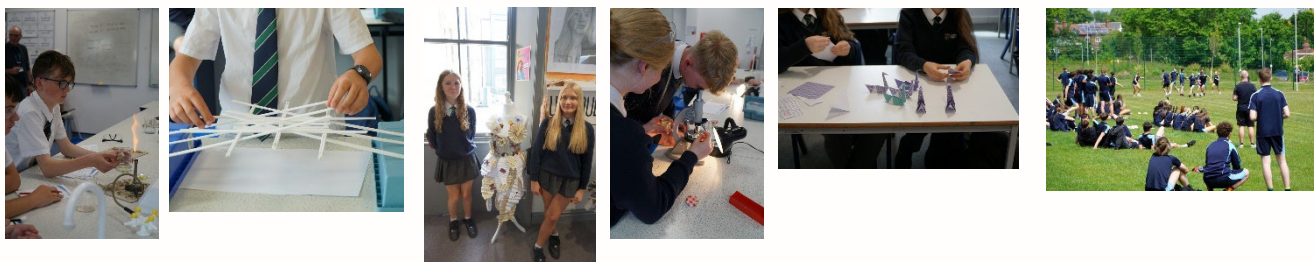


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This week has been a successful REA week for students at the high school. The enrichment programme has been centred on the personal development of the students and designed to enable students to access the wider curriculum. The programme focussed on careers, life skills, enterprise, forensic science, performing arts, fashion, mock trial and a range of different activities. We also held our first house sports day with students participating in a range of different activities promoting teamwork, resilience and enjoyment of sport.

Our Y12 students have been on work experience with tales about writing media posts for Carlisle United after meeting the manager or supporting pupils at Hexham Middle School. The positive comments from the employers reminds us of what a credit the students are to the school and their families. Other students are on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition, visiting Paris and the intrepid explorers returned from Kenya.

We tell students that people who participate in extracurricular activities are happier, healthier and more successful and while we absolutely want our students to succeed in examinations, we also want them to learn about the wider world and enjoy a range of different experiences. Thank you to the staff for the time and effort that has gone into organising the week and to parents/carers for their support.

Rollover

Next week the timetable rolls over, this means that Y9 students will begin their Y10 courses and Y10 and Y12 will start their new timetable. We see this as an opportunity to focus the students, get the courses underway, prepare the students for their exams and benefit from a purposeful summer term. For the purposes of communication, we will call Y9 the new Y10, Y10 the new Y11 and Y12 the new Y13. Current Y11 and Y13 will become known as old Y11 and old Y13.

Our expectations around smartness of uniform, punctuality and respectful behaviour will be reinforced with a return to business as usual on Monday.

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Respect

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a key focus for us this term. Research shows a significant improvement in student outcomes when they are in school all the time.

We will be running the raffle again this term. For every week that students are in school 100% of the time they will win an entry to the raffle. The raffle will be drawn on 18th July and students will be awarded a £20 Amazon voucher.

Attendance week (week ending 6 June)

Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	93.3%	90.9%	89%	91.4%

Engage

On Yer Bike Tynedale

Following the success of last year's event in Hexham, On Yer Bike Tynedale takes place again this year, on Sunday 22 June. Please see the attached leaflet for more information.

Student Success

Well done to Rose B (Y10), whose football team Wallsend Boys Club U15 Girls competed in the Barcelona Girls Cup international football tournament in Spain last weekend. They played against teams from Spain, Denmark, England and Scotland and achieved 7th place.

Y10 Paris trip



Our Y10 and Y12 French students had a fantastic time in Paris. You will find lots of sunny Paris pictures in the [news area of our website](#).

Y10 Kenya Trip

The Y10 students look back on an amazing trip to Kenya. To read their updates go to our [news area of our website](#).

- "We all were overcome with emotion by the generosity and kindness of our new friends and we can't wait to see them all next year!!"
- "In Kenya, we don't say goodbye, we say see you soon!"





Y10 Madrid Trip

Y10 students had a lovely time in Madrid, enjoyed the sunny weather and the chance to practice their Spanish. All trip updates and lots of photos are in the [news section of our website](#).

BBC 'The Dumping Ground' – extras

Series 14 of 'The Dumping Ground' is looking for around 15 kids aged about 14 who might be available from approximately 8am – 4pm on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd July 2025 to appear in the background of a shot during some filming. The filming will take place at the site of the high school and middle school. Participants will be supervised by the chaperones from the BBC. If you would like to take part please complete this [form](#) before Friday 20 June.

Songs from the Shows

Our fantastic '[Songs from the Shows](#)' event is Monday 7th July and Wednesday 9th July – an evening of songs from musicals all accompanied by a live band!

