



5 June 2026

QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 33

We are back from half term with several trips and visits out this week – Poland, Newby Wiske, Duke of Edinburgh and Kenya. Reports from those participating are incredibly positive. Next week is our REA week with enrichment activities scheduled for year 9 and year 10 that are part of their wider curriculum. There will be workshops including careers, life skills, forensics, enterprise, and sports.

On Monday 15 June we roll over our timetable which means year 9 begins their year 10 courses, year 11 follows their new timetable as do year 12. For those five weeks we will refer to the new year 10, new year 11, and new year 13. The fresh start provides students with a chance to experience new courses and staff in advance of September.

Respect

Attendance

As we move into the summer term, attendance becomes more important than ever. This is a unique and valuable part of the academic year, with a wide range of opportunities that extend beyond the classroom.

Over the coming weeks, students will experience REA week, enrichment activities, trips, and the transition into new courses through our timetable rollover. These experiences are carefully designed to support learning, build confidence, and prepare students for the next stage of their education. Missing school at this time means missing these important moments.

We also know that consistent attendance is one of the strongest indicators of success. Even short absences can lead to gaps in learning, particularly as students begin new content and establish relationships with new teachers ahead of September.

We appreciate that summer can bring competing demands and, at times, the temptation to take holidays during term time. However, we ask all families to prioritise attendance wherever possible. Being present every day ensures that students make the most of the opportunities available to them and maintain positive routines.

At QEHS, we want every student to feel supported, engaged and ready to succeed. Strong attendance is a key part of this – helping students to **Respect** their learning, **Engage** fully in school life, and **Aspire** to achieve their best. If you have any concerns about attendance or need support, please do contact us – we are here to help.

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Beech ✨

113,694

Ms Coleman



Birch

111,468

Ms Buxton-Collins



Ash

100,316

Mrs Fraser



Oak

100,289

Miss Snowdon/
Miss Macken



Sycamore

98,460

Total points per 5 June 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

This week's career of the week was: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/direct/systems-analyst>

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. There have been new [local and national apprenticeship opportunities](#) added this week.

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

Online Safety

For Parents - A Practical Toolkit for Families

The Molly Rose Foundation has some wonderful resources for parents including guides and other resources. One of these guides helps families understand who and what may be shaping a child's online world and how these influences can affect mood, confidence and safety. To download this guide and check some of the other resources see the link below.

Link - [Molly rose Foundation - A Practical Toolkit for Families](#) (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

There are many ways you can support the PTFA's efforts, for example:

- Joining our lottery (see below)
- Signing up to support us at no cost whilst you shop through [easyfundraising](#) (cause 'QEHS PTFA - Hexham')
- Donating used clothing and accessories by placing them in our recycling bins
- Buying (or helping to serve) refreshments at school events
- Coming along to monthly PTFA meetings to help shape what we do
- Making direct donations through [Justgiving](#)

PTFA dates for the diary

Tuesday 23 June - PTFA meeting - all welcome - 6 - 7.30pm, The County Hotel, Hexham (in the 'Snug')

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.

We're expecting 2 lucky cash prize winners in this month's PTFA lottery draw!

Want a chance to win? 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](#) or email qehsprizedraw@gmail.com



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)

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
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th June	REA week	Year 9 and 10
Monday 8 th June AM & Thursday 11 th June PM	Sports Day	Year 9
Monday 8 th June PM & Thursday 11 th June AM	Sports Day	Year 10
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 10/12 (group)
Monday 8 June – Friday 12 June	Kenya Expedition	Year 10 Group
Saturday 13 June – Friday 5 July	A-level art exhibition Opening reception 18 June, 5-7pm	
W/C 15 th June	Timetable rollover	All Year groups
Wednesday 17 th June – Friday 19 th June	Gold DofE Practice Expedition	New Year 13
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.

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