



QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 28

Dear Parent/Carer

Hustings at QE

Very well done to Archie and Ben in year 12 who organised an entertaining and informative hustings event in school today in front of an audience comprising all year 12 students and school council representatives from Hexham Middle and St Joseph's Middle. Five prospective parliamentary candidates for the Tynedale and Ponteland constituency took part, each beginning with a short introduction to themselves, why they were standing and why they believed they were the most suitable candidate. Thereafter, Mr Hedley, who was compering the event, invited questions from the floor which had been prepared in advance. Each candidate answered in turn before a series of candidate-specific questions were asked. Ben ensured good order by diligently ringing a bell when allotted answering-time was reached. The attentive audience remained appropriately respectful towards all candidates throughout and gave them a resounding and well-deserved round of applause at the end. A huge thank you to each participant – William Clouston: Social Democratic Party, Nick Cott: Liberal Democrats, Nick Morphet: Green Party, Joe Morris: Labour, Guy Opperman: Conservative and best wishes to all come the election.



Deputy DSL

Miss Albert has now left for her maternity leave; we wish her well and await the news about her new arrival. In her absence, Mr Robson and Mrs Wood will assume the role of Deputy DSL to support Mrs Curry with safeguarding across the school. Students have been updated with this information this week.

Respect

We believe that attendance at school helps students to progress socially, emotionally and academically. When we review outcomes data there is a clear correlation between attendance and performance. Students make better progress and achieve higher outcomes when they attend. In the newsletter each week I will show you our current attendance data for each year group. Our school target is 95%. We know that some students will struggle to attend school so please speak to their form

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tutor, Head of Year or Mrs Curry if you have any concerns. We work with families to help students overcome barriers to attending school.

Attendance week ending 19 April				
Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	92.20%	90.6%	91.9%	91.6%

Engage

PTA Lottery

Congratulations to the 2 winners of this month's QEHS Lottery draw! Sharon Dewhurst and Julie Gordon both win £25.

The QEHS Lottery is a simple low cost way of supporting the PTFA and the School. Tickets for the lottery are £1 per entry with 2 monthly cash prizes. Entry is simple and online. More information and the online application can be found [here](#) or email gehsprizedraw@gmail.com

U16 Rugby Festival

We took at team to the U16 Rugby Festival at Ponteland yesterday. They played some amazing rugby and won both of their game. We beat Ponteland 11- 1 with tries coming from Phoebe (6), Charlotte (2), Lucy (2), Molly . We then went on to play Prudhoe, winning 13 - 2. The tries scored by Charlotte (4), Phoebe (3), Lucy (3), Daisy (2), Sophia. These were excellent results, particularly as without Y11 playing a lot of the team were Y9.

Football success

Hexham Albion U16 boys won the Northumberland County Cup on Tuesday evening. They won 3-1 in an exciting game against local rivals Prudhoe at the Northumberland ground at Whitley Park. Most of the team are from QE. Dan B, Tom B, Charlie Cla, Charlie Cli, Jayden G, Arthur I, Joe L, Joe McA, Ollie P, James R, Benny S, Aidan S (captain), Fionn S.



Bronze and Silver DofE Awards



Last week our Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze and Silver participants went on a practice walk from school to the Dipton Burn. A big thanks to all students who got stuck in (the mud!) and staff for volunteering their time.

Rowing: Junior inter-regional regatta



27 QEHS Rowing club athletes qualified to represent the Northern region at the junior Inter-regional regatta, held at Nottingham. The JIRR event is a competition for the best crews from all the regions of England, Wales and Scotland. This was a record number of QEHS athletes selected to represent the region. All crews participate in a time trial in the morning followed by a final in the afternoon. The finals are raced side by side which is exciting for the spectators to watch. The overall competition was won by London Upriver with 255 points, and the Northern region came 6th out of 13 regions with 189 points.

Aspire

Medical Mavericks

Our year 10 and 11 and sixth form BTEC and A-level Biologists have had a fantastic time taking part in a "Careers in Health" workshop. Activities include using an ECG machine, using an ultra sound machine to find out if their bones are still growing, and taking fake blood from a phlebotomy arm. They are expanding their horizons in terms of the available careers in the healthcare sector, learning material that will help them in their exams, and getting an experience that will set them above the rest in their UCAS applications.



Year 12 Drama

Year 12 drama students performed their fantastic devised plays on Thursday evening before we broke up for Easter. Their hard work and commitment really paid off and they should be very proud of the pieces they made.

Students were given a stimulus of an extract from a play, *The Visit*, and using a Brecht style, they came up with their own characters, plot, script, lights, and costume. The result was performed to a large public audience of friends and family - in our very own theatre.



The audience took on the role of becoming Judge and Jury for the two inspired plays which featured unique stereotypical characters, comedy and tragedy, secrets and lies, murder on the dance floor, and even a visit from Elvis!... and the feedback was excellent.

Congratulations to all the students, you were brilliant, and we can't wait to see what you do next.

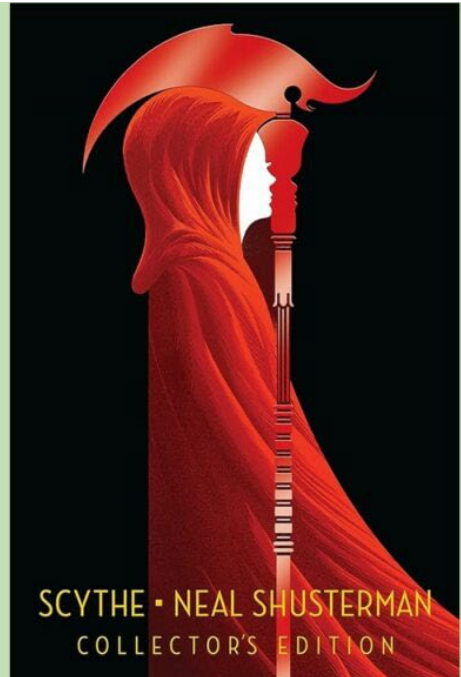
LRC Recommended Read

This week's recommended read from the LRC is *Scythe*, by Neal Shusterman.

What is Death was the only thing left to control?

In a world where disease, war and crime have been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ("gleaned") by professional scythes.

Citra and Rowan are teenagers who have been selected to be scythes' apprentices, and despite wanting nothing to do with the vocation, they must learn the art of killing and understand the necessity of what they do. Only one of them will be chosen as a scythe's apprentice and as Citra and Rowan come up against a terrifyingly corrupt Scythedom, it becomes clear that the winning apprentice's first task will be to glean the loser.



Online safety updates

For Parents - Second-Hand Devices

Parents will often hand down out of contract devices to their children. This is great, it can save a lot of money, but there needs to be consideration before handing older devices to children. You can find lots of useful information, things to consider and guides to second-hand devices from Internet Matters [HERE](#).

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

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
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:

- Be you - newsletter

Yours faithfully



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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