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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Weekly Bulletin #33

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly – Class of 2026

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 students as they attend their leavers' assembly. It is a moment to celebrate all they have achieved during their time with us – their hard work, resilience, friendships, and the many ways they have contributed to school life. Today they have enjoyed a year group assembly, a whole school parade of applause and a complimentary BBQ cooked by Mr Garrity himself!

We are incredibly proud of every one of them and the adults they have become. They have been 'locked in' over the past year and it has been a privilege to see them grow during their time at QEGS. As they take their next steps, whether into sixth form, college, apprenticeships, or new opportunities, we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Year 11 - good luck and remember you will always be part of our school community. Go and do amazing things!



Race4Life raffle donations

The Year 12 BTEC Sports students will be running the Race4Life event in July this year – more information will follow in the coming weeks about the event on Friday 10th July 2026. If you would like to donate a raffle prize to help raise funds, donating some prizes would be greatly appreciated. Prizes can be dropped off at Boothby Reception or please contact Lexi F, Year 12 via Sixthform@qegs.email for more information.

QEGS Music Summer Concerts - x2!!

The QEGS Music students have been working hard to prepare two fantastic concerts for you to finish off the year in style.

Join us at St Oswald's Church at **7pm on Thursday 18th June** for our Leaver's Recital. Performances from our soloists and chamber ensembles put the spotlight on our amazing Year 13 students as they prepare to leave QEGS and head to pastures new. There will be a huge variety of music, from Johannes Brahms to John Williams to John Rutter. This is always a lovely event and a chance to celebrate and thank our Year 13s for everything they have done for us during their time at QEGS.

St Oswald's Church, 7pm Thursday 18th June

Entry is free, but donations welcome

Please note: some flyers around town have a different date, but the recital is confirmed for next Thursday, 18th June.

Then on **Thursday 2nd July** we have our Summer Concert: ***Midsummer in the Mid-Century.***

This year we are taking you back to the 1940s and 1950s with a programme featuring Swing Jazz, Rock and Roll and a few surprises...

Come and see the entire Music Department on show, with performances from the QEGS Band and Choirs, String, Saxophone and Clarinet Groups, Rock Band and Soloists.

QEGS Main Hall, 7:30pm Thursday 2nd July

Tickets £8 (£5 concessions), available [here](#)

Year 12 - Well Done on Your Mock/Progress Exams

A huge well done to all of our Year 12 students who completed their mock/progress examinations this week. Throughout the examination period, students approached the challenge with calmness, maturity, and positivity. We were particularly impressed by the way students conducted themselves, demonstrating resilience, focus, and a commitment to doing their very best.

These assessments are an important part of the journey towards Year 13, providing valuable opportunities to identify strengths and areas for development before the final year of study.

Over the remainder of the summer term, staff will be working closely with students to provide high-quality feedback, advice, and clear next steps. This will help every student understand their progress, recognise their strengths, and focus on the areas where further improvement can be made.

Year 12 Work Experience

Next week, our Year 12 students will be undertaking their work experience placements. This year's cohort has achieved something particularly impressive: every student has successfully secured a work experience opportunity of some kind! This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the engagement, commitment, and determination that our students have shown throughout their time in Sixth Form so far.

During the week, the Year 12 Tutor Team will be carrying out phone calls to ensure that students have settled into their placements and that everything is going well. We look forward to hearing all about the skills, knowledge, and experiences they have gained when they return to their normal lessons on Monday 22nd June.

Have a fantastic work experience week, Year 12, and good luck in your placements! We look forward to hearing all about your experiences when you return.



10 sheets of paper challenge.

Year 9 were set a design challenge to build the tallest and strongest tower using just 10 sheets of paper, and Sellotape to balance a pencil rubber on the top.

The winning design was Jack R whose tower was both tallest and strongest.

Craft Club project

The craft club have been busy again making feeders for birds from wooden lolly sticks. Well done students for your creativity!



National Art Pass

You can get a national art pass for £20 for 3 months here. There are loads of exhibitions, museums etc included across the country, but more locally- Chatsworth is 50% of entry and YSP is free entry with a pass. <https://www.artfund.org/national-art-pass>. Offer available until 30th June 2026.

Photography talk with Clive Booth

'From shoot to fine art archival print, photographer, filmmaker and Canon Ambassador Clive Booth will take you on a journey from shooting backstage at The Birmingham Royal Ballet to making fine art archival prints exhibited at World EXPO, Osaka, Japan 2025. An in-depth discussion of his capture to print workflow and his one camera, one lens and one light philosophy for this unique project'

Clive Booth has a talk on the **24th June** at the Link Centre- doors open 7pm starts at 7.30. A discussion on working in the creative industry, passion projects, the challenges of AI and making a living from a creative job. Alongside an exhibition of his work: The Silence after Applause. For free entry take your QEGS lanyard.

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 15th June 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:

- Child Protection Officer
- Site Manager

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 15th to 19th June – Year 8 trip to Rome
- 15th to 19th June – Year 12 work experience week
- 16th June – Primary Sports, rounders
- 15th to 19th June – Year 10 core mocks
- 22nd to 26th June – Year 10 work experience week
- 23rd June – Primary Sports, rounders
- 29th to 1st July – Year 12 Gold DofE practice expedition
- 29th June – Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day
- 29th June – Year 12 A Level Biology fieldtrip
- 29th June – Year 11 students and parents/carers Sixth Form information evening, Sixth Form Common Rm
- 29th June – Swift watching, 8pm, meet at Main Reception
- 30th June – Year 9 Sports Leaders Spring Lakes trip
- 30th June – Year 10 and 12, DT/CDM trip to the London Design Museum
- 1st July – Year 8 Science trip to Twycross Zoo
- 2nd July – Sports Day
- 2nd July – Summer Music Concert, 7:30pm, School Hall, ticket link [here](#)
- 3rd July – Year 10 University of Derby visit

Finally

Such a lovely farewell today to our Year 11 students. 11 tractors onsite, lots of signed shirts, a whole school applause parade and a BBQ (when the sun finally came out!), it was perfect. Well done Year 11 and well done QEGS staff for organising. Special shout out to Mr O'Keefe and Miss Ward for overseeing not just today, the whole year for Year 11. Year 10, you are next, congratulations as today you 'step up'.



Again, just a reminder, really sad to hear the news that Abbotsholme School has now closed. Please share these contact details if you know of a family with a child at Abbotsholme who may need to get in touch to secure a place at QEGS. Please contact us by phone on 01335 343685 or email via Mrs Starkie starkiek@qegs.email for a chat and tour if required.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Garrity'.

Scott Garrity

Headteacher

Enc: Music Concert Poster