15 September 2023



# Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well on this rain drenched Friday.

# **Extracurricular Fair**

On Monday of this week our annual Extra-Curricular Activities Fair took place. All students in Y9-11 were encouraged to sign up to an activity. Young people that take part in activities at lunchtime, after school or outside of school are happier, healthier and more successful. Please check that your young person signed up! It is not too late to join a club – simply turn up and join in!

# Careers

On Thursday we welcomed NU Futures, part of Newcastle United Foundation, to QEHS. They will be with us every Thursday this term providing Careers Workshops to students in Y9-11. It was great to see our students so engaged in planning their career pathways and finding out what is involved in an interview.

Next week we welcome Gill Stephenson to QEHS. Gill is our new Careers Adviser and will be in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She will initially be focused on giving every Y11 student a 45- minute careers guidance interview. Students will be given a written action plan following the interview.

### Virtue Focus

Each half term we focus on a virtue that links to our school values and ethos. Our Virtue Focus for this half-term is *courage*.

# Netball club

Netball club starts on Wednesday 20 September 3.30pm – 4.20pm in the school sports hall.

### Y11 English Language and Literature support sessions

These sessions are in the English Department every Monday 3.20pm- 4.30pm and every Friday lunchtime 12.45pm - 1.15pm.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> September and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October there are two important revision lectures in the main school hall from 3.20pm-4.30pm that replace the normal sessions. These lectures provide advice regarding the forthcoming mock exams and guidance about how to achieve high marks.

### **Open Evening**

On 28 September we are welcoming prospective Y9 parents and students to the high school. We have requested volunteers from the student body to come along and help. The event runs from 6pm-8pm.

Yours faithfully

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