



Queen Elizabeth High School

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23 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been muting our communications over the last two weeks to reflect the period of national mourning. In my letter this week, I wanted to share with you some of the highlights of the start of term and celebrate the many wonderful achievements of our students. We are also welcoming the families of prospective Year 9 students to our open evening on Thursday 29th September. Many of our current students have volunteered to showcase the excellent work of our subject departments and extra-curricular clubs.

Extra-Curricular Fair

Please encourage your son/daughter to sign up to some of our wide range of extra-curricular activities. The full list of activities can be found on our website:

<https://www.qehs.net/index.php/extra-curricular-activities/>



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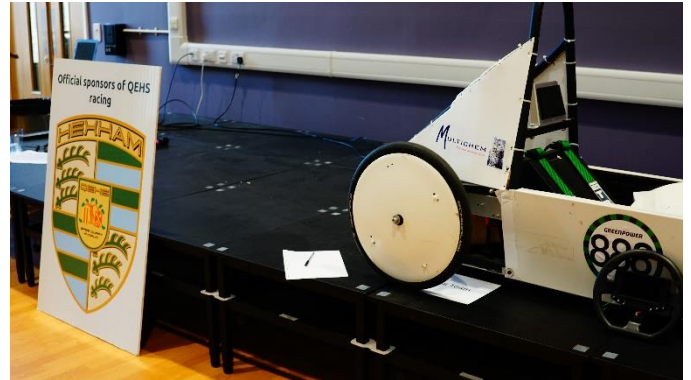
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Freshers' Fair

We were delighted at the success of the Sixth Form Freshers' Fair where students were encouraged to volunteer in both the school and local community. We had a wide range of stalls with visitors from local charities and community organisations as well as representatives from our in-school clubs. We know students who have volunteered in the past have found it helpful in developing their personal skills and qualities.



Winter Illnesses

Please see attached a letter from the UK Health Security Agency with information for pupils, parents and carers on general hygiene, respiratory infections including flu and COVID-19, diarrhoea and vomiting and scarlet fever.

Green Team Award

Over the summer, we were delighted that Eco-Schools (Keep Britain Tidy) awarded the QEHS Green Team a Green Flag with Merit. The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an international accreditation recognising and rewarding young people's environmental action in school. In awarding us, they praised our action planning and efforts to connect biodiversity, litter and water projects in a cohesive way. The awarding body also liked the way we embraced digital technologies in order to spread the values and ideas of our environmental work across the school. They said, "It is inspiring to hear that [QEHS] were able to

supply 150 students with subsidised water bottles that can be used around school at various refill points. It is great to hear you have spent a large proportion of this year preparing and researching the appropriate materials to improve your wild area. All of these efforts show how embedded the values of the Eco-Schools project are within the school."

Rowing Success

Congratulations to Robert Collen in Year 13, who has qualified for the GB Rowing Team for the 2022 World Rowing Beach Sprint Finals.

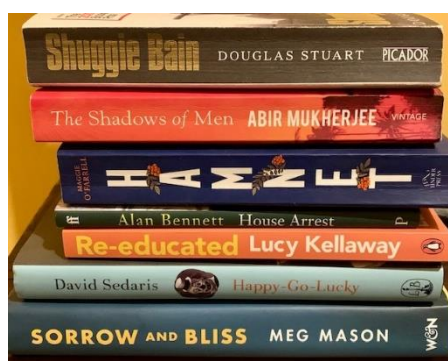
Former student performs at Sadlers Wells in Quartier Paradis

Simeon Corder spent the summer touring with National Youth Dance Company (NYDC), which is England's Flagship youth dance organisation. They bring together talented young dancers from across the country to work with leading artists and create world-class performances, supporting young artists to realise their potential and gain an insight into the dance profession. As part of this amazing opportunity Simeon realised the dream of many dancers and performed on the stage at Sadlers Wells.

His incredibly proud parents were blown away to see him take to the stage. Simeon, who worked hard to overcome the challenge of his dyslexia, thrived in the Performing Arts department at QE and went on to take the UAL Level 3 in dance at Gateshead College. He is now heading off to the Northern School of Contemporary Dance in Leeds.

Reading

In the high school this year we are going to promote and celebrate a love of reading for pleasure. To kick start this Mr Seaton is sharing his summer 'shelfie' of the books he read over the summer. We are encouraging staff and students to share their shelfies so we can see what people are recommending as good reads. There will be more activities and information to celebrate reading.





News from the community

Hexham Squash Club – for Y9-11 Students

Hexham Squash Club are looking to organise sessions on Saturday and/or Sunday mornings. The cost is £5 per session, and the Club expect to organise 10 sessions before Christmas. The Club have all the equipment, but they do ask participants to wear a pair of clean, non-marking trainers. If your son or daughter is in Year 9, 10 or 11 and is interested in joining the Squash Coaching Programme, please let Mr Hedley know (classroom CB9) .

Hexham High Streets Heritage Action Zone

The Hexham High Streets Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) is looking for residents who would like to share their memories of the market in Hexham as part of the 800th Anniversary celebrations on Saturday 24 September.

You would be interviewed and filmed by HexhamTV and the videos will join the Royal Memories Videos and the Memories of Hexham Videos on the HSHAZ webpage: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/.../Hex.../Overview-1.aspx>

Each video will last between 5 and 10 minutes and pairs (couples or friends) would be very welcome to be interviewed together.

It would be great to have memories from the 40s & 50s but equally as interesting to have memories from more recent times, up to the turn of the century. The filming will take place in the cafe of the Forum Cinema between 2.15 and 3.30pm. To book a slot or for more information please contact: peter.mawer@northumberland.gov.uk

Kind regards

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