



14th March 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #24

Reminder - West Side Story – tickets available

Tickets are on sale for 'West Side Story' running 26th - 29th March from 7.30pm in the Main Hall. We cannot wait to share with you what our amazing students have been working towards. For months they have worked hard learning lines, songs, blocking, choreography and the music. Tickets are available on our online box office using the link below, make sure to book in advance. As always, the show promises to be a night to remember, from the first notes to the final breath, West Side Story is one of the most memorable musicals and greatest love stories of all time. Buy your tickets here www.qegs.link/tickets

Reminder – Meet the Deputy Headteacher – Boothby Campus

The meet the SENCO arranged for Monday 17th March will be postponed to a future date, apologies if you were planning to attend. A new date will be confirmed soon.

The 'Meet & Greet' afternoon with Mr Walker, Deputy Headteacher on Monday 24th March, 2:15pm to 3:15pm still has places available. Tea/Coffee refreshments will be provided at the Boothby Campus Canteen. Please use the links below to book a place if parents/carers would like to attend. Visitors on the day are asked to sign in at the Boothby Campus Reception prior to the events.

Meet the Deputy Headteacher

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qegsashbourne/meet-the-deputy-headteacher-coffee-morning/e-rgegxy>

Reminder – Waterhouses Bus (Boydon's) earlier pick up time

From Monday 17th March, the Waterhouses Bus operated by Boydon's Coaches (QEGS provided bus) will be collecting students at 8:00am for morning journey to QEGS to allow for additional traffic due to road closures/diversions.

World Book Day at QEGS

Due to our late half term, World Book Day celebrations will be ongoing during this half term. English staff launched the World Book Day with literary quotation t-shirts on Monday.

On Wednesday, 27 students received prizes for their creative writing entries to our competition. Please find attached our World Book Day compilation of mythological creatures and postcards from around the world.

Currently, our QEGS Book Club is requesting that all students and staff bring in a book to Mrs Roper in the library for our Book Swap on Thursday 27th March. Every book brought to the library will be exchanged for a token which can be spent on the Book Swap Day.

We cannot emphasise the advantages of reading enough; please check that your child has reading material that they enjoy and encourage them to read most days. Our incredibly passionate, knowledgeable, and talented librarians, Mrs Roper and Mrs Bramwell, are ALWAYS happy to help students to discover a read that is right for them: dyslexia-friendly, farming tips, graphic novels, comics, A-level magazines, the latest releases: we've got them all! Happy Reading!



Friday 14th March is Pi Day!

As you may know, today marks international pi day!

As well as eating lots of tasty pies, you can mark the day by looking at some fun activities below;

- How on earth can throwing some matchsticks on a piece of paper help you to calculate the value of pi? Watch this video to find out, and try it yourself- let us know what you got! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mSarIP_Uhk
- Can you bake some pi cookies?
- Watch the guys at numberphile calculating pi with...pies! <https://youtu.be/ZNiRzZ66YN0>
- Write 3.14 (the first 3 digits of pi) on an A4 piece of paper and reflect it in a mirror..... What do you get? This is really cool.
- How does NASA use pi? <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/learn/list/oh-the-places-we-go-18-ways-nasa-uses-pi/>
- A history of pi https://mathshistory.st-andrews.ac.uk/HistTopics/Pi_through_the_ages/



DID YOU KNOW? The current world record for the number of pi digits memorized was set in 2015 by Rajveer Meena who recited an eye watering 70,000 digits in 9 hours, 7 minutes whilst blindfolded! How many can you recite? Watch this clip to help you with the first 100.... <https://youtu.be/3HRkKznJoZA>
Have fun!

Year 11 Geography Revision

As we continue to move towards the GCSE exams, I would like to inform you of the continued support and resources available to our students.

Revision sessions will be taking place on:

A Week Monday Lunchtime Rm 103. The focus will be on UK Human Landscape, the last topic we completed.

B Week Tuesday Lunchtime Rm 103. The focus will be on exam practice and technique.

We also have a wealth of resources available to support students in the 'files' section on our GCSE Geography Teams page, this includes revision guides and workbooks, past exam papers, key word lists, textbook pages and lessons taught.

To help with access to specific topic-based revision resources, please use this excel file [GCSE Geography Revision Hub.xlsx](#) that contains links to incredibly useful resources to support our students further.

Year 12 and Year 13 Physics Trip to Sheffield Hallam University 21st February 2025

Year 12 and Year 13 Physics students visited Sheffield Hallam University to primarily complete one of the Required Practicals that contributes to their Practical Endorsement Certificate. After a delayed start, we were welcomed by staff from the Physics department and given an introductory lecture on some of the key research areas in which the Physics department are involved. Students then experienced some of the university labs, to complete one of their practicals. Students had to use some complex pieces of equipment to obtain their results ready for analysis back at school. They also experienced a seminar where they had to calculate how to escape the earth's gravitational field and apply this to a black hole. Students had a very enjoyable and productive day. Mixed reviews on the fish and chips available in the coffee shop though! Students were amazing on the day so well done to everyone who participated.



New display in Art

Thank you to the Year 12 A level Art students for their helping in putting up our lovely new display of KS3 Art homework. We're really happy with the results, which demonstrate some of the lovely pieces produced by our students. Keep up the hard work!



