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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #32

Launch of the new QEGS App

Information has been shared with parents and carers this week about the 'New QEGS App' – already downloaded by nearly 400 parents and carers – thank you! The new message system will be going live after the half-term break. Please take time to read the letter [here](#). The app is currently for parents and carers only to access and set up. For help and support with the app, please email enquiries@qegs.email.

QEGS Pride Festival

We welcome all the local community to join us for our Pride Festival. See the poster for details. Buy tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/The-Ashburnian-Society and contact theashburniansociety@outlook.com if you would like to get more involved.

Final day of Summer Term plans for Years 7, 8, 9

Exciting events are being planned for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 on the final day of the Summer Term, Thursday 24th July – parents and carers please take time to read the letter sent to you today from Mrs Starkie, discuss the options with your child before completing the online form linked in the letter by end of Wednesday 4th June please.

Year 9 Options confirmations

Emails are being sent out later today confirming Year 9 students' option choices for Year 10. Please use the form linked in those emails to confirm that you are happy with these. Any questions, please email Miss Ward Ward@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Zones / Lunches next half term

Next half term, all students will be on the main site. Boothby canteen will be for Sixth Form students only.

- Year 8 and 10 zone is the front of school
- Year 9 on the quad
- Initially Year 7 and 11 will be at the back of school including courts and observatory area. From the third week, we will switch so that Year 9 will have their time on the courts.
- Year 7 football on the courts on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Year 11 on Tuesday and Friday.

Delicious Success

Thank you to the Year 7 Students who volunteered to sell cakes, biscuits and pains au chocolat to raise a bit of extra pocket money for our forthcoming trip to Normandy in July. There was a wonderful variety of homemade cakes, cupcakes and biscuits. So far, we have raised over £120!

Next fundraiser will be a Penalty Shoot-out (further details to follow) organised by Mr O'Keefe. We will also be selling more biscuits and cupcakes at the event on Tuesday 10th June at lunchtime.



Ashbourne Reborn Project

This week students from several year groups were invited to become involved in a project organised by Ashbourne Reborn. The students provided handprints which will be carved into stone, and form part of the transformation of the Shrovetide Walk. This commemorative artwork will celebrate the unique contribution to the Ashbourne community of the annual Royal Shrovetide Football.



River trip for Year 10 Geography students

Year 10 Geography students have taken part in the first day of their field work this week. The dry weather meant there wasn't that much of a river to measure in the hills but made the most of the time in Dovedale.

Mr Hughes would like to compliment all students on their attitude and behaviour making the most of the educational experience and thoroughly enjoying day.



Ski Trip Information Evening – Thank You for attending!

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Ski Trip information evening. We appreciate your support and enthusiasm as we prepare for this exciting adventure in January 2026!

If parents/carers have any questions, please contact Mrs Brankin, brankin@qegs.email

All are looking forward to a fantastic trip on the slopes!



DofE Awards evening

Each year we celebrate our DofE successes at Bronze and Silver with awards ceremonies in school. Our next one will be on Tuesday 1st July 2025 at 4.30pm.

Invitations will be sent to students who have completed their award and had it signed off by Mrs Wright or Miss Tomlinson and the verifier before the 20th June 2025. If they are not ready by then, they will be invited to our Winter awards evening in the next academic year.

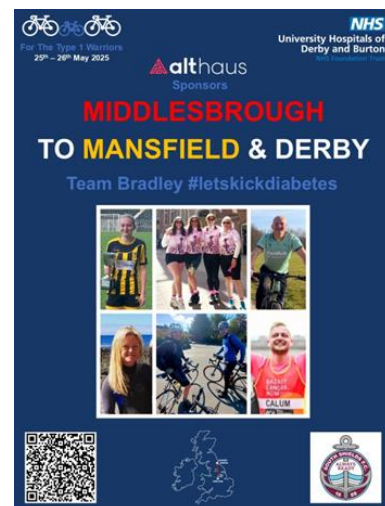
Lots of our students are very close to completing their awards from this year and some from previous years - please ensure they check the edofe app for updates and messages. If student is unsure what to do there is support available every Friday lunchtime in Room 314 from 12.05 until 12.25pm.

DofE qualifying expeditions

The DofE qualifying expeditions are in the first week back after half term - Silver (Year 10) are out Wednesdays 4th to Friday 6th June and Bronze (Year 9) from Thursday 5th June and Friday 6th June. Letters have been sent to parents regarding drop off and pick up points and times. Mrs Wright and Miss Tomlinson will do their best to post photos of the expeditions on the Instagram page QEGSDofE – please follow for updates.

