



4th July 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #37

Making Dreams Happen at Lord's – Girls' Cricket Trip

Our girls' cricket team recently had the unforgettable opportunity to represent Derbyshire Schools at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground – the home of cricket. Stepping onto the hallowed turf where legends have played was a dream come true for many of our students and a moment that will stay with them forever.

The day was packed with enriching experiences. The girls took part in three cricket sessions led by expert MCC coaches, honing their skills and gaining valuable insights. As well as playing, they toured the historic ground, including the famous Media Centre and the museum, and even saw the Ashes trophy – a highlight for many!

An especially inspiring moment came when Freya, one of our students who coaches both at school and her local club, had the chance to meet and speak with Heather Knight, former England captain. Their conversation about resilience, injury recovery, and the passion behind the sport was truly motivating.



We also explored the fascinating history of women's cricket, learning how the game has evolved and grown – a reminder of how far the sport has come and how much further it can go.

This was more than just a day out; it was an inspiring journey that fuelled our girls' love for cricket and encouraged them to continue playing for both school and their local clubs – Brailsford, Clifton, and Ashbourne. A huge thank you to everyone who made this dream day possible!

Les Misérables – Wow!

Thank you to everyone who came last night to see our one-off concert production of the world-famous musical, Les Misérables. It was this time last year when the idea for staging a production of Les Misérables was first discussed as the ideal way to celebrate the combined anniversaries of 440 years since the founding of Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and 40 years since Les Misérables opened in the West End. The music department is incredibly lucky to have a wealth of talented singers and musicians, and so the timing felt right to take on this ambitious project as our Summer Concert 2025. As always, the students rose to the challenge with their impressive levels of commitment, confidence and musicianship to put on what was a wonderful evening of the best-quality music making the school has to offer. With a cast of well over 30 and a 25-piece orchestra performing this timeless classic, our music students, who performed their hearts out, well and truly deserved the cheers, applause and standing ovation that the audience gave them. A huge congratulations to all involved in what was an incredible finale to the year in the music department.



Bugsy Malone

Tickets are still available to the Junior Show, Bugsy Malone via www.gegs.link/tickets showcasing 16th to 18th July from 7:30pm. It will be a night to remember!

Sixth Form Transition Day Monday 7th July 2025

A reminder to Year 11 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 in the Sixth Form Common Room. Further details were sent in a letter by post. Any questions about the day, please email Mrs Griffiths-Brown sixthform@gegs.email.

Careers News

This week we had HEPP (Higher Education Progression Partnership) from Sheffield Hallam University in to do an assembly to Year 8 students about Higher Education. Following this we had workshops throughout the day with selected Year 8 and 10 students. The objective of these sessions were to inform students of the possibility of progressing to Higher Education and demystifying it. Yared and Zaynab were extremely informative and engaging and enthused the students to think about their future.



We also had Sarah from Juniper training in to give a talk to selected students in Year 10 on the courses they offer Post-16. Miss Wilband said it was a real eye opener and useful for her to be able to support her year group going forward with their post 16 choices.

Next week all Year 10 will be out on Thursday at Buxton or Leek college. This is to ensure that all students have information about all Post-16 routes and receive impartial advice. **Parents/Carers please give your permission via Parent Pay if you have yet to do so.**

Lydia and Marsha from Luminate Careers continued their one-to-one careers advice sessions with Year 10 students. These will continue into Year 11, and all students will receive at least one interview by the time they reach the end of Year 11.

Junior Maths Kangaroo

Four of our incredible students qualified for the Junior Maths Kangaroo. This is a follow-on challenge from the Junior Maths Challenge, and is a 60 minute, 25 question challenge. This is an incredibly hard challenge, and our 4 students did phenomenal.

Huge well done to Harry O, who achieved a Participation, Oliver R, who achieved a Bronze, Nancy A who achieved a Silver and Harris W who achieved a Gold. Some amazing results for all!!

