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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

QEGS Weekly Bulletin #3

Thank you

A huge thank you to our incredible staff, and student volunteers for their amazing support during our Open Evening on Wednesday. It was a jam-packed evening with over 500 people visiting, filled with exciting science experiments, musical performances, a magical walk through our library, and the chance to explore our wonderful school.

Our student leaders were polite, eloquent, and exceptionally helpful, confidently answering questions and guiding visitors throughout the evening. We are incredibly proud of all of you—thank you for making the event such a success!



Countdown to Success – Thursday 9th October, 5pm to 7pm

We are looking forward to our annual 'Countdown to Success' event on **Thursday 9th October from 5pm to 7pm** in the Main Hall block, and welcoming Year 10 and 11 students plus parents and careers during the evening. Students will have the opportunity to speak to subject teachers, receive study advice, and meet with representatives from local colleges, the Army, Juniper and Smart Gas Training. Please remember to complete the online form shared in the letter sent to parents/carers this week. Remember Year 10 and 11 this is one of your 'Locked In' events!

Well done Year 11!

Well done to our fantastic year 11 students on an amazing start to the year. We have been so impressed by your attitude around school and your focus and engagement in lessons. Keep 'locking in!'

Sixth Form Students Build Connections Through Fun Activities

Over the past week, our Sixth Form students have enjoyed two activities aimed at getting to know each other better and building team spirit.

The last two Fridays have seen Year 13 and then today Year 12 take part in a **TaskMaster-style drawing** competition. Artistic students from each form competed to create the best portrait of their tutor. The creative



challenge brought out plenty of laughs and friendly rivalry as students showcased their talents. Please see above for the two winning portraits. Miss Adams (Head of Art) by Gregory P, Mr Hughes (Geography teacher) by Hannah B.

The excitement continued with a **sports day event** that saw Year 12 and Year 13 face off in a series of energetic, primary school style, contests. After some close races, Year 13 emerged victorious, adding a competitive edge to the week's camaraderie.



Alongside these activities, a range of support is available to help students thrive throughout their time in 6th form.

The Sixth Form counsellor is available for referrals every Tuesday, providing a confidential space to discuss wellbeing. **The school nurse** offers drop-in sessions every Wednesday during A weeks. For academic and career guidance, **Mrs. Thrupp, our KS5 Learning Coach**, is based at the front of the old Sixth Form block, ready to assist with any concerns or advice on next steps. Additionally, students have daily opportunities to speak with their **form tutors** for ongoing support.

These activities and support services combine to create a positive, supportive environment as students prepare for their futures.

World Mental Health Day

On **Friday 10th October** QEGS will be joining people across the world to support **World Mental Health Day**.

To show our support and raise awareness, we're inviting **all students and staff to wear a yellow accessory** – this could be socks, a hat, a pin badge, be as creative- prizes for the best dressed

Let's come together to show that mental health matters. 🧡

U15s Rugby Team

The U15s rugby team played against Haberdashers' Adams school in Newport on Thursday. With a strong start by QEGS it looked like it was going to be a good contest for the boys. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be on this occasion with the boys being knocked out of the cup, however, they do continue in the bowl competition. Man of the match - Noah



NSEA news

Our team had a really positive start to the new NSEA year with 3 team members entering the National Championship qualifiers at Pickering Grange on Sunday September 7th.

Libbie A competing in the Novice Dressage class, Emily L in the 80cm Combined Training (a 2 phase class involving a Prelim dressage test followed by a Showjumping round) and Chloe D in the Prelim dressage class and the 90cm Combined Training class.

Libbie won her class, Emily won her class and Chloe came 4th in her dressage class and 2nd in her Combined Training class. All three riders have therefore qualified for their respective classes at the National Championships to be held at Addington, Buckinghamshire in October.

We are in credibly proud of our small team but there is space for more members.

To join us email wright@qegs.email and let us know your level and what you would like to do. NSEA competitions take place all over the country but our main ones are at Eland Lodge and Beaver Hall. From there we can qualify for championships depending on time of year.

There are dressage from prelim, jumping from 50cm, eventers challenge (like arena eventing), combined training classes and even jumping with style classes. Plenty to choose from if you have your own horse or pony and can travel to events.

EXCITING NEWS - LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION!

Come join us at the Elite Cinema on the **Tuesday 7th October** for a magical night of original films made by the CDM students of Yr13!

