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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #22

QEGS Social Media

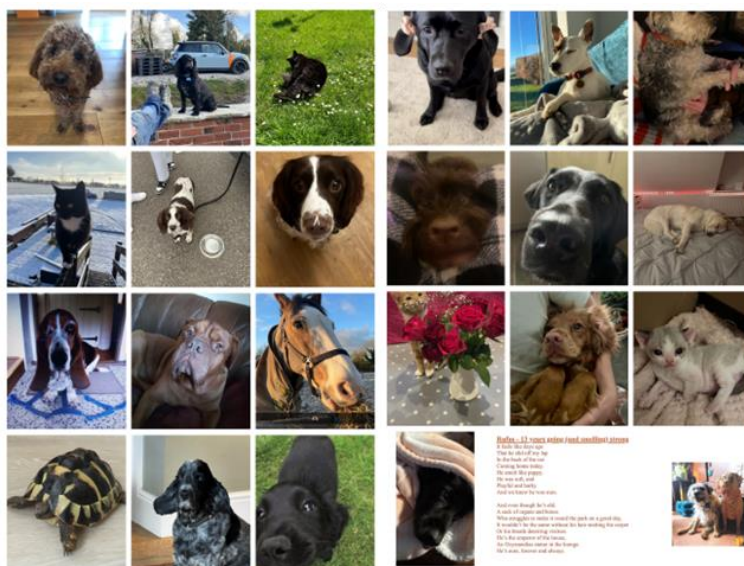
We use a range of social media and web presence to keep parents, carers, staff and students updated on what goes on at QEGS. We enjoy sharing students' successes and give you a little insight into the wide range of activities, courses and experiences that we offer at our school. If you use the following forms of social media, the links to our accounts are:

- Instagram: www.instagram.com/qegsashbourne
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/qegsashbourne
- X (formerly Twitter): twitter.com/QEGS_Ashbourne
- LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/school/qegs-ashbourne
- School website: www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk



Year 13 visit St Oswald's Church

Year 13 students visited St Oswald's Church this week to discuss matters of Mission, Baptism, and the Eucharist with Reverend Nigel Rode. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of Christian practices, complementing their current A-level study of expressions of faith.



Year 13 celebrate National Love Your Pet Day

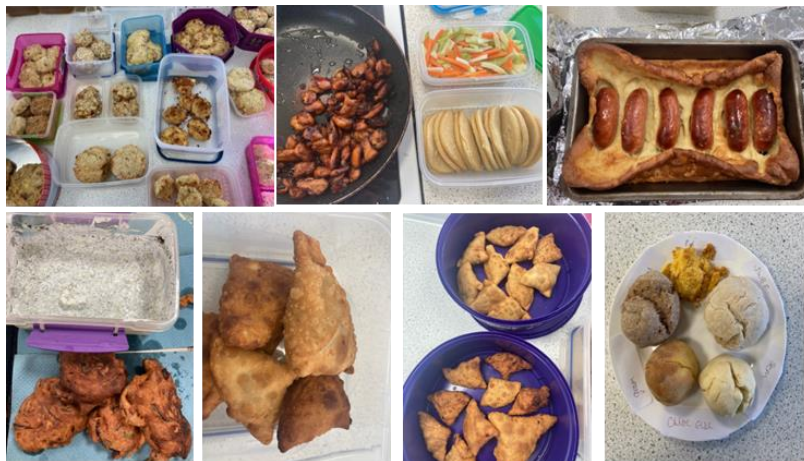
For Year 13 students' Friday form time competition this week, and in honour of National Love Your Pet Day (Thursday 20th February), Year 13 were asked to submit an image of their pets along with a description of what they love about them. We had plenty of amazing entries from them (& Staff!) and here are just some of them:

D&I updates

It has been another very busy term in the D&I Food department! Year 7 and 8 continue to impress us with their skills. This term they have made vegetable soup, beef cobbler, puff pastry tarts, Swiss roll and pizzas. They have been developing a range of skills and learning new methods of cooking. All groups have grown in confidence enabling them to become more independent.

In Year 9 we challenge students to develop their skills even further. They have made shepherd's pie, risotto, fishcakes and Bakewell tarts. We look forward to seeing some of our Year 9 students next year for those who have opted to take food at GCSE.