Year 12 students visit Lady Manners School

Seven Year 12s have spent the last 3 weeks researching a project on the theme of 'How science can address future health projects. They've done an amazing job of creating presentations on how gene therapy and developments in mental health treatments could improve the health of humanity in the future. They displayed and discussed their work with members of the Lady Manners science team, Year 12 students and invited external guests who work in Engineering and Pharmaceuticals industries. They produced amazing work in a short period of time and were excellent ambassadors for QEGS. The students involved were; Hannah D, George M, George P, Lauren W, Belle N, Heather S and Ruby HW.



Sixth Form Management Team Games

Massive well done to Izzy T, Josh W, Evie E, Lottie C, James L, Matilda C and Hannah S who last week competed in the Sixth Form Management Team Games hosted by 'The Chartered Institute of Finance & Accountancy' at Nottingham Trent University. This team of talented A level business students got the opportunity to be local councillors for the day and were allocated the difficult task of successfully making financial cuts to a fictional community, whilst trying to keep an extensive range of stakeholders happy. They were presented with a variety of challenging scenarios throughout the day, before being tasked with presenting their financial savings and reallocation of budget to a panel of professionals, whilst successfully overcoming a broad range of challenging questions. Well done team and a special well done to Evie E who was awarded star pupil by our allocated mentor on the day.

Year 7 students visit to St Oswald's Church

This week, our students visited St Oswald's Church to take part in a role play of a traditional Christian wedding, bringing their learning on the importance and purpose of marriage to life. As part of their experiential learning, the students fully embraced the opportunity, demonstrating great enthusiasm and respect. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and represented QEGS with pride! Special thanks to Reverend Nigel for all your help and support throughout these services. We especially appreciated your wonderful sense of improvisation and the clever, catchy alternative names you came up with for the Bride and Groom — a perfect touch of humour and creativity!



A night at the OSCARS_

Join us for an exclusive evening at the Elite Cinema in Ashbourne to celebrate and showcase the outstanding short films created by our current CDM Year 12 students as part of their coursework.

Date: Tuesday 7th October 2025

Doors Open: 5:00 PM

Screening: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Venue: Elite Cinema Ashbourne

Step into the spotlight for A Night at the Oscars, a glamorous red-carpet celebration of cinematic brilliance, where our talented Year 13 filmmakers showcase their original short films on the big screen at the iconic Elite Cinema in Ashbourne. It's a night of lights, camera and style, so dress to impress!

Please Note: Films may contain adult language and themes which may be unsuitable for younger children.

Tickets are available via www.qegs.link/tickets

A Delicious Celebration of Culture and Community!

Monday lunchtime was extra special, thanks to some of our amazing refugee students who shared their favourite homemade traditional dishes with us.

Misha K prepared pyrizhky and Veronika P made varenyky – two mouthwatering Ukrainian classics.

Zuhal S delighted everyone with firnie, a rich and creamy Afghani dessert.

Our Student Leaders had the opportunity to learn how each dish was made and enjoyed meaningful conversations while sharing this incredible food.

It was a wonderful moment of connection, culture, and community. 🍷



Duke of Edinburgh award evening

On 1st July we held our second Duke of Edinburgh's awards evening of the academic year. We were joined by The Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Sir Andrew Cochrane, QEGS Chair of Governors Nick Moore and Deputy Headteacher Mr Walker to present our students with their bronze and silver awards. We are so proud of them for all their achievements from each section of the award. They have all volunteered for around one hour per week for a minimum of 3 months, they have developed new skills and taken part in physical activities. In addition, the bronze students have walked for 2 days with all their equipment for overnight and to cook their meals. The silver expedition is 3 days and at least 7 hours walking was completed each day! They navigated with maps on their own routes and solved all the problems that popped up along the way. Every student has a story to tell of funny happenings and mini disasters. Thank you to everyone who has supported them throughout especially the parents.

We are now looking forward to even more awards in November when more students will have their awards presented.



Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom was fantastic; 14 tractors, sports cars, motorbikes, vintage buses and 200 Year11 students too! Thank you to Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs Brown for organising such a wonderful event, the students did us all proud.



Within our school we have six technicians that work across Science, D&I and Art, they prepare classrooms, workshops and laboratories for lessons, whether that be a heart for dissection or ingredients for cooking (the two never to be confused!)

