



Queen Elizabeth High School

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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 38

Dear Parent/Carer

As we move at pace towards the end of term students have been engaged in a range of activities. We also welcomed our new Y9 students on Tuesday. Today the new Y10 were learning valuable life skills and the new Y11 have been receiving their careers education. Students have also been on visits to Morocco, Galloway, DofE expeditions, Flamingo Land and Alton Towers. It has been a busy week for all.

Next week lessons will run as normal from Monday to Wednesday. On Thursday we will have charities day and rewards afternoon. Sixth form will finish at the end of the day on Thursday. Friday is non uniform day for Y9-Y11 who will be in lessons. They will have lunch at school. The PTFA are running their sweet stall at lunchtime and school will end at 1.30 pm.

Trips and visits



Dumfries & Galloway trip



Morocco trip



Read more about the trips on our website: [news](#)

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Silver DofE

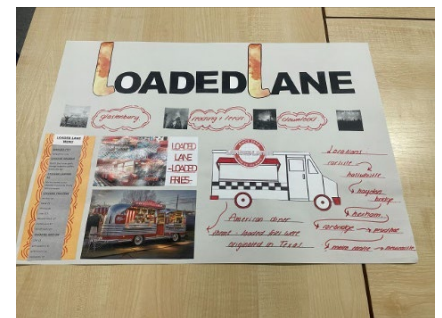


We are so proud and impressed with the outstanding resilience of our students battling torrential rain over the last few days. They worked well as teams, raising spirits and helping each other through the difficult conditions. Thankfully we had some sunshine on our final day and the groups celebrated with an ice cream!

Well Done Silver DofE students!

Year 10 business studies

Our new year 10 business studies groups have been designing ideas for a new food van in the area. They had to come up with an idea for the truck, a brand identity and a menu with pricing. Take a look at some of their brilliant ideas! (more on our website: [here](#))



Meeting a Lord

On Monday, QEHS students had a virtual meeting with Lord Mott as part of the 'Learn with the Lords' programme. He gave a short presentation introducing himself and explaining the important work of the House of Lords and then answered questions, including some on whether we should change our voting system, what hopes he had for the next generation and whether we should retain a nuclear deterrent.'

Students found Lord Mott 'down to earth and humble' and were glad that he 'answered the questions we asked and not the ones he wanted to answer'.



Tennis champions

Last week, our QE boys tennis team became the Division 2 champions of Northumberland after winning their group and then beating St Mary's in the final. This is an excellent achievement and deserves to be celebrated!

The team consists of Archie W (Y10), Joseph B (Y9), James F (Y9), and Joshua H (Y9).

Aspire

Career of the week

This week's Career of the Week was 'Recycling Officer'. A link to the video shown in tutorial from 'MyPath' is below:

Job of the week: [Recycling Officer](#)

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

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/direct/recycling-officer>

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 recycling officer 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)

Sixth Form News

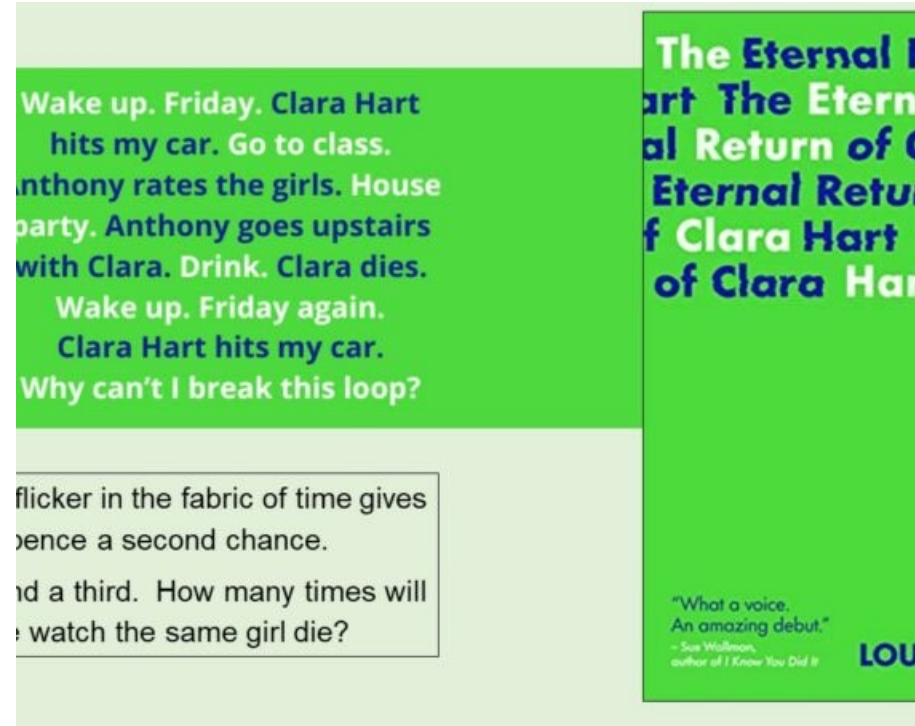
We have refreshed the Sixth Form bulletin and hope you will find the information easier to navigate. Opportunities and advice for employment, volunteering and university will now be promoted via the website, within the [Sixth Form Noticeboard](#).

