



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
THANKFULNESS

CALENDAR 2024/2025

SEPT

30th Y5 Blackford Church Visit

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

11th Digital Design Workshop

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I wanted to start this weeks update with a huge heartfelt thanks to all our fantastic pupils and staff who made our 'Open Evening' such a lovely event. I also wanted to offer my gratitude to those parents and carers who 'loaned' out their children and collected them at the end of a long and tiring day. The feedback my colleagues and I received was very positive and demonstrated what we strive to do everyday. Our visitors were blown away with the confidence, kindness and enthusiasm displayed in those pupils proudly wearing their Hugh Sexey uniform and sharing their passion for learning and being part of this school community. It is really rewarding as a headteacher when you watch and listen to the pupils, some of whom have only been with us for a few weeks, take over the classrooms and corridors and talk with real passion about what they are learning and how they have grown during their journey with us. Like us I am sure that you are extremely proud of their compassion, conduct and attitude. They are the living proof of what my team and you do everyday to

nurture and foster articulate, confident and happy young people. It is a privilege for me to be associated with these young people and colleagues. Next week is always a great evening as our year 8 pupils, parents and carers descend on Kings Academy and have look around the site and curriculum areas as they hold their 'Open Evening' from 5.30pm. It will be great to see lots of you there and I am looking forward to catching up with former pupils who act as ambassadors and want to share their stories.

Congratulations to the HSMS Superstars on their fantastic achievements. Please do keep sharing with us the brilliant things that your children do outside of school so that we can congratulate them and ask them to tell us more. It is really nice to know more about our pupils and share with them their achievements.

Next week we welcome October and the end of 'summer'. Can we please remind you to encourage your children to stay safe and wear appropriate clothing as the watery sunshine fades away. This is particularly important if your child walks, cycles or needs to cross busy roads when getting off school buses. On the theme of safety, please can I remind parents using the loop to 'Give way' to other user when at the bottom of the loop. In the morning we had a near miss this week when a cyclist was entering the site and the give way sign was not adhered to. Please help us keep everyone safe.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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





ARTXTRA

Art Classes For children aged 5yrs - 16yrs



TIMETABLE:

MONDAY - ARTXTRA 4-5pm
A new topic every week thus keeping the young artists enthusiasm and creativity flowing.

WEDNESDAY - ARTXTRA 4-5pm
NEW CLASS STARTING OCTOBER!
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SATURDAY - ARTXTRA 10.30 - 12noon
A fun and relaxed art club with weekly topics and workshops.

GCSE Support - ARTXTRA 4-5.30pm
A Thursday 'After School Club' supporting children who are taking GCSE Art & Textiles.

HOLIDAYS - ARTXTRA 10.30 - 12noon
Holiday club runs on various days throughout Easter and Summer school holidays.

Art School, Union Street, Cheddar, Somerset, BS273N

More info go to:

www.artxtra.club

OR CALL:

07817907578

Email:

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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 with your school uniform.



CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY UPDATE

A new online magazine is available to entertain and stimulate our budding Engineers



Primary adventure magazine

Get young people to think like an engineer whilst having fun and embracing technology in this brand-new interactive magazine from IET Education! The first issue 'Zoom to the Moon' is now live but there is a whole series to keep coming back for so grab your 7-11 year olds and get them started on these exciting adventures which will help with their reading, problem solving, teamwork, communication, STEM skills and more. Come back soon for the next magazine in this series and see if your students can solve all of the problems that they encounter on their next journey.

Follow the line to the website:

[Primary adventure magazine \(theiet.org\)](http://Primaryadventuremagazine(theiet.org))

UPDATES TO CLASS CHARTS REWARDS STORE

As your children will be aware, this September, we opened the Class Charts Rewards store to all year groups. We ran an initial trial of The Store last summer with our Year 8s only, the aim being to learn from experience and make any necessary amendments before going live for our whole cohort this September; with the store now open to over 600 pupils, we are still learning!



Pupils and their teachers, along with some parents/carers have provided some really valuable feedback to us and with this in mind, we will be making some changes:

1. We will refresh and update the rewards on offer throughout the year - some may only be available at certain times of the year.
2. Spendable points will be a function of house points minus consequence points - pupils and staff felt it was important to recognise the positive choices made by pupils but also acknowledge any disruption to the learning of others' and negative citizenship.
3. Spendable points will be reset at the start of each academic year; We will be resetting the points tomorrow.

As always we will continue to speak to pupils to gain insight on improvements they would like us to consider; please encourage them to share any ideas for rewards they would like to see in the store with their tutors.

Likewise, please feel free to pass on any suggestions through your children.



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

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HSMS SUPERSTARS

CROSS COUNTRY

Another cross country race at Millfield. A bigger group of 11 runners from Years 7 and 8 took part in the second cross country race hosted by Millfield Prep School.

Louis J in Year 8 was our first runner home. You could throw a blanket over our next runners at the finishing line with Bethany narrowly pipping Henry and Josh in a sprint finish.

Well done to all our runners for a fantastic effort on a longer (3 km) and hillier course.



ORIENTEERING

Madox W in Year 6 won the Junior Orienteering Championships for 2023-2024 Season on the Hare Course with the Quantock Orienteers.

He took part in a number of difficult courses over the year and tackled them in all weather's showing great spirits and determination for the sport.

He was very surprised with the win as it was a very close season.



MOTOR SPORTS

Charlie M in Year 5 had a very successful weekend racing in Ireland at the Tullyroan Oval. Charlie competed in the Ninja Karts category and came an amazing second place in the 2024 DMC Gold Cup. Fantastic effort Charlie, well done.

CANCELLATIONS

- The Tag Rugby match due to be played at Fairlands on **Tuesday 1st October** will be rescheduled, after school club training will therefore be on as normal.
- No Sports Leaders on **Wednesday 2nd October**—Unless you are helping with the 1st Schools Rugby Festival.

NEXT WEEK
IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Value in Action @ Home



Wb 31st September 2024

What's going on this week?



Book publishing company, Penguin Random House UK, has revealed a new book vending machine at Linlithgow Academy, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The machine gives the pupils access to more than seventy different books from Penguin's 'Lit in Colour' reading lists. The reading lists, set up around four years ago, are updated each year and aim to make works by writers of colour more visible and accessible in schools.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Would you like to see a book vending machine in school? Do you think it would be popular?
- What types of books do you like to read, and who are some of your favourite authors? Ask others at home about their reading preferences.
- Do you feel it's important to know about the author of a book you read? Is it

Dear God,
Thank you for all the people who write books that help us learn,
Thank you for the joy books bring,
Thank you for the Bible that teaches us more about you,
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Joy & Effort

Bible Link: Psalm 119:105

British Value and Protected Characteristics: Mutual Respect & Tolerance - Race

UN Rights of the Child: #13 Sharing thoughts freely

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