

EHE Newsletter

SPRING TERM 2022

NEWS: THE NEXT VIRTUAL COFFEE MORNING IS ON 9TH OF February at 10am!

Welcome to our first edition of the Elective Home Education (EHE) termly newsletter. The EHE team is made up of four EHE advisors. The EHE team

provides long-term support and advice for families in North Yorkshire who choose to educate their children at home. We can also provide short-term support to those families who are considering home educating their children.

Visit the web page to find an **outline of our new service** and any **relevant documentation.**

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DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE

Important Deadlines for Examinations Summer 2022

When EHE students are studying for recognised qualifications, parents are responsible for paying for exams and organising where their children can sit exams as private candidates. Please click on the link below to find out where you can arrange for your child to sit their exams.

Private Candidates - JCQ Joint Council for Qualifications

At the moment, the government expects that all GCSE, BTEC and A' Level exams will go ahead this summer. Due to Covid, exams in 2020 were replaced by centre assessed grades (CAGs) in in 2021, exams were replaced by teacher assessed grades (TAGs).

The Summer 2022 exam entries deadline for GCSEs and A' Levels is 21/02/22. The Edexcel iGCSE deadline is 21/03/22. This means, by this date, you must have paid for and registered your child with an exam centre if they wish to sit GCSE, BTEC or A' Level examinations in the summer of 2022.

Parents must also be mindful of the deadline for access arrangements.

Many of our EHE children have SEND needs or medical needs that mean they could qualify for access arrangements. Please note, the deadline for requesting **modified papers (e.g. large print or coloured papers) is January 31**st 2022. The deadline for requesting **extra time and all other access arrangements is March 31**st 2022. It is recommended that you discuss access arrangements when you first contact exam centres.

We strongly recommended you look online at your chosen exam board/s, for each of your chosen subjects, to check any other relevant information. For example, **some subjects have altered the content of their papers this year**. Most exam boards have now published their exam timetables for summer 2022.

What do our young people say?

Many parents new to EHE report that their children feel relieved and/or experience increased confidence once they have seen us. One parent reported "thanks for your positive feedback. It gave her a boost". Another parent texted to say their child was "really happy" after seeing a member of our team.

What do our parents say?

After a number of contacts with a parent new to EHE, one parent said, *"Thank you for being so available and easy to contact."* Several parents have said *"I was worried about what to do with regard to* home education but now I feel better having spoken to you".

What do schools say?

One senior leader told the EHE Team "Thank you so much for speaking to this family. I appreciate you've done everything you can to give them the information they needed."

Success stories

We are very proud of 13 year old Lily Sellers, in Scarborough. She is new to home education, but she has already completed a dog grooming course and a first aid course. Well done Lily!



Looking after children and young people's mental health, especially in the aftermath of lockdowns, is really important...

We all have mental health, just as we all have physical health. *"Being mentally healthy means that we feel good about ourselves, make and keep positive relationships with others and can feel and manage the full range of emotions. Good mental health allows us to cope with life's ups and downs, to feel in control of our lives and to ask for help from others when we need support".* Mental Health Foundation.

