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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 35

Dear Parent/Carer

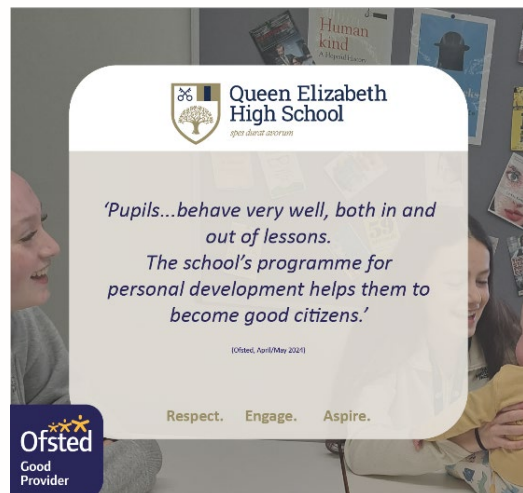
Last night we held our A Level Art Exhibition. Its unfortunate clash with a certain football match did not prevent many parents, current and former students and staff from attending the event. The work displayed is exceptional - a reflection of our talented students and committed staff. Mr Pym even streamed the event live on Instagram (@qehsart). An exhibition of former students' work will be on display in the Queen's Hall from 28 June.

Today is also the last exam. Well done to all our exam candidates this year. The length of the exam series, the number of papers and the amount of revision required is a real test of stamina. Our students have conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout the period – arriving on time, equipped and positive. I know that families also experience the stress and strains of exams, so enjoy the relief that they are over. We will send information out directly to Y11 and Y13 students about the plans for results days in August.

Respect

Student behaviour

In the verbal feedback from Ofsted the inspectors commented on how polite the students are, holding open doors and interacting positively with their teachers (and the inspectors). They were particularly impressed with the standard of behaviour in lessons.



Engage

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Good luck to our 15 Silver Duke of Edinburgh students who are completing their practice expedition from Wooler to Low Newton over two days.

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Inter-Counties Schools Track & Field Championship

Congratulations to Magnus R who came first place in the 800m Intermediate Boys category at the Inter-Counties Schools Track & Field Championship at Gateshead last weekend. Magnus has been selected to represent Northumberland at the English Schools T&F championships in Birmingham next month, 800m intermediate boys. Northumberland can only take 24 athletes and you must achieve the English Athletics standard to be eligible for selection.

Well done also for excellent results to Arthur D, who competed in the 1500m Junior Boy category, Ania S, competing in the 3000m Inter Girls category and Nicolas N, competing in the Shot Putt Junior Boys.

QEHS Rowing Club – Sponsored Row

On Saturday 22 June, students in the QEHS Rowing Club will be taking to the water in our fleet of fours and quads to row 50km per crew - that's 71 lengths of our beautiful stretch of the Tyne – in a bid to raise much-needed funds.

The sport requires an array of equipment, from winter training on the club ergs, to the boats (seating 1, 2, 4 or 8 rowers), the carbon fibre oars, the performance tracking GPS equipment and all the paraphernalia to enable us to attend races such as the trailers and minibuses. Investing in new equipment, whilst maintaining our current fleet is of vital importance. With all of these needs and the ongoing support from our dedicated coaching team comes cost, and this is where our eighty five talented young rowers are keen to play their part.

If you are able to support the students, that would be very much appreciated. Please visit our fundraising page via https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/QEHS-Rowing-Club-50km-row?utm_term=ekvPEqMnw

Also, if free on Saturday 22 June, you would be very welcome to pop down from 9am until mid-to-late afternoon to Tyne Green Country Park to lend your encouragement - thank you!

Aspire

Career of the week

Job of the week: Nuclear Engineer

Further information can be found on [Unifrog](#):

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/keywords/nuclear-engineer>

This includes Labour Market Information (LMI). It is important that both parents and students are aware of this as it includes current and predicted figures relating to the nuclear engineer profession, particular attention should be paid to the expected growth figure. All students have received a 'Welcome' email to their school email account. Please encourage them to activate their account if they haven't already done so. We also have a 'dummy' code for parents. Use 'QEHSparent' on this page: [unifrog.org/code](https://www.unifrog.org/code)

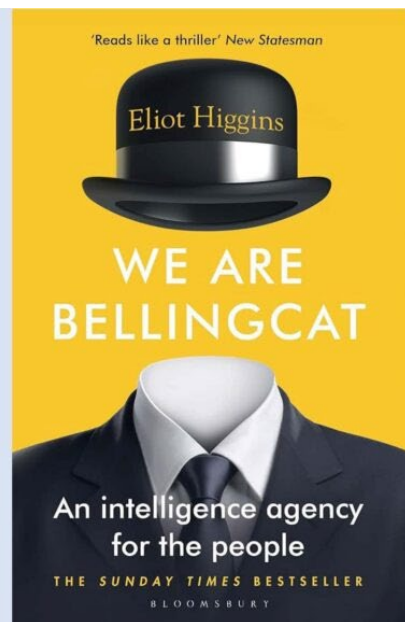
LRC Recommended Read

This week's LRC recommended read is 'We are Bellingcat'

New in the LRC

A collective of self-taught sleuths is using the internet to solve some of the biggest crimes of our time. Here, the founder of Bellingcat (an online intelligence agency) tells the story of the home-grown investigative unit that is redefining news, politics and the digital future.

Available to borrow TODAY!



Pre-loved uniform

As your children prepare to leave school or get ready for the next term, please remember that the school takes donations of pre-loved uniform/PE kit. If you leave any items at reception the PTFA will sort for redistribution.

If you would like to request pre-loved uniform to save cost and the planet, please go to the website and submit a request form.

<https://www.qehs.net/index.php/school-uniform-recycling/>

PTFA Lottery



The QEHS Lottery is a simple low cost way of supporting the PTFA and the School. Tickets for the lottery are £1 per entry with 2 monthly cash prizes. Entry is simple and online. More information and the online application can be found [here](#) or email qehsprizedraw@gmail.com.

Online safety updates

For Parents - WhatsApp Safety Guide

Given that WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world it's no surprise I find children from Year 3 upwards using it with very little understanding of what safety features are available. Internet Matters has a great guide for parents about privacy settings, where to get support and more.

You can find the guide [HERE](#). (For parents by AlanMcKenzie, Online Safety advisor)

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 24 th June	BT Group 'get work ready' workshop	Year 9
Monday 24 th June	Parent meeting African Adventures 17.45 – 20.00h	New Year 10 – group
Monday 24 th June – Friday 28 th June	Paris Residential	New Year 11/13 – group
Thursday 4 th July	School Mock Election	All
Wednesday 10 th July - Thursday 11 th July	Careers Day	New year 11
Thursday 18 th July	Charities Day & Rewards Afternoon	New Year 13 New Y10&11
Friday 19 July	School closes at 1	

News from the community

School of Computing Outreach Open Day



Does your child love programming and learning computing concepts?

The School of Computing will be hosting an open day to showcase the outreach activities they do with local schools. Activities will include:

- Programming robots using both block-based and text-based coding
- Sending secret messages using binary
- Learning logic gates using a marble powered computer
- Programming a turtle and Minecraft world using Python



Wednesday 7th August
10:00 – 15:30
@
Urban Sciences Building



To register your interest, scan the QR code
or go to bit.ly/ComputingOutreachDay

For more details, please contact Chris Napier or cs.outreach@ncl.ac.uk

Also attached:

- Flyer Corbridge Chamber Music Festival

Yours faithfully

Neil Seaton
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.

SENDCo Mrs Jill Wood

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