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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #26

Red Nose Day 2025

Thank you to all who supported the fund raising for Red Nose Day last Friday via Parent Pay contributions and events during lunch time, QEGS has raised £754.24!



The Mayor's Recognition Awards 2025

Poppy R, Year 7 and her mum Rachel were awarded an award from Cllr Spencer, Mayor of Ashbourne for creating over 30 shoeboxes every year for the Christmas Shoebox appeal. They attended the Mayor's award

presentation on Wednesday evening, where others also got an award. Well done to all those involved, and what a great achievement.



QEGS Pride

QEGS is hosting its first ever Pride event on Saturday 14th June 2-4pm. All staff, students, families and friends of the school will be welcome to help with organising it and attending. If you or a business you know would like to get involved, please email theashburniansociety@outlook.com
It's going to be a wonderful event!

Volunteers to help support Year 10 students' Careers and Employability Day

On Friday 18th July 2025, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to listen to occupational talks and take part in mock interviews from a variety of business/professional representatives. School is looking for more volunteers to support with this day to provide 10-minute talks during the morning to small groups and/or to ask the questions provided by school in the mock interview during the afternoon. If you would like to support the day, please contact Mrs Bramwell via enquiries@qegs.email and further information will be provided.

Year 11 – Boothby Campus lunch next week

Next week, Yr11 will have their lunch at Boothby Mon-Thurs to support all Yr11s with their next steps for sixth form, college or apprenticeships. The Sixth form team will be on hand to support any Year 11 student who has applied to the Sixth Form will be able to review and update their options based on their most recent mock and predicted grades. Mr Walker and Mr Chow will be in Boothby Reception Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes to support and advise.

Year 11- History Revision: Maximise Exam Success

As we move closer to the GCSE exams, please encourage History students to make the most of the support available to them during this time.

- **Cold War sessions- Monday and Tuesday 3:25pm in Rm 854.**
- **Lunch time revision sessions in Rm 854 - A Week: Tuesdays, B Week: Thursdays.**

Students can bring their lunch with them to these sessions and skip the queue passes are available for Boothby!

Please also encourage students to be using the Year 11 History Teams page as there are many resources here to help support students with their independent revision.

YEAR 11-GCSE HISTORY REVISION NEEDS YOU!



Where: **BOOTHBY 854.**

When: **A Week Tuesday Lunch time.**

B Week Thursday lunch time.

Please bring lunch with you.

Rewards will be given for attendance and participation.

SUCCEED IN YOUR HISTORY GCSE

Year 11 History
After School sessions on

The Cold War

An opportunity to recap and learn the content for the Cold War.

**Monday and Tuesday
3.25 in room 854**

Treats will be provided! Be there!

The poster features a red Chinese flag and a blue and white American flag at the top. Below them, several chess pieces are arranged on a surface. To the left, there is a small image of a globe with the word 'CUBA' and a date '1961'. To the right, there is a small image of a group of people, possibly a historical photograph, with the number '33' in the bottom right corner.

Sixth Form updates

New Head Students

Congratulations to Year 12 students Freya, Hannah, Fergus and Izzy who are the new Sixth Form Head Students and were appointed this week.

Roles open for the Student Council

Applications are now open for the Student Council and Sixth Form students have been sent the details to apply.

Young Enterprise

Year 12 Business students gave a great presentation for the Ashbourne Originals as part of the Young Enterprise company competition. This is an excellent addition to our Business BTEC offer and they all did really well.

Duke of Edinburgh Award update

Bronze DofE students were amazing at their route planning training with Rich Adventure in school on Monday. They engaged exceptionally well and soon worked out how to read a map, plot a route and write a route plan. They've all worked as teams and are now finishing off their routes in their own time.

Just a reminder... if your child is doing bronze D of E, please ensure they have had their waterproofs checked and their walking boots in school!

Please ensure you have read all information that has been sent home previously from Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Wright.



NSEA news

We had a successful day at Eland Lodge for the NSEA County and National Championship Showjumping qualifiers. Lily P, (Year 7) in her first competition for QEGS, competed as an individual in the 70cm class and won the class in a very speedy 38.84 seconds. The only sub 40 seconds round earning her a well-deserved County & Nationals qualifying place.