Year 10 - this term the students have been looking at different cooking methods and how heat is transferred. As a result, they have produced dishes that demonstrate skill as well as using cooking techniques that they might not have done before. They have also started to think about dishes along with relevant accompaniments. They have made bhajis and raita dip, samosas from scratch and curries with homemade curry paste. They are currently working on a food science investigation - looking at the properties of flours used in bread.



Year 11 have had a very important food practical exam. As part of the GCSE grade students have to produce 3 dishes in 3 hours. Dishes need to demonstrate a range of skills and need to be complete with relevant accompaniments. Students have absolutely blown us away with their menus. They have been organised and professional during the exam. Well done!

Just a reminder - if your child is on a food rotation, they will be sent home with a cooking sheet with all the dates. You will also find details on Go for school.



GIRLS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY.

On Tuesday 11th March we will be celebrating International Women's Day by holding a girls' football festival at QEGS.

Period 1- Year 9 & 10 girls

Period 2- Year 7 girls

Period 3- Year 8 girls

Period 4- Year 11 & 6th form girls

Mr Walker's Squash success!

We are delighted to share some news—Mr. Walker (Deputy Headteacher) recently represented Derbyshire in squash and his county team, Derbyshire has now reached the Intercounty Finals next month! Well done Mr Walker and team! Mr Walker has also been connecting with **Ashbourne Squash Club** and is eager to **inspire our students to give squash a try**. Squash is a fantastic sport that helps develop agility, fitness, and strategic thinking—all while having great fun! If your child is interested in playing squash, please ask them to **let their Form Tutor know**. The tutors will pass their names on to Mr Walker, and we will share further details shortly.

Let's, encourage our students to explore this exciting opportunity!



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

Currently live for QEGS:

- Teacher of Mathematics
- Teaching Assistant
- Data and MIS Coordinator
- Relief Exam Invigilator

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

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 2 –

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/canteen/>

Boothby Campus canteen also has a new menu for students:



Punctuality to school and lessons

We are pleased to share that we have recently seen a noticeable improvement in some students' punctuality, which has had a really positive impact on their engagement, confidence, and overall performance. This progress is a testament to your support and commitment, and we sincerely thank you for your efforts in ensuring your children arrive on time.

We encourage you to continue reinforcing the value of punctuality, as it not only benefits their academic success but also helps develop lifelong habits of responsibility and time management.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Derbyshire School Transport – replacement bus passes

Drivers on the Derbyshire School Bus routes from time to time will check students' bus passes – if your child does not have the pass to show the driver the student can be challenged and asked to pay for the journey (£1.20). If your child has lost their pass the cost for a replacement is £10 to Student Services who will provide a temporary pass and order a new one for your child.

Students using the Derbyshire School Buses not eligible for a pass are expected to pay £1.20 per journey to the driver, travel can be refused if payment is not made.

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 17th to 28th February – Year 11 mock exams
- 25th February – Primary Sports, netball
- 26th February – Primary Arts Day
- 26th February – Schools In Uniform Pop-up Shop, 3:30 – 5:00pm, School Canteen
- 27th February – Year 13, Student Finance presentation, 6pm, Sixth Form Common Room
- 28th February – Year 13 Business trip to Bullring
- 28th February – Last Day of Spring 1 Term
- 10th March – Start of Spring 2 Term
- 13th March – Year 7, Parent Teacher Meetings, face-to-face and onsite
- 20th March – Year 12, Parent Teacher Meetings, face-to-face and onsite

Finally

We have been made aware of some anonymous posts on a local Facebook group about QEGS.

We are committed to helping all our students and their families resolve any issues, but we are only able to do so if these are communicated to us through the proper channels. We want all members of our community to feel supported and if a concern is raised, we want to ensure that you are both heard and listened to.

Here is the link to the [QEGS Anti-Bullying Policy](#)


In addition to this I want to highlight that students are encouraged to report any incidents to a teacher or other member of staff. Sometimes we recognise that this is difficult, but they must tell someone, who is then able to report it on their behalf. It is only once we know about a situation that we are able to do something about it. Finding out about incidents through social media does not mean a rapid resolution will be found.

Countdown to Shrovetide

Look out for our Shrovetide Quiz which will be launched next week, with a new question about Ashbourne's Royal Shrovetide each day. Test your Shrovetide knowledge against our own Mr Bembridge's local intel!

Have a safe and great weekend.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher