



19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #2

### Land-Based Update

This Tuesday our Year 10 Agriculture, Animal Care and Equine students had their first day at their work-placements, each of them doing a range of tasks, with a variety of animals.



We have also welcomed back our Year 11 Agriculture and Equine students returning to their work-placements after a well-deserved summer break! We wish them the best of luck on their Level 2 qualifications this year and look forward to another busy year!

With Brailsford Ploughing Match approaching we are inviting any student (of any year group) with an interest in farming, or a keen eye for machinery and livestock, who is planning to, or would like to attend the event on Wednesday 1st October at The Grange, Barrow on Trent,

DE73 7HA, to make contact with Mrs Sargeant ([Sargeant@qegs.email](mailto:Sargeant@qegs.email)) to discuss options. Students can meet with Mrs Sargeant in Rm 103 on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September during first break to obtain further information.

### Ready to Learn

Please ensure your child comes to school ready to learn with equipped pencil cases containing the following:

- Pen
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener
- Ruler
- Scientific Calculator
- Protractor
- Pair of Compasses

Stationery items can be purchased using QEGS Points from the Rewards Shop on students allocated days and students in receipt of FSM, if missing the above, can visit the Pastoral Office, Rm 506 for a pencil case of equipment.

### Open Evening – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 4:30 to 6:30pm

Please share with friends and family if interested in their child joining our wonderful school:

Join us for our Open Evening on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 4:30pm to 6:30pm** – and experience a world of opportunity! We're proud of our high standards and academic success. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum from Engineering to the Arts. With a range of clubs from Equestrian and DofE to Chess and Warhammer, plus exciting international trips, there's something for everyone. Explore our teaching and sports facilities and visit our very own Observatory.

Thank you in advance to all the students who are helping during the evening and parents/carers giving their permission for supporting the event.

### **Student Leadership**

Application forms have now been sent to students in Years 7 to 11 to complete to be part of the Student Leadership Team – please encourage your child to sign up to be an ambassador of #TEAMQEGS, raising money for key charity events throughout the year and supporting in school events such as Open Evenings. As a member of the Student Leadership Team, students are part of the Student Voice for the student body collecting feedback and communicating student concerns or suggestions to Mrs Starkie.

### **Co-curricular English & Music**

Attached to the bulletin, please find information posters linked to the co-curricular timetables from the English and Music departments from ukulele, choir to Book Club, Puzzle Club and GCSE/A Level English revision and support.

### **Sixth Form update**

It has been a fantastic start to the term for our Sixth Formers. We have greatly enjoyed welcoming our new Year 12 students and reconnecting with our Year 13s after the summer break. Students have been busy exploring their courses in more depth, while also taking part in introductory assemblies and tutor sessions designed to set them up for a positive and successful term ahead.

Our Sixth Form Council also had their first meeting of the new term this week and they have lots of exciting and interesting projects planned for the coming weeks.

At the start of term, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind students and parents about the support available to our Sixth Form students, this includes access to the following:

- Our KS5 Learning Coach (Mrs Thrupp)
- Financial support via the KS5 Bursary (Mrs Griffiths-Brown)
- A Sixth Form Counsellor
- The School Nurse
- Our Sixth Form Tutor Team
- Careers advice

If you or your child would like to find out more about how to access any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Allen (Head of Sixth Form) or Mr Walker (Deputy Head of Sixth Form).

Date to note for Year 11 students, parents and carers – on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, 6pm to 8pm the Sixth Form Open Evening** takes place in the Main Hall to find out more about our Post-16 curriculum offer at QEGS.

### **Sustainability Thought for the Week**

Waste food and drink produce harmful greenhouse gases, including Carbon Dioxide. In 2022, 6 million tonnes of household waste was thrown away, which is around 210kg per household and 88kg per person per year.

Between 2021 and 2022, the amount of household food waste collected by local authorities fell by 9%. You can help the environment by only buying the amount of fresh food that you need, using your food waste caddy and starting a home composter.

<https://www.wrap.ngo/resources/report/household-food-and-drink-waste-uk-2022>

### **School Canteen**

The 'meal deal' price from our catering provider has increased from £3.00 to £3.10. The Free School Meal allowance has also increased in line with this amount. If you wish to check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please use this simple eligibility checker:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If approved for Free School Meals, the amount is simply credited to your child's parentpay account for each day, it is very discrete and private. The school will also receive additional funding for every child who qualifies for Free School Meals which means we can spend this on supporting your child's education.

Menu choice week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be week 3.

Prices for all items purchased in the canteen can also be found via the link below:

<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

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

### Finally

We have been incredibly impressed with the way our students have started this term. Following our first assembly, where we spoke about the importance of our QEGS classroom routines, the response from students has been remarkable. These routines are not about rules for the sake of rules, they are about creating the very best environment for learning, growth, and success. By embracing them so positively, our students are showing that they understand how these small, consistent habits support every aspect of their education.

Our collective motto, ***“Leaving nothing to chance,”*** is really coming to life. Both staff and students are truly buying into this culture because at its heart is something very simple but powerful: we care deeply about one another, and we all want every member of our community to do their absolute best in the most supportive way possible. We are so proud of how the term has begun, and we are excited to see what our students will continue to achieve.

You can follow many of our school events, successes and photographs of students doing wonderful things via our school accounts:

- **Instagram**
  - [@qegsashbourne](#) [@qegssixthform](#) [@qegsschoolshow](#) [@qegs\\_performingartsfaculty](#) [@qegs\\_pe](#) [@qegs\\_languages](#) [@qegs\\_artdept](#) [@qegs.english](#)
- **X/Twitter**
  - [@QEGS\\_Ashbourne](#)
- **Facebook**
  - [@QEGSAshbourne](#)
- **Website**
  - [QEGS Website](#)

There are usually daily updates and lots to see, please subscribe and follow to be kept informed.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity

**Headteacher** Encs: English & Music co-curricular timetables



# QEGS's English Co-Curricular Clubs 2025-2026



<b><u>A Week</u></b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Puzzle Club</b> Room 204 Mrs Shaw	<b>Creative Writing Club: KS3</b> Room 210 Miss Thompson	<b>Book Club</b> Library Miss Hinojosa		<b>Inclusivity Group</b> Room 211 Miss Angris
<b>Lunchtime</b>		<b>GCSE Creative Writing Skills</b> Room 202 Miss Aslam			
<b>After-school 15.20-16.00</b>			<b>GCSE English Revision</b> Room 310 Mrs Brown	<b>A-Level English Support</b> Room 851 Miss Angris	

<b><u>B Week</u></b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Puzzle Club</b> Room 204 Mrs Shaw	<b>GCSE English Revision</b> Room 207 Miss Waterfall	<b>Book Club</b> Library Miss Fairbrother		<b>Inclusivity Group</b> Room 211 Miss Angris
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>A-level English Support</b> Room 202 Mrs Marsh-Morgans				
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Creative Writing Club: KS3</b> Room 210 Miss Thompson				
<b>After-school 15.20-16.00</b>			<b>GCSE English Revision</b> Room 310 Mrs Brown	<b>A-Level English Support</b> Room 851 Miss Angris	

# MUSIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2025-6

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	<b>Ukulele Group</b> 758		<b>String Group</b> 758	<b>Girls Vocal Group</b> 758	<b>Clarinet and Saxophone Groups</b> 758
After School	<b>School Show</b> Main Hall 3:30-5:30pm	<b>Choir</b> 757 3:30-4:30pm	<b>Show Band</b> 757 3:30-4:30pm	<b>Orchestra</b> 757 3:30-4:30pm	<b>Chamber Choir</b> 757 3:30-4:30pm