



22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

## QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 11

It is a cold, frosty morning here in under way as we begin to prepare concert is on 11 December at 7pm in celebration of our talented celebration.



Hexham. The second half term is well for Christmas. This year our winter the Winter Gardens and will be a musicians as we start our Christmas

Next week our assembly focus is the to stop violence towards women and Trussler, mum of Holly Newton. She her campaign to educate young are in an unhealthy relationship.

White Ribbon Campaign which seeks girls. Our guest speaker is Micala is coming to talk to the students about people on how to get support if they

### 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 15 November

Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	95.3%	92.2%	92.3%	93.7%

#### Movember!

As you may have seen, Mr Manns is growing a particularly impressive moustache to raise awareness and funds for men's health - specifically prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention. If you are able to support this worthy cause, please donate via <https://movember.com/t/qehs-mos?mc=5>

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## Engage

### Health and social care



On Friday, our Year 11 Health and Social Care students delivered their Health Promotion Campaigns as part of their ongoing assessment. They worked incredibly hard to plan and create resources, as well as carefully considering their communication skills. It was fantastic to see their hard work come together, and we are so proud of the group.

### Emotion Coaching – Support with parenting your teens

Mrs Curry is now an accredited Emotion Coach as part of the Emotion Coaching UK network: <https://www.emotioncoachinguk.com/>

To complement the staff CPD program this year we would like to invite parents/carers to attend a session delivered by Mrs Curry at school on

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5.30-6.30pm.

The session will explore what emotion coaching is as well as some of the benefits and some practical ways to make use of it at home. If you would like to attend this session, please email [dgradwell@qehs.net](mailto:dgradwell@qehs.net) to register your interest by 25<sup>th</sup> November.

## Aspire

### Lift design competition

Congratulations to Sadie M and Lauren T whose joint entry has won the hydro lift competition. Their beautifully presented submission incorporated our schools' ethos alongside imaginative ideas for the aesthetic improvement of the lift, revolving around the four seasons. The girls, who share the £50 prize money, faced stiff competition from several other impressive entries, notably joint runners up Elise MM, Tess BS and Noah W. Special mention too to Grace F, Sophie M, Laura W, Sophia S and Kirstie A for their thoughtful submissions. The lift will be fully cleaned over the Christmas holidays ready for the improvements to be implemented in the new year. Well done and thanks to everyone who took part, each of whom will gain house points.

## Music Mark

Music Mark has recognised Queen Elizabeth High School in ensuring that pupils at the school are able to access a high-quality music education. Our dedication to delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated.



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## Music lessons

It's not too late to start instrumental or singing lessons. Take a look [here](#) at what we have on offer and get in touch with school if you would like more information!

## King's College Cambridge talk

A fantastic group of Year 11 students chose to give up their lunchtime yesterday to listen to Ella Nethaway from King's College, Cambridge. The students heard some excellent advice about making their Sixth Form option choices and had a glimpse into what university life might hold for them in the future. Ella was extremely impressed with our students, who asked some great questions.

## Career of the week

Physiotherapist: [Unifrog](#)

Physiotherapist: [My Path Job of the Week](#)

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 'QEHSparent' on this page: [unifrog.org/code](https://unifrog.org/code).

## Kenya Quiz Night

Max C, Elliott Y, Lewis D and Arthur D are running a quiz night at the cricket club in Hexham on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start, £5 per person and all proceeds go to their trip!



## QEHS Parent Teacher & Friends Association news

### 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](mailto:qehsprizedraw@gmail.com).



## Online Safety Update

### For Parents - Cyber Security

From financial scams, identity theft, using public WiFi and much more, cyber security is fundamental to all of our lives. Internet Matters have put together a number of articles and resources for parents and their children which go into these topics including:

- Creating secure accounts
- Phishing and ransomware
- Digital piracy

And much more. You can find all the resources [HERE](#). (by Alan McKenzie, online safety advisor)

## Sixth Form

### Work Experience Placements

Since the pandemic it has become increasingly difficult for students to secure work experience. If you are able to offer a work experience placement during week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025, please contact [sixthform@qehs.net](mailto:sixthform@qehs.net). The year 12 students would welcome the opportunity to spend anywhere from one day to a week in a different work environment. Across the year group of 200 students there are a wide range of skills and interests, so all sectors welcome.

