



16 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

QEHS Autumn Concert

It was superb to see all of the QEHS extra-curricular music ensembles perform on Monday. The evening was full of variety, with choir, wind band, jazz band, strings, flutes, Northumbrian pipes, the Hydroholics folk group and rock bands providing great entertainment throughout. Many thanks to all the staff involved in this event, but a special well done to Head of Music, Mr Seago, and all the students taking part.

We are always keen to encourage more students to get involved. If your son or daughter is interested in joining our choir, please let them know that rehearsals are on Monday lunchtimes and all students are welcome. If any wind or string players not yet involved in activity in school would like to participate, please just ask Mr Seago about joining the ensembles.

'Hydroholics' are always willing to train new young folk players to keep the tradition alive. If you are interested, please ask Mr Seago to introduce any curious folk players to the leaders – they rehearse most days.

Next stop: Youth Theatre! Our performances of Godspell will take place next term on 26, 27 and 28 January.

Ski Success for Year 10 Student

Harriet S (Y10) has been selected for the 2023 International Schools Sports Federation Winter Games in Turkey in February. She has been selected for the U16 team, consisting of only five students selected from Y10 and 11. This is a fantastic achievement – congratulations to Harriet.

Year 9 Flu Immunisations – Catch Up

The School Aged Immunisation Team will return to school on **Wednesday 21 December** to run a Nasal Flu Vaccination catch-up session for year 9 students. Year 9 parents/carers have been sent a link to give consent if they wish for their child to be immunised but had missed the closing date for the first session. The link will close at 4pm on Monday 19 December after which parents will need to arrange a clinic appointment directly through the School Aged Immunisation Team.

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Clothes Bank

The PTA, in collaboration with a clothes bank organisation, Fundraise & Recycle, has arranged for the installation of a clothing container at the very bottom of the school car park. The first collection is scheduled for January. Donations are welcome and any funds raised will be collected jointly by the QE and HMS PTAs for the benefit of both schools. Please donate any good condition clothes, shoes, belts, bags, duvet covers and accessories. They do not accept damaged goods, books, duvets, pillows, curtains or any heavy items. Donations should be bagged. Bags are available on request at the Hydro reception and at the HMS office but any bag will do. Thank you for your support.



Citizens Advice

Pastoral staff at both schools have been working recently with staff at Citizens Advice to be able to assist in signposting various forms of help that exist to families in these challenging times. We have been asked to share the attached advice column and to bring attention to other advice that can be found on the Citizens Advice webpage [here](#).

Year 9-11 End of Term

Term will end for Years 9-11 on **Friday 23 December** at **12.30pm**. Students can wear Christmas jumpers on this day and are not required to wear their school uniform, but may do so should they wish.

Sixth Form Christmas Lunch and End of Term

The Sixth Form will finish school on **Thursday 22 December** and will have their Christmas lunch to celebrate. Miss Platts will send a separate email later today with full details of the Sixth Form arrangements for this date.

Kind regards

Mr Seaton
Head of School