



9 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **QEHS Autumn Concert**

We again open our doors to parents and friends to listen to a range of performances. This will include music from the folk group Hydroholics, a range of ensembles supported by peripatetic leaders, and some self-run rock groups. This will take place in the Winter Gardens on **Monday 12 December**, starting promptly at **6.30pm**. Please see the attached flyer.

### **International Human Rights Day**

December the 10<sup>th</sup> is International Human Rights Day and every year the Human Rights Group at Queen Elizabeth High School join with millions of human rights defenders around the world to support Amnesty International's 'Write for Rights' campaign. This week in school we have had human rights assemblies, a bake sale to raise funds for Amnesty International and opportunities for students to participate in the campaign. To find out more and take action yourself, click on this [link](#).

### **Sporting Successes**

Last weekend the high school celebrated a number of sporting achievements. Congratulations to the Year 9 boys' football team who beat Astley 9-1 and Walbottle 5-1. At the area cross country on Friday, 18 of our runners qualified for the next round. The Year 10/11 boys' and girls' teams won the team event. The girls who were competing at the National Schools Cup cross country in Leeds yesterday are automatically through to the next round. They were 15<sup>th</sup> in that event, which is amazing. Congratulations to the girls involved: Ania S, Emily L, Emma N, Esme P and Maria G. In rugby news, both Nathan A and Aaron M in Year 13 were selected to play for the Northumberland U18 rugby squad this weekend against Durham County.

### **Extra-curricular Participation**

We know that students who engage in the wider life of the school by taking part in extra-curricular activities are healthier and happier. At the moment we are auditing student participation to encourage everybody to take part in activities. Please encourage your child to take part in an activity if they are not already involved. A full list of our activities can be found [here](#).

### **Y9-11 Christmas Lunch**

Our delicious Christmas lunch for Years 9-11 will be held on Friday 16 December. This is roast turkey with all of the trimmings or a vegetarian festive alternative, with a vegan option available on request.

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For this there will be one-off charge of £3.65. Please ensure £3.65 is pre-paid onto your child's school meal account if they wish to have the Christmas lunch. For those entitled to free school meals this will be covered by their daily allowance.

Alternatively there will be a limited selection of sandwiches available on the day. If your child does not wish to have the Christmas lunch or a sandwich can we please ask that they bring a packed lunch to school.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch or sandwich, we would be grateful if you could complete the form below by Monday 12 December, if you have not already done so. It would also help us if you could let us know if your child will be bringing a packed lunch.

- [Y9-11 Christmas Lunch Choices](#)

### **Y9-11 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.

### **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. We have invited all Sixth Form students for the lunch with a link to the order form. We would appreciate it if you could encourage them to complete the form to let us know if they will be attending. This will cost £4.50 and vegetarian and vegan options will be available. Payments will be taken in advance, either by card or on their school meal account. For those entitled to free school meals, this will be covered by the daily allowance.

Year 13 will finish term after their Christmas lunch at 12.30pm and Year 12 will finish term after theirs at 1.30pm.

It is vital to note that there will be a zero-tolerance approach to students consuming or being under the influence of alcohol that day. This is the [school policy](#) in relation to drug or alcohol use. Parents/carers and students should be aware of this expectation and the potential consequences.

Kind regards

Mr Seaton  
Head of School