



Queen Elizabeth High School

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QEHS WEEKLY UPDATE 27

As we approach the final week of term, we are looking forward to a number of events next week including our [Spring Concert](#) on 9 April. Tickets are available and I would encourage you to book in advance. The showcase of musical talent is exceptional, and the evening will be a celebration of musicianship. The Higher Education evening takes place on Tuesday for our sixth formers and Wednesday afternoon is our termly rewards celebration.

Respect

Piercings

We have seen a recent increase in students with nose and additional ear piercings. A reminder that the school uniform policy is clear that nose piercings are not allowed and earrings should be limited to two in total. Students will be asked to remove all additional piercings and failure to do so will result in students being sent to Reflection for the school day. Students may wear clear retainers however, **school will not provide these** and students must bring their own. As ever, we would advise all students to get any new piercings done at the beginning of the summer holidays to allow them to wear them for a sufficient time to avoid the hole closing up. Students will be asked to remove all piercings and clear retainers for PE lessons in accordance with health and safety guidance.

QEHS Parent/Carer Survey

Each year we survey parents and carers to seek their views on various aspects of the school's provision. In recent years, the feedback has led to a return to face-to-face parents' evenings, a reworking of the Y9 options processes and a review of our behaviour system. It has also helped us to sustain the good work we have been doing and share positive messages with staff.

The [Parent Carer Survey Form](#) (Microsoft Form) is live until Friday 11 April. Please take the opportunity to complete it.

Attendance

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.

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Attendance week (week ending 28 March)				
Year group	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	All years
Percentage	93.6%	90.8%	90.6%	92.1%

Engage

Spring Concert



Tickets are now available to buy using the link or QR code below..

<https://buytickets.at/hadrianlearningtrust/1645484>



We look forward to seeing you there!

Aspire

Apprenticeship Connect Event - Saturday 5th April

You are invited to learn about some of the apprenticeship opportunities that North East businesses offer at the [Apprenticeship Connect event](#) on Saturday 5 April at Queen Elizabeth High School between 10am and 1pm.

Career of the week

This week's Career of the Week was 'Sales Manager'.

The following link will take you to further information on 'Unifrog':

[Sales Manager: Unifrog](#)

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 the profession, particular attention should be paid to the expected growth figure. All students have received a 'Welcome' email from Unifrog. This can be found in 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.

QEHS Parent Teacher & Friends Association news

The PTFA will be celebrating the last day of term next Friday, 11th April, with a lunchtime tuck-shop in the dining hall, where students will be able to purchase a variety of sweet treats and drinks. Cash and cards accepted.



After the huge success of the previous concert, we're looking forward to the QEHS Spring Concert on 9th April - it's going to be a great evening!



If you can spare any time to help serve refreshments alongside the PTFA, raising funds to support enrichment activities for the students, we'd love to hear from you.

The Hexham Amateur Stage Society will be performing Broadway Musical Theatre classics in the Winter Gardens Friday 25th April and Saturday 26th April. We are looking for more volunteers to help serve refreshments alongside the PTFA during this event too to raise additional funds (note, this is during the Easter break).

If you can help at either of these events, please email qehs.ptfa@gmail.com

PTFA Lottery

Tickets for the lottery are £1 per entry with 2 monthly cash prizes. Entry is simple and online. For more information and to sign up complete the [online application](#) or email qehsprizedraw@gmail.com.



Sixth Form

Work experience week

Year 12 students undertake a compulsory week of work experience to give a greater understanding of the world of work in their chosen area and help build links for future employment opportunities. The school will help where possible, but ultimately it is down to students themselves to organise their placement. Work experience week takes place from Monday 9 June to Friday 13 June.

Students who haven't already found a placement are encouraged to use: <https://www.unifrog.org/placement/guides>.

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@gehs.net. Equally, if you would like to advertise local job opportunities (paid or voluntary) please send the details.

LRC Recommended Read

Next week's LRC recommended read is: *The Way of the Dog* by Zana Fraillon - written from the perspective of a dog.

SHUT IT!

Shoe-legs can be mean.

And in the shadows the Rat kings creep
cutting claws climbing
sharp teeth snipping

snapping
grinning at us
creeping closer to us

and we howl for Mamma

we waaaooowl-yowl-yip

Are you coming? Are you coming? Are you, Mamma?

Are

you?

but she doesn't

not once

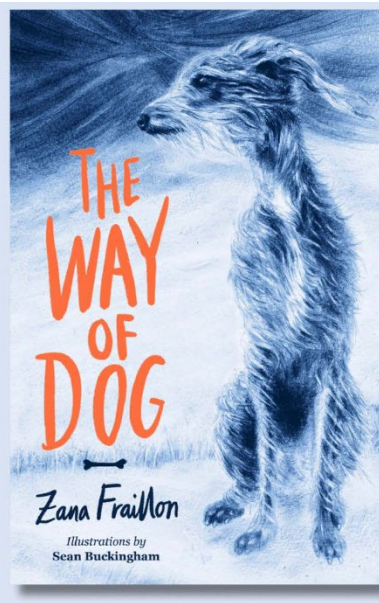
call back.

I guess she's lost her strong

I guess she's lost her fierce

I guess she's learned it's our turn

to be taken.



News from the community

Autism Support Groups – new dates

- [Daisy Chain Northumberland Autism Support Workshops](#)
- Latest dates for the [NCC Autism Family Drop Ins](#)

Online Safety

For Parents - What is Financially Motivated Extortion?

FMSE is where someone threatens to release explicit images of a child victim unless they pay money or other financial demand (such as Bitcoin, pre-paid gift card etc.). It is a form of child abuse which is sadly getting worse.

The National Crime Agency has a great article explaining all about FMSE, how to talk to your child and what you can do if your child becomes a victim. The guide can be found [HERE](#).

(by Alan McKenzie, online safety advisor)

Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 7 April	Lockdown evacuation practice	All year groups
Wednesday 9 April	Spring Music Concert – 7pm	All welcome
Wednesday 9 April	School photographs	Year 11 and Year 13
Thursday 10 April	DofE Practice walk	Year 12 (selection)
Friday 11 April	School closes for Easter	All year groups
Monday 28 April	School reopens	All year groups

Free School Meals

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

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