



Queen Elizabeth High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Remembrance Day

This week the school have been commemorating remembrance in assembly. Students were encouraged to reflect on the purpose of remembrance and to remember those affected by conflict historically and today. The moment was even more poignant given the current situation in Ukraine and the many lives around the world that continue to be impacted by war. Students in Y9 were recorded reading John McCabe's poem, 'In Flanders Fields', and we held a one-minute silence in school today.

Climate Change Competition

The students in Y9 & 10 also heard a talk from Councillor Mike Domingue who spoke to them about climate change and how much CO2 we produce in Hexham. He encouraged the students to take part in the Hexham Net Zero competition. You can find information [here](#).

Children in Need

Next week marks Children in Need day. Over the course of the week we will be selling Pudsey merchandise and there will be a staff netball match on the MUGA at lunchtime. Pin badges (£1) and wristbands (50p) will be available from the LRC next week. Junior Mentors will also come around form classes selling them every day next week.

Anti-Bullying Week

The 14-18 November is anti-bullying week. It is important that young people experiencing bullying behaviour come forward or students who witness bullying are able to report it and not stand by. For families and children who have concerns about bullying behaviour there is information and advice [online](#). There is also information about the school's anti-bullying policy available on the school [website](#).

West End Foodbank

This month we are supporting the West End Foodbank and we need your help! We are asking for donations of dried food, such as rice, pasta and noodles, and tinned goods with long 'Use By' dates.

If you would like to make a contribution, please send items into school by **Friday 25 November** and ask your child to take them to their form class. Sixth Form students can drop off donations in the Winter Gardens. Thank you for your support!

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National Language Competition

Some of our Year 9 French and Spanish students are taking part in the National Language Competition run by GCHQ, the UK's intelligence and security organisation. Working in teams, students have used a range of skills to unlock codes set in multiple languages. Maybe we have the code breakers of the future at QE!



Debating

Congratulations to Felix H, Rhiannon W, and Arran A (Y12) who have progressed to the second round of the English-Speaking Union Mace Debating Competition. The team successfully debated against banning the digital manipulation of advertising and received positive feedback from the judge about their oratory skills.



Rowing Update

A small contingent of QEHS rowers made the long journey to compete at Berwick upon Tweed last weekend. The competition was the Berwick Long Distance sculls, held over 5000m. Emily and Ania (Y10) were the fastest women's double crew on the day completing the course in 25 minutes and thirteen seconds. Also winning on the day were Robbie and Edward who won the open double section, in a time of 23 minutes 57.

Well done to all who competed. We are very proud of you!

Rugby Success

Last week we took the KS3 and KS4 Girls Rugby teams to their respective County Tournaments at Ponteland High School.

The KS3 team comprised Y8 from HMS and Y9 from QEHS. They played against Blyth and Ponteland A and B, winning all of their matches convincingly to become County Champions.

Blyth had only managed to bring a part team and so some of our players joined their team to enable them to play the games. The students who did so were outstanding, encouraging and helping the Blyth players, some of whom hadn't played much before and were unsure of rules and positions. There was absolutely no fuss from them that they were moving to the other team.

The Blyth teacher was very complimentary and couldn't believe that some of the girls assisting their players were only in Y8!

The day after was the turn of KS4 to take the trip to Ponteland. Again, we played Blyth and Ponteland. The girls played some excellent rugby and again, won all of their games convincingly.

A brilliant couple of days of rugby with both teams becoming County Champions. Their conduct was amazing, and they were all an absolute credit to the school and a pleasure to be with.

Movember

Mr Manns (Chemistry) is raising awareness of men's physical and mental health by growing a moustache for Movember. If you wish to donate, please use the QR code below:



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QEPTA Clothes Appeal

QE PTFA have organised a fundraising recycling collection by Bag2School. Students can bring clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and accessories in bags to the Hydro reception on November 18th 21st, 22nd and (by 9am) 23rd. Please see the Bag2School poster below for what can and can't be donated. If you would like to deliver anything for the collection by car, please do so outside school start and finish times to avoid congestion.

The PTFA are also collecting used branded uniform (new and old style) and Christmas jumpers but please put in separate bags to the items for the recycling collection.

Christmas Advert

Former student Tomás Azocar-Nevin is now appearing in the Boots Christmas TV advert! Whilst with us, he did Performing Arts, Drama, Youth Theatre and Youth Dance Tynedale. Full article on the Northern Echo website: <https://www.thenorthernecho.co.uk/news/23108310.hexham-man-lands-role-boots-christmas-advert/>

Kind regards

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Head of School



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Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second- hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed, and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

*The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit Please return your*

Bag2School on:

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 by 9am