

13 January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome Back

Happy New Year to all QE families and friends. I hope that you all managed to have a restful time during the festive season. The students returned to school on Monday with refreshed vigour. The next term is a busy one in the high school and I have included some key dates for families in the table below. Alongside the exams, parents' evenings and option choices for Y9, we are also looking forward to the first Youth Theatre Production for over three years.

Key Dates this Half Term

Tuesday 17 January	Sixth Form Taster Day / Newcastle College Tour Day and Apprenticeship Assembly	Year 11
Wednesday 18 January	Y11 E Band Parents' Evening	Year 11
Thursday 26 / Friday 27 / Saturday 28 January	Youth Theatre Production of Godspell in the QEHS Main Hall	All welcome!
Monday 30 January	Y9 Parent & Student Subject Choice Evening, 4.30pm	Year 9
Monday 6 February	Y12 data sent home	Year 12
Wednesday 8 February	Y12 Parents' Evening	Year 12
Thursday 9 – Friday 16 February	Y11 Mock Exams	Year 11
Wednesday 15 February	Y9 data and options information sent home	Year 9
Friday 17 February	INSET day – students not in school	All year groups

Sixth Form Taster Day

The Sixth Form Taster day for our current Y11 students takes place on Tuesday. For this, Y11 students do not need to wear their school uniform. Y12 and Y13 will not be in school on Tuesday, unless they have an exam, and they will have been set work to complete by their class teachers.

QEHS Youth Theatre Production – 26-28 January

Tickets are now available for the 2023 QEHS Youth Theatre production of Godspell! The dates of the show take place on Thursday 26, Friday 27 and Saturday 28 January. The performance will be in the QEHS Main Hall, with doors opening for Front of House at 6.45pm where drinks and refreshments will be available to purchase along with programmes. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £6.50 for concessions. Seating will be unallocated, so it is best to arrive in good time.

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How to pay: All ticket payments for students and families can be made using the online payment portal, with physical tickets collected from the LRC from Monday 16 January onwards, or at the box office on the evening of the performance. If you wish to buy a ticket but do not have an online payment account, you can either come to the main QEHS reception between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday and pay by card, or reserve tickets by emailing sjackson@qehs.net and then paying on the night of the show.

Clothes Bank

If you are clearing out old clothing after Christmas, please consider donating to our new clothes bank. This has been arranged by the QE and HMS PTA, in collaboration with the clothes bank organisation Fundraise & Recycle. This is at the very bottom of the school car park. The first collection is scheduled for this month. 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, which covers issues for which their offices are currently seeing more enquiries or where they are aware there is a cause for concern.

Kind regards

Mr Seaton
Head of School