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As the summer term progresses, we enjoy many opportunities to celebrate our students and the work that they do. This week the Queen's Hall Art Exhibition opened, showcasing the work of our talented A Level students who left last year. The quality of the work is exceptional, and I would encourage you to drop in and see the standard of artwork that our students produce. On Tuesday, the media students were given the opportunity by our friends at the Forum to have their film projects on the big screen. It was an incredible experience to see the culmination of two years' work on the screen. The talent, creativity and imagination that went into the production of the film pieces was a credit to the students and staff who supported them.

Next Thursday it is the A Level art exhibition in school from 5pm. Please come along and view the outstanding work our current Y13 students have produced. The PTFA will also be there selling refreshments.

A big thank you to Sarah Robinson who generously donated a grand piano to our school. The piano provides our students with an opportunity to perform on a professional level instrument which will have a meaningful impact on their musical growth and confidence. We are looking forward to many impressive performances from our students in the future.

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 awarded with a £20 amazon voucher.

Attendance week (week ending 6 June)

Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	93.2%	90.6%	89.1%	91.4%

Engage

On Yer Bike Tynedale

As a follow-up to the message in last week's newsletter about the On Yer Bike cycling event in Hexham on Sunday 22 June, the organisers have been unable to raise enough funds to host a pop-up 'pump' track on Sele Park this weekend. However, they are setting a new date. If you wish to

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support this initiative, you can donate via their crowdfunder page <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/pop-up-pump-track-crowdfunder> .

Student Success

Well done to Henry W and Henry M who have challenged themselves to climb the equivalent of the Mount Everest as part of the extra-curricular DofE programme. They started the challenge in January this year and have nearly completed it. To read about their adventure see [here](#) the article in the Hexham Courant.

Archie H also did an incredible challenge. He swam more than 150 km which exceeds the length of the Hadrian's Wall. He has plans to do it again! Well done Archie. To read about how Archie did, see [here](#) the article in the Hexham Courant.

Silver DofE

Last week, three Silver Duke of Edinburgh teams enjoyed a [successful practice expedition](#) to the Yorkshire Dales. The students camped and walked for two days and nights, beginning in Appletreewick and finishing in Malham Tarn, Thoraby or Semer Water. Students worked well motivating each other up the hills but enjoyed some excellent views at the top.

We look forward to our qualifying expedition in North Northumberland in a few weeks.

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)



HMS Summer concert

Some tickets are left for the [HMS Summer Concert](#) on the 26th June! This show will include the Orchestra, Show Choir, HMS Singers, Advanced Singing Group, String Ensemble, BandCamp and soloists! Don't miss out, get your tickets now! [Buy tickets](#) (ticket tailor website)

Aspire

Career of the week

This week's Career of the Week was 'Marine Engineer'.

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

Unifrog: Marine Engineer

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/keywords/marine-engineer>

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://www.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.

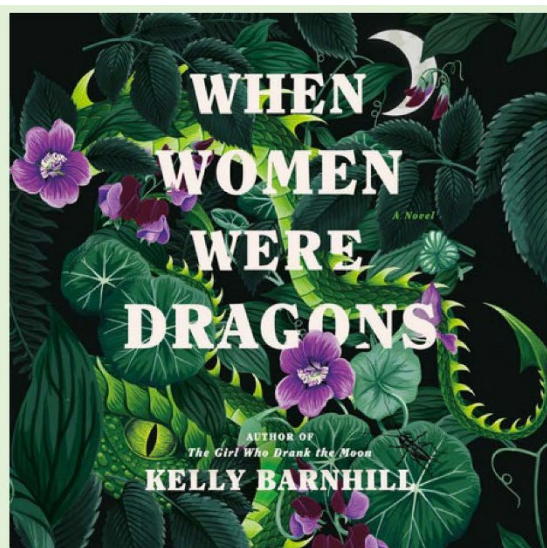
LRC read

This week's LRC recommended read is: 'When women were dragons' by Kelly Barnhill

In a world where girls and women are taught to be quiet, the Dragons inside them are about to be set free - and nothing will ever be the same again.

When hundreds of thousands of ordinary women sprout wings, scales and talons and take to the skies in a blaze of fire and fury, Alex Green is one of those left behind. And no one will talk about what happened. Best forgotten, everyone says.

But Alex can't forget. Nor does she want to.



QEHS Parent Teacher & Friends Association news

Thinking of booking a holiday?



You can raise a huge £100 donation for QEHS PTFA when you book with TUI via easyfundraising between the **23rd and 29th of June!** There's no extra cost and it will make a real difference to us.

If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, now's the perfect time to get involved.

Sign up today here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/qehs-ptfa/2ux004/c2s/eVMlgbcU/CE042/facebook/>

It's such an easy way to support the PTFA at no extra cost. Every time you shop with over 8000 brands, they'll give the PTFA a donation of a percentage of what you spend with them - it doesn't cost you a penny! For the main loyalty point providers, using easyfundraising won't impact on your loyalty points on websites you shop with.

Volunteers welcome!

If you can spare an hour or two of your time to help serve refreshments or sell used uniform at these upcoming school events, please email qehs.ptfa@gmail.com:

- Art Exhibition (in school) - Thursday 26th June 5-7pm
- Songs from the Shows music nights - Monday 7th and Wednesday 9th July 6.30-8.30pm (free entry for helpers)
- Used uniform sale in school at the new year 9 evening on Tuesday 1st July

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.



Online Safety

For Parents - Webinar - Understanding and Safeguarding Children's use of AI Chatbots

Internet Matters are putting on a free webinar for parents to examine their findings in their latest report about how children in the UK are engaging with AI chatbots including the risks and opportunities. This would be a really worthwhile webinar for parents to attend, it will be taking place on 17th July at 1100 and parents can register [HERE](#) (by Alan McKenzie, online safety advisor)

News from the community

Family Repair Café

The next family Fix It will be held at the Torch Centre on Corbridge Road on Saturday 28 June. The event will run from 10am to 1pm. See [here](#) for more information.



Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
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

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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