

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #34

### Join us this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2-4pm in QEGS Main Hall for Ashbourne's first Pride event!

As a school and local community, we want to show that we are willing to stand up for those in the LGBTQIA+ community by celebrating our diversity, and spreading awareness about inclusion. You do not need to identify as LGBTQIA+ to attend, in fact the A can stand for 'Ally'.

So, as long as you are willing to listen to some fantastic live music, have an ice cream from Pedro's, or browse the stalls you are welcome to join us for as long or as little as you can. There will even be a small soft play area to keep little ones entertained!

Every attendee will get a free raffle ticket, which includes prizes of wine, cosmetics and sports equipment!

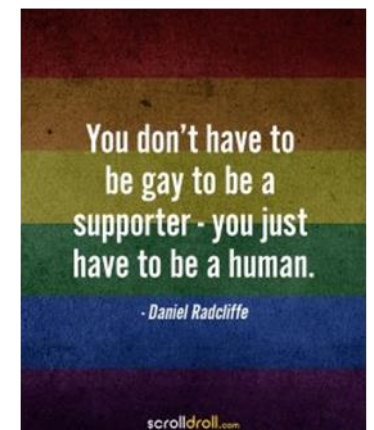
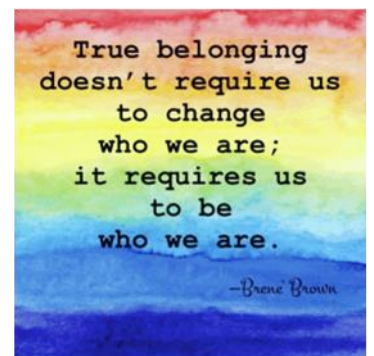
Pre-booking is not essential but will help us in catering for the event. You can select £0 at the checkout because raising money is not the primary aim of this event, raising awareness is. So, join us in standing together against prejudice, discrimination and abuse. Let's be proud of Ashbourne and allow everyone to be proud of who they are!

[QEGS PRIDE FESTIVAL at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School - Main Hall event tickets from TicketSource](#)

### Update - 002 School Bus route from September 2025

The numbers of students eligible for free bus passes on the 002 school bus will be increasing from September 2025. Therefore the 002 will no longer allow for fare payers on the route from students in Years 7 to 13, pass holders only.

Fare payers currently using the route can use the SWIFT bus operated by Trent Barton Buses as an alternative, please check their website for times and stops <https://www.trentbarton.co.uk/services/swift>. Students can travel on the SWIFT using a B-Line card to receive a discounted fare to £1.50 per journey. To apply for a B-Line card, use the link: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/public-transport/fares-tickets-passes/b-line/b-line.aspx>. The B-Line card number can then be added to the Mango App and student must tap on and off when using the SWIFT service.



### **Final day of term activities: Thursday 24th July.**

We now have all students secured on their chosen activity for the final day of term. There was only one option that we have collapsed due to low numbers, so I'm really pleased to say, the large majority have secured their first option choice. We will send an update early next week for when ParentPay is open. Any questions please contact [starkiek@qegs.email](mailto:starkiek@qegs.email)

### **Year 8 and 9 assessments**

Year 8 and 9 assessments are running in lessons for the next two weeks, with some for each year group in the sports hall as follows:

- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June p3 Year 9 English Language
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June p1 Year 9 Science
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June p3 Year 9 Maths paper 1
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June p1 Year 8 History
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June p3 Year 9 Maths paper 2
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June p1 Year 9 English Literature
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June p3 Year 8 Geography

We plan for each year group to experience exams in the Sports Hall so they get used to the processes and the environment, reducing their anxiety for their external exams in Year 11.

Heads of Year will speak to students about the arrangements, including where they will meet to line up in their groups.

### **Join Us for an Important Online Safety Information Evening**

We invite all parents and carers to an inspiring and essential event on **Tuesday, 17th June 2025**, in the **Main Hall**, focused on keeping our children safe in the digital world. Discover practical tips, expert insights, and the latest strategies to help guide and protect young people online.

Let's work together to create a safer digital future—**your voice and presence matter**.

