



3rd July 2026

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Weekly Bulletin #36

Under 17 Girls Take Silver at the World School Games!

Congratulations to our Under 17 netball team, who secured an outstanding silver medal at the World School Games held at Loughborough University.

Over three action-packed days, the team competed against strong opposition from Australia, Dubai and South Africa, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination and skill throughout the tournament.

Their impressive performances earned them an overall second-place finish, making them World School Games silver medallists. As well as their success on the court, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience, creating lasting memories and representing the school with pride both on and off the court.

Well done to the entire squad; Maizie G, Jessica B, Sophia M, Scarlett A, Hollie W, Lucy B on a fantastic achievement and thank you to Mrs Goddard and Mrs Wilson, parent volunteers for all of their time to help with the squad and weekend arrangements. Finally, a big thank you to Miss Clayton, who could not be prouder of the team!



UNDER 17	
MVP	Paige B (All Saints AS)
BRONZE	Solihull School
SILVER	Queen Elizabeth's GS
GOLD	All Saints Anglican School



Year 11 Prom

We were delighted to celebrate our Year 11 students at their Prom Wednesday evening at Uttoxeter Racecourse, marking the end of an important chapter in their school journey. It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter, dancing and memorable moments, giving students the opportunity to celebrate their achievements together. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and growth they have shown throughout their time at school, and we thank parents and carers for their continued support.

We wish all our Year 11 students every success and happiness as they embark on the next stage of their education and future careers, hopefully we will see you all on results day.



QEGS Summer Concert Spectacular

The Music Department finished their year off in fine style last night, with a wonderful concert of music from the mid-20th century. The band set the hall swinging with Glen Miller and Benny Goodman, the choirs performed classics from WWII and the Golden Age of Broadway, the String Group treated us to Leroy Anderson Classics, and the Clarinet and Saxophone groups added their distinctive sound in a twist on modern classics. Soloists sparkled with works from across musical genres, and special guests MyForte choir joined us for the second half.



It was a truly spectacular evening full of outstanding performances and an absolute privilege to be a part of. A huge thank you and well done to all the students who performed. You created something amazing last night, and you should be so very proud of yourselves. Congratulations and thanks also to ensemble leaders Mrs Etherington, Mrs Wright and Mr Capes as well as Lily B (Year 12).

A special thank you, too, to those students and staff who are leaving us this year. Our Year 13 musicians have been inspirational leaders in the department, and our love and best wishes go with them as they leave us: Rory, Emma, Lauren, Finlay, Eleanor, Ella, Julian and Fergus, thank you and the very best of luck.

Farewell also to peripatetic tutors Mr D Taylor (guitar) and Mr R Morton (voice) - thank you for everything you have done to support and inspire our students during their time at QEGS.

Safeguarding

As part of our ongoing safeguarding work, we have been working closely with colleagues from Prevent to strengthen our understanding of extremism awareness, recognising the signs of radicalisation, identifying concerning behaviours, and supporting young people who may be vulnerable to harmful influences.

In light of increasing national concerns about the growing influence of harmful online content on young people—particularly adolescent boys—we are committed to providing preventative education that helps students develop critical thinking skills, recognise unhealthy or extremist narratives, and understand where to seek support if they have concerns. This work forms part of our wider safeguarding curriculum and aims to equip students with the knowledge and confidence to make safe and informed choices.

On Monday 6th July, our Prevent Lead will be visiting QEGS to deliver an age-appropriate session for Year 7 and Year 8 boys.

Year 10 Work Experience week – messages from employers and placements

Mrs Morgan, Lead for Careers has received some wonderful messages from the Year 10 work experience placements last week. Plus, 3 students have been offered future apprenticeships for Post-16 already due to their willingness to learn, enthusiasm and commitment shown during the week, well done!

Duffield Meadows: I just wanted to take a moment to express our appreciation for the three students this week. They have all been extremely helpful, polite and a pleasure to work with. We have also received very positive feedback from the class teachers they have supported—even in the exceptionally hot weather!

Dog Grooming by Jan: Just to let you know Daisy has enjoyed her work experience at the dog groomers this week.

