



Queen Elizabeth High School

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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 32

Dear Parent/Carer

Today marks the end of another excellent half term at the high school. May signalled the start of exam season with nearly 500 students in the school sitting a mixture of A Level, vocational and GCSE examinations. The logistics of accommodating the exams presents a huge challenge and it is a credit to Mr Todd, the exams team and invigilators that we do this successfully.

After the half term we rollover our timetable. We do this to give the new Y10 a chance to start their key stage 4 courses, so they are well prepared for September. It also refocuses the students on the new courses, their behaviour and signals a shift in maturity as they all progress to the next stage of school. Students were issued with their new timetables today.

I hope that the students have a lovely half term, that the rain stops and the sun shines.

Respect

Knife Crime presentation

On Tuesday 4th June the Violence Reduction Unit from Northumbria Police will be in school giving a presentation on Knife Crime to all students in Y10.

Attendance

Attendance week ending 17 May				
Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	92%	90.6%	91.3%	91.3%

Engage

Y9 students will have the opportunity to take part in BT Group's 'Get Work Ready' full day workshop on Monday 24th June. The session will be led by careers experts and BT Group employees. Students will be provided with a range of real world inspired activities, challenges and resources designed to aid them in taking that all-important step into the world of work. We will travel from QEHS to the venue by coach and will return in time for school transport.

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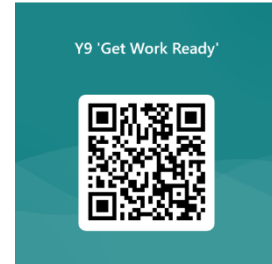
Executive Headteacher: **Graeme Atkins**

Head of School: **Neil Seaton**

If you would like to book a place, please scan the QR code or follow the link below and complete the form. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis!

<https://forms.office.com/e/3v0yfcDbTg>

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Hedley:
ahedley@gehs.net



Aspire

QEHS year 9 year group have been finishing their KS3 drama lessons with some workshops which explored costume, lighting and set design.

In the costume design workshop, students rose to the challenge of using a 'lucky dip' bag, where they had to use every item to design their new character of 'half human/half ogre'! They presented their ideas to the class and used some fantastic, imaginative ideas!



For the set and lighting design workshop, students explored story ideas with mini sets and figurines (thank you to Anwen for the use of Sylvanian family toys!) and they experimented with lighting design exploring the use of colour, shadow effects, direction and proximity (using their phones and mini gels) We were all very impressed with their original ideas for plot, character and design.

Well done, year 9 – we have loved teaching you all, Best wishes, Mrs Pollock, Miss Morgan and Miss Macken.

Career of the week

This week's career was 'Genetic Counsellor'. A link to the video shown in tutorial from 'MyPath' is below: Job of the week: [Genetic Counsellor](#)

Further information can be found on [Unifrog](#):
<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/direct/geneticist>

This includes Labour Market Information (LMI). It is important both parents and students are aware of this as it includes current and predicted figures relating to the geneticist profession, particular attention should be paid to the expected growth figure. All students have received a 'Welcome' email to their school email account. Please encourage them to activate their account if they haven't already done so. We also have a 'dummy' code for parents. Use 'QEHHparent' on this page:
unifrog.org/code

Online safety updates

Instagram New Messaging Settings

Meta is introducing more safety features on its' Instagram platform over the coming months. These new Instagram features (some of which will be transitioned into Facebook Messenger as well) include:

- Limiting teens' ability to see sensitive content.
- Nudges to encourage teens to close Instagram at night.
- Stricter private messaging (adults should not be able to privately message children who don't follow those adults).
- Children can only be messaged by people they already follow or are connected to (no further information on that latter part).

You can read more about the features [HERE](#), but there's a little more. Meta, in the coming months, is also rolling out a feature where children will not receive, and will discourage from sending explicit images. However, not only is this feature optional, it is being reported that if illegal content is shared it won't be automatically flagged and reported. (For Parents by Alan Mackenzie, online safety advisor.)

Celebrating wider achievement

This newsletter is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the wider successes of our school community. Staff in school who run extracurricular clubs and activities will share these successes with leaders. However, we also want to acknowledge achievements that happen outside school. To ensure we share all the things our amazing students do, we rely on parents/students to let us know about their activities outside school. Please email admin@qehs.net if you would like your child's successes to be acknowledged.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Friday 24 th May	School closes for Half Term	All year groups
Monday 3 rd June	School re-opens at 8.40am	All year groups
Tuesday 4 th June	Knife Crime Talk – Northumbria Police	New Year 11
Wednesday 5 th June	Biology GCSE Ecology field trip	New Year 11
Thursday 20 th June	A-level Art Exhibition Open evening (5-7pm)	All welcome
Monday 24 th June	BT Group 'get work ready' workshop	Year 9
Monday 1 st July	Art Exhibition opening event – Queens Hall (4.30pm)	All welcome

News from the community

Tynedale Cricket club currently run a Girls Dynamos programme for 8-11 year olds and another session for 12-15 year olds. Starting this Monday (27th May) at Tynedale Cricket Club, between 4.45-5.45pm. The cost is £40.

Please contact Ella Martin-Dobson for more information and to register on 07376490095 or ella.martin-dobson@hotmail.com



Please find attached with the bulletin:

- BT Group Event flyer

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Seaton".

Neil Seaton
Head of School

Pupil support and safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Hattie Curry

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Emerson Brown, Mr Alex Robson & Mrs Jill Wood.

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