27 October 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

We have reached the half term holiday after another successful term in the high school. A highlight was on Wednesday when we welcomed Y13 parents to our first face to face parents' evening since the pandemic. The addition of Arlo to the staff has been popular with staff and students. Next term is set to be busy with trips, sporting activities and musical events in the calendar.

Adjustment to the timing of the day

After half term we will be making a slight change to the timing of the school day. In feedback from students we are aware that 15 minutes at breaktime is too short for students to access the catering facilities. The breaktime service is popular students.

To ensure students have sufficient time at breaktime, it will be extended by 5 minutes. Form time will end 5 minutes earlier.

School Day

- 8.40: Students go to form class
- 8.45: Form time
- 9.10: Period 1
- 10.10: Period 2
- 11.10: Break
- 11.30: Period 3
- 12.30: Lunch
- 1.15: End of lunch
- 1.20: Period 4
- 2.20: Period 5
- 3.20: End of the school day

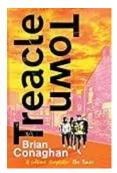


Biology trip

A group of sixth form Biology students attended the 'Matters of Conception' conference at the Centre for Life. They used ultrasound machines to scan models of babies and used virtual reality headsets to look at the human reproductive system before taking part in a Q and A discussion with fertility consultants. A really insightful day out!

Queen Elizabeth High School Whetstone Bridge Road, Hexham, NE46 3JB T: 01434 610300 E: admin@qehs.net www.qehs.net

Executive Headteacher: Graeme Atkins Head of School: Neil Seaton



Author visit

Author Brian Conaghan will be visiting QEHS to talk to Y12 and Y13 on Thursday 9th November. Brian's presentation to students will touch on themes of not being defined by the place we grow up in, why writing is an important expression of feelings and the bigger themes of his latest book: 'Treacle Town'. The book is available to buy on School Gateway at the reduced price of £7 (please note the book is not suitable for younger readers).

Additional information

Please find information attached with the bulletin:

- Lions 2023-2024 Young People's Bursary
- NHS Your healthcare own it!

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 6 November at 8.40am.

Yours faithfully

NSeator

Neil Seaton Head of School