



2 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Chess Tournament**

On Tuesday this week, two teams of six players from Hexham Middle School and three from Queen Elizabeth High School competed in a regional qualifying round of the English Chess Federation's national schools competition, alongside teams from seven other schools. The event, which took place at St Mary's school in Longbenton, was a great experience for all of our representatives, each of whom acquitted themselves very well. The HMS teams were the youngest there, with all other teams of secondary age at the older end. The Key Stage 2 HMS team did particularly well in winning a round against a much older team, as did two of the high school teams who qualified for the next round, which is expected to take place early in the New Year. Very well done to all involved.

### **Physics Success**

Lewis Payne and Maisie Saunders, both in Year 13, entered the Institute of Physics (IoP) 'Quantum on the Clock' schools national video competition, encouraged by their teacher, Mrs Wright. Their entry, 'Quantum Information and Caterpillars', won the IBM Quantum prize for the most engaging video, and led to them being invited to attend the prestigious IoP 'Photon 22' national conference, where they were presented with their award at the conference dinner. A full link to the IoP awards page and their winning video is at [Quantum on the clock schools video competition winners | Institute of Physics \(iop.org\)](https://www.iop.org/quantum-on-the-clock-schools-video-competition-winners)



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## **Y9 Nasal Flu Immunisations**

Please note that nasal flu immunisations for Year 9 will take place next Friday morning, the 9 December. In order for your child to have the immunisation, you will need to complete an online consent form. This can be accessed via any online device. Please click on the following link <https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> . Please complete the consent form in full using the following school code: **NB143291**. If a consent form is not completed by midday on Wednesday 7 December, your child may not receive the immunisation. Full details are on the attached letter.

## **Personal Development**

Next week we will be marking 'Human Rights Day' with an assembly from Mr Jones and follow up activities in tutorial. We have also been asking tutors to encourage students to sign up to an extra-curricular activity if they haven't done so already. There are over 50 activities available for students to try. It would be great if parents could look through what is on offer with their son/daughter/young person, the online PowerPoint is here: <https://www.qehs.net/index.php/extra-curricular-activities/> and encourage them to sign up to try something new!

## **End of Term**

Term ends on the **23 December at 12.30pm** for students in Y9-11. Sixth Form students will finish at lunchtime on the **22 December** following their Christmas celebration. Ms Platts will be in touch with more information about the Sixth Form event. For students in Y9-11 the 23 December will be non-uniform Christmas jumper day. Students should be in school that morning and Christmas celebration assemblies will take place in regular assembly slots throughout the last week.

Kind regards

Mr Seaton  
Head of School

