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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #20

Mystery of the WW1 field guns

School has been contacted by the Imperial War Museum to help solve the whereabouts of the two WW1 field guns which used to be positioned either side of the front entrance to the school. One was placed there in 1919, having been allocated to the Town by the War Office, as a war trophy. The other gun was moved to the School in February 1921, and reportedly had a board attached, inscribed "105 mm Gun, captured by "C" Company, 6th Sherwood Foresters (T.F.), at Bellenglise, St. Quentin Canal, 29th September, 1918". The researcher has established that both guns were still outside your School's main entrance in 1935, but has been unable to trace when and why they were subsequently removed. Views are they *may* have been removed during WW2, and melted down, but there are many versions including 'Guns thrown in the lake'. If any QEGS family members could shed any light on the possible whereabouts of the guns – both school and the Imperial War Museum would love to know via enquires@qegs.email



Prom Dresses – 200 arrived in the Mind Charity Shop

Mind charity shop in Ashbourne have received a very generous donation of around 200 brand **new** prom dresses and evening gowns from a local bridal shop who are closing. The dresses cover all dress sizes, colours and styles, and are priced at £20-£30 which is amazing!



Sixth Form English students

This week, our Year 12 and 13 English students had the fantastic opportunity to visit the University of Derby for a series of engaging and thought-provoking lectures. The day provided valuable insight into university-level English studies, broadening students' understanding of key topics and texts.

The sessions covered a range of fascinating subjects, including an in-depth exploration of *Atonement* by Ian McEwan, a discussion on the works of Thomas Hardy, and an analysis of regional variation in language. Students were also introduced to Australian English, gaining an appreciation for how language evolves in different cultural and geographical contexts. The trip was an enriching experience, sparking lively debate and deepening students' appreciation of English literature and language. Many left feeling inspired by the topics covered and more confident about the possibilities of studying English at university. A huge thank you to the University of Derby for hosting such an insightful day!



Reminder – Year 10 Work Experience placements

Year 10 students will be completing 4 days of work experience in the final week of the Summer Term, 21st July to 24th July 2025. The deadline for submitting the placement information via the Unifrog platform is **Monday 3rd March 2025**. Students struggling to find a placement, please speak to Mrs Bramwell in the Library to arrange support in school or drop in to speak to Mrs Morgan in Rm 526 during lunchtime on Mondays. Link to letter reminding of criteria of placements:

<http://www.qegs.link/y10we25>

Maths Challenge

A huge congratulations to the 42 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 who took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge last Wednesday. The IMC encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency. The problems are designed to make students think logically and use problem solving skills. 11 students achieved a Bronze result, 11 Silver and 4 Gold with Samuel Stubbs qualifying for the next round. A massive well done to all who took part

Year 11 Creative Digital Media

Year 11 CDM have been working super hard on their component 3 work. They are all producing a 90 second clip relating to 'We Care UK'. Oscar D has gone above and beyond to create a 'Super Carer' costume - which looks great! The CDM team are looking forward to seeing the final outcomes. Keep up the great work.

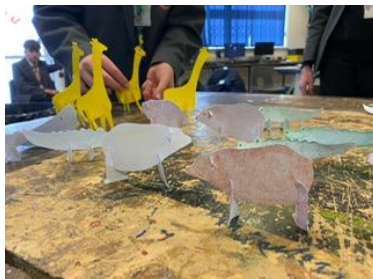


Year 10 Design & Innovation

Year 10 have been exploiting the capabilities of our laser cutter with their latest 'Kinder Toy' project! Intricate; tiny pieces, expertly designed and manufactured. Jonty's bicycle even has spinning wheels! Superb!

Year 9 Design & Innovation

Year 9 students have been busy designing and developing their quick modelling skills to produce slot together model animals. These skills are being developed so that in their D&I GCSE's students are able to show their design proposals in 3d quickly and effectively, ready to develop into working solutions. Well done Year 9. It's great to see such good work being completed in the DI department.



