

4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### **QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 37**

Yesterday was Y11 prom and the ritual of students and families gathering prior to leaving was a sight to behold. The event was joyful and a celebration of the end of the Y11's time at school. We had people arriving in tractors, a vintage car and even someone on horseback. We also welcomed the parents of our new Y9 students to the high school. The current Y8 students will be visiting for transfer day on Tuesday. On that day your child will be involved in one of our enrichment activities. Please find the details about arrival and departure below.



### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July enrichment trips**

For all students attending the enrichment trips, please see below details:

Beamish	Conference Room 1 for registration for normal start of day. Return for 15.15 for normal end of day.
Cinema / Bowling	Hydro Hall for registration for normal start of day. Return for 15.15 for normal end of day
Edinburgh	Winter Gardens for registration for normal start of day. Return for 19.30 (late pickups required)
Flamingoland	Main Sports Hall for registration at normal start of day, Return for 18.00 (late pickups required)
Local Walk	Dining Hall for registration, or Riverside rowing station. Return: 15.15 for normal end of day.
Go Ape	Dining Hall for registration at normal start of day. Return: 15.15 for normal end of day.
Go Karting	LRC for registration at normal start of day. Return: 15.15 for normal end of day.
St James	LRC for registration at normal start of day. Return: 15.15 for normal end of day.
Paddleboarding	Dining Hall for registration at normal start of day. Return: 15.00 for normal end of school.
Yorkshire	Dining Hall for registration - at 06.30 Return: 20.15 (late pick-ups required)

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End of Term	
Thursday 17 July	Friday 18 July
<p><b>Sixth Form Charities Day &amp; Rewards Afternoon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sixth formers will be running stalls to raise funds for the charity, 'We Can'.</li> <li>This is a local charity that enables children with additional needs. <a href="https://www.wecanenable.co.uk/">https://www.wecanenable.co.uk/</a></li> <li><b>Students should bring cash with them</b>, so that they can take part in the activities put on by the sixth form students. In the afternoon students will be taking part in the reward activity that they have signed up for.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Non-uniform day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The funds raised from non-uniform day will go towards a fund set up in memory of Sharón Oliver, an LSA, who died this year. The money will go towards paying for a memorial in school and to Tynedale Hospice At Home, who cared for Sharon and her family. Donations can be made through MCAS.</li> <li>The PTFA will also be running a tuck shop.</li> <li>School will finish at 1.30pm.</li> </ul>

## 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 20 June)			
Year group	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	93.2%	90.6%	91%

## Engage

### Songs from the Shows – last chance to get a ticket!

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)



### **New strips for sports teams – support welcome!**

We are reaching out to ask for your support in helping our school's extra-curricular sports teams shine both on and off the field. As we continue to foster teamwork and school spirit through sports, we are seeking donations (and potentially sponsorships) to help fund new team strips for our dedicated students. Whether you're able to contribute a small amount, sponsor a team, or purchase a strip outright, your generosity will make a meaningful difference to the PE department and to the students. Every contribution, big or small, will be deeply appreciated. If you are able to support, you can make a contribution via My Child At School > School Shop > Fundraising and Donations or, to find out more, please contact the PE department at [gscott@gehs.net](mailto:gscott@gehs.net).

### **Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

Gift Aid can be reclaimed by Hadrian Learning Trust from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Please complete the [Gift Aid declaration form](#) (online form). Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

### **BBC filming the Dumping Ground**

Following our announcement in the 13 June parent newsletter regarding the BBC's search for a few students to take part in filming The Dumping Ground, we would like to inform you that if you have not been contacted by the BBC, unfortunately, you have not been selected to participate. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest—we really appreciate your enthusiasm and support!

## **Aspire**

### **Career of the week**

This week's Career of the Week was 'Pop Musician'

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

[Unifrog: Musician](#)

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).

## Sixth Form

### Sixth form noticeboard

[The sixth form Noticeboard](#) is regularly updated with new opportunities. Please see two new opportunities for the week ahead:

[Medicine and Dentistry](#) – Prepare for the UCAT with an online session from Newcastle University, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 5pm-6pm

[Clearing](#) – Find out how clearing works with Leeds University, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 12pm -1pm

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

### Songs from the Shows

You can enjoy a refreshing glass of Pimm's whilst enjoying the Songs from the Shows music nights on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. PTFA volunteers will be serving this, along with other drinks, confectionery and snacks, to raise vital funds to support school enrichment activities for the students.

If you can spare an hour or two of your time to help out on either evening, email [gehs.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:gehs.ptfa@gmail.com).

To book tickets, visit <https://buytickets.at/hadrianlearningtrust/1725205>



### 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 - Moving to Secondary School

For many children, the move from primary to school has many 'firsts', including digital firsts. Internet Matters have a wonderful guide for parents to help with that transition from primary to secondary school, all digital and online related.

You can find the guide [HERE](#) (by Alan McKenzie, online safety advisor)

### LRC read

This week's LRC recommended read is:

*I always thought that hauntings began with houses. They don't, of course.*

*It's people, isn't it? It begins with people.*

If anyone knows what it is to be haunted, it's Daisy. The ghosts of her troubled past are ever present. Daisy has always done her best to shut the ghosts away. To shut away the wise creatures, who used to whisper to her from the walls of the house. To live a normal life.

But now, something is humming in the house. Something dark, and unknown. And it's targeting Nina, her beloved sister. Daisy knows that something is up. And that the wise creatures, locked away for so long, are back. And this time, who knows what they want?



### News from the community

#### Pop-up pump track update

The On Yer Bike team have managed to raise enough funds to book the pop-up pump track for Sele Park for Tuesday 5th August. However, they still have a shortfall of funds so the Crowdfunder is still active. For more details, including how you can support this initiative, please see [Pop-up pump track crowdfunder - a Community crowdfunding project in Hexham](#)

### Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Tuesday 8 July	Trips and visits day	New Y10 and New Y11
Thursday 17 July	Sixth Form Charities Day & Rewards Afternoon	All year groups
Friday 18 July	Non-uniform day	All year groups
Friday 18 July	School closes at 1.30pm	All year groups

### 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: 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](mailto:admin@gehs.net)

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