

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #1

Year 7 Normandy Trip July 2025

Our Year 7 students returned from a wonderful trip to Normandy last July. During the visit, they explored the D-Day landing sites, including Omaha Beach, and enjoyed a tour of Bayeux, famous for its historic tapestry. The pupils also embraced French culture by sampling local delicacies and confidently ordering their own ice creams and crêpes in Honfleur. A big thank you goes to all the parents for their support in making the trip possible and the Staff who made it happen. We hope the memories created will stay with our Year 7s for many years to come.



School Photographs – Years 7, 10 and 12 students

If your child is in Year 7, 10 and 12, your child has received an order form for copies to be ordered of their new school photo taken this week. If you wish to order via returning order form to school, please ask your child to drop the order into Student Services for Years 7, 10 and Boothby Reception for Year 12 by Monday 22nd September 2025.

School Uniform

Students have returned this week looking smart and ready to learn – please remember to put your child's name in all their uniform including PE kit, coats and shoes. This will allow clothing to be returned to your child easily and reduce the concerns when something has been lost in school.

If you would like to purchase additional uniform there will be a '**Schools In**' pop-up shop in the school canteen on **Wednesday 17th September, 3:30 to 5pm**. 'Schools In' is currently waiting for stock of the PE Polo shirt of the smaller sizes below 38" chest, these will hopefully be back in stock for the next shop in October.

Reminder – 002 School Bus, bus pass holders only

Student previously using the 002 School Bus from Kirk Langley/Brailsford to QEGS are reminded this route now takes bus pass holders only due to the increase in eligible students. The alternative bus route to use is the Trent Barton SWIFT route. Fares can be discounted with the Derbyshire B-Line card (<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/public-transport/fares-tickets-passes/b-line/b-line.aspx>) when it is applied to the Mango app, plus student must tap on and off the bus to register for the lower fare. The Hugo App can also be downloaded to provide students with live on route times for the SWIFT. <https://www.trentbarton.co.uk/services/swift/timetable>

School Transport and school adjusted some of the routes timings earlier this year to allow for the extra traffic queuing through town from the road closures; the adjusted times will stay in place for the morning pick ups for a few more weeks while Dig Street remains closed and the transport providers see if the re-opening of St John's Street has made a significant difference.

QEGS Co-curricular Sport

Please see the attached PE co-curricular timetable.

All clubs are available to all students, in the year group specified, and it would be fantastic if you could encourage your child to make the most of these opportunities available to them. PE clubs are not elitest in any way; they are focused on increasing participation in physical activity. However, they do also provide opportunities for competition for those that would like them.

At lunchtimes, badminton, table tennis, volleyball and basketball are available; students just require their trainers. For after school clubs, students need appropriate PE kit.

PE clubs will start on Monday 15th September. All information relating to clubs will be updated daily on the student notices, which students have access to through the school intranet. Form Tutors will also read out the student notices daily, to their tutor group. If a student is selected to represent QEGS in a sports fixture, the details of timings and location are shared with students via student notices and written on the team-sheet for that fixture/competition.

The PE team look forward to seeing your child at a PE co-curricular club in the near future.

Supporting Ashbourne Cricket Club

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. The Club has replaced the existing old astroturf pitch with an ECB-approved non-turf pitch and plan to install new drainage. Thanks to the generosity of JCB, Floor Giants, Y Not Festival, Lester Lowe, Bowmer Bond and Alan Brown Surfacing LTD, the Club only need to raise another £2000 to reach our funding target. Please help, if you can, the Club reach their goal by entering the Toyota Good For Cricket Prize Draw. All proceeds go towards the new cricket facilities, 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. Good luck and thank you for your support!



School Canteen

The QEGS school catering contractor ABM has faced some challenges for this start of the term. An oven, a fridge and a fryer have all malfunctioned and need repairing/replacing. These will be remedied asap but it is fair to say that the team have had to improvise and adapt, and this has reduced some choice and variety this week at school. We anticipate a reduced menu on Monday until all repairs have been carried out. Apologies in advance, the team will do their best to produce the expected menu.

Menu choice week beginning 15th September will be week 2.