We rely on parents 'feeding' opportunities into 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.

Finally, this year, we have had 143 Year 12 students taking part in work experience last week, which will be life-changing for many of them. If you, or your organisation, might be able to take a sixth form work experience student next year, for a day or more WC 9th June 2025, please contact sixthform@gehs.net.

LRC Recommended Read

Imagine being caught in a loop, condemned to experience the same 24 hours over and over, find out how to break the spell in *The Eternal Return of Clara Hart* by Louise Finch. Pick up your copy from the LRC to read over the summer and write us a review.



Free School Meals

If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please have a read of the criteria and make an application as soon as you can. You can find out more [here](#). To apply, please [complete this form](#) via Northumberland County Council.

PTFA Lottery

The QEHS Lottery is a simple low cost way of supporting the PTFA and 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.



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Online safety updates

For Parents - Digital Family Agreement

With the summer holidays just around the corner now can be a great time for parents/carers to talk with their children and set ground rules, boundaries and expectations around tech use. The easiest way to do this is via a digital family agreement and London Grid for Learning have a really useful template which is free for anyone.

You can download the digital family agreement from LGfL [HERE](#). (For parents by AlanMcKenzie, Online Safety advisor)

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Thursday 18 th July	Charities Day & Rewards Afternoon New Y13 end of term	New Year 13 New Y10&11
Friday 19 July	School closes at 1.30pm New Y13 are not expected in school	

News from the community

Tynedale Cycling Survey

We are keen to support the Tynedale Bicycle Mayor team and Active Travel Tynedale to promote cycling in the area, and are encouraging staff, students and parents to complete their cycling survey. Please do take the time to do this via: is <https://cgkbfmftpij9.typeform.com/BicycleSurvey>.

Useful support websites

We appreciate the summer holidays can be a difficult time for some young people and their families. Here are some useful websites and helplines for those looking for support during this time:

For young people:

[The Mix: the UK's leading support service for young people \(external URL\)](#)

[Student Minds \(external URL\)](#)

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/> – Prevention of young suicide

<https://www.kooth.com/> – Free, safe and anonymous support for mental wellbeing

For parents:

<https://www.qwell.io/>

Qwell provides free, safe and anonymous online mental health support whenever you need it. There are no waiting lists for support and no referral needed. Access to the platform is available instantly 24/7.

<https://www.familyhubsnorthumberland.co.uk/west-locality>

Family Hubs providing a range of advice, activities and free courses.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/information-for-parents/> - This information is for parents, carers, family members and guardians supporting a young person with their mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/> - advice around how to manage school anxiety.

For both young people and parents:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

<https://www.battle-scars-self-harm.org.uk/work-with-young-people.html> - support around self harm

<https://carersnorthumberland.org.uk/young-carers>

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Children/Young/SORTED.aspx> - support for drug and alcohol misuse

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:

- BikeSafety – info for parents and carers

Yours faithfully

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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