



17th October 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #6

Black History Month 2025

This week, students took part in assemblies to mark Black History Month. With the theme 'Standing Firm in Power and Pride', the assembly highlighted the inspiring stories of figures such as Mary Seacole and Olaudah Equiano, whose resilience and determination have made a lasting impact on British history. Students were encouraged to reflect on why some voices have been overlooked and how recognising these stories links to our school values of Question, Explore, Give and Succeed. This focus on Black History also extends the work already taking place in our history curriculum, which aims to uncover untold stories and ensure a more inclusive understanding of the past. The message also focused on the importance of tolerance, respect for difference and building an inclusive community where every story is valued. This important conversation will continue over the coming weeks in PSHE lessons, where students will explore how they can challenge injustice, celebrate diversity and stand proud of who they are and the communities they belong to.



Year 11 Geography Fieldtrip Success

This week the Geography Department have taken out all our Year 11 Geography students to Derby to participate in our urban fieldwork investigation exploring how quality of life varies to prepare for their GCSE.

Over the course of the day students visited three different locations and completed three surveys: on environmental quality, a perception survey and photo survey. We were impressed by how enthusiastic and polite all students were especially when out of their comfort zone asking members of the public question – they did themselves and QEGS proud. Well done to Year 11 students who participated, and to say thank you for your hard work the Geography Department have added points on Go4Schools. Finally, a huge thank you Mr Machin, Mr Hughes, Miss Tomlinson and Miss Edwards for taking the time to run the trip – this couldn't have happened without their hard work!



Bletchley Park trip

Students from Years 8, 9, 10, and 11 enjoyed an exciting visit to Bletchley Park this week, the historic home of the World War II codebreakers. During the trip, they explored an interactive exhibit that included a fascinating look into the future of technology and artificial intelligence.

Students also toured the famous huts and mansion where brilliant minds once worked to decipher secret messages, gaining a deeper appreciation for the incredible teamwork and innovation that took place there. A highlight of the day was seeing a model of the Bombe machine, the device used to help crack the Enigma code. It was a fantastic and inspiring day that brought history, technology, and critical thinking to life!



Well done to all the students who have contributed to the Proud Table!

We absolutely love hearing about everything you have been up to outside of school — from winning medals and taking part in fundraising, to the hard work you have put into revision. We are lucky to have such a talented and dedicated group of students.

Keep sharing your achievements with us — we are always proud to celebrate them!

Big excitement this week as our Year 13 students jet off on an unforgettable trip to China!

Joined by Mr Garrity, Mr Walker, and Miss Tilley, they will be visiting a local school, meeting students, and diving headfirst into Chinese culture.

From tasting new foods and exploring incredible sights to learning about life and education on the other side of the world, this promises to be the experience of a lifetime!

We cannot wait to follow their adventures and hear all about what they discover when they return. Safe travels Year 13, enjoy every moment!



Sixth Form Open Evening & applying for Sixth Form

Thanks to all those that joined us for this week's Sixth Form Open Evening, it was fantastic to see you all and we hope it was an enjoyable and informative event.

The application form goes live via Applica on **Monday 1st December 2025** and closes on **Thursday 8th January 2026**. Mrs Allen and Mr Walker will be visiting Year 11 tutor groups to launch the application form w/c 24th November, and this will include a demonstration regarding how to use the system and complete the online form. Following this, all applicants will be invited to attend a Sixth Form transition day on **Tuesday 13th January 2026** at the Boothby Campus. A letter and further details will be sent nearer to the time.

Reminder – Year 7, 'Getting to know your School', Tuesday 21st October

Mr Stevenosn, Mrs Vernon and Year 7 Form Tutors are looking forward to welcoming Year 7 students with parents and carers to the 'Getting to know your School' evening on **Tuesday 21st October, 4:00pm to 6:00pm** taking place in the school hall and canteen. It will be an informative evening with talks linked to Online Safety, Literacy and Student well-being and support during the event.

