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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #3

Sixth Form Update

It has been a busy week for our QEGS Sixth Form Alumni, who have been in to talk to our Year 13 students about their next steps. On Wednesday, we welcomed back Molly and Luke, who shared their experiences of the JCB



apprenticeship scheme. On Thursday, Anya returned to talk about her degree apprenticeship with Morrisons. It was fantastic to hear all 3 students talking so positively and passionately about their career pathways and about the benefits and opportunities of the apprenticeship route. Molly, Luke and Anya have offered to provide further advice and support to any Sixth Former thinking of exploring apprenticeship options in the near future. Careers appointments and advice from the Sixth Form Team is also available.



Girls Football



The U14 girls football team played their first game in the National Cup against Selston. The girls battled hard and came away with an 11-1 win. The whole team was given player of the match as they were all amazing! Goals: Imogen, Alice x 3, Frankie x 2, Mable x 3, Rose and Summer. A big thank you to Emily for refereeing our game, Bella for running the line and all the parents and staff that came to support.

Co-Curricula

At QEGs we are proud of our Co-Curricula opportunities that enhance our broad and balanced curriculum, **attached separately is the Co-Curricula timetable**. All our clubs are offered free of charge and we have a mixture of lunchtime and after school clubs for students to access. **The sports clubs timetable is also attached separately.**

QEGS Trips

Teachers have been very busy organising trips to enhance the curriculum. So far, we have trips in the pipeline for numerous theatre trips including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Hamilton and Hadestown. As well as a trip to the V and A museum to visit the Diva and Chanel exhibition. In science there is a trip planned to Alton Towers to support the A Level Physics course and a visit to Sheffield to take part in a molecular biology workshop. Human sciences have a very interesting trip planned to a criminology conference. Miss Morgan would like to say a huge thank you to the staff that arrange trips, it can be a time consuming but very rewarding process. We have plans for the final week of term to share with you shortly so there is adequate time to budget for events available.

Student Leadership Roles

ALERT! EXCITING STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY! This week Mrs Starkie has launched our KS3 and KS4 Student Leadership Roles during assemblies. Please encourage your child to complete the online application form that has been emailed to Year 7-11. All roles and responsibilities have also been emailed to your child but if you wish to have a look at the presentation please see: <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/parents/student-leadership/>

Year 11 Revision Session Information

The ParentPay shop for purchasing revision guides for all subjects is now open. Students in Year 10 and 11 in receipt of FSM are eligible for a bundle of revision guides please speak form tutors to order the guides needed for your subjects. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=7712>

QEGS: 'Parent View' - Give Your Views

Thank you to those parents who have already completed our feedback survey. Your feedback really helps us to know what is working well and what could be improved. This first survey is for the start of the year, and we really want to know how things are going. This is the survey link sent out at start of this week, last chance to complete if not done so already.

The survey will close at midnight on Sunday 24th September for anyone who would still like to provide us with some feedback - www.qegs.link/pv. Thank you in advance.

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Give your views now by completing this short survey.



GSCE Science

Year 10 Students having fun and showing best practice carrying out food tests - one of their GCSE Required Practical.



Shark Conservation

Luca Year 9 entered a competition last Autumn to take part in Steve Backshall's Deadly Mission Shark series. There were a number of stages to the selection process. He had to submit a short video explaining why he wanted to do it, then go through an online interview and, finally, to attend a Boot Camp weekend in Devon to prove that he had what it takes!

He was one of 6 children from the UK to be selected, joining 4 children from the Bahamas on their home island of Bimini, a very special shark conservation area. They all had to complete their PADI open water scuba diving training.

