

9 May 2025

QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 30

The exam season started this week, with exams in business and drama taking place. We recognise that this can be a stressful time for students and their families. It is important that students continue to look after themselves, eat well and stay active.

Ofqual has published a student guide, [Coping with exam pressure](#), which has been produced in conjunction with Professor Dave Putwain, a researcher (and a former school and college teacher) at Liverpool John Moores University.

Year 11 Photo

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 Use the login: 418823 and Password: 576586

Respect

Attendance

Being in school, meeting people and doing activities helps social development and positive mental health. 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 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 (week ending 2 May)

Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	93.5%	90.9%	90.6%	92.0%

Engage



VE Day

It was VE Day this week and the show choir (a combined choir of QE and HMS students) produced this tribute. The preparation took half an hour – an incredible achievement.

<https://www.qehs.net/index.php/2025/05/08/show-choir-ve-day-medley/>

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Aspire

Career of the week

This week's Career of the Week was 'Cyber Security Analyst'.

The following link will take you to further information on 'Unifrog':

[Cyber Security Analyst: Unifrog](#)

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 profession, particular attention should be paid to the expected growth figure. All students have received a 'Welcome' email from Unifrog. This can be found in 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 'QEHSparent' on this page: unifrog.org/code.

Sixth Form

Year 13 Photographs



To order your Year 13 Group Photograph please see the instructions flyer on the [Sixth Form Noticeboard](#).

Work experience week

Year 12 students undertake a compulsory week of work experience to give a greater understanding of the world of work in their chosen area and help build links for future employment opportunities. The school will help where possible, but ultimately it is down to students themselves to organise their placement. Work experience week takes place from Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June.

Students who haven't already found a placement are encouraged to use: <https://www.unifrog.org/placement/guides>.

Sixth form noticeboard

Opportunities and advice for employment, volunteering and university are regularly promoted via the website, within the [Sixth Form Noticeboard](#).

We rely on parents 'feeding' opportunities into the students, so if an organisation you are involved with is doing something in the future that a young person may find inspiring, please email sixthform@gehs.net. Equally, if you would like to advertise local job opportunities (paid or voluntary) please send the details.

QEHS Parent Teacher & Friends Association news

Next PTFA Meeting – 20th May

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Tuesday 20th May at 6pm at the County Hotel in Hexham. Come along if you are interested in what the PTFA does or if you would like to offer your help in any way! You can contact the PTFA using the following email address gehs.ptfa@gmail.com.



Half term lunchtime tuck-shop - Friday 23rd May. Cash and cards both accepted (note, payment *not* accepted through lunch accounts)

PTFA Lottery

Tickets for the lottery are £1 per entry with 2 monthly cash prizes. Entry is simple and online. For more information and to sign up complete the [online application](#) or email gehsprizedraw@gmail.com.



Online Safety

For Parents - New Tools to Manage Roblox

At the beginning of April Roblox announced some new tools which will allow parents a greater degree of control over their child's Roblox experience. These tools include:

- Limiting who their child can connect with.
- See which experiences (games) their child plays the most.
- Limit experiences their child can access.

There's a lot more, all summarised in an article from Roblox [HERE](#). (by Alan McKenzie, online safety advisor)

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
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Thursday 15 and Friday 16 May	DofE Bronze Expedition	Year 9 and Year 10 (selected pupils)
Friday 23 May	School closes at 3.20pm for half term	All year groups
Monday 2 June	School reopens at 8.40am	All year groups
Monday 9 June until Friday 13 June	REA week	Year 9 and Year 10
Monday 9 June until Friday 13 June	Work Experience week	Year 12

Free School Meals

If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please read the criteria and make an application as soon as you can. Find out more on the [Northumberland County Council website](#). To apply, please [complete this form](#) via Northumberland County Council.

Yours faithfully



Neil Seaton
Head of School

Pupil support and safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Hattie Curry

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Emerson Brown, Mr Alex Robson.

SENDCo: Ms Laura Warland (from 2nd June 2025). Interim: Ms Lucy Mackenzie and MS Di Cunningham.

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