

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #21

### OMIGOD YOU GUYS...LEGALLY BLONDE IS ON STAGE NEXT MONTH!

The cast and band are working so hard! This week's rehearsals have been full of energy, laughter and some truly amazing performances. Our talented students and staff are putting everything into bringing Legally Blonde to life, and they would truly appreciate your support in seeing the results of their efforts on stage next month.

**Wednesday 11th March 2026 – Saturday 14th March 2026**

🔗 Book your tickets now [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets)



### World Book Day Competition – still time to enter!

Students still have time to enter the World Book Day Competition by end of **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** (extended deadline) for a chance to win Amazon vouchers. Please see the attached poster for more information.

Email Mrs Roper ([roper@qegs.email](mailto:roper@qegs.email)) if you have a digital entry to submit and students will receive the link to TEAMS to upload their entry.

### **Year 11 Students focus during mocks!**

**Congratulations to all our Year 11 students on an outstanding two-week mock exam period!** Your resilience, focus, and commitment have truly shone through, and we are incredibly proud of the mature and determined approach you brought to every exam. These mocks were a challenging milestone, and you've shown exactly what you're capable of when you give your best. Well done—keep this momentum going as we move forward to the final stretch!

Since launching our new independent learning tool 'GCSEPod', we have seen **164** Year 11 students access this resource and over **7000 'pods'** have been watched to aid revision and independent learning. Well done and please keep accessing this brilliant tool to support you achieving your brilliant GCSE qualifications.

### **Creature Club**

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Mrs Johnson and Ms Fretwell invited students at Creature Club to investigate “What was for dinner”. The students used tweezers to take apart the pellets and identified the bones and skulls they found. Students found the remains of voles, shrews and wood mice and next week they will be using hand lenses and microscopes to examine their findings.



### **Sixth Form – A Fantastic Week of Focus and Determination**

It has been a real pleasure this week to see the outstanding effort and commitment shown by our Sixth Form students.

Across the campus, our study areas have been filled with hardworking, focused Sixth Formers making excellent use of their independent study time. The atmosphere around the Sixth Form has been purposeful and calm, with students demonstrating impressive self-motivation and determination — truly leaving nothing to chance.

As we approach the final stretch for our Year 13 students ahead of their upcoming exams and assessments, it is fantastic to see such maturity and dedication. Equally, our Year 12 students are showing great commitment as they prepare for their summer BTEC assessments and mock examinations.

It has been particularly pleasing to see so many students making full use of the wide range of excellent study spaces available across the campus. The positive culture of independent learning and aspiration is clear to see, and it is something the whole Sixth Form community can be proud of. Well done to all — keep up the brilliant work.



### **Sixth Form Student Leadership Recruitment Underway**

We are also delighted to share that the recruitment process for our new Sixth Form Head Students is now underway. We were incredibly impressed with the quality of applications received, and we are pleased to announce that all applicants have successfully progressed to the next stage of the process. This will involve an Assessment Centre morning taking place next week, where students will have the opportunity to further demonstrate their leadership skills, commitment and vision for the Sixth Form.

We would like to wish all candidates the very best of luck. It is an exciting time as we begin to shape and build our new Sixth Form Student Council, and we are confident that the future is in very capable hands.

A special thank you must also go to our current Year 13 Head Students, who have been extremely supportive throughout this process. Their willingness to give their time, including hosting a Q&A session for applicants before half term, has been invaluable and truly reflects the strength of leadership within our Sixth Form community.

## Bold Voices Webinar – Open to Staff, Students & Families

We are pleased to invite our school community to the second webinar in the Bold Voices Ambassadors Programme, marking International Women's Day with the theme: "Nothing About Us Without Us" – Embedding Youth Voice in the Fight Against Gender Inequality."