They are a super talented group, and this was seen on Wednesday, when for the Year 11 prom Mr Kenway, our D&I technician had made the table centre pieces. I think you'll agree they look fantastic, Thank you Mr Kenway!

Sports Day

Another successful Sports Day took place on Friday 27th June with over 500 students taking part. The sun was shining, the fields were full of smiles and lots of parents came to cheer on their children. Students received lots of new PB's and some new records were set. The highlight of the day was definitely the boys, Year 10 800m race.

Each year we have Mr Yeomans the father of the late Roy Yeomans attending Sports Day. Mr Yeoman's presents the winner of the boy's Year 10 800m race with a trophy, as his son Roy Yeomans set the record back in 1988.

The record of 2m08.2s was set 37 years ago and had never been beaten, but this year was a very special year as Noah W broke the record with an amazing 2m06s. Noah was presented with the trophy from Mr Yeomans, which he will now keep. This is an amazing achievement, and we are all so proud of Noah. Well done.

A BIG thank you to all of the helpers on the day that made it possible to run the events so smoothly.

RESULTS FOR SPORTS DAY 2025

1. SPALDEN:1683
2. HULL: 1619
3. COKAYNE:1552
4. BOOTHBY:1499

Although the day was such a fabulous day, we were sad to say it was Mr Bembridge's last ever Sports Day at QEGS after 25 years. Mr B will be missed especially by the PE department. We wish him all the best in his new school.

The following record were broken at sports day this year:

- Y7 Girls Triple Jump – Kaylee O- 8.02m
- Y7 Boys 75m Hurdles- Felix W 13.08s
- Y7 Boys Javelin- Joshua C 33.54m
- Y8 Girls 100m - Isla H - 13.50s
- Y8 Girls 70m Hurdles- Eva T 13.74s
- Y8 Girls Triple Jump- Isla K- 9.15m
- Y8 Boys 100m - Joey L - 11.24s
- Y8 Boys 75m Hurdles- Zac H 14.10s
- Year 8 Boys Relay- Spalden 53.49s
- Y9 Girls Triple Jump- Jemima M 9.17m
- Y9 Boys 100m - Ethan J - 11.88s
- Y10 Boys 800m - Noah W - 2m 06.69s



Electric scooter information from Derbyshire Police

Please read the attached poster to the bulletin linked to e-scooters.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

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

School Canteen

Menu next week is week 2 –

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

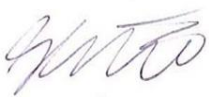
Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 7th July – Sixth Form information evening, 6pm Sixth Form Common Room
- 8th & 9th July – Year 6 Transition days in school
- 8th July – Year 6 Parents information evening
- 10th July – Year 10 visit Buxton/Leek college trip
- 11th July – Race for Life event
- 14th July – Year 10, Boothby and Cokayne forms visit Sheffield Hallam University
- 16th to 18th July – Junior Show, Buggy Malone www.qegs.link/tickets
- 17th July – Year 10, Hull and Spadlen forms visit Sheffield Hallam University
- 21st to 24th July – Year 10 & Year 12 Work Experience
- 24th July – Year 7, 8, 9 trips and in school activities day.
- 24th July – Last day of term

Finally

What 7 days we have had from Sports Day, Year 11 Prom, Les Miserables, church visits, DofE to cultural food sampling, science visits and a trip to Lord's to name a few! Thank you to the staff who have made these events and many more possible, we are so proud and grateful to have you on our team #TeamQEGS. Well done to the students for engaging with these opportunities and representing our school, we are so proud of you too! Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Enc: Derbyshire Police poster, e-scooters

E-scooters - Know the law

DID YOU KNOW?

It's currently **illegal** to ride a privately owned e-scooter in **any public place**.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I'M CAUGHT?

Derbyshire Constabulary will **seize** the e-scooter and **dispose of it**, and the **rider** will be liable for **prosecution**.



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E-scooters can only legally be used on private land with the owners permission. If stopped on a public road, pavement or cycle path - the scooter will be seized as part of a force wide crackdown under section 165A of the Road Traffic Act 1988. This means the scooter will be disposed of in line with force policy.