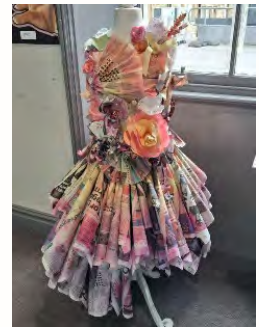


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This week has been a truly exceptional one for our school community, as we celebrated a vibrant and enriching REA Week filled with creativity, challenge, and opportunity.

It has been fantastic to see students fully immerse themselves in such a wide range of experiences. The creativity on display in art was remarkable, with the newspaper dresses showcasing not only originality but also impressive design skills and teamwork. Across the week, our sports events captured the energy and enthusiasm of our students, with participation and sportsmanship.



Beyond this, students have engaged meaningfully in activities focused on life skills, careers, enterprise, and STEM. These experiences are invaluable in helping our young people develop confidence, resilience, and a deeper understanding of the world beyond the classroom. The mock trial provided a brilliant platform for students to think critically and articulate arguments, while our Year 10 students impressed us all with their innovation and collaboration during the political hackathon.

REA Week is a powerful reminder of how important enrichment is in education. These opportunities help students discover new interests, develop key skills, and build the character needed to thrive in their futures.

We are also incredibly proud of the many students who have represented the school internationally this week with visits to Spain, France, and Kenya. These experiences broaden horizons, foster independence, and create lifelong memories.

As we reflect on such a successful week, we now look ahead with excitement to the start of our new timetable on Monday.

Respect

Attendance

As we begin the new timetable, I want to take this opportunity to emphasise just how important it is that students maintain full attendance every day.

This is a crucial academic period for all year groups. Our new Year 10 students are now beginning their Key Stage 4 qualifications, setting the foundations for their GCSE success. Our new Year 11 students are already building towards their first set of mock examinations in October, a key milestone in their preparation for next summer. Meanwhile, our Year 12 students have now reached the halfway point of their sixth form courses, where consistent engagement is essential to securing strong outcomes.

There is a clear and well-established link between high attendance and strong academic performance. Every lesson counts. Missing school not only creates gaps in knowledge but can also impact confidence and progress over time.

We ask for your continued support in ensuring that students attend every day, arrive on time, and are fully prepared to make the most of every learning opportunity between now and the end of term. Together, we can ensure all students are in the best possible position to succeed.

Engage

Mr Jesper



Beech ✨

114,515

Ms Coleman



Birch

112,35

Ms Buxton-Collins



Ash

100,681

Mrs Fraser



Oak

100,670

Miss Snowdon/
Miss Macken



Sycamore

98,872

Total points per 5 June 2026

France trip

A group of our students enjoyed a three day trip to Paris and Versailles, exploring famous landmarks including Montmartre, Sacré-Coeur, the Jardin du Luxembourg, the Latin Quarter, and the magnificent Château de Versailles and its gardens. The visit concluded with tours of the Opéra Garnier, the Louvre, the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Eiffel Tower, alongside cultural experiences such as meeting a former student living in Paris and enjoying traditional French crêpes.



Spain trip

Our students on the Spain trip enjoyed a busy first two days in Madrid, taking in famous landmarks, breaking a churro eating record, visiting El Prado museum, and watching a flamenco show. They also took a sunny day trip to Segovia to explore its historic aqueduct and Alcázar before finishing with traditional tapas.



Kenya Trip



Our students who went on the trip to Kenya have had a trip full of activities and events. After arriving in Kenya and travelling to Nakuru, the group did safaris, hikes to scenic landmarks like the Great Rift Valley, Menengai Crater, and Thompson Falls. At Eileen Ngochoch Primary School, they integrated into school life by teaching diverse subjects, leading sports, helping in the kitchen, and successfully tiling a classroom. The emotional journey concluded with a heartfelt farewell to their new friends at the school, followed by a traditional cooking class and an exciting wildlife safari at Lake Nakuru.

Hexham Regatta

Last weekend saw QEHS rowers competing on their home river at the Hexham Regatta. QEHS had over 90 rowers competing across the day, in a wide variety of crews. This is a great testament to the commitment to rowing shown by the athletes in our club. Hexham Regatta always draws a good crowd of local people, who come down to watch the competition race side by side. The winning crew in each race moves on to compete against another crew, until a final decides the overall winner. The weather conditions this year were cooler than normal, which made for more comfortable racing conditions.



QEHS athletes recorded an excellent eight wins across the day. For more details see [here](#) on our website.

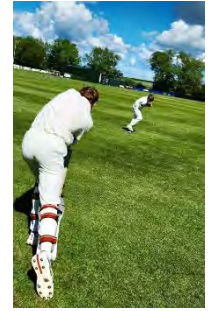
Spring Poetry competition



Hexham Town Council and Grow Hexham judged QEHS students' poetry on local landscapes and regional identity, with Logan H winning and Emily H runner-up, and selected poems were shared internationally through a European cultural initiative, marking a significant achievement for the students. See [here](#) for further detail.

Cricket

The Y10s began their new state school national cricket campaign with a win over Ponteland, restricting them to 93 for 3 in 20 overs, highlighted by Sonny S's economical bowling. In reply, strong innings from Dan C and Francesco H helped chase down the target in the 13th over for the loss of 7 wickets, marking another excellent team performance.



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](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture). 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 job of the week was: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/keywords/mp>
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@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

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.



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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. Email: qehs.ptfa@gmail.com or come along to our next meeting to meet the team.

📅 Our next PTFA meeting to discuss how we raise funds and spend them will be on Tuesday 23 June, 6-7.30pm at the County Hotel, Hexham (in the 'Snug'). We're a friendly bunch, very informal, and it's always great to see new faces - come on your own or bring a friend or family member if you like!

Volunteers needed

Could you join other parent/carers volunteers to help serve refreshments at the Y13 Art Showcase in the late afternoon/early evening of Thursday 25 June? 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! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/qehs-ptfa>

31 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.

✉ 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
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 DoE Practice Expedition	New Year 13
Monday 22 – Friday 26 June	House activities	All Year groups
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.



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