noodles | Southwest Tostitos & Chips |
| TAKEAWAY TUBS | Tomato & Cheese Pasta | Tomato & Macaroni Pasta | Bolognese Pasta | Vegetarian Fajita Pasta | Tomato & Bean Pasta |
| | Penne Arrabbiata | Chicken & Vegetable Stir Fry | Penne Arrabbiata with Roasted Vegetables | Pea & Chicken Wings | Macaroni Cheese Pie |
| PIZZA SLICE | Margherita | Margherita | Margherita | Margherita | Margherita |
| | Pineapple | Ham & Tomato | Chicken & Mushroom | Hot & Spicy | BBQ Chicken |
| JACKETS | TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR EACH | | | | |
| DESSERTS | Honeycomb Flapjack | Fruit & Chocolate Serves served with Custard | Chocolate Biscuits | Apple Crumble & Custard | Lemon Shortbread |

Meal Deal
Main Meal
With Vegetables
And Dessert

£3.00

Finally

Over the next few weeks QEGS students and staff will be out and about in the local community doing some litter picking during lunchtimes. Our aim is to help improve the visual standards of the community as well as protecting habitats and wildlife from the harm of discarded litter. If your child would like to be involved (there will be a rota) please ask them to speak to Mrs Starkie or email starkiek@qegs.email direct to register their interest. The DoF bronze students will automatically be offered this opportunity via Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Wright so no need to duplicate if you are a Bronze student – unless you want to do more! Clearly, we also want our efforts to raise the profile of not dropping litter and to encourage our own students and the community to take care of our local environment.

Secondly, thank you to the Year 8 and Year 9 students who have been taking part in the lunchtime football tournament on Tues (Year 8) and Thurs (Year 9) on the courts. I have really enjoyed it, and I hope they have too. Please encourage your child to come and take part and represent their House. I have mini trophies for player of the match, a big trophy for the winning House team and some sweet treats to keep energy levels high!

Have a safe and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Encl. World Book Day Competition Poster

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITIONS 2025

Not just one, but two chances to win a prize!

The first one is a **READING** competition.

Read a library book that features a different country to our own and then write a postcard featuring details of the book.

This could be a fiction book, and the postcard could be from one of the characters in the story or a witness to the events.

Or it could be non-fiction, and the postcard could be a news report or written by a visiting tourist.



The second one is a **WRITING** competition.

Invent your own Mythological Creature and tell us all about it.

Tell us the name of your creation, what it looks like, where it came from and where it lives now. What motivates your creature, what personality traits does it have, and does it possess any magical powers?

You can include a small drawing of your creature, but the writing is the part that will (hopefully) earn the prize. (*No more than 2 sides of A4 paper*)

Entries for both competitions must be handed in to the library before the end of the day on

Friday 28th February 2025.

The prizes will be awarded after the half term holiday. Ask for more details or help with your book choice in the library.

