



Queen Elizabeth High School

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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE

Dear Parent/Carer

Update on school life

The coming week marks a significant time for our school community and the town of Hexham. The tragic death of Holly on the 27 January left the whole community in shock. The dreadful event brought together the community to honour Holly and support her family.

One year on, we will be remembering Holly in school by wearing purple ribbons and students will be able to wear purple as part of their uniform next Friday. The family have also invited members of the community to a service of remembrance in Hexham Abbey at 11am on Saturday 27 January.

The anniversary coincides with the Youth Theatre performance of Grease and the cast will be performing in memory of Holly. We know that many of our students were affected by the events and continue to be impacted. Please contact the student support staff if you are worried about your child.

Respect

Aerosols

Due to the impact that aerosols have on the environment and people with breathing difficulties/conditions, their use is banned in school. If a student is found using or in possession of an aerosol it will be confiscated.

Sixth Form

Sixth form students who drive to school and use our car park should be reminded that:

- Don't move your car until 3.25pm.
- Do not reverse out of bays - sit with engines off until 3.25pm.
- Any movement of cars will result in students being asked to park off site.

Engage

Time out cards

We recognise that students with additional needs require extra support. For some, this may involve time out of lessons to regulate. To enable this, staff in lessons may request that a student takes 'time out' if this is identified as a technique that will help the student. This will always be for no more than 5 minutes. Students cannot self-select to have time out. If students are struggling in lessons, teachers will be able to call for additional support to come and speak to the student. This will enable us to support students while ensuring they do not fall behind in their learning.

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Aspire

Oxford University Visit

On Thursday 25 January we are fortunate to have our outreach link from Oxford University coming in to talk to **year 11** students interested in applying to competitive universities after sixth form. As students are currently making their option choices and advice about the skills gained from courses rather than just the subject matter covered would be beneficial at this stage. If your child is thinking of university in the future, please encourage them to attend.

Parent / carer workshops

Thank you for the many expressions of interest around mental health and wellbeing awareness workshops.

A 2 hour workshop 'Looking after your child's emotional wellbeing workshop' will be running at QEHS. There will be three opportunities to attend the workshop as we have tried to offer a variety of times to accommodate as many parents/carers as possible:

Thursday 25th January 10am – 12pm

Thursday 25th January 5pm – 7pm

Wednesday 7th February 1pm -3pm

This is the same workshop, you only need to attend one slot.

For more information about the workshop, please see the attached flyer.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Jen Ballantyne, Student Standards and Support Co-Ordinator at jballantyne@qehs.net to book which slot you would like.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 22 nd January	NEA deadline – final history – year 13
Tuesday 23 rd January	KS4 RE day – year 10
Thursday 25 th January	Oxford University visit – year 11
Thursday 25 th January	Youth theatre 'Grease' performance – 7pm (curtains up 7.30pm)
Friday 26 th January	Youth theatre 'Grease' performance – 7pm (curtains up 7.30pm)
Saturday 27 th January	Youth theatre 'Grease' performance – 7pm (curtains up 7.30pm)
Monday 22 nd January – Friday 26 th January	Remembering Holly – wear purple ribbons
Friday 26 th January	Remembering Holly – wear purple
Saturday 27 th January	Act of Remembrance Holly – Hexham Abbey – 11am

Additional information

Please find information attached with the bulletin:

- Parent/carers workshop for child wellbeing flyer

- Grease poster
- PTA Prom sale flyer

Yours faithfully



Neil Seaton
Head of School

Pupil support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Hattie Curry

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Emerson Brown and Ms Sarah Albert

SENDCo Mrs Jill Wood

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time. You can contact us via the main office (phone) or by email (admin@gehs.net)

For queries regarding attendance or absence, please email attendance@gehs.net