



Queen Elizabeth High School

spes durat avorum

8 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Student life

Respect

Being respectful is a fundamental value of the school and mutual respect is at the heart of our interactions as a community. This week I had the pleasure of spending time with sixth formers attending a politics conference in London. There was a lot of discussion about the toxicity of debate in the country. However, our Y12 and Y13 students were models of intellectual curiosity, polite challenge and willingness to listen to different viewpoints. The experience reminded me how our sixth form engenders criticality and a love of learning.



Engage - students who participate in extracurricular activities are healthier, happier and more successful.



QEHS did the North East proud at the English Schools' AA Cross Country Cup Final at the weekend. Two teams (Inter Boys (years 9 and 10) and Senior Girls (years 11-13)) set off for the long journey south on Friday afternoon, their performances at the regional round in Middlesbrough last month having qualified them for the final of this prestigious event. Racing took place on Saturday in very cold and curiously damp sub-zero conditions at Woodbridge School in Suffolk.

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QE claimed not one but two top ten finishes in races of around 150 runners. Magnus R (Year 10), just in the top ten for the bulk of the race, brought his 800m expertise to the fore and delivered a stunning final push to cross the line in fourth place. Arthur dL, also Year 10, chased him home to cross the line only a few seconds later in ninth. Ania S (Year 11) was first home for the Senior Girls in 13th. Making up the teams were Year 9 boys Arthur D, Leo dS and Morgan V, and Maria G, Emily L, Emma N and Esmé P from Year 11.

On a team level the Senior Girls, in their first year in this age category, came out on top with 8th place out of 26 teams. The Inter Boys also delivered a strong team performance, coming 14th.

All delivered fantastic performances in a highly competitive field featuring young athletes who are already making a name for themselves at national and international level. Well done!



Aspire

Sixth form reminder

Please note that year 12 and 13 are not in school on Thursday 14 December, this is so that we can facilitate Sixth Form Taster Day.

Children in Need money raised

Thank you to students and staff for their contributions to Children in Need. At QEHS we raised as fantastic £718.50

Celebrate the wonderful talents of our students

To celebrate the wonderful talents of our students, we invite you to apply for the [Tynedale Lions Club Young Persons Excellence Awards](#)

Applicants must be 11-18 years of age and live in Tynedale. Young people with learning difficulties will be considered up to 25. Applications should be from an adult, a group leader, a teacher, a parent or indeed from a young person. All applications must be countersigned to confirm parent/guardian consent. The application must be supported by evidential documentation and supplied with the application in any format, e.g. written, photographs, videos, social media, etc.

Making an Application

Application forms can be downloaded from our website here. Further information may be downloaded here. The application document also shows the terms and conditions of the bursary. Please email us at tynedalelionsclub@gmail.com for a copy of the terms and conditions.

Completed application forms should either be emailed to the email address below or posted to:

mikerpotter@gmail.com - Lion Mike Potter, 12 Milburn Close, Hexham. NE46 2NY

Reminders / Key dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 11 December	Y11 parents' evening	Year 11 (E)
Wednesday 13 December	QE Winter concert 7pm	Everyone welcome
Wednesday 13 December	Y9-Y11 Christmas lunch	Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11
Thursday 14 December	Sixth form taster day	Year 11
Tuesday 19 December	Celebration Evening 7-9pm	2022-23 Y11 and Y13
Thursday 21 December	Sixth form Christmas lunch	Sixth form students
Friday 22 December	Birds of prey visit to QE	Year 9
Friday 22 December	School closes at 1.30pm	All year groups
Monday 8 January	School reopens	All year groups

Additional information

Please find information attached with the bulletin:

- Parent/carer workshop for child wellbeing
- Children in Need certificate

Yours faithfully



Neil Seaton
Head of School