



# Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:  
THANKFULNESS

## CALENDAR 2024/2025

### OCT

- 21st Y7 House Matches
- 21st Y5 House Matches
- 21st KS2 - Meet the Tutor (Online)
- 22nd Y6 House Matches
- 23rd Y8 House Matches
- 24th Last Day of Term
- 24th KS2 - Meet the Tutor (In School)
- 25th INSET DAY (School Closed)

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

### NOV

- 4th School Reopens
- 5th Cheddar Caves Trip 1

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It was fantastic to see, remotely or face to face, nearly 70% of our key stage 3 parents and carers at this weeks 'meet the tutor' evenings. I hope that you found the discussion informative and useful as we celebrated with you how brilliantly your children have settled into year 7 and transitioned into year 8. Our analysis of the data shows what we see and feel everyday, which is that we have a huge number of remarkable young people who get it right in every lesson and who want to be challenged and deepen their knowledge, understanding and application of the curriculum being covered. You, as we are, should be really proud of them. Thank you for the role that you play in fostering their appetite for learning and their respect for others in their class and cohort, my colleagues and I are truly appreciative.

Next week we will welcome our parents and carers in key stage 2 and I know that my team are really excited to share how wonderful they are and how well they have settled into year 5 and 6.

The local authority have this week contacted us to say that we have 60 pupils in year 8 who have not applied to transition to Kings Academy. If you have confirmed alternative arrangements in place for September 2025 in place then please ignore this reminder, however, if your intention is for your child to transition with the rest of the cohort then you will find a link on page 2.

As you will know we have a shorter week to end the term as we have a Staff INSET day on Friday 25th October. However, there is still much going on. It will be great to see all our pupils working hard for their respective houses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and to congratulate the elected House Leaders in their House assembly. We will also be here on Monday and Thursday to meet with KS2 parents and carers. I know that I tell parents and carers how quickly time will pass and talking to parents this week about Kings open evening and possible option choices has really brought this into sharp focus for those planning to transition. We have already covered nearly 1/5th of the academic year and it seems like only yesterday that our new pupils were joining us unsure about the school and our routines. Having spent 20 minutes with 5 brilliant 'Golden Ticket' nominees from year 5 today, you would have thought they had been here a year. Finally, thank you for all your generous FoodBank donations. It is not too late if you want to contribute. We will be sharing the donations with Cheddar FoodBank at the end of this term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes Paul Tatterton

## HOUSE MATCHES

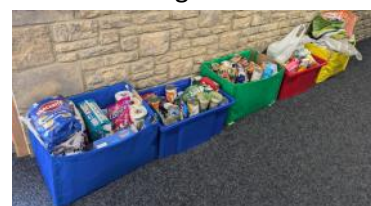
- **Year 5** - Monday 21st October - Lessons 4 & 5
- **Year 6** - Tuesday 22nd October- Lessons 4 & 5
- **Year 7** - Monday 21st October- Lessons 1 & 2
- **Year 8** - Wednesday 23rd October - Lessons 1 & 2

Pupils should come to school (**on their match day only**) in PE kit with sensible warm clothing (black hoody or black tracksuits bottom) to change into if they get wet or muddy.

**8A do not require their PE kit for Mondays lesson this is the same for SEE on Tuesday. Both classes can bring in trainers.**

## CHEDDAR FOOD BANK COLLECTION

There is still time to donate to the FoodBank collection, please send any items in before the 1/2 term break. This year to strengthen our partnership with Bagley Church we are combining our collection with theirs



Thank you to everyone who has donated so far



### CHILDREN IN NEED 2024—Mufti Day Friday 15th November 2024

Spotty or yellow mufti is great if you have it, sensible mufti if you do not.  
Please make all donations via the ParentPay/Children in need link below.

[CHILDREN IN NEED 2024 \(PARENTPAY.COM\)](https://www.parentpay.com)

### HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL (Updated Oct 24)



#### PARENT EMERGENCY CLOSURE & BAD WEATHER CASCADE

In the event of the weather or circumstance being sufficiently bad to cause the school to be closed the following lines of communication will be put into effect by 7.30am

PUPILS	An email will be sent to all parents/carers from Hugh Sexey Middle School (HSMS) via In Touch
WEBSITE <a href="http://WWW.HUGHSEXEY.COM">WWW.HUGHSEXEY.COM</a>	Please check the scrolling banner on the website, which is located near the bottom of the screen on the home page.

You can find further information during the day on our website [www.hughsexey.com](http://www.hughsexey.com) as to the schools' closure should the weather or circumstance be severe.