Prices for items purchased in the canteen can also be found on the below page:

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

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

Currently live for QEGS vacancies:

- Administrative Officer
- Midday Supervisor
- Cover Supervisor
- Teacher of Maths

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 17th September – ‘Schools In’ uniform pop-up shop, Canteen, 3:30 to 5pm
- 24th September – QEGS Open Evening for Primary Students, 4:30 to 7pm
- 30th September – Primary Sports, Football 7-a-side
- 7th October – Primary Sports, Cross Country
- 7th October – QEGS Oscars, 5:30 to 7:30pm
- 7th October - Schools In uniform pop-up shop, Canteen, 3:30 to 5pm
- 9th October – Countdown to Success, Year 11 and 10 students, Parents and Carers, 5pm to 7pm, School Hall
- 15th to 24th October – Year 13 China Trip
- 16th October – Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 students, Parents and Carers, 6pm to 8pm, School Hall
- 21st October – Primary Sports, Football 7-a-side
- 24th October – last day of Autumn 1 Half Term

Finally

Sadly, we started the term with a bereavement. Nick Flux, one of our school governors, parent of three QEGS students and ARUFC coach, passed away on 31st August. He was a key member of our school and local community. Nick would volunteer for any of our requests to interview prospective candidates, meet staff, meet students and parents and attend school events. Nick will be remembered by us for being kind, caring and generous with his time.

At last, North John Street has been re-opened to traffic. The new pavements and street furniture are looking fantastic. Please talk to your child about being safe when walking around town and using pavements and crossings. They may have been used to no/limited traffic in this central area and now need to be vigilant and careful with traffic now passing through this area.

This first week back in school has been fantastic. Students and staff have returned with enthusiasm and energy and a desire to succeed. Students have ‘raised the bar’ with their uniform, their conduct in and out of lessons, their care and respect for others and their efforts in learning. It has been a real pleasure to see them return and to see them flourish. Same next week please, and the weeks after that too!

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity

Headteacher

Enc: PE co-curricular timetable



Co-curricular Sport Timetable -September 2025

Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime 12:00-12:40	<u>All Years</u> Badminton Sports Hall Mrs Barrie	<u>All Years</u> Volleyball Sports Hall Mr Hallam	<u>All Years</u> Table Tennis Gym Mr Hallam	<u>All Years</u> Badminton Sports Hall Mrs Caton	<u>All Years</u> Basketball Sports Hall Mr Brown
	<u>Y7</u> Basketball Gym Mr Brown	<u>Y9</u> Sports Leaders Gym Mrs Barrie	<u>All Years</u> Badminton Sports Hall Miss O'Reilly	<u>All Years</u> Volleyball Gym Mr Brown	<u>All Years</u> Table Tennis Gym Mr Hallam
		<u>GCSE</u> Intervention 566 Mr Brown		<u>A Level</u> Intervention 904 Mr Hallam	
After school 15:15 - 16:15	<u>All Years</u> Hockey Astroturf Mrs Caton	<u>Sports Leaders</u> Primary sport Miss Clayton & Mrs Barrie	<u>All Years</u> Running Club Playing Fields Mr Brown & Mr Hallam	<u>Y7-11</u> Girls Football Astroturf Mrs Barrie	<u>Y7-9</u> Rugby Playing fields Mr Brown & Mr Hallam
	<u>Y9 & 10</u> Netball Sports Hall Miss O'Reilly	<u>All years</u> Fitness Gym Miss O'Reilly	<u>Y7&8</u> Netball Sports Hall Miss Brown	<u>6th Form</u> Girls Football Playing Fields Miss Bill	<u>All Years</u> Girls Rugby Playing Fields Miss Mellor
	<u>Y8</u> Football Playing Fields Mr Brown	<u>Y10 & 11</u> Football Playing Fields Mr Hallam	<u>Y7</u> Football Playing fields Mr Fulton	<u>Y10&11</u> Rugby Playing Fields Mr Brown	
	<u>Y9</u> Football Playing Fields Mr Hallam		<u>6th Form Boys</u> Football Astroturf Mr Simnett & Mr Walker		