QEGS Equestrian Club

We fielded a number of entrants in the NSEA classes at Eland lodge last weekend. Everyone was beautifully turned out and showed great team spirit. However, it was a day of mixed fortunes at the NSEA Eventer's Challenge qualifiers. Congratulations to Brooke W-A who won the 90cm class and so qualifies as an individual for Hickstead in May.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

We are very proud of our students who are working hard on their skills, volunteering and physical sections of their Silver award. We are also running up to the expedition in May. Could everyone please check they have paid their deposit and be ready to pay the remainder of the expedition cost. All information has been sent out previously and payment is via ParentPay. Please do get in touch if there are any problems and we will try and solve them.

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Key Stage 3 Badminton

Well to our Key Stage 3 Badminton teams this week. Congratulations to the girls who came 1st and go on to the Regionals! The boys came 6th, well done boys.



England Netball – East Midlands U16 Reginal Round Results

The girls had an early start on Saturday morning and arrived at Repton ready and confident. After team registration, player checks and all the administration duties out of the way, their 1st game commenced at 10am Vs St Martins, gaining a comfortable win 8-4 with a strong midcourt of Maizie G, Ciara W and Kacey E.

They then moved on to Nottingham Girls High School, a little closer but pulled away in the last couple of minutes winning 7-4 with some lovely play down court and strong shooting from Jessica B & Connie H.

The girls then had 3 games off, where they headed to the indoor sports hall to keep warm and create a 'candy salad' and of course an obligatory Tik Tok!

Their 3rd game arrived Vs Stamford and the girls found themselves down for the 1st time, losing 2-6 at half time. After a decent half time team talk and a couple of team changes, the girls dug deep and the defence (Sophia M, Maysie M & Lucy B) were unstoppable, managing to hold Stamford at an 8-8 draw!

The final game Vs Northampton finished with a strong win 22-5 ensuring QEGS a place in the semi-finals Vs Kesteven & Grantham Girls School, where the girls just fell short of a win, losing by 3 meaning our next game was a playoff for 3rd or 4th place in the tournament. The girls rallied round after feeling a lot of disappointment and beat Uppingham School to secure their 3rd place position in the tournament.

The tournament is made up hugely of fee-paying schools with only 2 or 3 state schools in attendance out of 30 entries. The girls coming away with 3rd place is an outstanding result and testament to their hard work and passion for netball. On another day, we could have qualified for a National spot but it wasn't to be this weekend. We will now regather, continue to train each week and work towards next seasons County Round.

WELL DONE GIRLS! #TeamQEGS



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

Currently live for QEGS:

- Teacher of Mathematics

Soon to be live for QEGS:

- Cover Supervisor
- Teaching Assistant
- Data and MIS Coordinator

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

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 3 –

<div>Lunch week 3</div> <div>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.</div>					
	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/ Mushy 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 Chips & Salad
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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	Piri Piri chicken Wings	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	Iced Chocolate Sponge	Apple Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Ginger Shortbread
<div> Meal Deal Main Meal With Vegetables And Dessert <div> </div> <div>£3.00</div> </div>					

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 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
- 18th February – Year 13 Student Finance Talk, 6pm, Sixth Form Common Room
- 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

Finally

Thank you to our Student Leaders and volunteers who have been litter picking in the community this week. We have more students taking part next week to 'Give' back to the community and to help keep our local environment clean and tidy. I want this effort to be recognised by all QEGS students when they are heading home from school and in the evenings and weekends. A QEGS student should be maintaining QEGS standards 24/7 so that they are proud of their community and so that the community will be proud of them too.

We are extremely proud of the in-school and out of school activities that we lead and host to give our students the best education they can possibly have. This week we have had sports fixtures, theatre trips, maths challenges, Food Tech exams and much more. This does sometimes mean that a teacher will be covered by another QEGS colleague (teacher or Cover Supervisor) and Supply staff from agencies. I have spoken to all students this week about maintaining their high standards of respect, good behaviour and focus in lessons regardless of who is leading the lesson. We want students to maximise their learning potential, to be respectful, to be thankful of the staff who do cover lessons so that colleagues can lead other things and to ensure other students can learn without disruption.

Yours faithfully

Scott Garrity
Headteacher