

12th September 2025

QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 2

This week we held our first house assemblies of the year. We introduced the house system last year. Houses are named after trees. We have five houses and students are in the form class of their house. Staff are also allocated to houses. Throughout the year there are house competitions and at the end of the year the house with the most house points wins the cup. Last year the trophy was won by Birch house.



This year students have been given badges in their house colours. Y12 students can apply to be house captains and Y11 students, vice captains. We have an autumn photography competition and house points will be awarded for each book borrowed from the LRC. All praise points go towards house points. The students also had the chance to vote on the new house badges. The winning badges were designed by Mr Jesper, House Leader for Beech House.

Beech House Mr Jesper	Birch House Ms Coleman	Ash House Ms Buxton-Collins	Oak House Mrs Fraser	Sycamore House Miss Snowdon/ Miss Macken
				

Respect

Traffic movement at key crossing times

Thank you for your support in adhering to the new signs on Whetstone Bridge Road that guide vehicle movement on arrival and departure at the key times of student movement, i.e. at the start and end of each day. This has made a big difference in ensuring the supervised crossing point remains safe for staff and students. The key points to note are:

- vehicles are expected to turn left when departing the site at the times of main student movement in the mornings and afternoons
- vehicles moving from the top end of Tynedale Terrace onto Whetstone Bridge Road are expected to turn left at these times.

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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. The table below is based on the data from the 2025 GCSE results.

Attendance	Average Grade
Above 95%	6
90-95%	5
80-90%	4

We know that some students will struggle to attend school so please speak to their form tutor, Head of Year or Mrs Lloyd if you have any concerns. We work with families to help students overcome barriers to attending school.

Engage

Hexham Spook Night

This year's event will take place on Saturday 25th October from 2pm to 9pm.

The organisers are a small team who rely on volunteers to help them make this popular event run as smoothly as possible. This year, they are looking for volunteers who could:

- assist for an hour or two on the Event Information table in the Queen's Hall foyer (2-7pm)
- help to steward around the bandstand during the fancy dress competitions and dance displays (4.15-7pm)
- litter pick for an hour or so during the event, particularly towards the end of it (7-10pm) or the next morning (Sun 26th Oct)

If you can help, please contact Bettina Newton at admin@hexhamcommunity.net.

Student success

Congratulations to our Y12 student Arthur D who came second in the Boys' 15-16 year old Junior Great North Run.

Aspire

Career of the week

This week's Career of the Week was 'Social media Manager'.

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

- [Unifrog: Social Media Manager](#)

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

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

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

PTFA Lottery

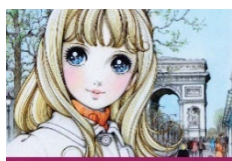
Tickets for the lottery are £1 per entry with 2 monthly cash prizes. Entry is simple and online. For more information and to sign up complete the [online application](#) or email gehsprizedraw@gmail.com.



Next week, the PTFA are meeting in the County Hotel at 6pm. Please come along if you are interested in being involved in the PTFA.

News from the community

Hexham Library



Hexham Library is excited to be hosting 'Make Mine Manga', a touring exhibition for everyone from those curious to discover manga for the first time to avid fans of the medium. 'Make Mine Manga' will be at Hexham Library from Monday 22nd September to 10th October and entry is completely FREE during regular opening hours.

Hexham Wombles

Join the Hexham Wombles for our next community litter pick:

- Saturday 27th September
- 11:00am – 12:30pm
- Hexham Town Centre & The Sele Park

Meet at 11:00am at The Gates opposite the Queen's Hall.



Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 15 September	Key Dates Assembly	Year 11
Wednesday 17 September	Pathway Information Evening – 6pm	Year 11
Thursday 25 September	QEHS Open Evening 6-8pm	All welcome
Thursday 25 September	Flu Immunisations	All Year groups
Thursday 9 October	Tutor Evening 4-6pm	Year 9, Year 10, 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.

Free Sanitary Products

Full packs of period products are available from the mentors' office, breaktime is the best time to come along. These packs will also be available on a Monday and Thursday lunchtime from Hydro Hall. Singles are still available from accessible toilets, the mentors' office and the PE department.



NSeaton

Neil Seaton
Head of School

Pupil support and safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Anne Lloyd

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