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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Weekly Bulletin #3

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

Supporting a Positive Start to Autumn

As we settle into the new school year, autumn brings shorter days, changing routines and, for some young people, new friendships and challenges. This is a good time to check in with your child about how they are feeling, both in school and online.

This week our assembly has been on safeguarding and wellbeing where we have shared with all students the support available in school and out, and how they can access it. We have lots of information and signposting to helpful services on our website:

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/key-information/safeguarding-sign-post/>

If you have any worries about your child or the welfare of another child, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Deputy Head of Year or Achievement Leader in the first instance, or email

safeguarding@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

Land based studies this week



Kyle was busy ear tagging and dehorning calves. Dehorning is conducted to improve safety of handlers and for welfare in the herd.

Ear tags help farmers track where their cows were born, where their cows may have moved and their medical history.

This traceability and provenance gives customers the confidence that British beef is produced to some of the highest standards in the world, and is yet another reason to eat it.



Don has been managing feed and bedding for calves. They looked very content and well cared for!

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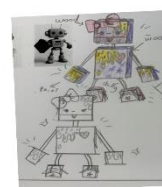
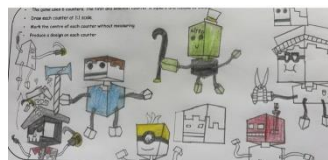
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Design & Technology

We may be without workshops due to the exciting new refurbishment of our workshops but that does not mean that creativity stops. Our Year 7 students are designing outstanding Block Bots which will be made in the near future and include laser cut accessories.



QEGS Christian Union

Students are welcome to come along to the QEGS Christian Union club on Thursday lunchtimes in Rm 107 for a game, bible study and a snack.

Instrumental Music Lessons at QEGS

Would your child like to learn a musical instrument or continue developing their existing musical skills?

At QEGS, we offer instrumental lessons with specialist music tutors for students of all abilities, from complete beginners to experienced musicians. Learning an instrument is a fantastic way to develop confidence, creativity, resilience and teamwork, as well as providing opportunities to perform and grow as a musician.

Instruments currently available include:

-  Piano
-  Saxophone
-  Clarinet
-  Flute
-  Oboe
-  Violin
-  Cello
-  Drums
-  Guitar

Students who take instrumental lessons can also become involved in the wider musical life of the school through a range of clubs, ensembles, concerts, productions and other Performing Arts events throughout the year. There are plenty of opportunities to perform, make new friendships and develop confidence through music.

Interested?

If you would like your child to begin lessons or continue learning an instrument they already play, please complete the form below:

 [Music Peripatetic Lessons – Fill in form](#)

Further information regarding lesson arrangements and fees can be found within the form. Places are subject to tutor availability.

We would love to welcome even more students into the QEGS music community and help them begin or continue their musical journey.





Outstanding Musical Achievement

Congratulations to Isabel H, Year 13 on her fantastic achievement of passing Grade 8 Harp with Distinction.

Achieving a Distinction at Grade 8 is a remarkable accomplishment and reflects Isabel's exceptional musical talent, dedication, and commitment to her instrument. Reaching this prestigious standard is the culmination of many years of hard work, perseverance, and practice.

We are incredibly proud of Isabel and wish her every success as she continues her musical journey.

Well done, Isabel!

Performing Arts Clubs

Please take a look at the Performing Arts Club poster sent out this week with the bulletin for the timetable of the co-curricular opportunities during lunch break and after school students can be involved in.

Sixth Form updates:

Year 12 UCAS Trip – University & Apprenticeship Fair

A reminder that our Year 12 UCAS trip takes place next **Wednesday 30th September** at Leicester Tigers Stadium in Leicester, where students will have the opportunity to attend a **University and Apprenticeship Fair**. The trip takes place during usual school hours; therefore, students will be returning in time for buses etc. please refer to the letter sent at the start of term for more information.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to start thinking seriously about their next steps beyond sixth form, exploring the different pathways available to them and gaining a greater sense of purpose around why they are studying hard and working towards their future goals. We hope they come away feeling informed, motivated and inspired about the opportunities ahead.

Sixth Form Sports Morning – Year 12 vs Year 13

On Tuesday, our sixth form students took part in a mini sports event during their Life Skills lesson. It was a great way to start the term, giving students the opportunity to step away from their usual routines, have some fun and, importantly, build and strengthen relationships with one another.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Correction re. start time.

The Sixth Form open evening takes place on **Thursday 8th October between 6-8pm**, apologies for any confusion caused by last week's misprint. The event will begin in the main hall with a presentation delivered by the Sixth Form leadership team, students and parents/carers will then can visit our dedicated Sixth Form campus and all the subject areas we have on offer. We look forward to seeing there!

EXCITING NEWS - LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION!

Come join us at the Elite Cinema on the 17th of November 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/xmobpmpbzygo>

Date: Tuesday 17th November 2026

Doors Open: 5:00 PM

Screening starts: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Venue: Elite Cinema Ashbourne

Cut! 🎬

Ashbourne Young Singers

Please see the attached poster for more information from the Ashbourne Young Singers, meeting weekly on a Tuesday at the St John's Church, Ashbourne from 6:00pm to 7:00pm for students aged 8-17.

School Canteen

Menu choice week beginning 28th September 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/>

Tapestry Learning Partnership Trust Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Current QEGS vacancy:

- Caretaker
- Level 2 Teaching Assistant
- Finance Assistant
- Midday Supervisor

<https://mynewterm.com/trust/Tapestry-Learning-Partnership/145491>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term

29th September – Primary Sports, football

30th September – Year 12 University & Apprenticeship Fair trip

6th October – Primary Sports, cross country

7th October – Schools In pop-up shop, canteen 3:30pm to 5:00pm

8th October – Sixth Form Open Evening, 5pm to 7pm – details to follow to Year 11 & 10 students, parents/carers

13th October to 23rd October – Year 13 Peru trip

15th October – Countdown to Success, and Careers Fair, Year 10 & 11 attending, parents/carers, 4:40pm to 7pm

20th October – Primary Sport, football

23rd October – last day of Autumn 1 Term.

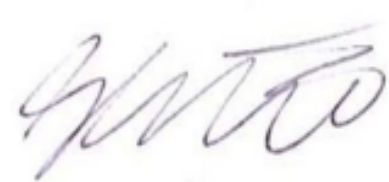
Finally

Thank you to all our Open Evening visitors who came to QEGS on Wednesday. We had over 680 visitors which is our highest ever to date!! If families still wish to visit and have a look round, please contact Mrs Vernon vernon@qegs.email to arrange a visit. This is applicable for Year 6 students and children of any age (up to and including Year10) as our new Boothby Campus means we have some additional space for the next few years.

Next week we will be trialling an alternative version of our usual bulletin via an Instagram 'reel'. We will still issue this current PDF format alongside the 'reel' followed by a survey for parents to tell us which one they prefer.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Encs: Performing Arts Clubs poster, Ashbourne Young Singers poster