



11 October 2024

QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 6

Dear Parent/Carer

Update to equipment list

As part of our commitment to providing high quality teaching and learning, students are being given a mini white board pen during form time next week. It will then be expected that all students have a mini white board pen with them in every lesson. If they lose or need to replace their pen, they can purchase a new one in the LRC for no more than 50p.

Respect

Attendance

We believe that attendance at school helps students to progress socially, emotionally and academically. Being in school, meeting people and doing activities helps social development and positive mental health. 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 4 October

Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	95.4%	92.44%	92.77%	93.86%

Engage



Girls' football

On Monday the girls U14 and U16 teams travelled to Prudhoe High to compete in 7-a-side football fixtures. Both teams played two games with goals coming from Una C and Rose B.

Well played everyone!

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Boys' football

Year 9 boys played their first-ever football match for QE last night 10th October. They won 6-0 away to Dukes from Ashington.

Lots to improve on, but it's a great start!

QEHS Rowing

QEHS Rowing are in a busy run of head races. This week's race was held at Tees Rowing Club in Stockton. This is a brilliant venue for the spectator with easy access to the river and a modern boathouse to watch the racing from. An early start from Hexham saw 12 QEHS boats racing at this event. The racing consisted of 200 crews from across the region and Scotland, racing in quads and doubles over 5000m.



As in previous races it is our Y12 and Y11 boys' crews who are posting the quickest times in these events. Open J16 4x- (Mack, Dennis, Alex, George) boat were the fastest QEHS boat with the 6th fastest time on the day. 3 seconds behind them were the Y12 boys (Hugh, Seth, Benji, Felix), with 7th overall. The second Y11 boys' boat (Josh, Jacob, James, Alexis) backed up strong recent performances with 11th place. The Y10 boys (Morty, Barnaby, Marcus, Lloyd, cox Adam) got their racing season off to a good start with a strong performance for 26th position overall.

The QEHS girl crews put in solid performances showing good fitness gains. First home was the Y13 girls 4x- (Chloe, Ellen, Evie, Rachel) finishing 83rd overall. The Y11 girls came 132nd (Imogen, Beth, Millie, Edie) and the Y10s came 150th (Jennifer, Rosie, Isabel, Libby, cox Elodie).

QEHS had 4 crews racing in doubles with the Y11 boys double (Ben and Alec) leading them home 96th place overall in the standings. The afternoon saw another division of racing over 5000m. Fewer QEHS crews entered, but notable results were the Y11 boys four (Josh, Mack, Alex, Dennis, cox Elodie) and Seth in his single both coming 2nd in their respective events.

A big thank you to all coaches and parental helpers who made this event happen. It was a very long day by the time the trailers were unloaded back at Tyne Green. Well done to all for the super human effort!



Art

Year 9 are responding so well to a new project on insects. They are making pastel prints and then working back into them with stipple and drawing marks....



Aspire

Cambridge University talk

Cambridge University will be coming into school on Wednesday 20 November to talk to Year 11 about going to university (there will be a Cambridge focus) but it is intended to raise aspiration to go to university generally and will also offer some advice around A level option choices. The talk will take place in the main hall from 12.30pm till 1.15pm.

If your child would be interested in attending this talk, please complete the form [HERE](#). Those students who attend will be given an early lunch pass at 12.20pm.

Careers

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

Job of the week: [Cartographer](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5daiTCJU_g&list=PLVEWa7uIDT769WGUTc_-lOca4dJRIpatZ&index=74

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

<https://www.unifrog.org/student/careers/keywords/cartographer>

This includes Labour Market Information (LMI). It is important both parents and students are aware of this as it includes current and predicted figures relating to this 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 'QEHHparent' on this page: [unifrog.org/code](https://www.unifrog.org/code).

Online Safety Update

Digital Literacy Guide - InHope

Funded by the European Union, InHope have released a new Digital Literacy Guide which is aimed primarily at teenagers, but I think it may also be useful for schools, parents/carers etc.