The night will be filled with exciting prizes to be won in a **golden ticket raffle**, including - A YNOT TICKET, AN AVANTI VOUCHER & MANY MORE. Please bring cash for raffle (£2 per ticket).

All welcome! Buy your tickets at: www.qegs.link/tickets

Date: Tuesday 7th October 2025

Doors Open: 5:00 PM

Screening starts: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Venue: Elite Cinema Ashbourne

If you would like to purchase a golden ticket beforehand, please

contact: tilley@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk.

A big thanks to all the local community that has donated vouchers and gifts to make the raffle happen.

QEGS Governor Vacancies

Thank you to Elizabeth Braithwaite and Sarah Millican who have recently stepped down from our Governing body after a number of years' service. Also to Nick Flux, we posthumously thank you.

Nick, Sarah and Elizabeth have contributed so much of their time, knowledge and experience to QEGS during their time in the role.

The following different positions are now available:

- One Co-opted Governor
- Two Community Governors

More details will be sent out in a letter soon, but if you are interested in one of these roles and feel you have the enthusiasm, skills and experience to offer, please get in touch with our Clerk to Governors, Alison Griffiths-Brown: griffiths-brown@qegs.email to enquire and possibly make an expression of interest.

Attached information this week

Please take time to look at the Social Club poster attached to the bulletin from Miss Angris and Mrs Ali, plus the timetable of the extra-curricular sessions in the Maths (MESME stands for Mathematics Education for Social Mobility and Excellence) and Science departments.

Science also offers the 'Creature Club' every Monday lunchtime in Rm 301 and Science Club every Wednesday lunchtime in Rm 557.

Sustainability thought for the week

Last academic year, QEGS distributed 40,000 plastic pens to students who had not brought their own equipment to lesson. To reduce plastic waste, please encourage your children to take care of their equipment, use a refillable pen or a pen made from cork or wheat straw.

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 29th September will be week 1.

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:

- Teacher of Maths

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 30th September – Primary Sports, Football 7-a-side
- 7th October – Primary Sports, Cross Country
- 7th October – QEGS Oscars, Elite Cinema, 5:30 to 7:30pm www.qegs.link/tickets
- 8th 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

We said farewell to Nick Flux on Monday at a lovely, but sad, well attended funeral. He contributed so much to the school and the community, so many people wanted to pay their respects. His wife and children spoke so well about their memories and how he will be with them forever in their hearts.

Thank you to the staff and students for helping to make our 2025 Open Evening the best attended ever! The new classrooms and relocated departments looked fantastic for the event. If any families were unable to attend, we are offering tours during the school day, please look out in next week's bulletin for further information.

Have a great weekend.

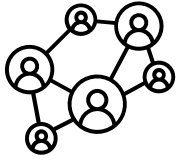
Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SG', is positioned above the printed name.

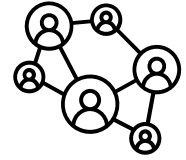
Scott Garrity

Headteacher

Enc: Social Club, Maths and Science Extra-curricular posters.



Social Club



This group **welcomes all students and staff** who would like to make QEGS a more **inclusive** place. It is also for students who might want a place to **meet others** in a **supportive** environment.

We could:

- Plan awareness events,
- Provide feedback to the school on how to be more inclusive,
- Look at inclusivity in the world around us as inspiration, or motivation, to create change.

You do not need any experience or ideas, just a **willingness to chat about what matters to us.**

Bring your lunch to **Room 105** where we will meet every **Friday lunchtime.**

If you have any questions,
please email or speak to **Miss Angris or Mrs Ali.**



MATHS EXTRA-CURRICULAR

TIMETABLE 2025-6

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	Maths Support Drop in (all years) Room 314				MESME Club 320 (Y7, 8 and 9)
AFTERSCHOOL (3:15-4:15)	GCSE Maths (Y11 ONLY) Higher and Foundation Revision Support 314 SPARX Homework help 103 Sixth Form Maths Support 856 (Boothby)	GCSE Further Maths (Y11 Invite Only) 316	Darts Club (All years) 566 (Above the gym). Darts provided		



Science Support/Revision

Lunchtime *(room 308 - bring your lunch along)*

Science support

- Monday Week A – Biology
- Wednesday Week A – Chemistry
- Friday Week B – Physics

Year 11 Booster *(a focus on basic recall, practical skills & exam technique to help boost your grade in all three sciences)*

- Thursday Week A
- Tuesday Week B

After-school *(library 3:20-4:20)*

- Every Wednesday
- Week A Monday