Year 12 Stem Cell Donors

On Thursday, 13th March, our Year 12 students had the opportunity to register as potential stem cell donors through the ASSET (Adrian Sudbury Schools Education Team) initiative. This event was particularly meaningful following the recent successful stem cell donation by one of our own Sixth Form students. We are proud of Finn's generosity and hope his story inspires others to consider joining the stem cell registry.

Year 12 Parents Teacher Meeting (PTM) - Thursday 20th March

The Year 12 PTM will be in person and held in Boothby Campus and Sixth Form, Thursday 20th March from 3:45pm. A letter has been sent out to all Year 12 parents & carers and appointments can be booked on the SchoolCloud.

This is an opportunity to speak with your child's subject teachers regarding their progress so far in Year 12 and all Parents and Carers are encouraged to attend.

International Women's Day Football Festival

On Tuesday we held our International Women's Day Football Festival. We had over 150 taking part which was wonderful to see.

Results:

- **Year 7** - 1st Spalden 2nd Cokayne 3rd Boothby 4th Hull
Leading scorer Scarlett Pom Kiya & Kyanne
- **Year 8** - 1st Cokayne 2nd Spalden & Hull 4th Boothby
Leading scorer Mable POM Mable, Elsie & Rose
- **Year 9 & 10**- 1st Cokayne
2nd Spalden 3rd Hull 4th Boothby
Leading scorer Lici, POM Kezia

Well done to everyone that took part.



Supporting school with the festival was Louise Davies from Ashbourne Aztecs, thank you Louise!

Now with over 100 girls (from age u6 to u18) playing at the club, Ashbourne Aztecs always welcome new female players. The U13 Predators squad (Years 7&8) are actively recruiting for new players to boost their squad for next season. All levels and experience welcome. Please email Louise Davies (Louise.Aztecs@gmail.com) to arrange a taster session.

166 Miles Charity Cycle

Alisa S, Year 10 and Edie S, Year 8 will be taking part in a Charity Cycle in May to raise awareness and funds for Type 1 diabetes. Cycling a total of 166 miles over two days from Middlesbrough to Derby. If you would like to support the event, please see the QR code or the link https://www.justgiving.com/page/tom-and-lynn-patterson-1733666077266?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0TUp4c95mUPmb9nbn-biwwzGSGLogXP2nUDJcpMT3g_pUsdl6IM4OQL9Tg_aem_H4i8iAnpjfwRiNIGXsioQ
Good luck!

Can you provide help with the QEGS Pride Festival event?

Please see the attached poster for more information.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust.
Currently live for QEGSMAT vacancies:

- <https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 1 –

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 19th March – Year 13 trip to Sheffield Hallam, Molecular Biology workshop
- 20th March – Year 12, Parent Teacher Meetings, face-to-face and onsite
- 24th March – Meet Mr Walker, Deputy Headteacher, Boothby Campus, 2:15pm to 3:15pm
- 24th to 29th March – School Show week 'Westside Story'
- 25th March – Bronze DofE training – meal prep
- 31st March to 4th April – Year 10 Spanish, Madrid trip
- 1st April – Primary Sports, netball
- 4th April – last day of Spring 2 term

Finally

What a fantastic week we've had back after the half-term break. We hope you all had a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with your loved ones. It has been truly wonderful to see our students return with such enthusiasm, ready to learn and engage in their studies. The teaching and learning this week have been exceptional, and the positive attitudes and behaviour from the vast majority of our students have been a joy to witness.

On a personal note, I want to express my gratitude for the opportunity to be part of the Shrovetide event over the break. The warmth and sense of community I experienced were truly special, and I feel incredibly proud to be a part of such a rich tradition. Thank you for your kindness and for making me feel so welcome.

We also want to take a moment to say a heartfelt goodbye to Sam Buckle, who has been a valued member of our Data team. We wish her all the best in her next chapter. At the same time, we extend a warm welcome to Rew Griffiths-Brown, who will be stepping into the role—welcome to the team!
Here's to another fantastic term ahead!

Yours faithfully



Matthew Walker
Deputy Headteacher

Encl: QEGS Pride Festival Event Poster



**THE ASHBURNIAN SOCIETY
INVITES STUDENTS PAST, PRESENT,
AND FUTURE WITH THEIR FRIENDS
AND FAMILY TO
Q.E.G.S.'S FIRST
PRIDE
FESTIVAL**



WHEN

**Saturday 14th June, 2025
2pm - 4pm**

WHERE

Main Hall, Q.E.G.S.

The Green Road, Ashbourne, DE6 1EP

Tickets will be available nearer to the time on Ticketsource

**FEATURING • Musical Entertainment • Henna •
Ice Cream • Bar • Family Disco • Plus surprises...**

**TO HELP US WITH THIS EVENT,
CONTACT:**

theashburniansociety@outlook.com

**ALL AGES
EVENT**

**HOW CAN YOU
HELP?**

Volunteer to help on the day

Provide entertainment

Provide decor

Get local businesses involved

**ARE YOU A FORMER
STUDENT?**

Get in touch to join

**The Ashburnian Society and
meet other alumni to preserve
traditions, create new ones,
and raise money for current
students in the town.**

**We welcome students from
Q.E.G.S. and Ashbourne County
Secondary.**

**COULD YOU
SPONSOR THE
EVENT?**

**Sponsorship would enable us to
pay for even more entertainment,
and to arrange prizes for those
offering to perform.**

**Any leftover money could go to a
local LGBTQ+ charity, as arranged
with the sponsor.**

**DO YOU HAVE
IDEAS?**

Please get in touch!