



30 September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Open Evening

Last night we hosted an open evening for prospective Year 9 students and their families. We had a fantastic evening. There were information talks in our main school hall along with the opportunity for families to visit departments, see our facilities, witness some of our extracurricular activities in action and meet our teachers. There was a real buzz in the school, and the feedback from parents was extremely positive. We are very grateful to our student tour guides, who were a great credit to themselves, their families and the school.

Year 9 Photographs

On Monday 3 October, all Year 9 students will have an individual and a tutor photograph taken. These will be available for parents to buy in the coming weeks.

Children's Commissioner: The Big Summer Survey

The Children's Commissioner's office has launched *The Big Summer Survey* which will provide new insights into how children spent their summer holidays as part of the Family Review. You can access the survey [via this link](#) and you'll also find activities young people can complete alongside the survey. The closing date for the survey to be completed is Friday 21 October.

News from the community

Carbon Neutral Poster/Short Video Competition

Hexham Town Council are running a poster and short video competition for students in years 1-13, with prizes available for each year group. This competition is in aid of Hexham's goal to become net zero by 2030. The goal is to protect the environment and for Hexham to be carbon neutral, have clean air, clean streams and rivers, and enough space for plants, insects, animals, birds and people to live healthily. They would very much like students to take part in this competition, considering: How we will heat our homes in 2030 / How we will travel sustainably in 2030 / How we will reduce waste in 2030 / How we can use renewable energy in 2030 / What benefits we will see in 2030 from doing the 2022 carbon footprint survey.

The competition is to make an A4 poster or 60-second video on one or more of these questions. All pupils at Hexham schools are invited to take part. The deadline to submit is 5pm on 25 November 2022. Please the attached flyer with more information!

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Grow Hexham

There is a free family 'Fun in the Orchard' event on Sunday 2 October from 2-5pm. This is hosted by Grow Hexham alongside No. 28 Community House at Hexham Community Orchard on Tyne Green. There will be activities provided by Hexham Youthy, free recipe kits to take home provided by Hexham Community Grocery, and free apple bakes to sample provided by Hextol Tans. It should be a fun, community-focused event. Full details on the attached flyer!

QE Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA)

As a reminder from our update on the 16 September, please note that the new QE Parent, Teachers and Friends Association is hosting their 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.

Kind regards

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