### Biology live

24 sixth form biologists travelled down to London to attend the Biology Live! Conference on Thursday. They had a fantastic time exploring the Natural History Museum and Science museums. Highlights included Fern, the diplodocus, the dinosaurs gallery, and the medicine gallery. In the evening they explored the sights and took in the London atmosphere.



### Paint a decoration

Feeling festive? Remember to book your place to paint a Christmas decoration with iPots on Thursday 28 November! Click [here](#) for more information.

The session will be held in the Winter Gardens during P2. Places can be booked on the MCAS app.

### Sixth form noticeboard

Opportunities and advice for employment, volunteering and university are regularly 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@qehs.net](mailto:sixthform@qehs.net). Equally, if you would like to advertise local job opportunities (paid or voluntary) please send the details.

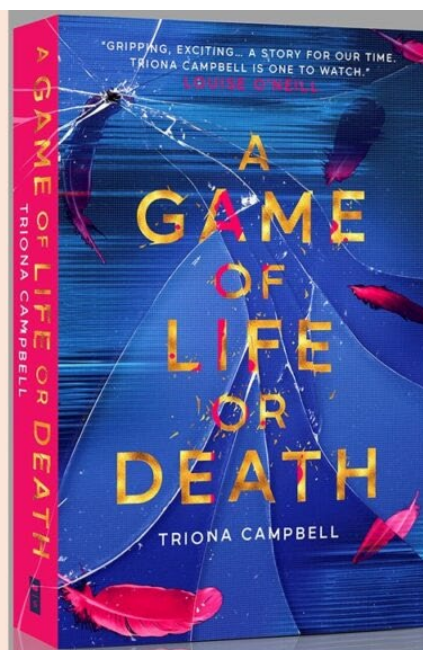
### LRC Recommended Read

This week's LRC Recommended ticks all the boxes, it's a thriller, murder mystery, and romance all in one, A Game of Life or Death by Triona Campbell.

When sixteen-year-old Asha Kennedy discovers her older sister Maya's dead body in their home, her world falls apart. Desperate for answers, and to stay out of the hands of the social services she grew up in, Asha turns to her hacker friends for help.

Her search leads her to Zu Tech, the hit games studio where Maya was a lead coder. As Asha begins to unravel the riddle of her death, she realises that the only way to uncover the truth is from the inside.

Asha ghosts her old life and infiltrates a Zu Tech eSport tournament as they launch 'SHACKLE', the revolutionary Virtual Reality video game Maya was working on - and which hides a monstrous secret...



### 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.

## News from the community

### Help Shape the Future of North East Transport: Local Transport Plan Consultation Now Open

Kim McGuinness, North East Mayor has announced that her consultation for our North East Local Transport Plan is now open and she's inviting us all to be part of shaping the future of transport in our region. This consultation is our chance to help create a vision for a transport network that works for everyone in the North East.

North East Mayor, Kim McGuinness, said, 'This consultation focuses on getting the big picture right. We want to know if our direction aligns with your vision: safer journeys, better connections, and sustainable travel as the first choice. Do you feel these priorities reflect what the North East needs? Your feedback will be vital in helping us refine and improve the plan to meet the needs of our communities and I encourage everyone to take part'.

The consultation will run until Sunday, 26 January 2025. You can share your views through an online survey [here](#) by post or phone, or by attending one of our community events across the region.

### Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
25-29 November	GCSE Geography field trips (student groups go out for half a day)	Y11
Thursday 28 November	A Christmas Carol performance	Y10/Y11 students
Tuesday 10 December	Safer Driving event	Y12
Wednesday 11 December	Winter Concert – 7pm	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](mailto:admin@qehs.net)

For queries regarding attendance or absence, please email [attendance@qehs.net](mailto:attendance@qehs.net)