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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #27

Madrid trip

Our recent trip to Madrid was truly unforgettable! Mrs Starkie, Mrs Pontet, Mrs Waker and Mr Tapia-Meza, along with our Year 10 students, had an amazing time exploring the city together. From sightseeing and visiting famous landmarks to experiencing vibrant food markets and an iconic museum, every moment was filled with excitement and discovery.

The students loved shopping in the main shopping area and also enjoyed relaxing time in the parks, taking in the beautiful surroundings and atmosphere of Madrid. It was a trip full of fun, laughter, and memories that we will all cherish.

A huge thank you to the teachers and Mr Tapia Meza for arranging the trip —without them, this trip would not have been possible. Thank you as well to all the students for representing the school so well—we are incredibly proud of you.

We are already looking forward to next year's Madrid trip!



Sixth form students lead assemblies about sexism and gender-based violence

Following training from Bold Voices, research through staff and student surveys, and weekly meetings, Abba, Ewan, Iris, and Xan led assemblies with Year 7 and Year 9 this week. They gave students an understanding of what sexism and gender-based violence can look like and urged students to report any occurrences they, or someone they know, ever experiences. Despite technological challenges, the team delivered informative and engaging assemblies which some of our younger students have already thanked the sixth formers for! Well done!

If any Year 11 or Year 12 students would like to become Bold Voices Ambassadors next year, please contact Miss Angris or Miss Allen. For information about the organisation, please visit <https://www.boldvoices.co.uk/>

Volunteers for Careers & Employability Day – Tuesday 21st July 2026

Thank you to the volunteers who have already said 'Yes' to help at the event taking place for the Year 10 students as part of their Career and Employability Day on Tuesday 21st July in school. Mrs Morgan and Mrs Bramwell are seeking more volunteers to support the day to provide mini-talks during the morning about their professional career - from any background/career route. The afternoon session is for the volunteer to be an interviewer to role play interview style question with students. Volunteers can help with just the morning talks, just the afternoon or both sessions. If you would like to be involved and find out more, please email Mrs Bramwell enquiries@qegs.email.

Date for Year 8 Parent Teacher Meetings – 14th May 2026, 3.45pm to 6pm

Parents and Carers of Year 8 students will receive information in the coming week on booking slots with their child's teacher. Mr Stevenson and Miss Ratcliffe are looking forward to welcoming parents, carers and students during the evening.

Library Reading Map challenge

Abel, in Year 7, is the first to complete the Library Reading Map Challenge. He collected a bundle of books as his reward and will now be entered into a prize draw at the end of term along with all the other students who finish the challenge.



Stitching Ashbourne project

A huge 'well done' to the students (and staff) who took part in the Stitching Ashbourne project last year with community artist Laura Burrill. The final piece is now ready and will be unveiled to the public in a special event here in Ashbourne.

This is a chance to see your work in a completely different setting, displayed as part of a large-scale community artwork, brought together and professionally exhibited. It's quite a special moment, and not something that comes around very often.

Students are warmly invited to book free tickets, and we'd really encourage you to bring along parents, friends or family to share in the celebration—it makes it all the more meaningful seeing your work through other people's eyes.

The event will include:

- The official unveiling of the full textile
- A chance to see all the individual contributions brought together
- Refreshments and a relaxed, celebratory atmosphere

Tickets can be booked here:

<http://www.qegs.link/saceu26>

Consultation Reopening of an Enhanced Resource/Specialist Resource for Pupils with Neurodiversity (ND) and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Please take time to read the attached letter in regard to a reopening of the consultation period.

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 27th April 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://mynewterm.com/trust/Tapestry-Learning-Partnership/145491> Current QEGS vacancies:

- Site Manager
- Teacher of Maths

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

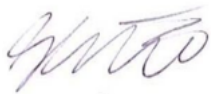
- 28th April – Primary Sports, Athletics
- 28th April – Year 10 Parent Teacher Meetings, in person 3.45pm to 6pm
- 4th May – Bank Holiday, school closed
- 5th May to 24th June - A/AS Levels exams period start
- 6th May to 8th May – DofE Silver Practice Expedition
- 6th May – Swift Watching, 7.30pm to 9pm
- 7th May to 8th May – DofE Bronze Practice Expedition
- 8th May to 24th June – GCSE exams period start
- 12th May – Primary Sports, Kwik Cricket
- 14th May – Year 8 Parent Teacher Meetings, in person 3.45pm to 6pm
- 18th May – Swift Watching, 7.30pm
- 19th May – Primary Sports, Kwik Cricket
- 20th May to 22nd May – Year 10 Geography Fieldtrips, Buston & River Dove
- 22nd May – last day summer 1 term

Finally

Thank you to the staff who led and supported the languages trip to Madrid, it looked fantastic. Such a great opportunity.

The weather is sunnier and warmer, we hope you enjoy this mini-summer and have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Enc: Consultation letter: Reopening of an Enhanced Resource/Specialist Resource (ERS) for Pupils with ND/ASD