



1st May 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #28

U18 Girls Football County Champions!

What a way for the girls to finish off the football season with a 5-2 win against Ecclesbourne in the County Cup Final. An outstanding performance from every single player! Also, an emotional game for the Year 13's as it was their final ever game for QEGS.

Goals in order of scoring-

- Kacie
- Bella
- Phoebe
- Phoebe
- Bella

Well done girls we are so proud of you!



Visiting primary schools

Mrs Vernon has started the transition visits to our local primary schools, meeting our new Year 7 cohort due to start in September 2026. We are delighted to be getting to know our new pupils and can't wait to welcome them to QEGS for the Transition Days in July, as they begin their journey with our school community.

UCAS Launch with Year 12

This week, we were delighted to launch the UCAS (university and apprenticeship application system) with our Year 12 students during tutor time. All students successfully registered with the UCAS Hub and were guided through its key functions to help them get started.

From 28th April, students can begin researching 2027 courses using the UCAS Hub. They have also been given advice on how to approach course research and the importance of planning visits to relevant open days wherever possible; a great way to explore options and make informed decisions.

This marks the beginning of a comprehensive programme of assemblies, tutor sessions, and support running throughout the summer and autumn terms. Students will have access to guidance on writing personal statements, completing application forms, preparing for mock interviews, and understanding assessment centres.

Parents and carers can access further advice, including a range of helpful videos, a dedicated podcast, and a newsletter you can sign up to receive, via the UCAS website: <https://www.ucas.com/discover/advice-for-parents-guardians-and-carers>

If you have any initial queries, please contact Mrs Thrupp (KS5 Learning Coach), who will be happy to assist via thrupp@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Year 13 Reminder

A reminder that Year 13 students have their final day in Sixth Form on Friday 8th May. While we are very sad to see them go, we are looking forward to celebrating their time with us during a special morning of Leavers' Day activities. Please note that support will continue beyond this date, and we remain available to help students throughout the examination period; do get in touch if there is anything we can assist with.

Students will also receive a schedule of revision sessions running throughout the exam period for each subject to support their final preparations.

In their final assembly before study leave begins at the end of next week, our Year 13 students revisited the theme of hidden disabilities through a powerful and memorable metaphor about the impact of words. As they prepare for a potentially stressful few weeks and consider their next steps, the session encouraged them to reflect on how their language and actions affect others.

Students took part in a hands-on activity, emptying items such as a bag of rice, a tube of toothpaste, shaving foam and hair mousse—before being challenged to put everything back into its original container. This led to plenty of laughter (and a bit of mess!), while reinforcing the idea that words, once spoken, cannot easily be taken back.



The assembly concluded with Mrs Thrupp sharing a thoughtful story about the importance of kindness, leaving students with a positive and lasting message as they move forward.

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 .

Primary Sports

This week we held year 5&6 quad kids.
Over 120 children taking part and a lovely afternoon.
Thank you to all the year 9 sports leaders who ran the event.



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

Parents and Carers of Year 8 students have now received the letter with details on how to book meetings with their child's teachers. Mr Stevenson and Miss Ratcliffe are looking forward to welcoming parents, carers and students during the evening.

Alumni of QEGS

Alan Fernihough left QEGS in 1969 and went on to gain a Diploma in Art and now teaches art to adults in Ashbourne following a career of teaching art in a high security prison.

Alan kindly loaned his amazing drawings of the Old School and current Green Road site for a few weeks in Main Reception for visitors and students to view. Each drawing took approximately 40 hours to complete, first in pencil followed by pen. Thank you Alan.



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, the letter will be included with the bulletin for the next few weeks as part of the consultation process.

Upcoming events in Ashbourne

Anne Wright from the Ashbourne Town Team is delighted to share that the Team now have formal approval from the District Council for three major community events in the Market Place this summer:

- **Sunday 14th June – Ashbourne Dog Fun Day**
- **Sunday 2nd August – Ashbourne Classic Car Festival**
- **Sunday 6th September – Ashbourne Big Fashion Day Out**

These events are designed to bring significant additional footfall into the town centre, creating a real opportunity for the community. They will also showcase the newly refurbished Market Place and be a great example of how the facility can benefit the town.

Please share the events with friends and family to make them truly a success.

These events are being organised by a group of local volunteers, working together to bring energy and activity into the town following the Market Place investment. They are the first step in building a regular, high-quality programme of events.

If individuals or local businesses would like to support with sponsorship or funding of the events, please contact Anne Wright directly anne.wright@youngideasfashion.com and more information can be shared about the events.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 5th May will be week 3.

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
- Teacher of Spanish & French

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 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

Huge thank you to the staff who organised residential visits recently to Madrid (Year 10) and Morocco (Year13), such amazing experiences. This term, we will see QEGS residential visits to Rome (Year 8), Paris (Year 7), Wales (Year 12) and the bronze and silver DofE expeditions to sunny (and hopefully dry) Peak District!

We are very fortunate, via generous donations and benefactors to be able to offer financial support to any family facing financial hardship to support the cost of any residential trip. If you want your child to take part and finances are a challenge, please get in touch with Mrs Katie Starkie who oversees all of our funding to support families starkiek@qegs.email

Equally, if you wish to make a donation as a one off or annually. To enable our students whose household finances are limited, to experience residential opportunities domestically and abroad, please get in touch. These experiences can change a QEGS student's life and your donation can help make this happen.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

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