

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 3

Next week we have the Y9 Open Evening. The event offers us a wonderful opportunity to showcase the school and for prospective QE families to meet our staff and students. As you will know from our social media, many of our students accomplish successes in a wide range of activities outside school. We are always keen to celebrate wider achievements, so please let us know if your child has news worth celebrating. This week we have received emails about rugby, cycling and triathlon.

#### Respect

##### Uniform

A reminder about our uniform expectations.

The uniform policy can be found [here](#). To ensure clarity and consistency please see further guidance on some areas:

- **Grey pleated skirts** - should not be unduly short. As a guide a skirt should not be rolled and should come below the fingertip when arms are held by the side.
- **Grey formal trousers** – no black trousers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms.
- **Hair Colour** - hair should not be dyed an extreme unnatural colour. This includes blues, greens, pinks, reds and purples.
- **White school shirts** – top buttons should be fastened, and shirts should be tucked in.
- **School tie** – these should be worn at all times.
- **No jewellery** apart from single, stud earrings. No nose piercings can be worn. All piercings must be removed for practical PE lessons.
- **Black polishable shoes.**

Thank you for your support in upholding our uniform expectations.

##### Attendance

Leave of Absence During Term Time

Parents who take their child out of school without authorisation may be fined. The amount of the fine depends on how quickly it is paid: £80 if paid within 21 days; this rises to £160 if paid within 22 to 28 days of the notice being issued; if the fine is not paid the parent can be prosecuted. Both parents may be fined for the same absence. (Hexham Partnership of Schools Policy on Leave of Absence During Term Time)

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### House update

Beech House  
Mr Jesper



Birch House  
Ms Coleman



Ash House  
Ms Buxton-Collins



Oak House  
Mrs Fraser



Sycamore House  
Miss Snowden/  
Miss Macken



### Total points as per 18 September 2025

Beech  
10,037

Birch  
10,178

Ash  
8,555

Oak  
9,677

Sycamore  
8,977

### Help Us Create Poppies for Remembrance

Can you crochet or knit, or do you know someone who can?

The Sixth Form Team are hoping to create a display of poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day and needs help creating poppies. You can use the following link for

instructions: <https://oombawkadesigncrochet.com/poppy-project/>

- If you can make poppies for us, please drop them off at QEHS reception by Monday 20 October.
- If you have any spare red and/or black wool, this can also be dropped off at reception. Many thanks



### Student success - Rugby

Teddy and Will F have been selected to join the Newcastle Red Bulls academy, Foundation stage. They had to go through a rigorous selection process, that whittled down players to just 30 across Northumberland and North Durham. This is a wonderful achievement! Congratulations to both of them

### Student success – Cycling

Wilfred P in Y10 has been selected for the British National Cycling School for Mountain Biking and is working towards GB selection to race in Europe next year. Wilfred races for One Life Racing.



This is a fantastic achievement and wish him luck in his future biking goals.

### Aspire

#### Career of the week

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

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

[Unifrog: Aerospace 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://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@qehs.net](mailto:sixthform@qehs.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 Vacancies for Chair/co-Chair/s and Treasurer

As some of our long-standing committee members are moving on, we now have exciting opportunities for new parents to get involved and are looking for people who can commit even for just one school year.

We are looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

👉 Chair or co-Chair/s – leading the PTFA, working with the school and committee, and helping to set the direction of our activities. If you prefer to co-Chair alongside someone else, there can be an opportunity for this - just let us know.

👉 Treasurer – looking after the PTFA's finances, keeping simple accounts, and reporting on income and expenditure.

Both roles are vital for keeping the PTFA running and supporting the school community. No prior experience is needed – just enthusiasm and a willingness to help. Training and support will be available.

#### Notice of AGM

Our AGM will be held at QEHS on Tuesday 21st October at 6pm. This is when nominations will be confirmed, so please come along and have your say.

If you'd like to find out more or put yourself forward, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!  
Contact us at: [gehs.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:gehs.ptfa@gmail.com)

#### **Early request for Prom outfits**

Do you have any dresses, suits, shoes or accessories suitable as prom-wear, perhaps worn for summer prom and now no longer needed? Every year, the PTFA runs a Prom pop-up shop to allow students access to outfits that don't cost the earth, either financially or environmentally. If you have any items that you would like to donate or would like us to sell at the shop on your behalf, please email: [gehs.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:gehs.ptfa@gmail.com)

#### **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).



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.

### **Online Safety**

#### **For Parents - Location Sharing**

We all know that location sharing can be a really good thing, but only when that sharing is managed appropriately and only with very specific known persons, not to everyone. Thankfully, gone are the days when you uploaded a post onto social media your location was automatically included, but there are still location sharing features in some apps. As a timely reminder for parents to check their child's device the Canadian Cyber Tip Line has put together a very informative article which is useful for everyone, regardless of where you are in the world.

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

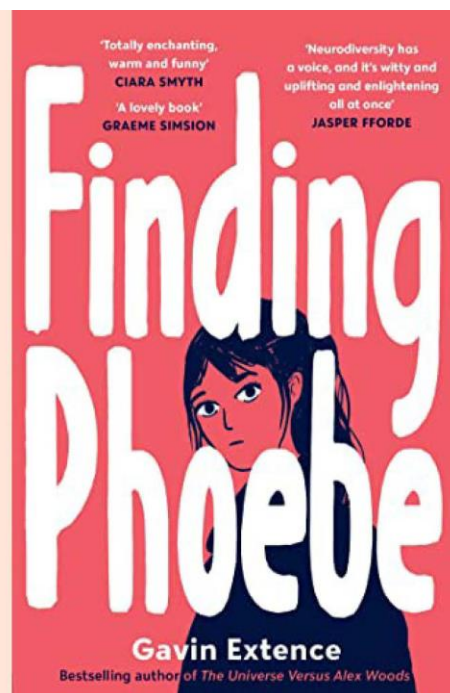


### LRC recommended read

This week's LRC recommended read is: Finding Phoebe by Gavin Extence.

Phoebe is autistic. She prefers to stay in her comfort zone: walking her dog, writing fantasy fiction, surviving school with as few incidents as possible.

When her best (and only) friend rebels and gets a secret boyfriend, Phoebe reluctantly agrees to cover for her. Before long, Phoebe's dealing with all sorts of things she'd rather not, like deception, fashionable jackets, and the bewildering politics of the school chess club. Breaking the rules has never been Phoebe's thing, but as events take a seriously unexpected turn, she realises there's more to her than she ever imagined . . .



### Next week's climate theme

## The Oceans

#### Respect!

##### Because...

- Over 50% of our oxygen is produced by plankton
- Oceans consume 30% of our anthropogenic (human) climate emissions

##### BUT...

- This is leading them to become more acidic
- This impacts marine life and will affect ocean food webs (which support us)

#### What you can do **this week**:

- consider where microparticles from plastics and eroded rubber from car tyres go – *who ends up eating it?*
- Recycle or reuse plastics responsibly
- Calculate your carbon footprint and think about where 30% of it is going!

## News from the community

### Hexham Squash Club Open Day

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
12.00 – 2pm  
Hexham Golf Club  
Spital Park NE46 3RZ



## Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
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.

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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](mailto:admin@gehs.net)

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