

Welcome to QEHS Sixth Form Parents' Evening

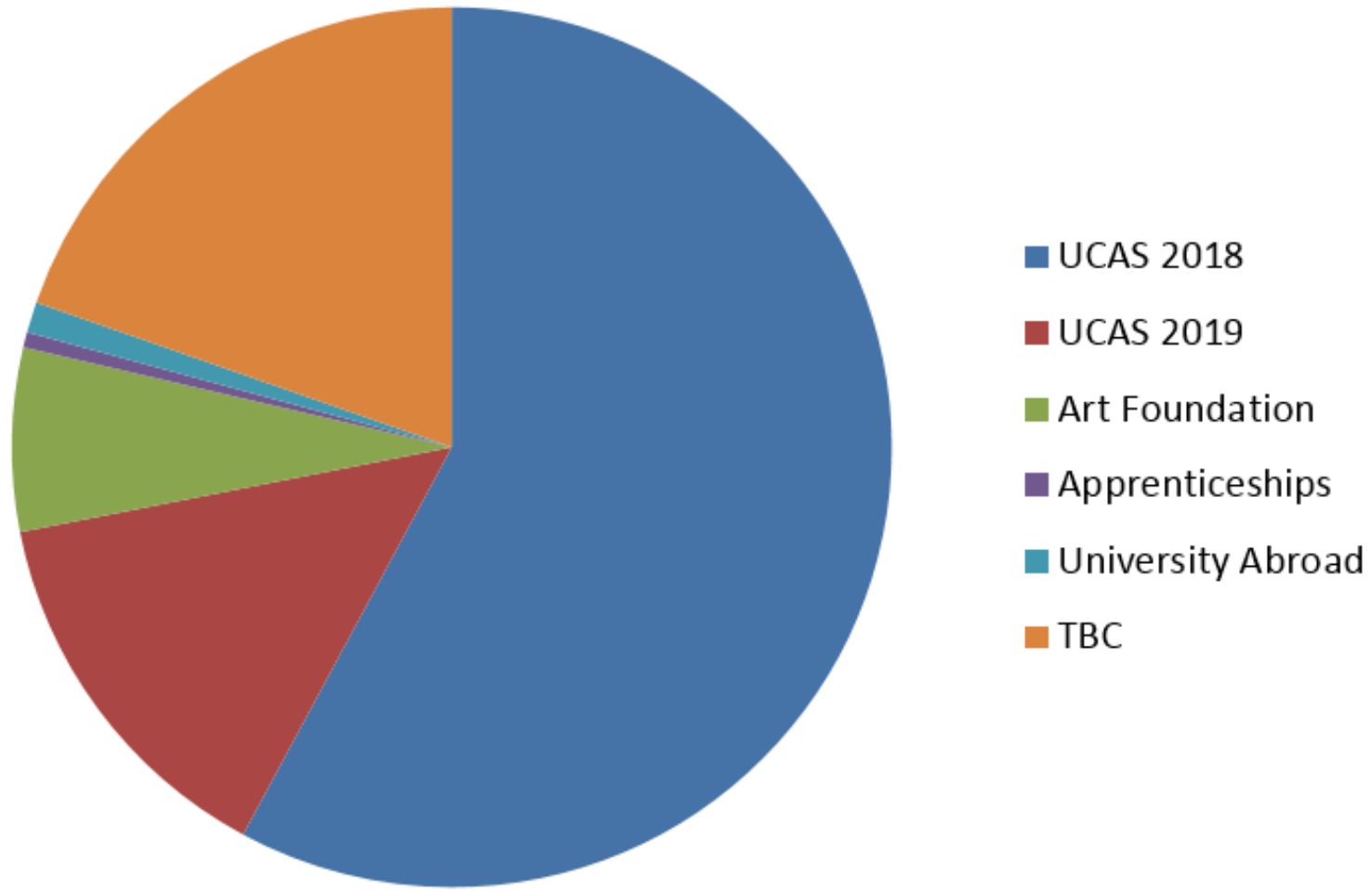
Tuesday 18 September 2018



A Two Year Journey...

- Off to university (buying pots and pans, packing duvets...)
- Off around the world on a gap year
- Off to work, earning and learning via an Apprenticeship

Destinations



University Destinations (2018)

- 116 students were placed in 2018
- 98 went to their first choice university
- 51 of these were to Russell Group universities
 - Two Oxbridge
 - Four medicine & one veterinary science
- One student going to study in USA & one in Germany
- A further 14 students were supported with independent applications

University Destinations (2018)

- This year over 40 different universities for over 70 different courses
- Most popular: business, maths, psychology, sport, TV & film production, engineering
- More unusual: Diagnostic radiography, Japanese

Recent Alternative Destinations

- Apprenticeships and Management Training Schemes:
 - Law (Eversheds)
 - Accountancy (EY and Sterling Pharma Solutions)
 - Chef (River Cottage)
 - Business
 - Data Analytics (EY)
 - Civil Engineering (WSP Group)
 - Joinery
 - Graphic design

