



# Queen Elizabeth High School

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8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 23

Dear Parent/Carer

Today it is Scotty Day in the high school, an afternoon when sixth form students take part in a range of sporting activities, eat pizza and cake. The day celebrates the memory of Chris Scott, an outstanding teacher and well-loved colleague. He died, suddenly, three years ago but the spirit of togetherness that helped our community get through that terrible time is celebrated today in his memory.

## 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](#)

## Engage

### Girls' Football

The U14 girls' football team represented QE on Monday in 9-a-side fixtures at Ponteland. A narrow 2-0 loss in the first game followed by a fantastic 8-0 win in the second. Well done girls!

## QEHS celebrates World Book Day 2024

### Author visit: Sue Reed

Huge thanks to Sue Reed for visiting QEHS as part of our World Book Day celebrations and Careers' Week. Sue's engaging and entertaining talk for a group of Y10 students encompassed her career pathway to writing and becoming an author, how to publish, market and publicise a book, and the economics behind it. The presentation concluded by focusing on witchcraft which is one of the themes of her brilliant novel, 'The Rewilding of Molly McFlynn'. Students took on the roles of townsfolk of the 1600s, accusing each other of being witches. This exposed the assumptions and judgements that are made about being 'other' or different in any way – themes that resonate today.

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### **QEHS World Book Day Bake-Off**

Many congratulations to Alice A in Y10, whose 'Game of Thrones' cake is the winner of QEHS's first World Book Day Bake-Off!



## **Aspire**

### **Space Design Competition**

"We're proud to share that our team of 11 students from year 12 won the UK Space Design Competition (UKSDC) national final at Imperial College London, earning them a chance to go to the international final at NASA Kennedy Space Center in Florida." (Harvey T Yr 12)

The team of 11 'A' level physics students attended the national final of the UK space design competition last weekend after winning their regional round in York in November. 268

students from around the country were split into four teams and they were part of the winning team.

As a team of 60 students from across the country, they competed against three other teams. Their task was to design and pitch a future moon settlement with a gravity-defying elevator—all within 24 hours. Despite the tough competition, the students' teamwork, creativity, and tireless dedication allowed them to achieve success!



### **National Careers Week**

To celebrate National Careers Week our students had the opportunity to hear from a number of alumni and others about their career journeys:

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

The talks were fascinating, and students were able to hear that there are many difference paths to employment. This has been reinforced by the displays staff have on their doors explaining their previous jobs.

We believe that our students need to know about all the opportunities available to them post-school and what they need to progress in the future. Y12 are about to start a range of progression activities that examine university, college courses and apprenticeships. As a school, we are very proud of the pathways and successes our students enjoy after school. If you are/know any alumni of the school, please ask them to complete this [form](#). We can then share their stories with our students.

### SEND queries

The SEND Team has a new email address. For all SEND related queries, please contact [send@gehs.net](mailto:send@gehs.net). Please direct enquiries here as it will be monitored daily and should allow us to reply in a timely manner.

### Update privacy notices

Our privacy notices have been updated.

Please see [here](#) the updated privacy notice for parents/carers.

Please see [here](#) the updated privacy notice for students.

Online safety updates
<b>What is Palworld?</b>
<p>Palworld is a new game similar to Pokemon and Digimon with a PEGI rating of 12 for fantasy-character-style violence. Given its similarity to Pokemon there's every likelihood that younger children will be playing this game and so Internet Matters have compiled some advice and guidance for parents about the game: what it is, how it works, safety settings etc.</p>
You can find the article <a href="#">HERE</a>

### Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y11 Photographs	Y11
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y13 Photographs	Y13
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

#### Wellbeing support for children and adults

[Kooth](#) and [Qwell](#) offer free mental wellbeing support for children and adults respectively. Please find attached their March newsletter.

Please find attached with the bulletin:

- February-March Autism drop in sessions
- Growing healthy Northumberland app
- Easter Film Camp 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](mailto:admin@qehs.net)

For queries regarding attendance or absence, please email [attendance@qehs.net](mailto:attendance@qehs.net)