**Click here to sign up now:** [Online Safety Evening Registration](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Food Technology updates**

#### **KS3 -**

We are now onto our final rotations for Food at KS3. Years 7's have made fruit salad, puff pastry tarts and soup so far. This year we have been extremely impressed with all of our Year 7 groups who have been respectful, focused and ready to achieve in all lessons. They have made some excellent quality dishes. We look forward to them developing their skills further in Year 8.



This week Year 9 students have made some super sausage rolls focusing on skills in order to make quality rough-puff pastry. Showing students that with a few ingredients you can create a skilful, tasty dish.



#### **KS4 -**

This term we have really pushed our Year 10 students with some challenging recipes. We have made panna cotta, portioned chicken, homemade jam, doughnuts and chicken ballotine to name but a few. Students are now starting to apply that knowledge to past exam tasks and are making confident decisions when coming up with menu ideas. We look forward to seeing what they can achieve in their NEA work next year.

Finally, we would like to wish the Year 11 students' good luck with their GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition written exam next week.

## Track & Field Cup

On Monday, the Inter Girls & Boys competed in the 'B' finals of the Track & Field Cup in Mansfield. Everyone performed to their best of their ability against some very strong athletes. We had lots of students coming away with new PB's which was great to see.

Thank you to our ex-students Grace and Ben for helping on the day.

### RESULTS

Inter Girls- 1<sup>st</sup>

Inter Boys- 6<sup>th</sup>



## D of E expedition

Our Bronze (Year 9) and Silver (Year 10) students completed their expeditions last week. Bronze had 2 days of walking with all their kit from Bakewell to Millersdale or in the reverse. We camped at Mandale in the middle - so everyone was together at night. We are really proud of the applying all their new skills - cooking safely with Trangias for a substantial evening meal and then in the morning to make hot drinks and breakfasts. The weather varied between torrential rain and sunshine, so it was a true test of their resilience!

Silver walked for three days, from Froghall Wharf, to Mandale and onto Bakewell Showground. They have to carry everything they need and are not allowed to purchase anything during the expedition - they were amazing and brilliantly behaved.

Finally, a very big thank you to all of the students for their conduct when an elderly person fell near to us at Bakewell. They were so respectful, calm and quiet. Will H was across to help within seconds, Archie C provided a rucksack to support the person, our assessors and expedition lead then provided full first aid prior to the ambulance arriving alongside one of our groups parents (a doctor). All of students showed their caring side and really impressed us.

Will H, Archie C, Rafferty A and Isaac F also protected a duck and her very young ducklings needing to cross a road to the bus park, avoid another DofE group from another school and hop up the kerb. They all made it with an extra help from Will as the ducklings were too small make it onto the grass.

Thank you to everyone that has supported the students in their endeavours - from giving lifts and washing kit to being assessors - we can't do it without you.

Huge well done - now to complete all sections of the award and upload to edofe. Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Wright are working as fast as they can to approve or query everything the students upload to their app. Students who have completed but not yet received their awards will be invited to an awards ceremony on 1st July – letter to follow nearer the date with more information.

Please be aware that uploads to DofE have to be in a certain format and correct or they do not pass the verification process. If they are not complete by 17th June then they will roll over to the following awards ceremony which will be in November.





## NSEA news

Our QEGS NSEA team qualified for the National Championships at Hickstead again this year.

We are so proud of our team achievements up against some bigger teams. Qualifying isn't easy, and then to travel for around 7 hours with your horse is hard and requires massive support from the parents too. We are lucky to have such supportive parents at QEGS - thank you.

Our team rode well and had some unlucky poles down in the show jumping.

Lily P in Year 7 competed in the 70cm SJ class, she unfortunately had a pole down but was speedy, so finished in 17<sup>th</sup> out of 21 individuals (overall 60<sup>th</sup> out of 95 competitors in total).

Ruby finished 35 out of 77 individuals in her class and overall was 60<sup>th</sup> out of 151, as the competitors could choose either to be in a team or compete as an individual.

It was Ruby P & Zeb's first trip to Hickstead, so to go clear and place so highly was fantastic.

