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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 28

As we return from the Easter break, I hope all our families enjoyed a restful and refreshing holiday. It has been a pleasure welcoming students back into school this week, and there is a real sense of energy as we begin the summer term. This final stretch of the year is always a busy and rewarding one, filled with opportunities for learning, growth, and celebration.

For our Year 11 and Year 13 students, the coming weeks are especially significant as they prepare for their public examinations. We are proud of the hard work they have already put in, and it is vital that they remain fully engaged in lessons right up until half term. Continued attendance and participation make a meaningful difference at this stage, helping to consolidate knowledge and build confidence ahead of the exam period.

Respect

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in helping your children attend school regularly and punctually. We know that strong attendance doesn't happen by accident, it reflects the commitment of families who recognise how valuable every lesson is. Your partnership makes a real difference, and we are grateful for the effort you put into ensuring students are in school, ready to learn each day.

Engage

Mr Jesper



Beech 🌟

96,478

Ms Coleman



Birch

95,404

Ms Buxton-Collins



Ash

87,001

Mrs Fraser



Oak

85,007

Miss Snowdon/
Miss Macken



Sycamore

84,485

Total points per 23 April 2026

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Football - Historic Chronicle Cup Triumph for QEHS Under 19s



QEHS Under 19s created a landmark moment in the school's sporting history with a superb 3–1 victory over Cramlington Learning Village Under 19s, securing the Chronicle Cup for the first time ever.

See [here](#) for the full match report.

Student success - rugby

On Sunday 19th April Annabelle, Clara and Sadie joined their team mates in a combined Consett RFC /Bishop Auckland RFC U14 girls Rugby team in the Barnard Castle U14s Festival. Two wins and a defeat in some very competitive games against strong and experienced opposition saw them secure a place in the Plate Final. The final was a very competitive match against local rivals Blaydon, but the team ran out winners to secure the plate victory. All three QEHS girls contributed well with a number of tries, line breaking runs and strong tackles in defence throughout the day.



The victory secured the first piece of silverware for the Consett RFC female section.

Student success - Cheerleading



Congratulations to Imogen H, Eve C and Freya P and their Derwent Valley Allstars Icons' Cheerleading team who won a silver medal at the Allstars Worlds competition. The DVA Steel Queens team which includes Imogen H and Eve C will be competing again next week in Florida.

Good luck team!

More information about the team and their success can be found on the [Club's Facebook page](#) (Facebook link)

Aspire

Unifrog Parent Account

We are pleased to let you know that parents and carers of students at Queen Elizabeth High School can now enjoy full access **Unifrog**, the online platform we use in school to help students explore their future pathways, including university, apprenticeships, and employment.

A parent account will allow you to:

- **Stay up to date:** See your child’s next tasks, unfinished actions, upcoming events, placements, and the interactions added by their teachers
- **Try out:** Try our student tools, e.g. find out what frog they are in the personality quiz
- **Learn:** Find webinars, fairs and guides aimed at parents and caregivers
- **Stay in touch:** Sign up to our monthly parent newsletter (which tells parents and caregivers about news and opportunities to do with careers and progression).

How to create a parent account:

1. First, we will need to add your email address to your child’s Unifrog profile.
2. Once this has been done, you can create your account by either:
 - Using **Single Sign-On (SSO)** on the normal Unifrog sign-in page, or
 - Entering your email address on the Unifrog parent sign-up page and following the instructions.
3. After creating your account, you can sign in at any time using your email and password or SSO via the usual Unifrog sign-in page.

If you would prefer **not** to have your email address added to your child’s Unifrog account, please contact ahedley@gehs.net to opt out.

Sixth Form

Year 12 Guidance Talks

Year 12 had a number of new and exciting sessions to choose from again yesterday. Shay Lowery, a former student, entertained and inspired in equal measure – a large contingent may decide they are off to summer camp in America or Canada after Year 13! Amy brought to life, using examples from her work and PhD, what social psychology is and its applications for understanding group behaviour, particularly in relation to culture and cyber psychology. A number of our students choose to go to Lancaster University each year and so we were delighted to welcome Isabelle French to talk to the students about the range of economics degrees they offer and the opportunities this opens up for their undergraduates. Steven Underwood, Founder & Managing Director at Bonded Agency delivered an engaging presentation on his personal journey, sharing the challenges of building his own business and offering valuable insight into how he developed an award-winning company. He explained how Bonded helps to grow brands by combining digital marketing, media strategy, and creative content.

