



8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

## Weekly Bulletin #29

### Year 13 Leavers' Day

Today we celebrated our wonderful Year 13 students as they marked their Leavers' Day with lots of lovely moments, laughter, and reflection on their time with us over the past 2 years (and 7 years for some!). It has been a day full of happy memories, funny moments, and opportunities to look back on everything they have achieved during Years 12 and 13.

This has been a fantastic year group and there is so much to be proud of. We would like to thank all of our Year 13 students for the positive contribution they have made to the Sixth Form community and also extend our thanks to the staff who have supported and guided them throughout their journey.

As exams begin next week, we would like to wish every student the very best of luck. Please remember that we will all be thinking of you and that the Sixth Form team remains here to offer support, guidance, and advice throughout the entire exam period.

A Year 13 revision timetable was shared with all students earlier this week, containing details of the revision sessions available, including times and locations. Revision support continues to be on offer across all subjects, and we strongly encourage students to make full use of these opportunities in the coming weeks.

Good luck, Year 13 - we are incredibly proud of you all!



### Fitzwilliam Architecture Competition 2026

Charlotte H (Year 12) has been recognised in the prestigious Fitzwilliam Architecture Competition 2026, achieving a Highly Commended Runner-Up Prize. This is an exceptional accomplishment, especially considering that over 600 entrants took part in the competition.

Out of all submissions, only five winners were selected in total, comprising one First Prize winner and four Highly Commended runners-up, making this recognition even more impressive. The awards ceremony will take place at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge in May, where Charlotte will receive her certificate. Congratulations, Charlott

### **Sixth Form Council**

We are also pleased to announce that we have a newly appointed Sixth Form Council. A group of Year 12 students were appointed following a recruitment and interview process led by our four Head Students and supported by Sixth Form staff. The roles included Heads of Environment, Heads of Inclusion, Heads of Charity, Treasurer and many more! Well done to all those who were selected, we look forward to your first meetings taking place this half term and to seeing the positive impact you will have on our school community.

### **Junior Maths Challenge**

Well done to our Y7 and 8 students who took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. The JMC is a 60-minute, multiple choice competition designed to foster mathematical reasoning, precision, mathematical enrichment and problem solving. Our students did really well, with 7 Bronze, 8 Silver and 2 Gold Certificates. Huge well done!

### **New arrivals in Science, Room 301**

This week in Science, Room 301, welcomed new members to the classroom – 11 silkie chicks hatched over a period of 3 days. Students are deciding on names currently and will go to a vote next week. They join the classroom tortoise and African land snail.



### **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.

### **School Canteen**

Menu choice week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 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/>

### **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
- Teacher of Design & Technology

### **Upcoming Key Dates This Term**

- 11<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> June – GCSE & A Level exams period
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Primary Sports, Kwik Cricket
- 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Parent Teacher Meetings, in person 3.45pm to 6pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – Swift Watching, 7.30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Primary Sports, Kwik Cricket
- 20<sup>th</sup> May to 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 10 Geography Fieldtrips, Buston & River Dove
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – last day summer 1 term

## Finally

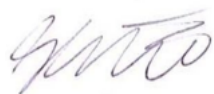
This week, we have identified and reported to the police two individuals in the community who have been purchasing and supplying our students with vapes. We have also raised concerns with the Police and Trading Standards Watchdog, about a local store which students have reported to us is selling vapes to underage students from our school. We need your help in keeping our students safe in the community.

Please report to school and/or the Police anyone you see/hear is selling vapes or tobacco products to underage students. We will use your information with sensitivity and maintain anonymity if requested.

We would also like to remind parents and students of the information we issued on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026, regarding underage students vaping:

*We would like to remind you that under UK law, **it is illegal to sell vaping products to anyone under the age of 18**, as set out in the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016, and **it is also an offence for adults to purchase these products on behalf of children**. In addition to the legal restrictions, health guidance from the NHS highlights that vaping can expose young people to nicotine, a highly addictive substance that can affect brain development, concentration, and overall wellbeing. While we continue to ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home and ensuring that students understand both the legal and health risks associated with vaping, **we are taking a zero tolerance approach to any students caught with, providing or smoking a vape in around the school site (this includes the start and end of the school day). Any student who is found in possession of a vape will face a 10-day sanction, part of which will be served at another school.***

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity  
**Headteacher**

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