Heart, Somerset Sound and Radio Bristol will also be broadcasting details.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION SAFE  
& DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL**

\*\* Due to network issues in the locality please also check the school website \*\*

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - CANCELLATIONS

SINGING CLUB (Sing the Musicals) - Wednesday 23rd October

**\*\* FROM THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB WILL BE FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS \*\***

1st Cheddar Guides and Cheddar Valley Rangers held their annual presentation evening on Monday 14th October. Children from Year 6 were presented with some very prestigious badges and awards. Mrs. Lacy and Miss Bone attended the occasion to support the children involved. Another huge 'well done' to the following children who earned their Geocaching award/backwards cooking award, Stage 3 Camp award, Theme awards and Girlguiding Bronze Award:

- ★ Saskia
- ★ Indy
- ★ Willow
- ★ Isabelle
- ★ Freya
- ★ Lily

We are so proud of the effort they've put in to obtain these achievements. They should be very proud of their success!

#### DT Cookery Monday 21st October

Year 7 Pupils in class 74 the rogan josh curry practical has been cancelled on Monday 21st October and rescheduled to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November due to house matches.



#### Y8 TRANSITION - Y9 SEPTEMBER 2025 DEADLINE

The application window for choosing the next phase of education for the current Year 8 pupils must be submitted by **midnight on 31st October 2024.**

Please follow the link below to apply  
[Citizen Portal - Sign in \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

### CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES

**FOR CHALLENGE DAY ON THE 9TH NOVEMBER, WE ARE AFTER SOME OLD MAGAZINES TO COLLAGE. PLEASE DROP OFF ANY MAGAZINES TO MISS BONE IN ROOM 1.**

#### VACANCIES

- Operations Assistant - Receptionist - 15hrs/week (Thursday and Friday)

For full details please go to the vacancies page on the WLT website [Wessex Learning Trust](https://www.wessexlearningtrust.org.uk) or via the careers site on Eteach [Careers - Hugh Sexey Middle School](https://www.eteach.co.uk)

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## HSMS SUPERSTARS

### GYMNASTICS

Elsie B (5EE) competed in a regional gymnastics competition this past weekend, competing against 17 other girls selected from their gymnastics clubs; all the way from Swindon to Cornwall. Each girl was graded 1st-17th, and came 1st!



### HOCKEY

James C in Year 8 had his first Somerset County Hockey training session on Friday evening. He was really excited to be selected to be part of the squad and the training session was really high quality. The intensity from start to finish was really great watch and he played brilliantly! There are training sessions once a month down in Taunton and matches occurring throughout the year. A great experience and fantastic way to improve his game.



### KS2 RUGBY

The year 5 and 6 Rugby teams made the short journey to Fairlands for the first rugby fixture of the School year. The last 5 weeks have been spent working on team skills in training and this cohesion really showed throughout. There were some excellent team try's in the year 6 match with Freddie, Mason and Will all crossing the line. The year 5s really clicked into gear in the second half with Freddie, Axel, Alex and Mason all making excellent contributions. All players involved played a full part and made for 2 great games. Thanks so much for Fairlands for hosting the fixture and all the parents, volunteers and teachers who supported.



### SEA CADETS

Last week Aidan H received two awards at the Burnham on Sea and Highbridge sea cadet unit's annual awards ceremony. His first was the inaugural Fundraiser of the Year award. Aidan not only thought of a sponsored cycle ride to raise money, he organised and encouraged fellow cadets to take part. In May they cycled 31 miles from Weston super mare to Burnham on Sea - Glastonbury raising over £2500. Aidan was also awarded Cadet of the Year (Junior Section) and was recognised for his support to the section and his continued encouragement to the younger cadets even after becoming a senior.



NEXT WEEK  
IN PICTURE NEWS

## HSMS Value in Action @ Home

Wb 21st October 2024



### What's going on this week?



What impact can music have on our lives?

Following a ten-year campaign, music exam boards have announced they will now be including Sikh sacred music, also known as Kirtan, on their syllabus. It will be examined alongside violin and percussion instruments. The campaign to get the music recognised was led by Dr Harjinder Lallie, the co-director of Birmingham-based Gurmat Sangeet Academy.

- Have you ever learnt to play a musical instrument? Would you like to?
- What type of music do you like listening to? Ask others at home what they like to listen to. Is it the same as or different from what you like?
- Can you think of times when we listen to music or make music with others?

### Invitation Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for the wonderful and varied music we can enjoy, Thank you for all the different instruments all around the world, Help us to share in the joy music can bring to one another, Amen

**HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Joy and Service**

**Bible Link: 1 Samuel 16:23**

**British Value and Protected Characteristics:**

**Democracy & Religion or Belief**

**UN Rights of the Child:**

**#30 Minority culture, Language and Religion**

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