

16 May 2025

### **QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 31**

The onset of a heatwave has coincided with the public examinations. Y11 students have been benefiting in school from additional revision sessions in preparation for the exams. There have also been visits out of school for Y12 students, Bronze Duke of Edinburgh and some of our students are working with Northumberland National Park doing research into the plants and animals around our school. Summer sports fixtures are also underway with some excellent results in cricket. Next week marks the end of this short half term. After half term, students will continue on their current timetable for the first week, the second week will be our 'Respect Engage Aspire' week and on 16<sup>th</sup> June we will begin our new timetable for the current Y9, Y10 and Y12.

#### **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 9 May)**

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>	<b>All years</b>
<b>Percentage</b>	93.4%	90.9%	90.5%	92.0%

#### **Engage**

##### **Cricket Update**

Results from fixtures this week:

Y9's v's Dame Allans – Lost despite a great knock from Dan C who ended up on 90 not out. Patrick F was the pick of the bowlers who took 3 wickets for 21 runs off 3.2 overs.

Y10's v's Ponteland – Excellent first game of the season beating them with 7 overs spare. We chased down 121 with 78 runs coming from Will C who was not out and batted all through the 13 overs. Joshua H made a nice little cameo of 14. Joseph B bowled a great spell that really slowed their scoring and got us back in the game, he ended up with figures of 2 wickets for 5 runs off 4 overs.

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## Northumbria University

Northumbria University's Department of Social Work, Education & Community Wellbeing hosted 21 of our Year 12 students yesterday. The academic staff provided an excellent insight into university style learning & the students loved hearing about their professional backstories and having the opportunity to try out their simulation rooms & virtual reality headsets. We really appreciate the thought and care the team at Northumbria put into the day and we look forward to working with them again.

Thank you to the staff at the university who we have been working with this year for organising this visit.



## Aspire

### Scotty's Day

In March 2021 our beloved colleague Chris Scott tragically passed away. Chris was Head of PE at QEHS and each year the department have hosted 'Scotty's day' in memory of Chris and to celebrate his passion for encouraging young people to access, enjoy and excel in sport. As well as providing an afternoon of joyful sport and memories of Chris, Scotty's Days have raised considerable money for charity. We would like to thank everyone who has supported and made donations to the Scotty's Day activities. At the request of Chris's family we have just donated £8000 to Tynedale Hospice at Home (child bereavement department) and £2000 to the British Heart Foundation (research department). The money will be used to support local families impacted by bereavement and fund valuable research towards helping people with heart and circulatory disorders.

### Career of the week

This week's Career of the Week was 'Chief Executive'.

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

[Chief Executive: 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](https://unifrog.org/code).

### **Apprenticeship Opportunities**

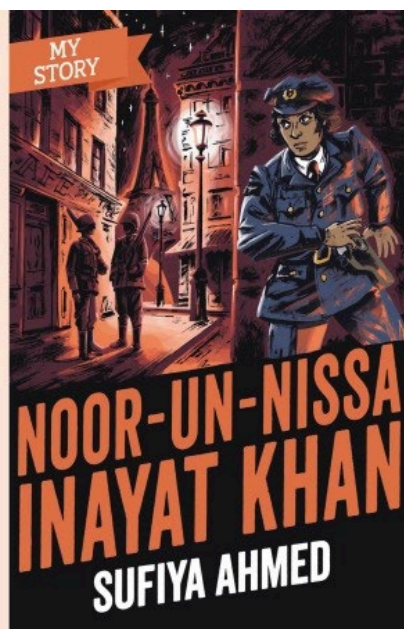
New Apprenticeship Opportunities for students in Years 11+ in Agriculture with Myerscough College, and with Northumbrian Water Group for Grounds Maintenance and Painting and Decorating. For more details see the [Apprenticeships Noticeboard](#) on the school Website.

### **LRC Recommended read**

The true story of Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan, an allied spy in World War 2

#### **A True Story**

When Nazi forces invaded France, Noor-Un-Nissa Inayat Khan's world was suddenly threatened and her home became a much darker place. Despite her mother's protest, she travels to England to join the war effort there and seek what she could do to help. Sufiya Ahmed wastes no time in launching us into Khan's incredibly courageous story as our heroine comes to the attention of Winston Churchill himself. Soon she would become a secret agent back in her homeland France, but what thrilling adventures await – will she be discovered?



### **Sixth Form**

#### **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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:gehsprizedraw@gmail.com).



### Online Safety

#### For Parents - How to Report Online Harm

There are so many apps with different reporting functions, organisations, helplines and more it can be really frustrating for parents to get help. Internet Matters have a really useful page which details some of these organisations and what they can do, how to report specific issues, how to report on many of the social platforms and games and where to go for more help.

You can see all the details [HERE](#).

## Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 19 May to Friday 23 May	GCSE Geography Fieldtrip	Year 10
Monday 19 May	Art Raw Mark GCSE & A-level released	Year 11 & 13
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 2 June to Friday 6 June	African Adventure	Year 10
Monday 2 June to Friday 6 June	Madrid Trip	Year 10
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:admin@qehs.net)

For queries regarding attendance or absence, please email [attendance@qehs.net](mailto:attendance@qehs.net)