Support & Communication

- Data rounds & reports
- Parents' evening
- Supervision
- Events entry – Sims Learning Gateway
- Assembly (Wednesday 9:55am)
- Welcome to Sixth Form Day
- Study Skills and Well-being Day
- All of this and more in Parent Guide

6th Form Bulletin – on your chairs

- Bi – weekly
- Sent out by email to parents and students
- Full of useful information and opportunities such as:
 - Apprenticeships
 - Work experience opportunities
 - University open days and course/summer schools
 - Employment opportunities
- Read around the dinner table

Progression over the two years

- Formal exams in April of Year 12 – designed to test the students as realistically as possible on the learning for the year.
- Students expected to attain a grade A, B, C or D.
- A grade E or U means a re-sit opportunity.
- A second grade E or U results in a meeting.
- The students need to make the right decisions to protect their longer term progression.
- Sometimes students struggle with the rigour and step up and other courses are more suitable.
- The Year 12 formal exam will inform the UCAS predictions

Making the Step Up to Sixth Form

Supporting students to achieve success

Pastoral Team

1. Student welfare
2. Attendance management
3. Community links

Pastoral Support

- To support student learning through mentoring, and attendance management
- To offer support with emotional well-being
 - physical & mental health issues,
 - bereavement
 - listening & counselling
- **Financial support**
- To provide a working partnership between home and school

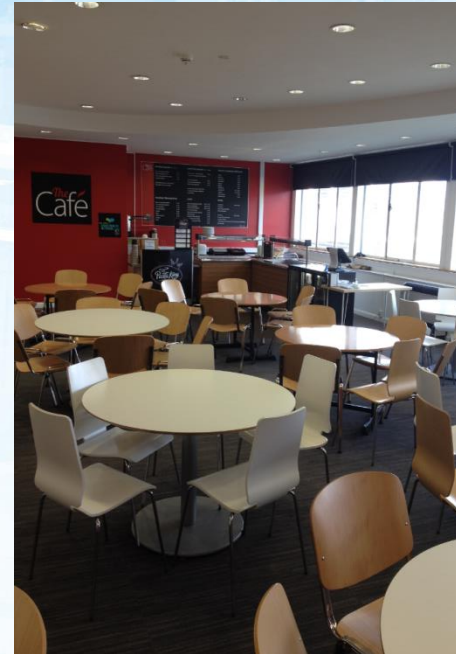
Additional school support

In conjunction with the pastoral team, support for students is offered by:

- Subject teachers, Curriculum Leaders and Supervisors
- Curriculum team
- Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator
- Careers Advisor
- School Health drop in (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Attendance & studying

- Attendance at all subject lessons is compulsory
- Private study periods spent ideally in LRC, A10 study room, Sixth Form Centre.



Attendance & studying

- Parents should notify the pastoral office in advance for planned absence and on the day for unplanned. Absence line 01434 610310.

If a student is recorded as having an unexplained absence (code 'N') from lessons, their parent will be informed by text the next day. The text will ask the parent to telephone the absence line to give a reason for the absence.



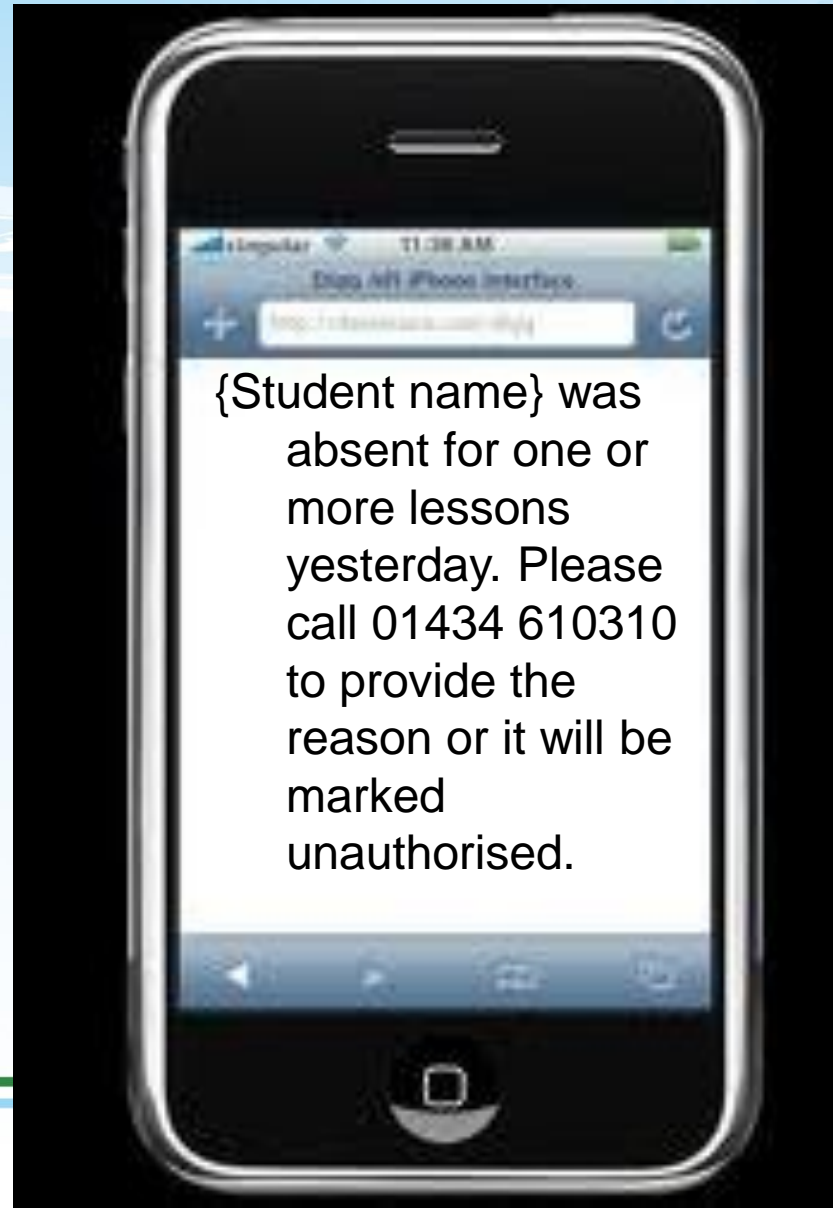
If it is thought the school has made a mistake in the absence recording the student should come to the Student Support Office the next day. This allows school related absence to be corrected e.g. school trips or visits.

