



16 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Due to the period of national mourning we will continue to maintain an appropriate tone in our communications. We will be able to share more news about the start of term next week. As you are aware, school will be closed on Monday 19 September for the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Year 9 Photographs

Because we will be closed on Monday, the Year 9 photographs have now moved to Monday 3 October. We will send information about these in due course.

QE Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

For several years QEHS has been without a Parent Teacher Association to lead fundraising efforts and promote community involvement for the benefit of the school and its pupils. The leadership team at QEHS is keen for there to be a PTA and a group of parents have now put forward a proposal to start a Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) which can bring together not only teachers, parents and carers but also their wider families, alumni and all those with an interest in the school.

It is clear that the PTFA of a school such as QEHS, with its older student intake and wide geographic catchment area, will be very different to that of a smaller first or middle school. The volunteers hope to use the PTFA format to fundraise with parents/carers, access grant funding, fundraise at in-school events and help the students to fundraise for their own activities and projects.

They would like to start by raising money for a uniform bank and they will be helping co-ordinate the school's used uniform scheme. They hope that you as parents, carers, teachers and friends of QEHS will have ideas of what you would like to fundraise for and how you can help to do it. If you have any questions about the proposals or fundraising ideas, then do let them know at QEHS.PTFA@gmail.com.

They will be holding our first AGM at **6.30pm on Tuesday 18 October** when they will be adopting a constitution. The proposed draft can be viewed [here](#). They will also be voting to appoint a small committee of trustees of the QEHS PTFA. If you would like to be on that committee, attend the meeting or be involved in helping the PTFA more generally then please send your details to QEHS.PTFA@gmail.com and they will be in touch.

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Applying for Y5 and Y9 school places in September 2023

If you have children who will be starting Year 5 or Year 9 in September 2023, the admissions portal is now open. For full details, please see the end of this update.

Kind regards

Mr Seaton
Head of School

Applying for a Year 5 place at HMS or a Year 9 place at Queen Elizabeth High School for September 2023

The process for applying for a place at any Northumberland high school for September 2023 opened earlier this month. Should you wish your child to secure a place in Year 5 or Year 9 in September 2023, you need to apply by **Monday 31 October 2022**, irrespective of your child's current school. In other words, the allocation of a place is not automatic.

How to apply

You are able to apply for a high school place now. Applications for HMS and QEHS are managed by the admissions team at Northumberland County Council. Details of the application process can be found at:

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

The admissions timetable is as follows:

12 September 2022: E-admissions portal opens – link [here](#)

Information and Handbooks available on the Council's website. See the [leaflet on how to apply](#) and [portal user guidance](#). If you have questions, please contact schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk.

31 October 2022: Closing Date for Applications:

E-admission portal closes at 12 midnight. Any applications received after this date will be regarded as late and will not be considered as part of the first allocation of places.

1 March 2023: Parents who have applied by 31 October 2022 will be notified of the outcome of their applications for school places.

Any late applications will only be considered for a place after those applications received on time have been allocated. If all places at a school are allocated to on-time applications, this may result in students not getting a place at their preferred school even if they live in catchment or are in a catchment school.

If you do not apply for a place and you are resident in Northumberland you will be allocated to a school after all other applications have been allocated. You will only be allocated to your catchment school if there are still places available. If there are no spaces, you will be allocated the nearest school which has places available.

If you would like more information about the application process, please contact the admissions team at Northumberland County Council via email at schooladmissions@northumberland.gov.uk or telephone on 01670 624889. Alternatively, if you would like to speak to someone at HMS or QEHS, please contact the school office on 01434 610300 or email admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk with HMS queries or admin@qehs.net with QEHS queries.