

10 February 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Holly's Funeral, Friday 17 February, Hexham Abbey, 11am

Holly's family has shared the details for Holly's funeral. It will take place in the Abbey at 11am on Friday 17 February. This is a teacher training day and students are not in school. The family has indicated that people are welcome to attend the service at the Abbey.

The funeral cortege will pass through Hexham on its journey to the Abbey and will go along Whetstone Bridge Road, passing in front of the school. Staff from both schools will be able to pay their respects and any students who are unable/do not wish to go to the service are welcome to assemble in front of the school. The hearse will pass by at approximately 10.50am on Friday. The day will be a difficult one for the Hexham community and our thoughts are with Holly's family at this time.

Industrial Action, Tuesday 28 February 2023

The National Education Union are planning another day of action on Tuesday 28 February. Our current plan is to open for Y11-13 students again, as we can safely accommodate these students and provide some additional support. Y12 and 13 students should attend lessons if their teacher is in school. Y11 students will attend lessons if their teacher is in school but will be provided with revision or enrichment activities if their teacher is not in school. Y9 and 10 students will be sent work to complete remotely. There are two further days of industrial action planned for Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March and we will consider what the best provision is at that time.

If you are key worker and your child is in Y9 or 10 we can provide supervised space in school where students can access a computer. Please complete <u>this form</u> if you wish to have a place in school on the 28 February.

Reminders

Please reinforce our school's expectations to your child. Chewing gum is a banned substance in the school and students caught chewing will receive a lunchtime detention. Students should wear the correct uniform. If a student arrives in school wearing a hooded sweatshirt or jewellery (that is not allowed), these items will be confiscated for collection at the end of the day.

Medical Appointments

If your son or daughter has a medical or mental health appointment during the school day, please do let the school know prior to the appointment by either phoning in or emailing admin@qehs.net.

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Rowing Success

QEHS rowers competed in late January at Tyne New Year's head. It was great to see everyone back on the water after poor weather and high river levels prevented any rowing on the water. A lot of different crews were trialled for this competition and it was fantastic to have two eights out. It is always impressive to see the power that these boats generate. The next few weeks are critical as we build towards the key spring and summer competitions. We look forward to having a successful season.



Dance Workshop

We recently welcomed former QEHS student and professional choreographer Beth Veitch, who taught a workshop to Year 9 students inspired by her piece 'Waiting on It', which was presented at the Queen's Hall in December. Students took part in a contemporary technique class and learnt a phrase of movement from the dance piece.



Kind regards

Mr Seaton Head of School