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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Weekly Bulletin #34

Leavers' Recital at St Oswald's Church

Last night Ashbourne was treated to a wonderful evening of performances from our departing QEGS musicians. St Oswald's Church was filled with the sound of violins, saxophones, clarinets and singing as we celebrated our Year 11 and Year 13 leavers, and the programme ranged from Pachelbel to ABBA, Weber to Lloyd Webber.

A huge thank you to everyone who performed last night: Lauren, Finlay, Steph, Rory, Fergus, Julian, Ella and Eleanor alongside the Saxophone Group, String Group and Chamber Choir. It was a delightful evening of music, and we are so grateful for everything you have given the Music Department over the last 7 years



But if you missed out.... fear not! You still have one more chance to hear these stunning performers alongside the rest of the QEGS Music Department at our Summer Concert on Thursday 2nd July at 7:30pm. Tickets are available now from www.qegs.link/tickets

We hope to see you there for our *Midsummer in the Mid-Century* extravaganza

Ski Trip January 2028 – places to be secured in September 2026

Following the success of this year's trip we are excited to once again offer Year 7 and Year 8 students (as of September 2026) the opportunity to take part in a ski trip to Les Menuires, France, in January 2028.

The trip will open for applications in September 2026, with 60 places available.

The trip package is expected to include:

- Return flights, including airport taxes
- Transfers to and from UK and abroad based airports
- Full travel and medical insurance (subject to policy exclusions)
- Six nights' full-board accommodation in multi-bedded rooms (drinks with meals, other than breakfast, are not included)
- Five-day hire of skis, boots, poles and helmets
- Five days of ski tuition (5 hours per day)
- Five-day local lift pass
- Five evening activities
- Resort-based travel representative



We are sharing this information now to ensure that both current and prospective students and their families are aware of this exciting opportunity and have plenty of time to plan ahead.

The cost of the trip is expected to be between £1,700 and £1,800 per student, although this will be confirmed in September 2026 due to external factors. To secure a place, a deposit of approximately £150–£200 per student will be required (final amount to be confirmed in September).

Financial support is available for students in receipt of Free School Meals. In addition, our Student Travel Bursary may be available to families experiencing financial difficulties. We will do our best to support as many students as possible in taking part. For further information around support with finance, please contact Mrs Starkie starkiek@qegs.email.

BTEC Business Students Planning Race for Life 2026

Our Year 12 BTEC Business students have been busy planning and preparing for one of their biggest projects of the year – Race for Life 2026.

The event, which is due to take place in July (further details to follow very soon), will involve students from across all year groups and aims to raise money for cancer research. Organising an event on this scale is a significant undertaking, and we wish our BTEC Business students every success as they continue their preparations.

As part of the planning process, students had the opportunity to pitch their ideas and present their event plans to the Senior Leadership Team during a leadership meeting last week. The team were highly impressed by the level of thought, detail, and professionalism demonstrated by the students, as well as the confidence and effectiveness with which they responded to questioning.

This was an excellent opportunity for students to showcase the skills they have developed through their studies, and they should be extremely proud of how they represented themselves and the Sixth Form.

Year 10 mocks & Work Experience week

Mrs Dyer and Mrs Johnson would like to say well done to our Year 10 students for their mature and conscientious approach during their Mock Examinations this week. Your resilience, preparation and commitment to doing your best have been excellent to see!

We would also like to wish you the very best of luck for your work experience placements next week. Work experience is a fantastic opportunity to develop confidence, gain valuable workplace skills, understand how different organisations operate and explore possible future career pathways. It also helps you build independence, make professional connections and gain experiences that will support future applications, apprenticeships and employment opportunities.

We hope you make the most of this exciting opportunity and enjoy learning beyond the classroom.

North Midlands Track & Field

A brilliant day of athletics for QEGS on Wednesday at the North Midlands "A Final" of the track and field cup.

Results as follows:

Intermediate Girls : 2nd

Junior Boys : 5th

Intermediate Boys : 6th

Some very impressive efforts from our students, well done to all who participated!



Primary Sport

This week we had over 200 children taking part in the Year 5 & 6 rounders. The standard of play was high and some great rounders were scored. Well done to everyone that took part and thank you to the leaders that ran the event.



Dylan shares awards

Dylan S, Year 12 has his Youth Champions Belt and East Midland Champion medal on show in the Sixth Form trophy cabinet. Thank you for sharing, Dylan.



Derbyshire Dales 'Go Green' event

Derbyshire Dales District Council are excited to announce that this year's Go Green event will take place on Saturday **18th July at Hall Leys Park, Matlock, DE4 3AR from 11am to 3pm.**

This is a free, family-friendly event designed to inspire residents to reduce their carbon footprint, live more sustainably, and make space for nature. There will be stalls, crafts and activities with the opportunity for residents to find out about Green initiatives, talk to experts and suppliers, and meet like-minded people.

At 1pm on the day we will also be drawing three winners from our Making Space for Nature themed raffle at the event, with three £25 gift voucher each from [Naturescape](#) up for grabs!

To enter this raffle the participant must submit a photo with a descriptive caption showing how they have 'made space for Nature within Derbyshire Dales' to the Climate Change Team

Email: Climatechange@derbyshiredales.gov.uk before **5pm on Friday the 10th of July.**

More information on the event and the raffle, including the full Terms and Conditions and guidance on what consists as an eligible entry can be found on our [website](#).

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 22nd June 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:

- Teacher of English, maternity cover, 2 part time vacancies.

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 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
- 7th and 8th July – Year 6 Transition Days

Finally

Advance notice: the final day of the summer term, **Wednesday 22nd July 2026**, school will be closing earlier at **1:00pm**. School bus routes have been adjusted for the earlier pickup; public bus routes will be nearest timetabled time.

We say farewell to Brendan Drake (Child Protection Officer) who leaves us to work for Derby City Council, good luck Brendan. Also farewell to Georgia O'Reilly (PE teacher maternity cover), thank you for your time with us. Lots of summer events coming up including Sports Day and Summer Music Concert, please see the list of dates above to check what you can attend.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Scott Garrity
Headteacher