They spent 2 weeks filming their experiences diving in Bimini,



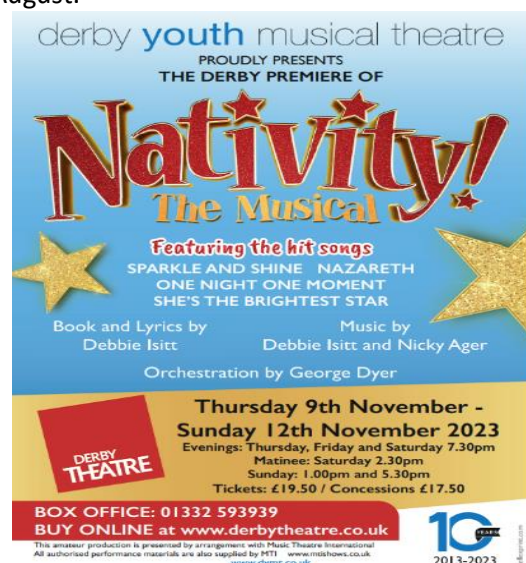
learning about the local sharks, marine conservation and Bahamian culture. As Luca is interested in film production and editing as well as wildlife, it was also the best work experience opportunity he could possibly have imagined, learning as much as he could from the BBC Natural History film crew as possible whilst he was there.

He has since created a Shark Saviours website to raise awareness for the plight of sharks, with links to useful resources; he has published an animated video short on TikTok to raise awareness of the issues of ocean plastic pollution, and he has raised over £500 for the Shark Trust running 100km in August.

The programme is due to air on CBBC at 6pm on Monday 4th September.

Derby Youth Musical Theatre

James B and **Jack B** Year 7 will be starring in DYMT's 10th Anniversary production, *Nativity! The Musical* at Derby Theatre 9th – 12th November 2023. Good luck to you both!



Staffing – Mr Hurley



I am delighted to have joined QEGS as the new Head of Department for Languages. May I thank staff and students alike for your genuinely warm welcome and encouragement!

It already feels like a special place to be, and I hope that our dedicated teachers in the department will inspire QEGS students to love learning Languages. The personal benefits are innumerable and research shows learning a language has lots of cross-curricular benefits, never mind a greater earning potential!

My own experience started at a young age, as I heard my father making business calls in French to his contacts. In the days before answer-phones (which preceded voicemail) I began to answer the phone in French myself, if only to say: "Bonjour, je vais chercher mon papa!"

Fast-forward several decades: having taught Languages for 9 years in Derby (and 3 years before that in Nottinghamshire) it is an exciting time to start a new chapter here in Ashbourne. I live not far away in a village in Derbyshire with my wife and son. We love to go for walks in the countryside and I have had to dust off my running shoes to keep up with my son on his bike! To unwind, I love watching rugby (my playing days are behind me) though I will get involved in any 5-a-side football when the opportunity presents itself.

Do say hello if you see me around (or Bonjour/Hola/Guten Tag!) and I look forward to getting to know you in the days ahead.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week 3: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-3.pdf>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 26th September – Bronze DofE Year 9 Meeting (online)
- 27th September – Opening Evening
- 4th October – DofE Awards Ceremony
- 5th October – Year 10 girls STEM Workshop
- 5th October – Year 12 & 13 – Tutor Evening
- 6th October – Year 12 Volunteers Fair
- 9–13th October – Year 11 Geography Urban Fieldwork Trip
- 10th October – Sixth Form Open Evening
- 11th October – Year 12 UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair – Leicester
- 13th and 16th October – Student Flu Vaccinations
- 16th October – Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 16th October – Year 7,8 & 9 Tutor Evening
- 17th October – Year 10 & 11 Tutor Evening
- 18th October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 23rd October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 24th October - Year 11 Food Tech NEA 1 Exams
- 25th October – Dance and Drama – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Theatre Trip
- 26th October – A level Physics – Alton Towers Trip
- 26th October – Last Day of Term
- 27th October – Inset (school open for staff only)

Finally – Parent and Carer Coffee Mornings

Parents and carers are invited to our new informal Coffee Mornings which start next week. Each coffee morning will be led by a member of QEGS staff and will be themed on key areas which parents have asked for opportunities to discuss and feedback on.

