

26 June 2026

QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 36

As we approach the final weeks of term, we have been enjoying some exceptionally warm weather. We have adjusted our routines where needed, including uniform adjustments. Based on current forecasts we will be returning to normal uniform expectations on Monday.

Alongside this, it has been a real pleasure to see the incredible exhibition of student artwork, which demonstrated both the creativity and talent of our young people. We were also delighted to celebrate with our Year 11 students at their prom at The Fed in Gateshead. It was a fantastic evening, full of joy, and a fitting way for students to mark the end of their examinations and the beginning of a well-earned summer break.

A key priority for us as a school is ensuring that all students are well prepared for their next steps beyond QEHS. Careers education is therefore a fundamental part of our curriculum and wider provision. Over recent weeks, we have worked closely with several local employers to provide meaningful experiences that help students understand the world of work and the wide range of opportunities available to them.

We are particularly pleased that several of our students have been able to undertake work experience in a variety of settings. This has included placements at the Lord Crewe in Blanchland, where students have gained valuable insights into the hospitality industry. Our sixth form students have also benefited from a diverse range of experiences, including placements at the House of Lords, Hexham TV, and local dental practices. These opportunities are invaluable in helping students to develop confidence, build skills, and make informed decisions about their future pathways.

Respect

Attendance

In the summer term we roll over our timetable. This means that during the closing weeks of term students continue to do purposeful work that prepares them for GCSE and A Level examinations. This makes attendance in school crucial. This focus on learning continues until the last day of term to ensure that courses are covered, and students return in September secure in the knowledge they need to progress on courses.

Engage

Mr Jesper



Beech ✨

120,901

Ms Coleman



Birch

117,901

Ms Buxton-Collins



Ash

106,712

Mrs Fraser



Oak

106,636

Miss Snowdon/
Miss Macken



Sycamore

104,083

Total points per 26 June 2026

Kangaroo Challenges

Some of our students in Years 9 and 10 took part in the higher level Kangaroo maths challenges recently. Students are awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold based on their scores. Out of all of the entrants in the competition, Bronze is top 50% of entrants, Silver top 30% and Gold top 10%. Congratulations to the students who took part in the competition we are proud of all of them!

Results for Year 9 in the Grey Kangaroo category	Results for Year 10 in the Ping Kangaroo category
Noah H – Bronze Pearl R – Bronze Thomas S – Gold Dominic T – Qualification	Ethan A – Bronze Connor C – Silver Archie H – Qualification Lucas P – Qualification Lottie R – Gold
Thomas S – won best in school for this category.	Lottie R – won best in school for this category.

Kenya Trip 2027 – Year 10

Earlier this week, we sent a letter about an introductory meeting for the Year 10 (2026–2027) Kenya volunteering trip with African Adventures. To find out more before applications open, sign up for the information evening using the QR code in the letter. The trip costs are expected to be covered by fundraising organised by the students, and there is a lot of help and support available in school and with African Adventures on how to raise the money. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Savage, Mr Elrington, or Miss Khan.

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 barista: <https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/direct/barista>

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 Update

For Parents - Layering Up for Online safety

Protecting children and mitigating risk at home doesn't just mean applying a filter and changing a few app settings, it needs a layered approach, and this is where the Internet Matters 'Layering Up for Online Safety' comes in. This helps and guides you to set up devices safely across networks, the devices

themselves and the apps alongside regular conversations. There is a downloadable guide which will show you how to layer up in a simple, manageable way.

Link: Internet Matters - **Layering Up for Online Safety**. (By Alan Mackenzie, 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.



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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

PTFA dates for the diary

Tuesday 30 June - New Y9 parents meeting, where we'll be selling pre-loved uniform

Monday 13 July - Year 9 and Year 10 Celebration Evening, where we'll be serving refreshments from 6.15pm

If you can spare an hour or two of your time to help out at these events, please get in touch.

Meet & Greet postponed

The meet & greet social evening we hoped to host on 9 July has been postponed until the Autumn term. We will provide an update with further details as soon as we can.

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>

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

News from the community

Summer events

There's lots going on in our community this summer. Have a look at this [overview](#), there's something for everyone!

Kinship support group

There is a monthly kinship support group at Prudhoe family hub on the first Monday of every month for kinship carers raising children.

The next group will be on 6th July at 10am at Prudhoe Family Hub. If want a chat - or more information - let us know. You can email kinshipsupport@northumberland.gov.uk or call the duty line on **01670 626262** and ask to speak to Elaine.

Water Safety Day

The RNLI has launched a campaign aimed at raising awareness and supporting young people to stay safe around water. You can find more information [here](#). On **Saturday 4 July, 11:00-14:00hrs at Riverside Park, Prudhoe, NE42 6NP**, the Prudhoe Youth Project, in conjunction with Tyne Valley Canoe Club will host a Water Safety Day, which will give attendees the opportunity to get out on the water with instructors on a kayak, canoe or SUP board. There will also be the opportunity to test safety equipment and demonstrations by Northumberland Fire and Rescue, Mountain Rescue and the Northumbria Police Marine Unit. Everyone is welcome. See [here](#) for more information.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
On until Friday 5 July	A-level art exhibition (at the Queen's Hall)	
Tuesday 7 July	Trips and visits day	new Year 10 and new Year 11
Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 July	DofE Expedition	Group of new Year 11

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@gehs.net

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