Our full team including Chloe D didn't place in the team event but were beautifully turned out, tried hard and their team spirit was great.



## Winner of Warhammer competition

Warhammer Derby ran a painting competition of the Emperors children mini of the month and Xan G-B won 1st prize, gold, for "young blood", under 16 competition. Well done!

## Ashbourne Streetfest Children's Art Competition

Please see the attached poster for more information about the upcoming Streetfest Children's Art Competition.



## Junior Show – 'Bugsy Malone'

Tickets are now on sale for our first ever Junior Show performed exclusively by our Key Stage 3 students in the Main Hall between 16th - 18th July from 7.30pm. We cannot wait to share with you what our amazing young students have been working towards. For months they have worked hard learning their lines, songs, blocking, choreography and the music. Tickets are available via our online box office using the link below, make sure to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

The show promises to be a night to remember, things do not run smoothly...in fact, they get very, VERY messy!! Will Bugsy convince the two gangs that they're more powerful as friends than enemies?!

Buy your tickets here [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)

## QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

Currently live for QEGS vacancies:

- Midday Supervisor
- Teacher of Maths
- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of PE (maternity)

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

## School Canteen

Menu next week is week 2 –

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

## Upcoming Key Dates This Term

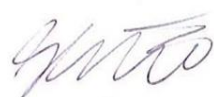
- 14<sup>th</sup> June – QEGS Pride event, 2pm to 4pm, Main Hall
- 16<sup>th</sup> June to 20<sup>th</sup> June - GCSEs, A Levels continue & Year 10 core mocks
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Primary Sports, rounders
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Online Safety Information Evening, 5:30 – 6:30pm, Main Hall
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Ashbourne Festival commences
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 8 & 9 assessments (see details in bulletin)
- 24<sup>th</sup> June - QEGS Chamber Concert @ St Oswald's Church, 7pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Les Mis Concert, 7:30pm Main Hall [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)
- 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July – Junior Show, Bugsy Malone

## Finally

Well done to Violet Mc in Year 9 who has won our inaugural KS3 chess tournament. Our chess tables are full every break and every lunch with some highly competitive matches taking place and some just for fun too! If you have any chess or complete board games that you could donate, please drop them off at reception, we would love to use them.

Farewell to Year 11 who have left QEGS today after 5yrs with us. Following a Chemistry exam this morning, Year 11 then had time to sign shirts, have a celebratory assembly and then have a complimentary BBQ at the Boothby campus. Good luck Year 11, you have been awesome.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity  
Headteacher



**Encs: QEGS Pride & Ashbourne Streetfest Children's Art Competition**



**14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2PM-4PM**

# **PRIDE FESTIVAL**

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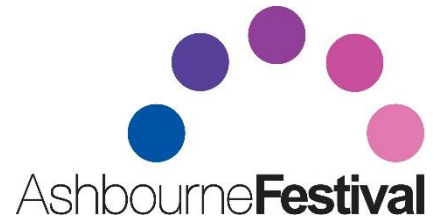
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FAMILY DISCO, PLUS SURPRISES...

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## SUPPORT THE TOWN

The streets might look like a work in progress,  
but .....STREETFEST is ready to go!

### **ASHBOURNE STREETFEST CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION**

Ashbourne may be undergoing some changes, with roadworks and barriers around town, but that's not stopping STREETFEST from bringing the streets to life for another unmissable weekend of performances, laughter and live entertainment. Come and be part of it!

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 11am to 5pm.

### **ASHBOURNE INTERNATIONAL STREETFEST**

#### **FULL STEAM AHEAD**

To celebrate all things art, we are thrilled to announce

#### **STREETFEST ART COMPETITION**

Open to all pupils of all ages. Let your imagination run wild we only ask the art to be inspired by STREETFEST.

A treat for every entrant.

Just drop your artwork with your name and phone number to  
The Streetfest office, 10 Dig Street, Ashbourne  
on either Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> or Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> before 2pm.

Prize winners will be selected at 3.30pm on both days  
and presented at 4pm by a surprise performer.