



Queen Elizabeth High School

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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 30

Dear Parent/Carer

Many of you will be aware that there is coverage in the news about a young person who went missing on Monday. A body has been found that police believe is linked to the incident. The person who is missing, Reagan, is a former student of QE and HMS. Our thoughts are with her family at this awful time.

I am aware that there have been occasions in the last year when we have shared information about the sudden death of a young person linked to the school. I know that this may lead to your child asking questions about loss or the news could be a trigger for students who have experienced bereavement. Northumberland County Council has shared some information with us that they have put together as a support to families around loss and bereavement. If you are concerned about your child and want to access support via school, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Support for children and young people: <https://padlet.com/nies1/bereavement-and-loss-support-for-children-and-young-people-lrdirt6cboeiwaa>

Support for parents and families: <https://padlet.com/nies1/bereavement-and-loss-support-for-parents-and-families-76nodpv4fcxnm5>

Respect

Fine art farewell

A fond farewell to our amazing, super talented Yr13 fine artists. We had a well-deserved tea party to celebrate the end of the course.



We are incredibly proud of ALL the A-level Fine Art, Graphics & Photography students this year. They have been working tirelessly on their amazing exhibitions. The department looks fantastic Well done, everyone.

We will miss you! Good luck with the rest of your exams.

Respect the environment

Reminder about litter pick taking place on 18 May. Please note the change of meeting place.

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Attendance

We believe that attendance at school helps students to progress socially, emotionally and academically. When we review outcomes data there is a clear correlation between attendance and performance. Students make better progress and achieve higher outcomes when they attend. In the newsletter each week I will show you our current attendance data for each year group. Our school target is 95%. We know that some students will struggle to attend school so please speak to their form tutor, Head of Year or Mrs Curry if you have any concerns. We work with families to help students overcome barriers to attending school.

Attendance week ending 3 May				
Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	92.1%	90.6%	91.9%	91.5%

Engage

DofE

On Wednesday afternoon the Duke of Edinburgh award club were out in the grounds, practising setting up camp. They are eager for their Bronze expedition, which takes place in 2 weeks' time.



QEHS Rowing Club - JIRR

Results for the QEHS Rowing Club rowers who were representing the Northern region are as follows

Year 9

Boys Quad: Morty C, James M, Barnaby T, Robin BM, cox Merry G. 5th overall

Year 10

Boys quad: Josh M, Dennis D, Alexis HH, Jacob F, cox Edward F. 8th overall

Girls four; Imogen B, Astrid CM, Cora H, Millie S, cox Edie L. 9th overall

Boys four: Mack O'B, Alex H, George J, James B, cox Elodie H. 5th overall

Year 11

Boys four: Benji W, Felix W, Adam R, Hugh B, cox Katrine C. 8th overall

Composite pair: Seth M, 8th overall

Composite eight: Lucy W, 9th overall

The coaches were particularly pleased with the performance of the Year 9 quad who only started rowing six months ago achieved one of the best results for a QEHS J14 team at JIRR since 2016.

QEHS Rowing Club – Durham City Regatta

Last weekend, the QEHS rowing club took over 60 rowers to Durham to race the first regatta of the season. We came away with 7 wins overall with incredibly competitive racing from all crews. This included many of our junior crews beating adult crews, showcasing the great standard of rowing we have at QEHS.

Special mention to all of the year 9 crews in their first regatta, with lots of very mature racing and close results. Winning crews are as follows:

Open Novice Four: Josh M, Mack O'B, Dennis D, James B, cox Edward F

Womens band 2 four: Chloe P, Evie G, Ellen S, Rachel H, cox Katrine C

Year 10 boys quad: Josh M, Jacob F, Dennis D, Alexis H-H, cox Edward F

Open band 2 four: Benji W, Felix W, Adam R, Hugh B, cox Katrine C

Womens Pair: Charlotte G, Lucy W

Open band 2 singles: Finn B

Year 11 boys band 2 singles: Seth M

Aspire

Recommended reads

Reading more widely exposes our young people to a variety of worlds, contexts and experiences. We are keen that students read for pleasure. To encourage students to read, our team have carefully selected a number of recommended reads for pleasure per year group and topic. Many of the books are available in the LRC. If you are looking for inspiration, please take a peek through these wonderful booklets that you will find on our website: <https://www.qehs.net/index.php/recommended-reads/>

Free webinar

Please click [here](#) for a free webinar 'Autism & Higher Ed - Insights from a Student's Journey' scheduled on 19th June 2024 for ASD students moving onto HE/college.

Online safety updates

Teens and AI - Virtual Girlfriends and Boyfriends

The US Cyberbullying Research Centre has put out a really interesting article related to AI chatbots as girl/boyfriends. These chatbots are apps, freely available for download where you can interact with messages, voice messages and in some cases, image exchanges. Given the curiosity of young people in particular there is a likelihood that some teenagers are interacting with these chatbots so it's important to be aware of what they are and the risks they pose.

You can see the full article [HERE](#). (For Parents by Alan Mackenzie, online safety advisor.)

News from the community

JIRR Junior rowers

More news from the JIRR event in Nottingham on the 20th April. The Northern region team was selected from rowers who qualified from multiple clubs across the northern region.

Another QEHS student who performed brilliantly at the competition was Johnny M who belongs to Tyne Rowing club. He competed in J16 x2 and came 1st in B final.

It was great to see pupils from QEHS representing the north of England with distinction. All crews raced to a high standard, well done everybody who participated.

Celebrating wider achievement

This newsletter is an excellent opportunity to celebrate the wider successes of our school community. Staff in school who run extracurricular clubs and activities will share these successes with leaders. However, we also want to acknowledge achievements that happen outside school. To ensure we share all the things our amazing students do, we rely on parents/students to let us know about their activities outside school. Please email admin@qehs.net if you would like your child's successes to be acknowledged.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 13 th May	Northumbria Police – Knife Crime Talk	Year 9
Monday 13 th May	Ouseburn Trip – Geography	Year 12
Friday 17 th May	Michael Sehgal pop-up uniform shop	All year groups
Wednesday 22 nd May	KS4 RE day	Year 10
Thursday 23 rd May	Year 9 Parents' Evening	Year 9
Friday 24 th May	Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hadrian's Wall Walk	Participating students

Please find attached with the bulletin:

- Hexham Litter pick flyer (18 May)

Yours faithfully



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Head of School

Pupil support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mrs Hattie Curry

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Emerson Brown, Mr Alex Robson & Mrs Jill Wood.

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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