Hulland Pre-school: We are delighted to report that your placement student Aydon has had, in our opinion a very successful time with us. She was punctual, of excellent character and worked very well with staff and children at our provision.

Our children absolutely adored her and during her time with us it was clear that she could use good judgment, great initiative and excellent empathy.

Hitchcock Engineering Ltd: As the week has gone on with Oscar on placement, I just wanted to share with you a little of his experience with us. He has had a very varied week with lots of interesting jobs, using a lot of equipment and done a really good job to ensure everything goes out the door correctly and to the customers' requirements. Oscar used the milling machine to do some machining work for a customer who is competing in the British Truck Racing Championship. The machining was to the turbo for the racing lorry that is an integral part of the performance.



Betty's Sewing Box: Nina is very helpful and respectful - she straight away got stuck with a workshop idea I had and helped to make up samples. Nina also worked from industrial patterns to make machine covers working alongside the seamstress colleague



St Oswald's Hospital: Grace has spent her week at St Oswalds Physiotherapy and Podiatry Departments.

She has been a pleasure to have with us and has been thoroughly engaged with both staff and patients.

Hope House Costume Museum: Esme was a joy to have on placement, willing to do everything asked from organising vintage accessories and displays, helping with group tours and in the tearoom. Her help has been missed this week and hope we will see her soon supporting future events in the summer.

Year 10 trip to Buxton College – Thursday 9th July

If parents and carers are yet to do so, please provide your permission for the upcoming trip to Buxton College on **Thursday 9th July** via Parent Pay. All Year 10 students will be visiting the College, a great opportunity to attend taster sessions making sure students are fully informed on Post-16 options.

All Year 10 students, parents and carers, will be informed of Open Days at other nearby colleges and schools in early September to make sure students book in to these events, plus QEGS Sixth Form Open Day will also take place in October 2026.

Year 8 visit Twycross Zoo

Our Year 8 scientists had a fantastic trip to Twycross Zoo this week, supporting their science curriculum by exploring real-life animal adaptations, habitats, enclosures, and the impact of humans on the environment. The students were a credit to the school, working brilliantly throughout the day. Zoo staff were particularly impressed by both their scientific knowledge and their respectful behaviour around the animals. Well done, Year 8!



QEGS Pre-Loved Uniform Shop – Coming Soon!

We're excited to be launching our QEGS Pre-Loved Uniform Shop – more details will be coming soon!

If you have any QEGS uniform that is no longer needed, we would be grateful if you could donate it by handing it in to Student Services.

Please ensure all donated items are:

- Clean
- In good quality, wearable condition (think *Vinted* standard!)
- Free from significant stains, tears or damage

Your donations will help support QEGS families while giving school uniform a second life. Thank you for your support!

Year 11 Sixth Form Transition Day

A fantastic day was had by our Year 11 Sixth Form applicants as they joined us for their second transition day of the year. Students spent the day getting a feel for their new Sixth Form campus, sampling the canteen food and meeting members of the teaching team. The day concluded with an informative assembly led by Mrs Allen and Mr Walker, who shared important information and advice to help students prepare for September. We look forward to welcoming our students back on Results Day, when the Sixth Form team will be on hand to confirm places and answer any questions.





Y12 Psychology and Sociology Theatre Trip

Our Year 12 Psychology and Sociology students enjoyed a fantastic trip to the theatre this week to see Derren Brown. The thought-provoking performance gave students plenty to reflect on and provided valuable links to their studies back in the classroom. It was an engaging and memorable experience for everyone involved. A big thank you to Miss Askey for organising such an excellent trip.

Race for Life – Friday 10th July

In the upcoming weeks will be the annual Race 4 life. The date will be **Friday 10th July**. On this date students are allowed to come to school in PE kit for the run. Please also pack for the day, **hats suncream and water bottles** as they will be outside; may require waterproofs if it is raining!

The BTEC students have arranged for stalls and catering vendors to come in that the students may want to purchase from so please send them with money (cash or card) if wish to purchase ice creams or beverages.