This engaging online session will explore how schools can move beyond tokenistic consultation and create genuine opportunities for young people to shape decisions and lead change. The webinar includes:

- A 30-minute training on youth participation led by Youth Voice expert Jess Leigh
- A live panel discussion with young people and youth voice specialists
- Practical case studies on relevant issues such as phone bans, social media, the Online Safety Act and digital sexual harassment

 **Monday 9th March**

 **6:00–7:30pm**

 **Online (Zoom)**

This event is open to staff, students, parents and the wider community.

 **Tickets are free using our 100% discount code: BoldVoicesQueenElizabeth**

 **Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1984052760215?aff=oddtcreator>**

## Easter eggs for Ukraine

Following the success of the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, school now have the opportunity to bring joy to children in Ukraine who are living in desperate conditions. Easter is just around the corner, a simple Easter egg can bring a moment of much needed joy and a reminder that they are not forgotten. If you would like to donate an Easter Egg, please bring to school before **9<sup>th</sup> March**, students' Form Tutors will be collecting in the donations. A minimum of a 90g egg is ideal. Please do not bring in cream eggs or mini sized eggs as these are not suitable.



## Flag Football County tournament

On Wednesday before half term break, school took 3 teams over to Anthony Gel to represent QEGS in a Flag Football County tournament. Well done to the U13 team, who won their section and will now represent Derbyshire in the Regional round.

## Swimming Success

Hara F-G in Year 7, competed in the Staffordshire County Swimming championships over the last few weekends. She swam extremely well and managed to win 5 golds, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals. Well done Hara!



## Boxing Success

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February Dylan S, Year 12, won the East Midlands Youth Champions Title Belt from a very tough opponent from City of Leicester Lightning Boxing Club. It was exciting to receive his belt from former heavyweight Olympic bronze medallist Frazer Clark.

Dylan is also the youngest Qualified Master of Ceremonies in the UK and hosted a show in Newark Nottinghamshire. Plus, Dylan qualified as the youngest England Boxing Judge in the East Midlands he attended New Era Boxing Cup in Braintree as an England boxing official. Congratulations Dylan!

### Travel support for Staffordshire post 16 students

Staffordshire County Council must produce and publish a statement detailing what travel assistance will be available for Staffordshire resident students aged 16 to 19, for September 2025 to July 2026. SCC are also required to consult with various parties on the content of the statement including learning providers, neighbouring local authorities, students, and their parents.

SCC would be grateful for any feedback you may wish to submit on the proposed Staffordshire Post 16 travel statement, which is available at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/draftpost16statement](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/draftpost16statement) Please submit any comments by 5 pm on **Tuesday 21 April** by email to [transport.consultation@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:transport.consultation@staffordshire.gov.uk)

### Fund raiser for Derbyshire Children's Centre

Please see the attached poster for more information of the event supporting the Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026** with cricket legend Devon Malcolm OBE.

### School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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://tapestrylearningpartnership.org/job-vacancies> Current QEGS vacancies:

- Assistant Headteacher

### Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 4<sup>th</sup> March – Schools In pop-up uniform shop, 3:30pm to 5:00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – Othello trip for Yr 12 & 13 English Lit students
- 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 12 Parent Teacher Meetings, in person, 3:45pm to 6:00pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> March – School show, Legally Blonde the Musical [www.qegs.link/tickets](http://www.qegs.link/tickets).
- 17<sup>th</sup> March – Primary Sports, netball
- 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March – Morocco Trip for Yr 12 & 13 students
- 24<sup>th</sup> March – Primary Sports, netball
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 11 Parent Teacher Meeting, in person, 3:45pm to 6:00pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of Spring 2 term

### Finally

Mrs Vernon and I were honoured to attend the Shrovetide luncheon on the Tuesday of play. Great speeches, great community feel to the lunch and the whole day itself. How the committee and the caterers feed over 600 people in a sports hall in less than an hour is an achievement in itself!

Congratulations to everyone involved, well done to the Up'ards on this year's result. All three scorers being ex-QEGS students, well done Craig B, Josh R and Ben S. Good luck to Up'ards and Down'ards for next year.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity

**Headteacher**

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Derbyshire Children's Centre Poster