- Wednesday 27th September 9.15am-10.45am – What do students' study at QEGS, how are they assessed and how does reporting of grades and progress work? Led by Michelle Ward, Assistant Headteacher.
- Wednesday 11th October 9.15am-10.45am – How do we support students with SEND at QEGS and a chance to meet the SENCO. Led by Steve Bembridge, Assistant Headteacher and SENCO.
- Wednesday 25th October 9.15am-10.45am – How does the rewards system work at QEGS and what helps motivate students to do their best? Led by James Amps, Deputy Headteacher.

The coffee mornings will be based at our new Boothby Campus, in the new canteen, please sign in at the Boothby Reception. Timings will be 9.15am-10.45am and you can book a place via the following link:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/qegsashbourne/qegs-coffee-morning/e-ggrpdx>

Yours faithfully



Scott Garrity
Headteacher

Your menu

Week 3

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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Chilli baked egg with a tortilla V
(Eggs baked in spicy tomato sauce)

Buttered toast **Ve**

Bacon cob

Buttered bagel **Ve**

Pizza crumpet **V**

Bacon with cream cheese bagel

Buttered toast **Ve**

Sausage cob

Buttered crumpet **Ve**

Pizza slice **V**

Brunch muffin V
(Quorn sausage patty & poached egg in a muffin)

Buttered toast **Ve**

Bacon cob

Buttered toastie **Ve**

Pizza pizza **V**

Cheese and bean toastie V

Buttered toast **Ve**

Bacon cob

Buttered bagel **Ve**

Pizza wrap **V**

Curry folded naan

Buttered toast **Ve**

Bacon cob

Croissant **Ve**

Pizza slice **V**

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Paninis
Cheese panini V
Cheese & ham panini
Tikka chicken wrap or panini
Jacket potato
With a selection of fillings & toppings
Pasta pot
Mediterranean pasta bowl Ve
Sub
Mozzball sub

Paninis
Cheese panini V
Cheese & ham panini
Sweet chilli chicken wrap or panini
Jacket potato
With a selection of fillings & toppings
Pasta pot
Americana pasta bowl Ve
Burrito
Roasted Veg Burrito V

Paninis
Cheese panini V
Cheese & ham panini
Piri piri chicken wrap or panini
Jacket potato
With a selection of fillings & toppings
Pasta pot
Creamy tomato and spinach pasta bowl Ve
Cob
Roast of the day

Paninis
Cheese panini V
Cheese & ham panini
Mediterranean chicken wrap or panini
Jacket potato
With a selection of fillings & toppings
Pasta pot
Pomodoro pasta bowl Ve
Other
Quesadilla

Paninis
Cheese panini V
Cheese & ham panini
BBQ chicken wrap or panini
Jacket potato
With a selection of fillings & toppings
Pasta pot
Macaroni cheese bowl Ve
Sandwich
Fish finger sandwich

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Organic beef burger or Vegetable burger V
Served in a bun with mini herb potatoes, baked beans, and coleslaw

Cookie
Carrot cake muffin
Apple & cinnamon crumble

Chilli beef tacos or Vegetarian tacos Ve
Served with spicy rice and zingy slaw

Chocolate orange cookie
Apple flapjack
Strawberry sponge

Roast turkey with stuffing or Vegan cottage pie Ve
Served with creamed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and gravy

Raisin oat cookie
Chocolate cracknel
Jam shortbread sandwich

Katsu chicken or Katsu Quorn Ve
Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan

Shortbread slice
Banana muffin
Sticky chocolate sponge

Buttered fish or Vegan sausage roll Ve
Served with chips, peas, and baked beans

Cherry cookie
Chocolate brownie
Peaches with ice cream

All main and Grab & Go menu options are part of the meal deal

Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily

FOOD
CENTRAL

Ve = Vegan
V = Vegetarian

For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.