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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #33

Police Led Assemblies

A big thank you to Brad and Elaine from Derbyshire Constabulary, our local Ashbourne PCSOs, for leading powerful assemblies this week on the dangers of knife crime. Your message really hit home.



Humanities Day

What an amazing Humanities Day with our brilliant Year 4 & 5 student visitors! They dived into exploring History, Geography and Religious Studies. The students had a wonderful time discovering new things and sparking their curiosity about the world. A huge shoutout to our incredible staff and young leaders who brought the day to life.

Technology Block Exterior Makeover

Check out the new exterior of our DT block. Looking fresh and ready for the inside to have a makeover



Launch of New QEGS App

Information has been shared recently with parents and carers about the 'New QEGS App' – already downloaded by 40% of parents and carers – thank you! The new message system is now live. Please take time to read the letter [here](#) for further information. 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 – one week to go!

We welcome all the local community to join us for our Pride Festival on Saturday 14th June, 2pm to 4pm. See the poster for details. Buy tickets from <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/The-Ashburnian-Society> and contact theashburniansociety@outlook.com if you would like to get more involved.

Parent Pay – please check balance for school lunches

We kindly remind all parents to ensure that their child's Parent Pay account is regularly topped up. We are seeing an increasing number of student accounts falling into debt, which can sometimes cause upset for students during break or lunchtime.

To ensure no student goes without food, we allow accounts to go up to a maximum debt of -£5. However, if your child's balance exceeds this limit, they will be asked to use the school phone to contact you and request a top-up.

Please check your ParentPay account balance regularly and make payments as needed to avoid disruption to your child's access to meals and other school services. If you are experiencing any issues with ParentPay or need support, please don't hesitate to email enquiries@qegs.email.

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Keep Your Child Safe Online! Online Safety Information Evening

Tuesday, 17th June 2025, 5:30–6:30pm, Main Hall

Do you really know what your child is doing online? Are they as safe as you think?

In a world of TikTok, gaming chats, and hidden apps, even tech-savvy parents can feel left behind. That's why we're hosting a **must-attend event** to help you stay one step ahead!

Join us for an eye-opening evening where you'll:

- Uncover the real risks your child may be facing online
- Get practical tools to boost digital safety at home
- Hear expert advice on managing online behaviour and screen time
- Leave feeling confident and in control

Your child's online safety starts with you. Reserve your spot by clicking the following link and filling in your details: [Online Safety Evening RSVP Form](#)

Bug Hotels

Bug-tastic creations from our brilliant Year 8s in Design & Innovation today! They've been busy building cosy little Bug Hotels - and trust us, these mini habitats are five-star!



QEGS Chamber Concert @ St Oswald's Church - Tuesday 24th June 7pm

A number of QEGS students will be performing at St Oswald's Church on Tuesday 24th June at 7pm. This concert will comprise performances from our chamber ensembles (saxophone group, clarinet group, string group and chamber choir) as well as solo performances from students leaving QEGS this year. Entry is free, although we do ask a small donation to be made to the church upon arrival if possible.

ABRSM Exams

ABRSM exams will take place on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June. Students involved will be informed of their exam times next week. We have 40+ students taking music exams this term, including several Grade 8 exams and an ARSM diploma. Good luck to all students taking music exams.

Les Mis in Concert - Thursday 3rd July 2025

QEGS Music Department are excited to announce our Summer Concert 2025 will be a one-off performance of Les Misérables to celebrate both the 40th anniversary of this classic musical, along with the 440th anniversary of the founding of our school. It promises to be a magical evening celebrating the vast array of musical talent we have in the school. Tickets will be on sale to the general public from Monday 9th June 2025. Get yours early before it's too late as this is a one-off event. www.qegs.link/tickets



Congratulations to Aztecs Lynx U16s Whilst they are working so hard completing their GCSE's, we just want to congratulate the Aztecs Lynx under 16 team on becoming league champions after they won their division this year. The squad is predominately made up of QEGS Year 11 students (The rest are former students) and they won the season with a game in hand and only suffering one draw and one loss. Congratulations team!!

166 miles cycle completed!

Well done to Ailsa S (and her dad) for completing their 166-mile challenge over 2 days, Edie S completed part of the route with mum also supporting during the final miles. Along with friends and family, currently raising near £18k for #LETSKICKDIABETES and just under £6K for the Derby and Burton Children's Diabetes Team and the Type 1 Warriors. Amazing! [JustGiving Page](#)



'Your voice Matters' survey from Ashbourne Police

Ashbourne Police are launching their annual youth survey, 'Your Voice Matters'. The purpose of the survey is to find out what issues affect young people in our county and to understand how they feel about key policing topics, such as use of force. The link to the survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/fx3PMZKj1H> and it is shared with parents/carers so you can view the information and see if you would be happy for your child to take part. The survey is anonymous and doesn't take very long to complete. There is no obligation to take part in the survey.

All feedback is useful as it will help us to set priorities and make sure we are listening to the voice of young people across our county. The survey will close on 27th June 2025.

Apprenticeship opportunity to become a Teacher of Maths

Nottingham University with QEGSMAT are looking for future Teachers of Maths to join their exciting apprenticeship programme, fees fully funded and a salary over 4 years. Training would be hosted at QEGS and Chellaston school. Interested to find out more? Click [here](#) to find out more.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. <https://qegsmat.face-ed.co.uk/vacancies>

Currently live for QEGS vacancies:

- Midday Supervisor, Teacher of Maths, Teacher of Science & Teacher of PE (Maternity Cover)

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 1 – <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/canteen/>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 9th June – Year 10 core mocks and Year 12 mock exams commence, A Level and GCSE exams continue
- 13th June – Year 11 Leaver's Assembly and BBQ
- 14th June – QEGS Pride event, 2pm to 4pm, Main Hall
- 17th June – Primary Sports, rounders
- 17th June – Online Safety Information Evening, 5:30 – 6:30pm, Main Hall
- 20th June – Ashbourne Festival commences
- 24th June - QEGS Chamber Concert @ St Oswald's Church, 7pm
- 27th June – Sports Day

Finally

Congratulations to Mr Walker on reaching the last 8 of the British Open Squash Championships, an amazing feat of fitness and talent. Likewise to Edie, Ailsa, mum and dad on their mammoth bike ride and huge fundraiser, amazing!



Well done to Year 11 and Year 13 students who continue to give their best in their exams. The conduct and maturity of our students during these exams has been exemplary, well done to all. Thank you to QEGS staff for supporting our students through their exams; invigilators, exams officer, pastoral team, teachers, teaching assistants, admin, canteen and site teams and many more – putting our students first has been at the forefront of everyone's role these last few weeks #TeamQEGS.

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Encs: QEGS Pride



14TH JUNE 2PM-4PM

PRIDE FESTIVAL

THE ASHBURNIAN SOCIETY INVITES STUDENTS
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