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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #38

Year 10 students visit Leek and Buxton Colleges

As part of their World of Work activities all Year 10 students attended Further Education taster sessions at Buxton, Leek campuses or Buxton FC. We offer all students impartial advice and guidance on their post 16 options and provide information on many possible routes. This is always a good day out. Miss Vora and Miss Morgan were treated to a wash and blow dry during the hair and beauty sessions, Olly S won a prize for managing to sink a nail with one hit, some beautiful sparkly play dough was made in Childcare, blood pressure taken in Health and Social care and many bridges made in Engineering. Open days for Further Education establishments will be advertised to students in the Autumn term. A big thank you to the Year 10 tutors and Heads of Year for coming along and to Mrs Bramwell for organising it.



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Year 13 Prom Celebration

On Friday 4th July, we joyfully celebrated our Year 13 students as they completed their exams and coursework with a fantastic prom night. It was wonderful to see the whole year group together again, all dressed up and enjoying a special evening. Students and staff alike had a great time making memories.

A big thank you to everyone involved in organising the event, and to Morley Hayes for hosting our Sixth Form once again. Here's to the Class of 2025 and their bright futures ahead!



Yr 11 Transition Day

On Monday 7th July, Sixth Form had the pleasure of welcoming 105 internal and external students to our Transition Day. The event offered students a valuable opportunity to immerse themselves in Sixth Form life by exploring our Enrichment subjects, including the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Core Maths, and Sport Enrichment. Attendees also enjoyed sampling the new canteen menu, gaining a genuine insight into the daily experience of a Sixth Form student.

In the evening, we were delighted to host over 100 parents and students for an informative presentation introducing the Sixth Form journey. The session provided a platform for families to meet key members of the Sixth Form team, ask questions, and learn more about the academic and pastoral support we offer.

We look forward to seeing students on Results Day, Wednesday 21 August, and then on their first day, Tuesday 9 September.



Summer Reading Challenge for Year 7 students

Can you read 5 books over the summer holiday? Here's your chance to earn treats and, possibly, a prize!

All you need to do is to choose 5 books to read and then review them in the booklet provided by QEGS Library.

Each completed booklet returned to the library in September will earn a treat and then be entered into a prize draw for an even better treat!

Come and get a booklet from the library and get reading!

Year 10 Construction

Year 10 Construction students have been working on their first of three Construction skills assessed task. This years task was to complete a range of joinery skill that could be used on site to fit a door frame. Students have successfully showed these skills with a high degree of precision and pride in their work. In addition to the practical skills they have identified the quantities of materials required, produced a detailed time plan and even identified how to responsibly dispose of left over materials when they have completed the job. Their next stages will be to tile and paint their work areas.



Year 12 students visit Ashbourne Primary School

The Year 12 A level Art students have been to the local Ashbourne Primary School to make a beautiful Van Gogh display of the sunflowers they made with them. Well done to you all, great work!



Food Technology

Thank you to all parents and carers for your support with providing ingredients for cooking lessons this academic year. We have been very impressed with the quality of dishes being produced by all year groups.

We have several containers, bags and bottles that have been left. If you think your child has left anything in 327, please encourage them to come and collect before the summer.

Year 10

Our Year 10 students have been demonstrating their practical skills by producing dishes that meet a brief in preparation for Year 11. The brief was to research and prepare a dish that showcases technical skills and demonstrates how dietary fibre intake can be increased in a modern daily diet.

Students have carefully thought about how to make appealing dishes that meet the brief. They have considered what accompaniments are needed to compliment the dishes and they have demonstrated a range of skills. We look forward to seeing them progress further in Year 11.



Sports Leaders trip to Spring Lakes

On Tuesday our Year 9 Sports Leaders spent the day at Spring Lakes for their annual Rewards Trip.

They all got to try knee boarding, fun on the inflatables, open water swim and fun on the beach plus a swim safe session.

The students (and staff) had a fabulous day, but it was made easy by their exemplary behaviour and fabulous manners.

Mrs Barrie passes on her thanks to the leaders for helping in the primary events all year round, you have been fabulous and will be missed.



Fundraising for cricket pitch renovation

QEGS are partnering with Ashbourne Cricket Club to renovate the school cricket pitch in order to provide high-quality cricket facilities and more cricket opportunities next year. We will replace the existing old astroturf pitch with an ECB-approved non-turf pitch and install new drainage. Thanks to the generosity of JCB, Floor Giants, Y Not Festival, Lester Lowe, Bowmer Bond and Alan Brown Surfacing LTD, we only need to raise another £2000 to reach our funding target. Please help us reach our goal by entering the Toyota Good For Cricket Prize Draw. All proceeds go towards the new pitch and you have a chance to win amazing prizes, including Toyota cars, high-street vouchers and loads of cricket-related experiences. Enter via this link <https://tinyurl.com/AshbourneCricket> or scan the QR code below. Good luck and thank you for your support!



Ashbourne Library workshop – 1st August 2025

Please see the attached poster linked to the creative workshop taking place at Ashbourne Library on Friday 1st August – numbers are limited, please book early to secure your place.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Currently live for QEGS vacancies:

- Midday Supervisor

<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

- 14th July – Year 10, Boothby and Cokayne forms visit Sheffield Hallam University
- 14th – 18th July – Year 10 WOW week activities
- 14th – 17th July – Year 12 Geography fieldwork trip
- 16th to 18th July – Junior Show, Bussy Malone www.qegs.link/tickets
- 17th July – Year 10, Hull and Spalden forms visit Sheffield Hallam University
- 21st -
- 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

Following our first foreign residential trip since Covid, to Madrid in April, we now have two Greece trips this week and next and a visit to Normandy in the final week. Followed in the autumn and spring terms by visits to China, skiing in France and the Atlas Mountains of Morocco. Wow, what a range of opportunities from our staff, for our students. In addition to a wide variety of day, subject and reward trips, sports events, proms and much more. Thank you QEGS staff for your support, time (weekends and evenings) and effort in making these happen, our curriculum offer is truly broad! Well done to QEGS students for representing our school in this country and around the world!

Have a warm and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Enc: Ashbourne Library creative workshop poster

Creative workshops with The Lost Boys

Join us at Ashbourne Library

Friday 1st August

10am—12pm

**1984 : THE THOUGHT
POLICE**

FREE



CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

FREE workshop

Suitable for 11-18 yrs

Unlock your imagination in this dynamic creative writing workshop focused on dystopian fiction. Dive into the art of world-building, explore thought-provoking themes, and craft new writing, whether that is poetry or fiction, set in futures both dark and hopeful. Join The Lost Boys to experiment with new ideas, develop your voice, and bring your own dystopian visions to life. Selected works will be featured in an exhibition at Chapel Street Arts Centre, Derby in Autumn 2025.

Please book your place:

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