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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 29

We are all delighted by the news that our Year 10 boys' football team were crowned county champions last night after a thrilling victory. The boys played exceptionally well. Congratulations to them and all the staff who supported them throughout the competition. The success ended a week where we also celebrated the musical talents of our students, with a resounding Spring concert that showcased an array of musical and instrumental talent. Ms Tindall and her team, once again, did an amazing job of putting together a beautifully choreographed evening of musical entertainment.

As we approach the exam season, the sun shines and we wish all the students who are preparing for exams the very best. The hard work will pay off!



Fundraising update

Earlier this year, the PE Department hosted 'Scotty's Day' in memory of our former Head of PE at QEHS, Chris Scott. Scotty's Day is a celebration of Chris' passion for encouraging young people to access, enjoy and excel in sport. As well as providing an afternoon of joyful sport for our Sixth Form students and an opportunity to share memories of Chris, Scotty's Day once again raised a considerable amount of money for charity. From this year's fundraising activities, we donated £1,000 to Tynedale Hospice at Home and £1,000 to the British Heart Foundation. The money will be used to support local families impacted by bereavement and to fund valuable research aimed at helping people with heart and circulatory disorders. Over the last five years, Scotty's Day fundraising has donated a total of £12,000 to charity. Thank you to everyone for your support and generosity.

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Respect

Attendance

A reminder that Year 11 students are expected to be in school up until the end of this half term. Study leave does not start until Monday 1 June. Students will need medical evidence of any appointments and need to be collected by a parent if they leave school during the school day. Teachers will continue to prepare students for their exams until half term and on days of exams, there are warm-up sessions for students taking place.

Study leave also begins for Year 13 students on Monday 1 June.

Engage

Mr Jesper



Beech ✨

100,421

Ms Coleman



Birch

99,470

Ms Buxton-Collins



Ash

88,919

Mrs Fraser



Oak

88,633

Miss Snowdon/
Miss Macken



Sycamore

87,714

Total points per 30 April 2026

Girls' football



On Friday a combined Year 9 and 10 girls' team took part in a football festival in Newcastle. They came away with one win, two draws and two losses, but their performance was fantastic, particularly with several players stepping up a year. They represented the school superbly. Huge well done to all the girls involved!

Student success

Year 10 students Lucas, Dan and Amir represented South West Northumberland in the U15 NSFA Inter-Association Finals on Saturday, securing a 1–0 victory against Newcastle. Well done!





Archie H from Year 10 had the opportunity to play for the U16 Red Bulls Academy team at Oriam in Edinburgh this weekend, competing in matches against Glasgow Warriors, Edinburgh and Coventry

Teddy in year 11, has retained his place in the Red Bulls Academy for the final U16 block. Over recent weeks, he's competed in the Prem Next Gen Festival at Warwick University, facing Exeter Chiefs, Harlequins and Bristol Bears, as well as the Northern Triangular against Sale and Yorkshire academies. He also travelled to the Oriam Performance Centre in Edinburgh, taking on Glasgow Warriors and Edinburgh. Strong performances across all fixtures, capped off with 3 tries against the Scottish academy sides this weekend.



Medical Mavericks - Human Guinea Pig Show

We were delighted to have Tom from Medical Mavericks present the "Human Guinea Pig" show to Years 9, 10, and 12.

Tom introduced us to loads of healthcare science careers, from vascular science to ophthalmology to medical engineering. We saw how heart rate dopplers, ultrasounds, ECGs, and ophthalmoscopes can be used to monitor the human body, with plenty of volunteers taking part. Students listened **respectfully, engaged** in the content, and hopefully feel inspired to **aspire** to a career in healthcare.



If the session left your student inspired and wanting to find out more, please direct them to <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/> and <https://medicalmavericks.co.uk/medical-mavericks-tv/>. All of the careers that Tom highlighted have entry requirements starting at 5 grades 9-4 at GCSE.

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 to **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:
 - o Using **Single Sign-On (SSO)** on the normal Unifrog sign-in page, or
 - o 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@qehs.net to opt out.

Career of the week

This week's job of the week: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/school-subjects/pharmacologist>

Sixth Form

First aid training

Our year 12 sport leaders and sport diploma students were fortunate to attend emergency first aid training this week. The training was delivered by the North East Ambulance Service. Huge thanks to the NEAS for attending school to deliver this important training for our students.



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. Equally, if you would like to advertise local job opportunities (paid or voluntary) please send the details.

Online Safety

For Parents - Your Child's Digital Footprint

What is a digital footprint? Basically it's the trail we all create online whenever we visit a web page, buy something, scroll social media and everything else we do online. It's a really important aspect to understand for lots of reasons such as privacy, reputation, advertising, risks of harm and much more.

Internet Matters have a really good explainer article covering what a digital footprint is, what we mean by an active footprint, why it matters and much more. Link: Internet Matters - [What you need to know about your child's digital footprint](#). (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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Can you spare an hour?

We'd love a few more people to join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday 5th May at 6pm at The County Hotel**, Hexham - whether you're just curious, have an idea to share (about how to raise funds or how to spend them), might be able to help out now and then or just want to meet a friendly bunch of parents/carers. There's absolutely no pressure to take on a big role - we all fit things around work and other commitments and even a little input makes a big difference. We'll have a large, central table reserved (bar staff can direct you to us), so just call in, say hello - our co-Chairs, Kate and Lorna, and the rest of the team would love to see you!

PTFA dates for the diary

- 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.

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

Follow us on Facebook (QEHS Parent, Teacher & Friends Association), Instagram and Threads (@qehs_parent_teacher_friends)

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



News from the community

Autism Family Drop-in sessions – new dates

New dates are available for the Northumberland Autism Family Drop-in sessions: [here](#).

Hexham Bike Bus – volunteers needed!

Following November’s successful piloting of a ‘Bike Bus’ initiative in Hexham, Tynedale’s Bicycle Mayor, David Dixon, has secured more funding for bike bus training for volunteer guides. A bike bus is a supervised grouping of cyclists who move together as a unit and therefore have greater protection from traffic than when cycling alone. Our support of this reinforces the message that cycling can have many benefits for individuals – fitness, fun and convenience – and the community, as ever-increasing traffic congestion contributes to higher accident rates, pollution and Climate Change. However, without more adult guides, the scheme won’t be sustainable.

If you or someone you know can spare a small amount of time on a morning or afternoon each week to support this initiative, it would be greatly appreciated. Training is taking place on **Wednesday 13 May**. For more details, please contact David via daviddixon649@gmail.com.

British Adventurer Talk – discounted tickets for QEHS students

Hexham Rotary is hosting an inspiring talk by Jasmine Harrison who aged 21 rowed solo across the Atlantic, has swum from Land’s End to John O’Groats and last month completed a solo sail around the world. More information: [here](#).

Tickets available from Andy Pryor at hexhamrotary@wea1898.co.uk

QEHS students can have a discounted ticket for £10. They just need to use their school email address when making their ticket request to Andy.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
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