



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
THANKFULNESS

CALENDAR 2024/2025

SEPT

- 26th Open Evening
- 27th Digital Design Workshop

OCT

- 8th Y6 Ashford Water Centre Trip—Trip 1
- 9th Y6 Ashford Water Centre Trip—Trip 2
- 10th Y6 Ashford Water Centre Trip—Trip 3
- 10th World Mental Health Day -
Wear something yellow


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Thank you to all those year 6 & 7 parents/carers who took time out of their busy schedules to join us this week at our information evenings. There were some really good questions asked about what the year holds in store and what we are doing to prepare and support our pupils with the challenges and exciting opportunities ahead. For those parents who were unable to attend the presentation and supporting information booklet on our school website is under the curriculum/curriculum evening tab or via the link on page 3. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will do our best to resolve them.

Well done to our fantastic year 5 pupils who have settled into our routines really quickly. The vast majority are already confidently circulating the site and enjoying our facilities and wide open spaces. My team and I have also been extremely pleased with their focused effort this week, as they have carried out our reading and mathematics baseline assessments. This will help us build on

the information shared with us from our feeder schools and help us accurately understanding of their strengths and areas for development as we progress through the curriculum. I would also like to say well done to all our year 6 pupils, especially those who overcame their fear, when we had our visit from Animal UK as part of their science studies. It is always nice to have a cuddle from the 26Kg python and get a sense of just how powerful she is. I am sure that this real life experience will support our pupils in their classification and understanding of different species. Thank you to all those parents/carers who have returned the permission forms for our 'Open Evening' on Thursday. It is not too late for your child to be part of this great evening but we do need the permission slips back for them to help us show case the school. Year 8 parents/carers please make sure that you have Wednesday 2nd October in your diary. This is the first key transition event in your child's next step. The Kings Academy Open Evening kicks off at 5.30pm with the first presentation in the schools main hall. You will have an opportunity to see the site, ask questions and ensure that you are ready to complete your application before the 31st October deadline. Finally, once again, thank you for your role in making the start of the year so smooth, we really appreciate it. If you are still having any issues with ClassCharts or ParentPay please do contact us so that we can resolve this with you. Have a wonderful weekend.

Love and best wishes Paul Tatterton



Y8 Transition - Y9 September 2025

The application window for choosing the next phase of education for our current Year 8 pupils is now open. Please see our Transition page for full details.

[Transition | Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#)

Applications must be submitted by midnight on 31st October 2024



Kings Academy Open Evening

Wednesday 2 October 2024 between 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Headteacher's Welcome at 5.30pm or 6.15pm in the Academy Hall.
There is also an opportunity to tour the Academy and experience the subjects on offer.



KINGS CORE VALUES





SPEEDING THROUGH WEDMORE



We have been asked by Wedmore First School to remind all Parents/Carers travelling from Hugh Sexey Middle School through to Wedmore, to be mindful of their speed, the speed limit is 20mph and there is a pelican crossing where there has recently been a few near misses with families crossing the road.

KS3 MATHS HOMEWORK

Thank you to parents for all your support in ensuring the vast majority of our pupils in KS3 completed their maths homework on time in the first week back. It was brilliant how many pupils did this and it is great to set them up with these independent learning skills early on, so we are very grateful to you - long may it continue! Well done to 8D who had the most homework complete in Year 8 and 7A and 7E in Year 7.

Just so you are aware, the pupils complete their maths on Sparx each week and it is always set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday. Year 7 have approx. 30 minutes and Year 8 40 minutes. It is also referenced on Class Charts. If your son/daughter finds they need help/support they can access homework club which is on a Monday and Wednesday in the ICT room 12.40 - 1.10 and Tuesday and Thursday for Year 8 at the same times. There is also a Sparx Club on Friday lunchtime and before school on a Thursday starting at 8.30, both in the ICT room as well. If they forget their password, it is easy to reset it by clicking on the link when you first login.

TEMPEST PHOTOS

If you haven't already ordered your school photos, this is a reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 22nd September 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit [Tempest-orders.co.uk](https://www.tempest-orders.co.uk)

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks
Tempest –Photography



WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2024

In support of World Mental Health Day, we are asking all pupils to wear something yellow to school



SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN FLU PROGRAMME (Whole School)

From September all school aged children from Reception up to and including Year 11 will be offered the flu vaccination. Somerset SAINT will be attending Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School on **Friday 11th October 2024** to administer the Flu vaccination to pupils who have had consent from their Parent/Carer.

All information regarding the Flu Vaccination is available on Classcharts or via the school website





ATTENDANCE

Please find below a link to a letter from Mr Drew regarding Supporting Good School Attendance at Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School

[Supporting Good School Attendance](#)

ABSENCE

For all absences please call the Absence line 01934 714290 or email school@hughsexey.org.uk before **9:00am** on **each day** of your child's absence. Please state your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence in any correspondence with the school. Whenever possible, please schedule medical appointments out of school hours. If the appointment is within school hours, please provide medical evidence and ensure that your child returns to school as soon as the appointment is finished.

If you are taking term time leave (not illness or medical appointments), please complete the form available on our website [ATTENDANCE | Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#) .

In line with the Department for Education regulations, term time leave will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances. If you do take leave or holiday within term time you may receive a Penalty Notice for each parent or carer.

HSMS SUPERSTARS

TRIATHLON

Bethany H in Y8 competed at the inter-regional triathlon championships. This was 2 days of individual races and team relay races. Bethany had a great weekend with her relay team securing 1st in their group and the south west finishing 5th overall.



YEAR 6 & YEAR 7 CURRICULUM EVENINGS

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers that attended our Year 6 and Year 7 Curriculum Evenings, we hope you found it useful.

If you were unable to attend or would like a copy of the presentation from the evening please follow the link below.

[Curriculum Evening | Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#)

NEXT WEEK
IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Value in Action @ Home



Wb 23rd September 2024

What's going on this week?

The UK's first teacherless classroom, using AI (artificial intelligence) instead of human teachers, has opened. David Game College, a school in London, began its new course for twenty GCSE pupils in September. The pupils will learn using both AI platforms on their computers and VR (virtual reality) headsets.

- What do you imagine it would be like to learn without a teacher? What difficulties do you think might arise? What do you believe the benefits could be?
- What qualities do you think make a good teacher? Ask others at home. Do you agree on all of the qualities?



The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day your daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom. The power and the glory forever. Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Faith and Courtesy

Bible Link: Romans 14:17

British Value and Protected Characteristics: Rule of Law & Religion or Belief

UN Rights of the Child: #28 Access to education

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