Just some of the musicals that will be featured; Mean Girls, Everyone's Talking About Jamie, Les Misérables, Hamilton, Matilda, Wicked, Cats, Annie

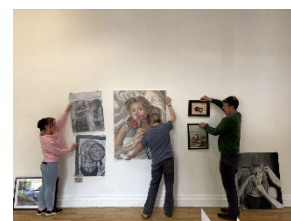
Get your tickets now, this will sell out fast! [Buy tickets](#) (ticket tailor website)



Queen's Hall Art exhibition

[Curation and hanging](#) of this year's QE exhibition are in full swing! All down to the exceptional help of our Year 12 work experience students – thank you.

'Vivid Memories' Exhibition is open from Saturday 14th June at the Queen's Hall, Hexham.



Cricket

Our Y10's were excellent on Tuesday V's RGS and have secured themselves a place in the final at Jesmond CC on Tues 24th June, opponents to be confirmed.

RGS batted first and after 5 overs were 50 for no wickets, looking for a big total. After a wicket from Dan C (Y9) we took back control and managed to restrict them to 101 all out. An excellent performance all round and a very convincing win.

Aspire

Career of the week

This week's Career of the Week was 'Product Designer'.

The following link will take you to further information on 'Unifrog': [Unifrog: Product Designer](#)

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

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@qehs.net. Equally, if you would like to advertise local job opportunities (paid or voluntary) please send the details.

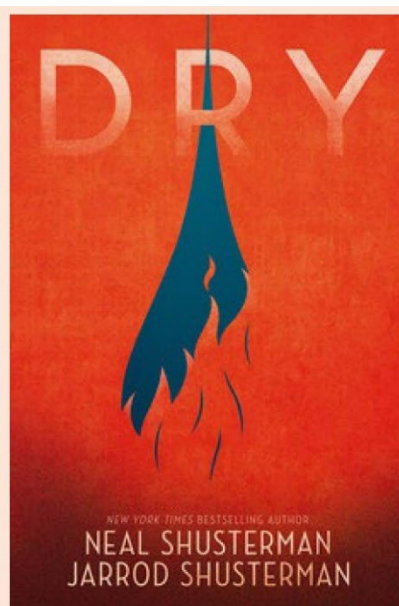
LRC read

This week's LRC recommended read is 'Dry' by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman

When the California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family in this harrowing story of survival.

The drought – or the Tap-Out, as everyone calls it – has been going on for a while now. Everyone's lives have become an endless list of don'ts: don't water the lawn, don't fill up your pool, don't take long showers. Until the taps run dry.

Suddenly, Alyssa's quiet suburban street spirals into a warzone of desperation; neighbours and families turned against each other on the hunt for water. And when her parents don't return and her life – and the life of her brother – is threatened, Alyssa has to make impossible choices if she's going to survive.



Online Safety

For Parents - Android Smartphone Guide

Due to the cost and variety of devices, Android smartphones can be incredibly popular with children and young people.

As with other devices there are a variety of parental controls, including controls that allow parents to set the maturity level of apps and games. Full information including detailed instructions can be found [HERE](#) (by Alan McKenzie, online safety advisor)

QEHS Parent Teacher & Friends Association news

PTFA volunteers will be selling items of pre-loved uniform at the new Year 9 information evening on Tuesday 1st July. Both cash and card payments will be accepted. Used uniform can also be ordered via the school website: <https://www.qehs.net/index.php/school-uniform-recycling/>



PTFA volunteers will be selling refreshments and drinks, including Pimm's, beer, wine and soft drinks, at the QEHS art showcase on Thursday 26th June 5-7pm. Cash and card payments accepted and all proceeds go towards supporting the work of the PTFA, providing, enrichment opportunities for QEHS students.

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 qehsprizedraw@gmail.com.



News from the community

Free SIM cards

Hexham Library is registered with the [National Data Bank](#) and has free SIM cards available for parents who struggle to afford data for their devices. - The scheme is available for over 18-year-olds who have their own device.

People can turn up at, email or call Hexham Library asking to schedule a free SIM card appointment to get set up. There is some form filling to do behind the scenes but there are no awkward questions or means testing.

Oxfam

Oxfam in Hexham have opportunities for students aged 14 and over in both their shops on various days and for the hours that suit the volunteer. With the summer holidays coming up a few students might be interested. They can pop in and talk to Ann, Dodo or Amanda or apply directly online at www.oxfam.org.uk and selecting the "get involved" tab and searching for Hexham.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 16 June	Timetable rollover	Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12
Wednesday 18 June	Y11 Leavers' assembly	Year 11
Thursday 19 June	Art Summer Exhibition (Queen's Hall) Opening 4.30-7pm	All welcome
Monday 23 June	Y13 Leavers' assembly	Year 13
Thursday 26 June	Art Summer Exhibition (QEHS) 5-7pm	All welcome
Thursday 3 July	Year 11 Prom	Year 11

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



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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.

SENDCo: Mrs Laura Warland

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@gehs.net

For queries regarding attendance or absence, please email attendance@gehs.net