



QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 34

Dear Parent/Carer

This week we held our Y11 leavers' assembly. The students were able to celebrate their time in high school, hear messages from their teachers and take part in the ritual shirt signing. Awards were given out for attendance, P points and contributions to lessons. Many of them will return in September for sixth form but those leaving us move to their next adventure with our best wishes. The Y13 assembly is on 24 June. Today (Friday) is the last GCSE core exam. Well done to all the students who sat their exams this year. They should all enjoy a well-earned break from studying.

Respect

Use of the word 'sigma'

In recent weeks students have been using the word 'sigma' more commonly around school. This has been the case in many schools. The term originated on social media forums, relates to hypermasculinity and the promotion of misogynist and sexist attitudes. Many of the students using the word do not know its origin or meaning. We will be educating students as to what it means and represents on Tuesday in form time. Once students are clear what values the word represents, as with all misogynistic or sexist terms, its use will result in an S4 detention.

QEHS Mock Election

With the general election taking place on 4 July, our sixth form students are in the process of organising a mock election. The candidates will be talking about the policies of the main political parties with students having the opportunity to vote on the day of the election.

Engage

Girls cricket success

On Monday a combined Y9 and Y10 (now Y10 and Y11!) girls team took part in the Northumberland cricket competition at Tynemouth Cricket Club. In the opening game against John Spence we won 98-61 runs. In the second game we lost to Ponteland. This meant the girls finished second in their pool and had to play a super over game against John Spence and St Thomas More, winning the final place in the semi finals.



We faced Prudhoe in the semis, winning the 'rock, paper, scissors' to put Prudhoe into bat. Going into bat, QE were chasing Prudhoe's total of 26 which they achieved in the 3rd over!

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The final against Duchess, Alnwick was high scoring with Duchess winning 102-83 runs. Both finalists qualified for the next round at Durham's County Ground.

Huge well done to the players: Poppy F (c), Imogen H, Camilla H, Charlie D, Phoebe C, Beth N, Heidi B, Charlotte F, Abby A, Katie R.

QEHS Rowing Club – Sponsored Row

On Saturday 22 June, students in the QEHS Rowing Club will be taking to the water in our fleet of fours and quads to row 50km per crew - that's 71 lengths of our beautiful stretch of the Tyne – in a bid to raise much-needed funds.

The sport requires an array of equipment, from winter training on the club ergs, to the boats (seating 1, 2, 4 or 8 rowers), the carbon fibre oars, the performance tracking GPS equipment and all the paraphernalia to enable us to attend races such as the trailers and minibuses. Investing in new equipment, whilst maintaining our current fleet is of vital importance. With all of these needs and the ongoing support from our dedicated coaching team comes cost, and this is where our eighty five talented young rowers are keen to play their part.

If you are able to support the students, that would be very much appreciated. Please visit our fundraising page via https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/QEHS-Rowing-Club-50km-row?utm_term=ekvPEqMnw

Also, if free on Saturday 22 June, you would be very welcome to pop down from 9am until mid-to-late afternoon to Tyne Green Country Park to lend your encouragement - thank you!

QEHS Rowing

QEHS Rowing Club took 48 competitors to Durham Regatta this weekend. Durham Regatta dates to 1834. It is the second oldest regatta in England after Chester Regatta. It predates the Henley Royal Regatta by 5 years. The event has a real festival feel, with live music and food stalls along the course.

As a Regatta, the racing is head-to-head, meaning that if you get beaten, you do not progress to the next round. Therefore, who you draw in the early rounds is a big decider if you are to progress in the event.



Coaches Pam and Tom, reported that all QEHS crews performed brilliantly on the day. Many crews put in strong performances against crews from across the region and beyond. We had a number of winning crews on the day.

The J15 boys, Josh, Dennis, and Cox Edward continued their winning streak, taking the J15 4x+ boys in style. Not to be outdone, a second J15 quad, containing Mack, Alex, George, James, and Cox Elodie, won the Beginner 4+.

Not to be outdone, the girls' J15 quad, Imogen, Astrid, Olivia, Cora, and Cox Edward, also won the Women's J15 4x+. Finally, we had a great win for the Intermediate 4+ with Ned, Adam, Finn, Felix, & Cox Merry.

All our winners attended the evening prize giving. Here, they received their winners' tankards—a great memory of the event!

Well done to everyone who competed. Thank you to Pam, Tom, and Ned, plus volunteers, for making this event happen. It is superb to see QEHS rowers representing school and their club with distinction.

Aspire

Career of the week

Job of the week: [Intelligence Analyst](#)

Further information can be found on [Unifrog](#):

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/direct/criminal-intelligence-analyst>

This includes Labour Market Information (LMI). It is important that both parents and students are aware of this as it includes current and predicted figures relating to the intelligence analyst 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](https://www.unifrog.org/code)

LRC Recommended Read

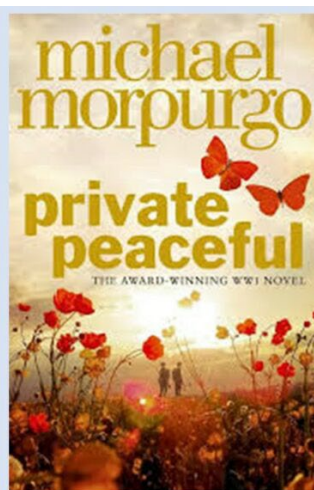
This week's LRC recommended read is *Private Peaceful* the award-winning WW1 novel by Michael Morpurgo

New in the LRC

As young Thomas Peaceful looks back over his childhood from the battlefields of World War I, his memories are full of family life deep in the countryside.

But the clock is ticking, and every moment Tommo spends remembering how things used to be, means another moment closer to something that will change his life forever.

Available to borrow TODAY!



Online safety updates


TikTok and Disinformation

Here in England election time is upon us and, surprise surprise, the amount of mis and disinformation on social platforms is ramping up, particularly on TikTok, with dubious claims, misleading information, divisive content and outright lies. Whilst school-aged children are not (yet) old enough to vote, it's an ideal time to talk with them about misinformation and disinformation as there are going to be plenty of real examples around. Further information for parents can be found - [HERE](#). (For parents by AlanMcKenzie, 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
Thursday 20 th June	A-level Art Exhibition Open evening (5-7pm) at QEHS  A poster for the A-level Art Exhibition. The poster is black with white and yellow text. It features a photograph of a landscape with a body of water and a building in the background, viewed through a window with a grid pattern. The text on the poster includes: 'Queen Elizabeth High School', 'A-LEVEL ART EXHIBITION', 'Thursday 20th June 2024', '5PM - 7PM', 'Join us in celebrating the success of this year's A-Level artists', and 'Refreshments available to purchase from PTA'.	All welcome
Monday 24 th June	BT Group 'get work ready' workshop	Year 9

News from the community

Please find attached with the bulletin:

- Northumberland Parent/Carer Forum (NPCF) workshops for families of learners with SEND
- Bridge2Care Neurodiverse Pride Event flyer

Yours faithfully



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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.

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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