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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #35

Junior School 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.

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



QEGS Pride 2025 – Thank you

Thank you to all who helped before, during, and after QEGS Pride to make it the great success that it was. It far exceeded our expectations and it was so reassuring to see such a huge, wonderful group of people having a fun afternoon and making history at Ashbourne's first Pride.

If Pride month has made you realise that you, or someone you know, is homophobic or transphobic, please speak to a member of staff so that the support you need can be provided.

QEGS is PROUD to be a diverse and inclusive school. We look forward to being able to fly the flag proudly at the next one!



The 80 Candle Quilt visits QEGS

The amazing 80 Candle Quilt is in QEGS Library for students and staff to view from Monday 23rd June. The hard work put in to produce the memorial quilt representing the stories of 80 individuals affected by the Nazi regime can be seen in the planning of the squares. Row 4, squares made by Evalyn B, Year 10 and Isobel B, Year 8. Row 9 of the quilt has squares made by Ella T, Year 9, Miley T, Year 10, George T, Year 12, Mrs Webber and Mrs Beadsmoore. Thank you to Laura Burrill, Community Arts Practitioner and Textile Artist for sharing the quilt with school.



Final day of term activities: Thursday 24th July.

ParentPay is now live, and we kindly ask that you make payment as soon as possible: Deadline **Tuesday 24th June 2025**. To secure bookings we have to pay in full for each activity, so prompt payment is essential. If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding a 50% reduction has already been added to your ParentPay account. Further information and trip-specific details will be sent out shortly by individual Trip Leaders.

Year 10 student mocks

Well done to Year 10 students taking part in their mock exams this week – one more day to go on Monday 23rd June. Reminder – please make sure you come equipped with correct stationery items to complete your exam.

Reminder - 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 23rd June p3 Year 9 English Language
- Tuesday 24th June p1 Year 9 Science
- Tuesday 24th June p3 Year 9 Maths paper 1
- Wednesday 25th June p1 Year 8 History
- Wednesday 25th June p3 Year 9 Maths paper 2
- Thursday 26th June p1 Year 9 English Literature
- Thursday 26th 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. Reminder students will require the following stationery items for exams; clear pencil case, black pen, pencil, protractor, compass, ruler, calculator.

Sixth Form Transition Day Monday 7th July 2025

A big well done to all Year 11 students for managing the exam period so well. We are sure you will enjoy a well-deserved rest over the summer.

For those students who have applied to join the Sixth Form there will be a **Transition Day, Monday 7th July 2025 from 8:50am.**

Additionally, on the evening of **Monday 7th July at 6:00pm**, we will be hosting a **Parent/Student Information Talk**. Further details are being sent in a letter by post this week.

Year 12 Life Skills

This week, our Year 12 students have been focusing on crafting their personal statements—a vital step in preparing for university applications and future career paths.

Through this process, they're learning how to showcase their academic strengths, unique qualities, and ambitions, all while making a compelling case for why they're the right fit for their chosen course or profession.

Canteen 'Design a Menu' Competition Winner

Joseph C in Y10 won the 'design a menu' competition for all students on Monday - Doner Day!



Derbyshire Schools County Athletics Championships 2025

Congratulations to all of the QEGS students that represented the Derbyshire Dales at the Derbyshire Schools County Athletics Championships, last Saturday. The standard of performance was excellent and all of the QEGS students that competed did themselves and the school proud.

Special mention to the following who won a medal in their event:

Junior Boys (Year 8 and Year 9) - Harry H won bronze in the 300m, Dan M won gold in the pole vault and Joey L won bronze in the 100m and gold in the shot put.

Intermediate Girls (Year 10 and Year 11) - Poppy R won bronze in the 800m, Taylor T won bronze in the long jump and Isabella M won gold in the 1500m.

Senior Boys (Year 12 and Year 13) - Ewan B won gold in the 3000m.

Junior Boys Athletics Team

The Junior Boys Athletics Team, represented QEGS in the English Schools Athletics Association Track and Field Cup North Midlands A-Final this week, at Moorways Stadium in Derby. They qualified for this by winning the Derbyshire round of the competition in May and they were competing against the winners of the other county rounds in the North Midlands region. Teams are made up of 14 students who each take part in one track event and one field event. The whole team displayed an excellent attitude throughout the day and performed each of their events with a fantastic level of effort, which resulted in them winning the competition and qualifying for the National Final, in Chelmsford, against the other 7 regional winners!

Congratulations to the team for this excellent achievement!



Stoxkart success for Alfie

Alfie A, Year 11 has raced a stoxkart since he was 11 years old. Stoxkart is a full contact racing event.

Alfie will be racing in the junior formula until he's 16 years old then he will be joining his brother Will A in the seniors. The family has recently travelled all the way to Scotland Cowdenbeath, a 440 miles round trip. The first day the weather was terrible but Alfie loves to race in the rain, and he came 2nd in race one, 1st in race two and 1st in the final. Day two was not as successful he came 6th, 5th and has a crash in the final. Alfie races regularly at different track events including Skegness, Northampton and Buxton are just a few.



QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

Currently live for QEGS vacancies:

- Midday Supervisor
- Teacher of Science

<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

- 20th June – Ashbourne Festival commences
- 23rd June to 26th June – Year 8 & 9 assessments (see details in bulletin)
- 24th June – Primary Sports, rounders
- 24th June - QEGS Chamber Concert @ St Oswald's Church, 7pm
- 25th and 26th June – ABRSM Exams
- 27th June – Sports Day
- 1st July – DofE Awards Ceremony, 4:30pm Main Hall
- 3rd July – Les Mis Concert, 7:30pm Main Hall www.qegs.link/tickets
- 7th July – Sixth Form Transition Day, 8:50am arrival
- 7th July – Sixth Form information evening, 6pm Sixth Form Common Room
- 16th to 18th July – Junior Show, Buggy Malone www.qegs.link/tickets

Finally

Thank you to parents, carers and students for supporting our adaptations to uniform in this lovely sunny and warm weather. Normal uniform returns on Monday 23rd June, blazers and/or jumpers, ties, skirts/trousers/lanyards and IDs all back. If the weather and temperatures improve, we will keep you posted on any temporary uniform changes.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity
Headteacher