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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

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QEGS Ski Tip Jan 2026 - Les Menuires

We managed to pack in six full days skiing enjoying some of the most amazing scenery in the French Alps. For both staff and students, it was a chance to demonstrate resilience and teamwork. It has been a pleasure to see how the students encouraged and supported each other.

In addition to this there were several après-ski activities organised for the students including homemade crêpes, pizza night at a local restaurant, a town-trail orienteering task, the highest table quiz in Europe (courtesy of Mr Bateman and Mr Brown) and of course the legendary 'Waker Bingo' night!

Despite some unforeseen setbacks with travel on the way home due to excessive snow, the students were remarkable with both their attitude and conduct, taking it all in their stride. We were all excited when we finally saw our plane getting ready for boarding – especially Mr Bateman and me!

The students have had the opportunity to learn/develop a skill that will last a lifetime and each student came away with a recognised ESF ski qualification. It has been a magical adventure and a privilege to be able to provide this opportunity for our students. We are very proud of all of their achievements both on and off the slopes!

Au revoir - until next time from Mrs Brankin and the QEGS 'staff ski-team'!



Post-16 Transition Day

On Tuesday 13th January, our Year 11 students enjoyed an exciting Post-16 Transition Day!

Students who have applied to join our Sixth Form in September experienced a full day of lessons in their chosen subjects, met their future teachers, and learned more about Sixth Form life - including our Life Skills programme, independent learning opportunities, and what to expect when they join us.

Students who are pursuing other future options spent the day in small groups focusing on core subject revision and received dedicated time to check over college or apprenticeship applications. With guidance from Mrs Morgan, Mrs Bramwell and Mr O'Keefe, they explored all their Post-16 options and received tailored advice for their next steps.

It was fantastic to see every student engaged and planning for the future. A big thank you to our staff for making the day informative and enjoyable, and to all students for their energy and curiosity.

If QEGS Year 11 students wish to apply for Sixth Form and have yet to do so, please email Mrs Allen (allen@qegs.email) or Mr Walker (walkerl@qegs.email) directly.

Interested external Year 11 students, please visit the Sixth Form webpage

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/sixth-form/> to the 'Applying to QEGS Sixth Form' towards the bottom of the page to complete an 'Initial Enquiry Form'.

Mrs Allen and Mr Walker will be leading an assembly on Tuesday 20th January to provide students with next steps information for the application process.



Year 13 students, parents and carers

Save the Date: Year 13 Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) - **Wednesday 4th February 2026 from 3.45pm - 6.00pm**.

More details to follow soon on how to book an appointment.

Lightning success for Hollie

Hollie W in Year 9 has successfully gained a spot with the Loughborough Lightning Netball team. Congratulations!



School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 19th January 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.

<https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Trust/qegsmat>

Current QEGS vacancies:

- Student Services Receptionist (Maternity Cover)
- Sixth Form Administrator

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 22nd January – Year 9 Option evening, 5:00pm to 7:00pm Main Hall
- 26th January – Parents/Carers of Years 7, 8, 9 Online Safety evening, Main Hall 5pm to 6pm
- 3rd February – Primary Sports, Athletics
- 4th February – Schools In pop-up uniform shop, 3:30pm to 5:00pm, Canteen
- 4th February – Year 13 Onsite Parent Teachers Meeting, 3:45pm to 6:00pm
- 6th February – Primary Arts Day 1
- 10th February – Primary Sports, Athletics
- 13th February – Last day of Spring 1 term

Finally

I was fortunate enough to be one of the staff on the Yr8/9 ski trip to France and it was awesome! The students were amazing ambassadors for our school with hotel staff, ski instructors, airline staff and members of the public all commenting on how polite and well behaved they were. Even with a 5hr coach journey through 1.5m of fresh snow, missing our flight, having an overnight stay near Geneva and rearranged flights for the next day! Despite the travel challenges it was a great trip with great company from students and staff alike. The next QEGS ski trip will be in January 2028 for the current Yr7 and Yr6s who join QEGS this September, spread the word!

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity
Executive Headteacher