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.

News from the community

Hadrian's Wall: Coast-to-Coast Cycle Ride – Design Contest

Young creatives are being invited to design the cycling jerseys and shorts the riders will wear for a coast-to-coast charity ride along Hadrian's Wall to support The Sir Bobby Robson Institute and The Great North Children's Hospital. The winning design will be worn by all riders in the charity cycle. The winner will start the ride, meet the cyclists at the finish and receive £100 in vouchers for an evening out with their family and £500 worth of art supplies for their school. For more details, please see [here](#).

Hexham Family Hub

New dates are available for Hexham Family Hub activities. See [here](#) for information of what's on.

Online Safety

For Parents - Roblox Kids and Roblox Select

Roblox have been making some big changes recently, and that now includes 'age-gating' so that children and young people get the experience according to their age. This means that there are now 3 types of Roblox accounts:

- Roblox Kids - for children 5-8 years.
- Roblox Select - for children 9-15 years.
- Roblox - for anyone 16+.

For any users that have not completed an age check, they will be put into the youngest users category and parents can update or correct a child's age through a linked account. The link below will take you to a simplified breakdown of the different accounts.

Link: [What are Roblox Kids and Roblox Select?](#) (Alan McKenzie – Online Safety specialist)

QEHS Parent Teacher & Friends Association news

The QEHS Parent Teacher and Friends Association is run by volunteer parents/carers, teachers and friends of the school who work together to raise funds to make QEHS an even better environment for students to learn and thrive, engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school community. If you'd like to contact the PTFA committee you can email qehs.ptfa@gmail.com. In the meantime, please do follow us on Facebook (QEHS Parent, Teacher & Friends Association), Instagram and Threads (@qehs_parent_teacher_friends)



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🌟 Join our team! 🌟

We need a Treasurer - you don't need to be a maths genius or have accounting experience! Just someone who's reasonably organised and willing to get involved. If you'd like to make a real difference with a small, friendly team, we'd love to hear from you.

📅 PTFA dates for the diary

- Wednesday 29 April - Spring Concert, where we'll be serving refreshments
- Tuesday 5 May - PTFA meeting, 6pm, County Hotel, Hexham (please ask the bar staff to direct you to our table)
- Thursday 25 June - Y13 Art Showcase, where we'll be serving refreshments
- Tuesday 30 June - new Y9 parents meeting, where we'll be selling pre-loved uniform

If you can spare even a little time to help out at any of these events or to help prepare for them, please get in touch.

🛒 Turn your shopping into free donations

Sign up to easyfundraising and when you shop online with your favourite retailers, they'll donate to QEHS PTFA.

It's free and your shopping won't cost you any extra - the retailers you shop with will donate, not you!

Plus, sign up today and we could win a £400 donation. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qehs-ptfa>

💰 Want the chance to win one of two cash prizes each month?

Tickets for the PTFA lottery cost just £1 with simple online entry. For more information and to sign up complete the [online application](#) or email qehsprizedraw@gmail.com.

Contact the PTFA committee by emailing qehs.ptfa@gmail.com

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A chance for YOU to win cash prizes every month!

Our PTFA Lottery is yet another really easy way to support the school. Tickets cost just £1 per entry with 2 monthly cash prizes to be won. Entry is simple and online. For more information and to sign up, complete the [online application](#) or email qehsprizedraw@gmail.com



Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Wednesday 29 April	Spring Concert 7.15pm See here for tickets	All welcome



Date	Event	Who
Wednesday 29 April	Year 10 Parents' evening (E-band)	Year 10
Friday 15 May	Pop-up Uniform shop – 3.30-5.30pm	Book a time slot here

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.

NSeaton

Neil Seaton
Head of School

Pupil support and safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Anne Lloyd
Deputy Safeguarding Leader: Mr Emerson Brown
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