All money fundraised will go to Cancer Research UK. If you would like to donate straight to them our giving page link is here <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/qegs-giving-page-23103388> all money raised goes to Cancer Research UK to help them continue with their life saving research. A letter will follow with more details in the coming days.

Visit to Design Museum in London

It was an early start for the Product Design, CDM, and Art students who enjoyed an inspiring educational visit to the Design Museum in London on Tuesday 30th. The group explored the Wes Anderson: The Archives exhibition, gaining insight into the filmmaker's distinctive visual style, creative process and attention to detail. Students also visited the museum's exhibition showcasing iconic designs from the past three decades, discovering how design has shaped everyday life through innovation, functionality and creativity.

It was a fantastic day filled with inspiration, discussion, and learning. The students represented the school exceptionally well throughout the trip, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and respect for the museum, its staff, and members of the public. They were a credit to the school, making the visit both enjoyable and memorable for everyone involved.



EXCITING NEWS - LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION!

Come join us at the Elite Cinema on **Tuesday 17th November 2026** for a magical night of original films made by the current CDM students.

All welcome! Buy your tickets at: <https://www.ticketsource.com/booking/select/xmobmpmbzygo>

Date: **Tuesday 17th November 2026**

Doors Open: 5:00 PM

Screening starts: **5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

Venue: **Elite Cinema Ashbourne**

Year 9 Sports Leaders reward trip to Spring Lakes 2026

An amazing day at spring lakes with the Year 9 sports leaders, spending time on the inflatables, knee boarding and the beach. The children were fantastic & we had great weather too!

I would like this opportunity to thank every single sports leader for all of their help this year with primary sport you've been amazing.



Free School Meals – Important Information for all Parents

Important information has been emailed to all parents regarding Free School Meals (FSM). Please check your emails and read the letter carefully.

In summary:

- If your child currently receives Free School Meals, **you are required to reapply**.
- If you receive Universal Credit but do not currently receive Free School Meals, you may now be eligible to apply under the Government's expanded eligibility criteria.

Please refer to the letter sent by email for full details and application information.

Derbyshire Police survey

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts is currently consulting women and girls about their experiences of gender violence - to feed into the OPCC Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Delivery Plan to tackle VAWG across the Derbyshire police force area.

We are currently short of responses from younger women and would like to ask for your help.

[Women and girls invited to share their experiences of gender violence | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner](#)

The survey closes at the end of July and teachers, other staff, parents and anyone else who lives in Derby or Derbyshire are also welcome to complete the survey.

Ashbourne Library – Holiday Activities during August 2026

Please see the attached poster for information from Ashbourne Library about their Holiday Activities during the summer holidays. Students receiving Free School Meals the sessions are free, plus paid spaces available

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 6th July 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>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

- 7th and 8th July – Year 6 Transition Days
- 7th July – Year 6 Parents Evening event, Main Hall, 6pm – 7pm
- 8th July to 10th July – DofE Silver qualifying expedition
- 9th July to 10th July – DofE Bronze qualifying expedition
- 10th July – Race 4 Life event, students Years 7 to 10.
- 16th July – Swift watching and walk, 7:30pm
- 19th to 22nd July – Year 7 Paris/France trip

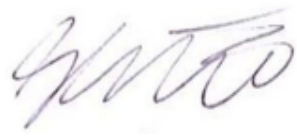
- 20th to 22nd July – Year 12 Geography residential trip
- 21st July – Year 10 Career talks and Employability Day, in school
- **22nd July – Last day of term, finish 1pm.**
- 23rd July – Inset Day, school closed to staff and students.

Finally

It has been such a busy and rewarding week with so much going on since our last bulletin. Thank you to all the staff who have organised and led events both in and out of school, giving up hours of their own time to give our students fantastic experiences. Please have another look at the contents of this bulletin. It is truly phenomenal that a state funded, comprehensive school can offer so much to young people in a midlands market town and large rural community. I am so proud to be a member of staff with these colleagues and an educator with our students.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'SG', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark.

Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Enc: Ashbourne Library Summer Activity Poster, Free School Meals letter