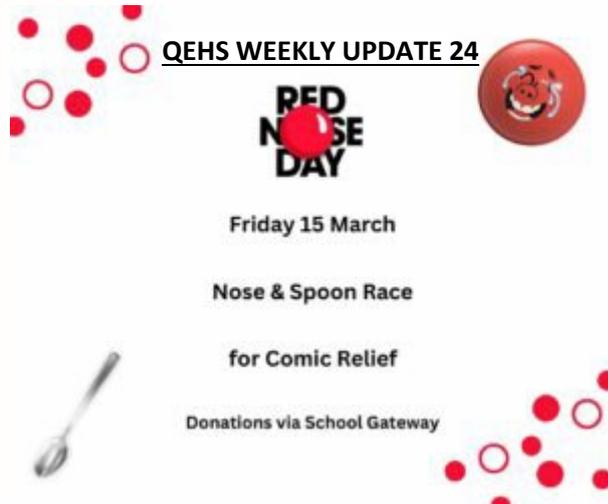




Queen Elizabeth High School

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15th March 2024



Dear Parent/Carer



Congratulations to Mr Atkins who regained the title of QEHS Comic Relief Nose & Spoon Race Champion, beating James M from year 9 in an entertaining final. James progressed to the final by beating Philip B from year 10 in the student semi-final that saw the lead change hands several times as the boys went round the course – a lap of the central courtyard in front of a great crowd of their peers – with the wind playing havoc with the red noses. The wind caused similar problems for Mr Seaton in the staff semi-final enabling Mr Atkins to go on to overall victory.

Respect

Parent/Carer Survey

Each year we seek feedback from our parents/carers about their child's experience in the high school. The feedback in the last two years has been very positive and it has led to the return of face-to-face parents' evenings, an expansion of our enrichment offers and review of our behaviour policy. We recognise that engagement with parents/carers is a valuable exercise. We get a large number of responses to the survey so will not be able to respond to individual queries.

Please take the time to complete by using this link [Parent/Carer Survey](#)

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Late Detentions

Students are expected to be on time to all lessons, arriving within the five minute transition window between lessons. If students are late to a lesson, then the number of minutes will be recorded and each week a running total will be taken for minutes late across the week. Students will be issued with a detention to the number of minutes late they have accumulated across the week e.g. if there are 23 minutes then they will have a detention for 23 minutes.

- Notification of late detentions will be given on Monday afternoons via Classcharts.
- Late detentions will run on Thursday afternoons in the Dining Hall from 3.20pm.
- Students should attend for the number of minutes accrued.
- Detentions cannot be transferred to a lunchtime.
- Failure to attend late detention will result in a senior leader seclusion on Friday afternoon from 12.30 – 3.20pm.
- Under extenuating circumstances it may be possible to move a detention to a different night, please liaise with your child's head of year if a change is required.
- Please note, transport issues are not considered to be an extenuating circumstance.

Engage

Cross Country Championships

Good luck to Ben B, Arthur DL, Maria G, Morgan V and Leonardo DS for being selected to represent NSAA at the 2024 English Schools' Cross Country Championships at Pontefract Racecourse on Saturday 16th March 2024.

This is a prestigious event for cross country runners and we know that all the students we have selected have worked hard at their training schedules to reach this standard of performance.

Rugby success



The U14 girls played in a rugby tournament in very muddy conditions at Dame Allan's on Monday. Initially a 7s tournament, we ended up playing 9 a side as all teams brought more than enough players, which was great to see.

The girls all played very well and won 8-3 against Ponteland and 5-3 against Dame Allan's. It was lovely to see some new faces playing as well as the regulars. It was a joint effort by QEHS students Lucy C, Abby A, Tiana M, Ava S, Charlotte A, Chantelle T and HMS students Imogen M, Lucy M, Isla M, Connie S, Maisy H, Beth N and Evie N.

Scotty's Day



On Friday the 8th, we held our annual Scotty's Day sports afternoon in remembrance of Chris Scott, QEHS PE teacher, who passed away on March 2nd, three years ago.

Thank you to all staff and students involved, and to everyone who helped out on the day or donated. It was an amazing afternoon of sport and Chris would have been so happy to see so many people taking apart and enjoying themselves, they really did him proud. A special thank you goes to Fire and Dough pizza who donated all their earnings on the day to the Chris Scott fund, a really phenomenal gesture. Thank you!



Aspire

Careers Week

QEHS had a busy Careers Week last week with students engaged in careers quizzes and investigations in various lessons. Our National Careers Week assembly focused on Unifrog with Y9 – Y11: students were encouraged to sign up and begin to build their profile if they hadn't already.

We were very fortunate to have some great guest speakers who came to school to deliver inspiring talks and offer valuable career advice.

The following careers talks took place:

- Adam Parker – Business and IT
- Joe Boss – Bank of England and Finance
- Sue Reed – Being an author and the publishing/marketing process
- Rob Dunn – Working as a barrister (an ex QEHS student)
- Kate Peters – Psychotherapist



Online safety updates

New NSPCC Videos

The NSPCC have been uploading some new videos onto their YouTube channel over the last week. Although not strictly online safety related, I thought it may be useful to share, there are topics such as dealing with bullying, understanding healthy relationships and consent amongst others. To see their latest videos you can follow [THIS](#) link. (For Parents by Alan Mackenzie, online safety advisor.)

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Friday 15 – Friday 22 March	Work Experience in Germany	Y12 (selection)
Thursday 21 March	Kay Greyson workshop	Year 9 (selection)
Thursday 21 March	Oxford University Oracy talk	Year 12
Tuesday 26 March	Northumbria Police talk – knife crime	Year 11
Wednesday 27 March	Art Department Pizza night	Year 11
Thursday 28 March	BTEC Dance trip Theatre Royal	Year 10
Thursday 28 March	Northumbria Police talk – knife crime	Year 10

News from the community

Please find attached with the bulletin:

- AND Sensory Chill Out 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