

Dear Parent/Carer

Industrial Action, 27 April 2023

As you will be aware there is planned industrial action for the 27 April. Our original intention was to replicate the approach taken for the previous two strike days. However, the NEU has granted voluntary dispensation to their members to teach/supervise Y11 and Y13 classes. We are currently working with the union and teachers to see how this will impact provision on Thursday for Y11 and Y13. I will communicate with parents/carers on Monday about our plans.

Boot bank – Physical Education

All pupils are required to have a pair of moulded studded boots for various units of work in their Physical Education lessons. At several times throughout the academic year, pupils will use the 3G pitch for their lessons and it is compulsory to only wear studded boots on this playing surface.

We hold a 'boot bank' within school. If a pupil wishes to borrow studded boots for a set period of time, they just need to give a £5 deposit to the PE department for a pair of studded boots to keep as their own and to take home. If the boots become too small or a pupil no longer needs them, they just need to return them to the PE department and they will receive their £5 deposit back, or collect a larger size.

The Big Help Out

The Hexham Wombles have signed up to The Big Help Out as part of the coronation weekend's celebration of community volunteers, as proposed by HRH King Charles III; <https://thebighelpout.org.uk/>

Please come along and join them on The Corbridge Road, meeting at Hewson Court car park at 11am on Saturday 13 May. The Wombles are amazing and really do make a difference to our communities. Please do support if you can.



Hexham Book Festival – Free Young Writers' Drop In

Does your child write or want to write fiction or poetry? Encourage them to come and meet the Hexham Book Festival's young writers' group leader, Amanda Quinn at Queen's Hall, Hexham. You'll be able to try some fun creative writing exercises and chat to Amanda about your writing. Everyone welcome (including parents/carers) – drop in at any time between 10.30-11.30am. Free but ticketed; learn more [here](#).

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Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to Darcy F, who was selected for the Netball Scotland U19 squad in August last year. She has worked so hard juggling school with monthly training and camps during the holidays. Last week she made her international debut in Glasgow for which she was awarded a cap. We are so proud of her commitment and determination. Well done Darcy!



QEHS Spring Concert

If you enjoy live music, QE musicians would love your support at the Spring Concert, which is taking place on Wednesday 26 April at 6.30pm. Tickets are £5 and available on the door.

Yours faithfully
Neil Seaton
Head of School