In the 80cm class we had 2 teams entered. Silver Team comprised

Emily L, Lily P and Brooke W- A

Red Team comprised Ruby P, Jack F, Chloe D and Brooke W- A

Silver Team had some unlucky poles so sadly were not in the qualifying places. The Red Team managed 4 brilliant clear rounds to win the class and finish on a team score of '0' - the only team in the class to finish on 0. Brilliant riding from all. As ever a huge thank you to the families for making it happen.

If you want to find out more about our NSEA team, please do speak to Mrs Wright (Science)

Year 10 Netball House Matches

Results of the recent Year 10 Netball House Matches:

1st ○ POMs Josie, Liv & Lici

2nd ● POMs Molly LS x2 & Megan

3rd ● POMs Emily P, Megan x2

4th ● POMs Ally x2 & Thea

Under 12 County Netball Tournament

The Year 7 girls travelled to Dronfield on Tuesday to face seven other schools. The girls played well all afternoon and had some great phases of play in attack and defence. Gracie was voted the player of the tournament by the opposition teams and Holly was voted coaches player.



Under 15 Rugby Team

Well done to the u15's rugby team who beat Thomas Alleyne's 24-10 earlier this week, there were some great performances and plenty of tries scored. The boys had to work extra hard as they had to play most of the game with 14 men due to an injury. Good work! There is an U15s 7's rugby tournament at Dronfield rugby club on Wednesday 2nd April, leaving QEGS at 2pm, returning approx. 6:30pm.

Sporting success outside of QEGS

Tizzy B, Year 10 took part in the recent Gymnastics British Championships. Out of the 72 that qualified Tizzy went clean all around the different disciplines and ended up an amazing 17th in the UK, a massive achievement given Tizzy was injured for most of last year. Parents passed on their thanks to school for the continued support as without it this would not have been possible.



Lici G, Year 10 received some amazing news this week - Lici has been successful in applying for the England Goalkeeper Program and will join some of the best goalkeepers in the country. Lici's dedication and determination has got her even closer to her dreams of being an England and Pro goalkeeper in the future.



Community Event – 80 Candles Quilt

The amazing 80 Candles Quilt mentioned in Bulletin #19 can be viewed this Saturday:

WHEN: Saturday 29th March

WHERE: Brailsford Methodist Church, Main Road, Brailsford DE6

WHAT TIME: 2pm -4pm

Not only will the 80 Candles Quilt be on display, there will also be tea, coffee and cake and hopefully lots of project participants to share the stories contained within the quilt with visitors.

This event is to fundraise towards the publication of a book to accompany the project. Project participant Naomi Feldman has been diligently writing up all the research to go into the book in the coming months.



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

- Relief Exam Invigilator

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

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 3 –

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 24th to 29th March – School Show week ‘Westside Story’
- 31st March to 4th April – Year 10 Spanish, Madrid trip
- 1st April – Primary Sports, netball
- 2nd April – Pop-up uniform shop, Canteen 3:30 to 5pm
- 4th April – last day of Spring 2 term
- 22nd April – first day of Summer 1 term
- 23rd April – Bronze DofE training (equipment)
- 23rd April – Junior Maths Challenge
- **24th April – Year 10 Parent Teachers Meeting, face to face, on site**
- 24th April – Dance and Performance evening (exam), 6:30pm
- 28th April to 2nd May – GCSE & A Level Music Recording
- 29th April – Silver DofE training (equipment)
- 30th April – Year 9 Art, Harry Potter
- 1st May – Year 12, University Experience Day at Sheffield Hallam

Finally

Chess craze hits QEGS! We trialled a chess board in the canteen this week to see if anyone wanted to play and we completely underestimated the interest! We now have 6 chess boards out for break and lunch which have all been busy every break and we have more board games on the way starting with snakes and ladders today!

Mini trophies available for winners of the games and the staff are always willing to take on a challenger too – including me!

Outdoor table tennis is also here, and packs of bats and balls are available from the duty staff if students want to play.



Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Scott Garrity'.

Scott Garrity
Headteacher