



Queen Elizabeth High School

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19th April 2024

QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 27

Dear Parent/Carer

We welcomed students back after the Easter holidays. This term students in Y11 and Y13 will sit their final examinations. At the high school we value the richness of all aspects of education and know how important it is that students achieve success in their exams. Through hard work, commitment and with the support of excellent teachers, students at QE attain well at GCSE, A Level and in equivalent qualifications. One of the key ingredients of success is attendance at school: students know more, remember more and achieve better when they have high attendance. We would also encourage students to access the support of staff within school to help with revision or any worries they have about the exams.

Trustee recruitment

Following the recent departure of two long-standing trustees, the Board of Hadrian Learning Trust is keen to appoint two new trustees. We are particularly looking for individuals who have either professional experience of special educational needs in schools or a professional background in organisational finance. However, we are open to receiving expressions of interest from people with a more general interest in school governance and are not limited to parents or carers. If you would like to express interest or would like to find out more, please contact Anna Vellinga, Clerk to the Trust Board, via avellinga@qehs.net by Friday 26 April. For more details, please see the attached.

Spring Concert

The Spring concert was a great success, with a great deal of variety in styles of music from Baroque to Rock, and from Choirs to Ceilidh groups. The mid-concert change of venue from the Wintergardens for the acoustic music to the Hydro Hall, really helped the change in atmosphere for the two very different parts of the evening.

Many thanks to Dave Hignett and Fiona Lander for running their groups and fronting their musicians on the night. There was a heightened feeling of freedom and joy letting go of the stresses of the exam period and other factors.

A great world premiere of two original pieces, one by Felix P C who's avant garde percussion display challenged conventional outlooks on what drumming is, and by Anna F who wrote a charming piano prelude borrowing from Chopin and Shostakovich.

Respect

Safeguarding

Mrs Curry is talking about safeguarding in assemblies next week. One of her key messages is focused on acceptance and the impact that discrimination has on people. We know that hurtful, discriminatory

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language targeted at individuals or groups creates an unsafe environment. As a school we do not accept racism, misogyny, homophobia or any form of discrimination. If students report incidents of this happening to you, please let the school know so we can deal with the behaviour and ensure that it is challenged.

Engage

U19 Rugby Finals – 19 April 2024

Our U19 rugby team have done phenomenally well this year, entering the finals of the competition for the first time in eight years. QE beat Dame Allen’s to qualify and will face KEVI and Newcastle School for Boys in tonight’s finals. This is an incredible achievement. The boys have been a credit to the school, and we wish them well.

Y9 Cup Final Football

The Y9 footballers were excellent on Wednesday and secured themselves a spot in the final of the cup with a comfortable 5-0 win. Ben P scored 2 with goals also coming from Leonardo DS, Elliot P and Harrison P. All were outstanding in their conduct and how they played, from front to back they ruled the game. The cup final is on Tuesday the 23rd April with a 5:30pm kick off against St Thomas Moore.

Hustings



The Hustings
meet our parliamentary candidates



Guy Opperman Joe Morris



Nick Cott William Clouston Nick Morphet

Friday 26 April, 11:20 - 12:50
Main Hall

SCAN THE QR CODE TO ASK YOUR QUESTION NOW!



For students it is vital that they know and understand their role as British citizens. With a General Election imminent, we are keen that our students engage in democracy and the choices facing voters. To help engage students in politics, sixth form students James A and Ben S have organised a Hustings event. At the meeting students will have the opportunity to meet and ask our parliamentary candidates questions on Friday 26th April 11:20am to 12:30pm.

Aspire

Year 10 BTEC Dance Trip

Year 10 dance students enjoyed an end of term trip to the Theatre Royal, Newcastle to see a magical production of 'Edward Scissorhands' choreographed by Matthew Bourne, New Adventures. It was wonderful to see a large-scale dance theatre production of the bittersweet story of an incomplete boy left alone in a strange new world. The students were inspired by the talented cast, production features and creative interpretation of the legendary movie.



Bronze Industrial Cadet Award

My school is an island!

Four year 9 students have achieved a bronze industrial cadet award. The students had to imagine that the school was on an island and come up with ideas as to how the island could be self-sustainable. They researched the viability of their ideas and built a model to showcase them. They then had to write a detailed report and present their ideas to some industry professionals. To quote one student 'I have learnt that many of the actions and activities that people undertake every day have a great impact on the environment and some of the small things we do can make a big difference'. Well done all!



Year 11 Photographs

Proofs have been given to students this week, details of how to order are below. Please order within 4 weeks. Go to www.gillmanandsoame.co.uk. To login use: 415267. The password is: 903867.

Staffing News

We welcomed new teaching staff to the high school this week. Ms Coulson and Ms Davidson joined the English team. Ms Coleman joined the mathematics department. All three are experienced teachers, having worked in a variety of different schools. We are delighted that they are joining us here at QEHS. We also say au revoir to Ms Albert as she goes off on maternity leave.

Online safety updates

For Parents - Supporting Children with SEND

Internet Matters have a great range of guides and advice hubs available for parents of neurodivergent children including connecting and sharing online, online gaming and more.

You can access all the guides [HERE](#).

What is Y99 chat?

After many years of concern, earlier this year the anonymous chat website Omegle was forced off the internet. But just because Omegle has gone, there are many more sites and apps to take its place. One of these sites is Y99 and whilst I'm not hearing too much about this it's one to keep your eyes and ears open for.

Internet Matters has written a good article about Y99, you can find the article [HERE](#)

(For Parents by Alan Mackenzie, online safety advisor.)

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 22 nd April	Medical Mavericks	Year 11, 12 & 13
Monday 22 nd April to Wednesday 24 th April	Sixth Form Meetings with Students/Parents	Year 13
Tuesday 23 rd April	Medical Mavericks	Year 10 & 11
Tuesday 23 rd April	University Visits	Year 12
Thursday 25 th April	Year 10 Parents' evening – Q-band	Year 10 (Q-Band)
Thursday 25 th April	Macbeth Performance	Year 10 & 11
Friday 26 th April	Nursing talk	Year 12
Friday 26 th April	QEHS General Election Husting – 11.20am-12.30pm	Year 12 & 13
Tuesday 30 th April	Parent information evening Galloway Residential – 5pm	Year 9 & 10
Wednesday 1st May	Year 10 Parents' evening – E-band	Year 10 (E-band)
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed	All Year Groups

Please find attached with the bulletin:

- Trustee Recruitment Spring 2024
- Careers Newsletter April 2024
- Wellbeing event Alnwick gardens

- Film Camp screening
- North Tyne Youth Cafe
- Autism Family Summer Drop In Sessions
- Hexham Wombles

Yours faithfully



Neil Seaton
Head of School

Pupil support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Hattie Curry

Deputy Safeguarding Leader: Mr Emerson Brown

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