Team Bradley cycles this weekend

Thank you if you supported Team Shemilt taking part in the Charity Cycle – the fund raising reached the £5k target towards raising awareness and funds for Type 1 diabetes, amazing! Cycling a total of 166 miles over two days from Middlesbrough to Derby this weekend. The Team are now supporting an additional charity #letskickdiabetes. If you have yet to support the event and would like to do so, please use the link below. Good luck!



https://www.justgiving.com/page/cmssfc?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

Stuck for something to do over half-term break?

Ashbourne has a 'Spot the Mistake' competition running from Saturday 24th May to Monday 2nd June – 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 QEGS vacancies:

- Caretaker
- Midday Supervisor

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

School Canteen

Menu following half-term break is week 3 –

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 26th May – 30th May – Half-term break
- 2nd June – School reopens
- 2nd June onwards – A Levels & GCSE examinations continue
- 3rd June – Primary Humanities Day
- 4th June to 6th June – Silver DofE expedition
- 5th June to 6th June – Bronze DofE expedition
- 7th June – QEGS Pride event, 2pm to 4pm, Main Hall
- 9th June – Year 10 core mocks and Year 12 mock exams commence
- 13th June – Year 11 Leaver's Assembly and BBQ

Finally

As we reach the end of this half term, we want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements and the positive energy that has filled our school. We are thrilled to share that we have seen record numbers of *positive on-calls*, a true testament to the outstanding work our students are doing every single day.

Our culture of #TEAMQEGS is growing stronger with every week, and it's clear that our shared commitment to '*Leaving Nothing to Chance*' is making a real difference. From classrooms to corridors, from sports fields to science labs, we are ensuring that every student receives the very best learning experience possible.

This half term has also been rich with opportunity beyond the classroom. We've seen a fantastic range of trips and co-curricular activities that have broadened horizons, built friendships, and created memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to all the staff and students who have made these moments so special.

Thanks to our collective cultural drive, staff absence has remained minimal, and we are pleased to have recently welcomed an additional cover teacher to our team, ensuring that our high standards of teaching and learning remain consistent across the school.

We are also delighted to officially welcome Mr Davis, our new Deputy Headteacher, who joined us just two weeks ago. Already, Mr Davis is bringing positive energy and fresh ideas that are making a real impact within our community. We are excited for what's ahead with his leadership and insight.

A special shout-out must go to our Year 11 students, who have approached the exam period with maturity and resilience. They have shown what it means to rise to the occasion, and we are immensely proud of them. We will continue to support them every step of the way and wish them the very best as they move through their final exams.

To all our students, staff, and families, thank you for your hard work, your passion, and your ongoing support. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break this half term.

Yours faithfully,



Matt Walker
Deputy Headteacher

Encs: QEGS Pride and 'Spot the Mistake' posters

The poster features two large, stylized rainbow swirls. One swirl starts at the top right and curves downwards towards the middle right. The other swirl starts on the left side and curves upwards towards the bottom left. Both swirls are composed of multiple parallel lines in the colors of the rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple.

14TH JUNE 2PM-4PM

PRIDE FESTIVAL

THE ASHBURNIAN SOCIETY INVITES STUDENTS
PAST, PRESENT, AND
FUTURE WITH THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO
THE FIRST QEGS PRIDE
FESTIVAL.

WHERE?
QEGS MAIN HALL
THE GREEN ROAD, ASHBOURNE, DE6 1EP

FEATURING:
MUSIC, HENNA, ICE CREAM, BAR,
FAMILY DISCO, PLUS SURPRISES...

**BUY TICKETS NOW,
PAY WHAT YOU CAN.**



THEASHBURNIANSOCIETY@OUTLOOK.COM



Spot The Mistake!

SATURDAY 24TH-2ND JUNE

**LOOK CLOSELY – SOMETHING'S NOT
QUITE RIGHT IN TOWN...**

**GRAB A TRAIL SHEET FROM ANYWHERE DISPLAYING THIS POSTER
WANDER THE TOWN AND FIND THE DELIBERATE MISTAKES HIDDEN IN
PARTICIPATING WINDOWS**

**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A
FAMILY TICKET TO ELITE
CINEMA!**

**ALL THINGS
ASHBOURNE**

elite
CINEMA AND THEATRE