Absences that remain unexplained after one week will be changed to unauthorised (code O).

Absence Notification – by text

Note:

We cannot receive
texts in reply.



Absence management procedures

Please note:

- When absence first becomes a problem (under 90%) our initial contact is with the student in order to provide them with the opportunity to take responsibility for their own learning (Level one of procedure).
- You can check your son/daughter's attendance using SIMS SLG. The previous week's attendance will be available online every Monday.
- To obtain a SIMS SLG password please telephone 01434 610359.

Absence Management Protocol

Level 1



The student will be invited to a meeting with the mentor. Students will be informed of this meeting directly. This meeting allows the student to discuss any underlying issues.

Level 2



If the student does not attend the Level 1 support or if attendance does not improve a meeting will take place with the Pastoral Leader.

Level 3



If attendance does not improve, a further letter will be sent to parents inviting them and the student to a meeting with the Pastoral Leader. Appropriate next steps will be discussed including consideration of the student leaving school or restarting their programme of study.

Fresher's Fair 2018

On Thursday 13th September all Year 12 students attended an annual event showcasing opportunities available to Sixth Form students to volunteer and take part in extra-curricular activities. There were over 30 stalls at the event with both school clubs and external organisations represented. **Oxfam, WeCan, Northumberland National Parks, and Hexham Youth Initiative** to name but a few, exhibited their exciting opportunities to QE students.



- Last year 93% of students were involved in at least one form of regular enrichment

Pastoral support days and opportunities

Wellbeing



First aid courses



Safe driving day, Fundraising and charity events, Subject champions, Peer mentoring and Student executive.

Reflecting on Welcome to Sixth Form Day

- Introduction focused on communication, transition and self-evaluation
- Student panels with Y13
- Sessions on study skills/organisation, targets, work experience and building resilience
- Student feedback (what students wanted more info on)
 - study skills, university, managing stress

Enhancement in Y12

- Enrolled when subjects were chosen
- Choice of
 - EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
 - HSLA (Higher Sports Leaders Award)
 - YPAAG (Young Persons' Arts Award Gold)
 - Further Maths (where appropriate)
- Clear expectations for work ethic and attitude to enhancement
- Grab every opportunity and use it to develop and improve

On-going Progression in Y12

- Sixth form bulletin
- Elaine McStravick – LRC / email
- Work experience w/b 11th February 2019
- Next step conference – preparation for apprenticeships, gap year opportunities, uni, etc..
- The curriculum office – come up for support

Work Experience – you have the pack in your envelope

- Compulsory element of being a sixth form student
- Template for letter / email – in the pack
- Form for risk assessment – students have a copy but students can get more from curriculum office
 - Employers must complete this form and H&S checks must be done at a cost of £15 – all info in the pack
 - We cannot authorise this work experience unless the checks have been done by Future works
- We need your support to ensure students get the great work experience that they need.

Key Dates for Y12 Parents

Term One

- Option change meetings – 24 September 2018
- First data round – 30 November 2018
- Parents' evening – 3 December 2018
- Making the most of Yr 12 day - TBC

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Term Two

- Work experience – w/c 11 February 2019
- Report – 15 February 2019
- Formal Year 12 exam week – w/c 22 April 2019

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Term Three

- Higher Education evening – 2 May 2019
- Data – 20 May 2019
- Start Yr 13 – from 3 June 2019
- Progression Weeks – from 3 June 2019
- Resit Yr 12 exams – w/c 24 June 2019

How you can support your son / daughter

- Luggage / Equipment / Resources / Study space
- Attendance / Punctuality – please support us and follow-up
- Time match outside of lesson study – at least five for five
- Maximum nine hours of paid employment per week
- Help them to manage their organisation and communication

Thank you for attending our Welcome to Sixth Form Evening

If you have any questions, please ask the staff around the room.