



Queen Elizabeth High School

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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 19

Dear Parent/Carer

Update on school life

We are still basking in the afterglow of the wonderful school production of Grease. Once again congratulations to all the staff and students who were involved. You will read further on in this letter about some changes we are making about punctuality after February break. As a community we need to make sure all our students are safe, secure and engaged in learning. The staff care very much about our students and aspire for them to do well in school and in their exams. Our expectations are clear: we treat each other with respect, engage in our learning by working hard and are aspirational.

Respect

To acknowledge LGBT+ History Month I spoke to students about how the Equality Act protects people from prejudice and discrimination and how important it is that the school community accepts and celebrates diversity. QEHS: No place for hate.

Engage

Behaviour update

The vast majority of students at QEHS demonstrate excellent behaviour. Unfortunately, there is a minority of students who struggle to maintain punctuality throughout the school week. Time out of lessons is lost learning time so we need to work to combat this.

From Monday 26th February we are implementing the following changes: is

Form time attendance

Form time begins at 8.45am. This is valuable time to support students' personal growth and wellbeing. If students are late into form time, they will receive an S3 detention. This will replace the detentions currently issued for being late into school. If students take a bus to school and it is late, they will receive a slip to hand to their form tutor which means that they will not be sanctioned.

Lesson punctuality

Students will no longer receive a late mark if they are late to a lesson. Staff will instead record the number of minutes a student is late for their lesson. At the end of each week, Year Teams will run a report to total minutes late for each student across the week. Students will serve a Leadership Late Detention on Friday after school to the nearest half hour based on how many minutes late they have

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been across the week. Any students who accrue more than two hours of late minutes will serve a day in seclusion plus a one-hour detention during the following week.

These detentions will be mandatory and failure to attend will result in seclusion. If transport home is an issue, please contact your child's head of year and we will work to support a solution.

Aspire

The amazing Rendez-Vous dance group paid QEHS a visit this week!

The contemporary dance group led by award-winning choreographer Mathieu Geffré gave a performance in the school's LRC to students across all of the year groups. They were so inspiring for our lucky students, and I think many of our students will remember this for long time to come!



Thank you, Rendez-Vous dance, for visiting us!

News from the community

From the rugby coach at Tynedale RFC for the u16 boys group:

Just wanted to say that we won the County Cup last Sunday (21st January) with a broad mix of school pupils including boys from QE. This is a huge achievement to win this cup from the whole of Northumberland and the result of many hours on the training pitch.



The boys from QE were fantastic and continue to represent the club to an exceptionally high standard. The boys involved were (in no particular order)

Joe E, Henry D, Seth H, Benji S, Adam W, Jake R, George B, Zak H, Owen S.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 5 th February	Biology Trip – Centre of Life	Year 13
Wednesday 7 th February	Hate Crime Presentation – Northumbria Police	Year 9
Wednesday 7 th February	Mock exams start	Year 11
Wednesday 7 th February	Y12 Parents' evening	Year 12
Thursday 8 th February	Hate Crime Presentation – Northumbria Police	Year 9
Thursday 8 th February	Sixth Form Meetings with Students/Parents	Year 12
Thursday 8 th February	Biology Trip – Centre of Life	Year 13
Friday 9 th February	Sixth Form Meetings with Students/Parents	Year 12
Friday 9 th February	External Student Option Interviews for Sixth Form	Year 11

Additional information

Please find information attached with the bulletin:

- Be creative 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@qehs.net)

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