The guide is a free download (no sign-up required) and goes into lots of areas such as "Know your Device", "Interacting Online", "Seeking Help" and more.

You can find the guide [HERE](#) (by Alan McKenzie, online safety advisor)

Sixth Form

Year 13 Iceland Trip

The year 13 geographers have enjoyed their first day in Iceland. They visited the bridge between two continents and Gunnuhver hot springs and mud pools. We finished the day with a meal at the Hard Rock Cafe before walking back along the harbourside. The Northern Lights made an appearance and accompanied us back to the hotel.



Sixth form noticeboard

Opportunities and advice for employment, volunteering and university are 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, last year, we have had 143 Year 12 students taking part in work experience, 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

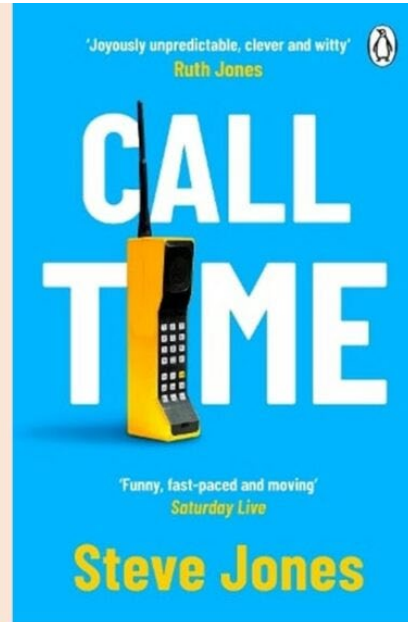
Bob Bloomfield is not a nice guy, some would say selfish, and arrogant, but could that all change with a phone call?

The debut novel by Steve Jones, Call Time is this week's recommended read.

Bob Bloomfield is not a nice man.
It's kind of his brand.

It's the reason his celebrity clients pay him the big bucks.
And definitely not some messed up way of dealing with a terrible childhood tragedy

But then he finds a freaky '80s mobile phone.
One that can dial up the past.
And give him a chance to put things right.
Only Bob has forgotten one key detail:
he's the last person you'd bank on doing the right thing ...



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 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.



News from the community

FREE instrument taster sessions

Core Music CIC is running a series of FREE instrument taster sessions for Learn To Play Day...

Saturday October 12th 10am – 4pm @ Core Music, Gilesgate, Hexham, NE463NJ

FREE Tickets are required for these sessions. Follow the link below and book yours to avoid disappointment!

Secure your free place/s: <https://coremusic.co.uk/learn-to-play-day>

GUITAR with Joe Steels: 12.30pm & 1.30pm

DRUMS with Sion Dungey & Dan Ward: 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm

PIANO with Gill Graham: 1pm & 2pm & with Joe Steels 2.30pm

UKULELE with Ian K. Brown: 2pm

Kooth and Qwell mental health support

The monthly newsletter from [Kooth](#) (an online platform to help young people with their mental health) and [Qwell](#) (the adult equivalent) can be found [here](#).

Tynedale Lions Club Young People's Excellence Awards 2024-25

As in the last few years, Tynedale Lions Club has developed a bursary scheme to help in the further and personal development of young people who deserve to be recognised for their hard work and/or exceptional achievement.

For 2024-2025, they have four bursaries of £500 for the period up to the 30th June 2025.

Applicants need to be 11-18 years of age and live in Tynedale. Young people with learning differences will be considered up to the age of 25. The closing date for applicants is the 10th January 2025. Please see attached for further information and how to apply.

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Wednesday 16 October – Thursday 24 October	Mock Exams	Year 11
Thursday 17 October	Meet the tutor evening	Year 9 and year 10
Wednesday 23 October	Parents' Evening	Year 13
Thursday 24 October	School closes for half term at 3.20pm	All year groups
Friday 25 October	Teacher Training day	All year groups
Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November	Half Term Holiday	All year groups
Monday 4 November	School reopens at 8.40am	All year groups

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