

22 May 2026

QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 32

As we come to the end of the half-term, with the sun shining it is great to see the school filled with energy and positivity. This week has been particularly special as we celebrated our Year 11 students and marked the end of their formal lessons with a memorable leavers' event.

It was fantastic to see so many students taking part in the football and rounders matches, enjoying time together in such a relaxed and happy atmosphere. The traditional shirt signing was another highlight, with students sharing messages, memories, and well wishes. It does not feel like three years since we welcomed them from their middle schools for transfer day. The final assembly was a fitting moment of reflection.

We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best as they now focus on their next examinations. We know how hard they have worked to reach this point, and we are incredibly proud of their determination and resilience. We hope they also take time to look forward to a well-earned, long summer holiday, and we very much look forward to celebrating with them again at their prom.

Our Year 13 students are also reaching an important milestone as they begin their study leave. While we will formally say our goodbyes later next term, this marks the start of their final push in their examinations and next steps beyond school. We are immensely proud of everything they have achieved and the leadership they have shown within our community.

At this time of year, there is always a strong sense of pride, and that is certainly the case now. Our young people continue to impress us with their commitment, character, and support for one another. They are respectful, engaged, and aspirational. It is a privilege to work with them every day, and we are excited to see what the future holds for each and every one of them.

Respect

Attendance

Experience of school provides our students with a rich variety of opportunities. These extend beyond the curriculum. Through trips, visits and enrichment activities our young people develop and grow. They learn valuable lessons about life skills and careers. Attendance at school is equally important when learning extends beyond the classroom.

Engage

Mr Jesper



Beech ✨

111,415

Ms Coleman



Birch

109,609

Ms Buxton-Collins



Ash

98,301

Mrs Fraser



Oak

98,378

Miss Snowdon/
Miss Macken



Sycamore

96,268

Total points per 22 May 2026

QEHS Art – Final Show



Art, Graphics & Photography

Exhibiting the work of our current Sixth Form students.

Queen Elizabeth High School
Thursday 25th June, 5pm to 7pm

A-level Art Exhibition "A Sense of Wonder"

This eclectic exhibition of visual arts spanning the two main galleries of the Queen's Hall is curated by staff and students from Queen Elizabeth High School, Hexham. The young artists are showing their work made for their A-level studies made last year and this. The exhibition title invokes the very special feelings that these creative students feel towards their work and express in the amazing variety of art on display. This sense of wonder leads many students to study at Newcastle College's foundation



course and onwards to creative degree courses across the country. 13th June – 4th July.

The Big Future - national children and young people's survey

The Children's Commissioner is asking for all children and young people to complete the new survey, [The Big Future](#). The Commissioner wants to make sure that she hears from as many children and young people as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. She is asking them about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns and their hopes for the future. More than anything, she wants to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.



We will be promoting this in school but, if your child hasn't yet submitted a response, please ask them to complete the survey via this link: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>. The findings will be published next year and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see to the problems that they say are most important to them.

Aspire

Career of the week

You can activate your parent / carer Unifrog account by visiting www.unifrog.org/parent and signing up with the same email address that is linked to your child on Bromcom.

Sixth Form

Sixth form noticeboard

[The sixth form Noticeboard](#) is regularly updated with new opportunities. Please visit regularly to see what has been added.

We rely on parents sharing opportunities with 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 - Is Your Child Prepared for their First Phone?

It's a question that so many parents struggle with, balancing the positives, the negatives, the need, cost and so much more. The problem with such a question is that there is no one-size-fits-all answer.

Darren Laur has written a really useful article for parents, within the article he uses the acronym PREPARED which takes away the complexity and allows parents to make decisions based on their own

circumstances.:

- P - Purpose.
- R - Responsibility.
- E - Empathy and respect.
- P - Perception of risk.
- A - Adaptability and resilience.
- R - Regulation.
- E - Executive functioning.
- D - Digital discernment.

The article is a really good read. Link: [Is your child PREPARED for their first phone?](#)
(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.



Registered Charity 1201950

Do you need support with the cost of school trips or music tuition?

In the Autumn term, we launched our PTFA bursary fund to help families who could not otherwise afford for their child to participate in a school trip or pay for music tuition. More information about the fund and how to apply for a bursary award can be found here: [QEHS PTFA Bursary Fund](#)

If you or your workplace would like to contribute towards the fund, you can donate online via [Justgiving - PTFA Bursary Fund](#). Alternatively, you can email us to discuss other support options: qehs.ptfa@gmail.com

If you would prefer to make a more general donation to support the funding of enrichment activities and equipment for the whole school community, you can make a one-off or regular donation at our [JustGiving PTFA](#) page. JustGiving sends your donation straight to us and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Do you have any useful skills or knowledge to share?

We'd love to hear from you if you do, whether that is social media skills, fundraising, bookkeeping, admin, leadership skills or having good local community links.

PTFA dates for the diary

- 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

- Thursday 9 July - Save the date for a friendly meet & greet social evening with a special performance - more details to follow.

If you can spare even a little time to help out at 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)

Having a clear-out over half term?

Don't forget you can place bags of unwanted clothes, shoes and accessories in the PTFA recycling bin at the main car park entrance and raise money for us to support the school at the same time. We welcome new or used donations of the following items in good, undamaged condition, placed in bags tied at the top:

- adults' and children's clothes
- shoes (tied in pairs)
- accessories (bags, belts, jewellery etc)



No branded uniform, damaged items or bulky items such as pillows, duvets or curtains, please.

School uniform donations should be handed directly into the school office for the uniform recycling scheme instead.

Welcome to our new lottery members!

Our winners last month each won a £25 cash prize, and there's still time to be in this month's PTFA lottery draw. Tickets cost £1 per entry, with 2 monthly cash prizes. Entry is very simple and online. For more information and to sign up, complete the online application [online application](#) or email qehsprizedraw@gmail.com.



Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Tuesday 5 May – Friday 19 June	GCSE and A-level exams	Year 11 and Year 13
Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May	Summer Half Term Holiday	All year groups
Monday 1 June	School reopens at 8.40am	All year groups
Monday 1 June – Friday 12 June	Kenya expedition	Year 10 (group)

Monday 1 June – Friday 5 June	Ford Castle residential	Year 9 (groups)
Tuesday 2 June – Friday 5 June	Holocaust Awareness Visit Poland	Year 9 and Year 10 (group)
Tuesday 2 June – Thursday 4 June	DofE Expedition	Year 10 (group)
Monday 8 June – Friday 12 June	Madrid residential	Year 10 (group)
Monday 8 June – Friday 12 June	Work experience week	Year 12 (group)
Monday 8 June – Friday 12 June	Paris residential	Year 12 (group)
Saturday 13 June – Friday 5 July	A-level art exhibition Opening reception 18 June, 5-7pm	
Thursday 25 June	QEHS Final Art Show, 5-7pm	

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.

N Seaton

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@qehs.net

For queries regarding attendance or absence, please email attendance@qehs.net