Year 9 & 10 Netball co-curricular

The after-school Netball co-curricular will now be permanently on a Thursday from 3:15 to 4:15pm.

U12s Rugby

Well done to the Year 7 boys rugby team, who competed in a tournament at Derby Rugby Club this week against 4 other schools. For the majority of the players, it was their first competitive rugby game for a while and for some it was the first time that they had ever played!

All of the boys played really well, showing a fantastic attitude, bravery and giving excellent effort throughout. Rugby practice for Year 7 boys is on a **Friday** after-school, from **3.30-4.30pm**. No previous experience of rugby is needed, and all are welcome to come and give it a go!



U14s Football

Well done to the U14 boys football team, who beat Eckington in the county cup on Tuesday. The score was 1-1 at FT after Archie scored another goal, then winning in penalties with a great save from player of the match Sid.



U12s Football



The Year 7 girls played their first fixture together away at Eckington this week.

They held on to a 1-1 draw until the last 15 mins when we sadly conceded 6 goals in quick concession.

Goal from Elsa G, POM from opposition Ruby, POM from Manager Elsa G.

U18s Football

The U18s played Repton this week, in what was a really close game until the game had to stop due to a dislocated shoulder for one of the Repton girls.

After a long wait in the cold, the game then continued but Repton scored two very quick goals sealing their win. Goals from Kacie & Bella.



Sustainability thought for the week

Look out for hedgehogs at this time of year. Hedgehogs often forage in gardens as they walk up to two miles a day in search of food. By early November they need to have reached a weight of at least 500g ready for hibernation in December.

You can help by:

- Keeping some areas wild in your garden with fallen leaves and long grass.
- Encourage your neighbours to keep gaps in fencing to allow hedgehogs to pass between gardens.
- Put out dog or cat food to help hedgehogs put on weight.
- Check long grass before strimming.
- Before burning any garden waste, check under bonfires for any sleeping hedgehogs.

Farmers MOT Day – Monday 10th November

The NHS Rural Health Team have asked school to share the date for the 'Farmers MOT Day', **Monday 10th November, 9am to 1pm**, the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell. Please see the poster for more information.

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 20th October 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/>

ABM Catering Vacancy

ABM Catering, providers of the catering at QEGS currently have a Catering Assistant vacancy; if wish to enquire and find out more information about the role, please email directly

queenelizabethgrammar@abmcatering.co.uk.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

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

Currently live for vacancies:

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

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 21st October – Primary Sports, Football 7-a-side
- 21st October – Year 7 students and parents/carers, 'Getting to know your School' evening, 4pm to 6pm, School Hall
- 24th October – last day of Autumn 1 Half Term
- 3rd November – start of Autumn 2 Half Term
- 3rd to 7th November – Year 11 core mocks
- 5th November – Schools In pop-up shop, 3:30 to 5pm, School Canteen
- 11th November – Primary Sports, Tag Rugby
- 13th November – DofE Awards Ceremony, 4:30 to 5:30pm, by invitation to the event

Finally

It has been another brilliant, but busy week. It has been amazing seeing so many extra-curricular events happening this week, whether sports fixtures after school, maths trips to Bletchley Park or jetting off to China.

It has also been incredible to see so many parents attend the various evening's we have held over the last few weeks. Fostering relationships with parents and the wider community is key to support the success of our students.

Finally, we are all aware of impact that absence has on academic progress. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students are present and on time. We constantly talk about 'raising the bar' of our expectations, and with that in mind whole school attendance continues to be above national average (Year 7 attendance is an incredible 97.3%!) which means students miss less, learn more and improve their chances of success. Reminder to parents and carers to check the term dates on the school website prior to booking holidays:

<https://www.qegs.link/td2526> for dates of Inset Days and holiday periods.

Have an enjoyable weekend and looking forward to seeing everyone back on Monday for the last full week before the half term break.

Yours faithfully,



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