



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:

CALENDAR 2023-2024

SEPT

- 17th Y6 UK Animals Visit
- 17th Y5 Blackford Church Visit
- 18th Y6 Information Evening
- 19th Y7 Information Evening
- 20th KS3 Digital Design Workshop
- 26th HSMS—Open Evening

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6TH SEPTEMBER 2024

It has been fantastic to welcome back all our pupils and families at the start of another extremely busy school year. It is especially exciting to welcome all our new pupils and parent/carers to our Hugh Sexey family and we hope that your children have had a brilliant first few days with us. On behalf of my team, "Thank you" for your part in making the new year begin so smoothly and ensuring that our pupils arrived equipped to fully engage in their learning activities.

Following the very busy first few days dropping off at the loop I am sure that this will become slicker as new parents/carers become attuned to the process and the weather improves. Being part of a very popular and over subscribed rural school brings with it its challenges, especially at the end of the school day. To keep all of our pupils safe we ask for your patience and compliance. If you are picking up Key Stage 2 pupils using the loop, please only enter the school site by turning LEFT off Wellsway, to prevent traffic backing up to the junction. Please then use the double lane queue filtering a car at a

time at the end of the loop ready to collect your child/ren from the path on the left. Key Stage 3 pupils can be collected from the school tennis courts. We ask that parents park and switch off their engines and wait to be guided off the site when it is safe do so. As I am sure you will acknowledge we are trying to keep everyone safe at this busy time of the day.

ClassCharts and ParentPay are up and running but if you are having any issues with either platform then do contact the school office and we will try and work with you to resolve this. These two platforms are really important in our pupils lives with ClassCharts providing you with lots of information about their learning, attendance and engagement whilst ParentPay is our cashless system for purchasing food, equipment, trips and visits. As stated the school is a vibrant and busy place and you can keep abreast of upcoming events via the weekly bulletin or for more long term events and activities on our school calendar on the website. You will also find our school term dates and INSET day posted there.

We look forward to seeing lots of you in the coming weeks at our year 6 and year 7 curriculum information evenings and at our key stage 3 meet the tutor evenings.

We know that the success of our school is built on a strong working partnership and we hope that we can continue to move forward with your support and help. We are really looking forward to this exciting academic year and know that it will pass in the blink of an eye. For example, our year 8 pupils will need to start thinking about applications for their next educational phase this month as application deadlines are at the end of October!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Paul Tatterton

CURRICULUM EVENINGS

On 18th and 19th of September we are holding 2 separate Curriculum Evenings. This is an opportunity for our year 6 and Year 7 parents/carers to come into school for one hour and listen to a presentation focused on their specific year group. The presentation will involve SLT and Year Leaders.

Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and will be given an insight into the year ahead including; statutory testing and pupil support, pastoral care, parent communication expectations (reports/parents evening etc.), behaviour expectations and welfare/safeguarding updates.

You do not need to book in advance, please turn up on the night.

Year 6 Wednesday 18th September 2023 6pm - 7pm

Year 7 Thursday 19th September 2023 6pm - 7pm



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 from Somerset SAINT in relation to the vaccinations will be sent out via school email from **Monday 9th September 2024**.

SCHOOL FIRST AID



Due to the high increase in costs, we cannot provide pain relief medication should your child become unwell during the school day. Should you wish your child to receive pain medication, please may we ask that you send or bring a bottle of liquid paracetamol or tablet paracetamol in to our school reception, this will be safely stored for their use throughout the year

AUTUMN TERM SCHOOL CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Clubs will commence from **Monday 16th September**.

Pupils do not need to sign up and no fee is required, just turn up and enjoy.

If your child is taking part in any of the afterschool activities, collection will be from the loop from 4:50pm unless otherwise specified.

Updated schedules will be posted on the school website via the link

[Extra Curricular Activities | Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#)



YEAR 8 SPORTS LEADERS 2024-2025

All year 8's are invited to apply to be a part of our Year 8 Sports Leaders team. Application forms are available from the School Reception, completed forms should be posted in the box in the School Reception no later than **Friday 13th September**. If you have any question about being a Sports Leader please speak to Mrs Allen

PE/GAMES KIT REQUIREMENTS

GAMES

Girls - Hockey - Necessary kit - HSMS Games top or plain red T-shirt, Shorts/Skort, Games socks, shin pads, gum shield and sport shoes suitable for the MUGA. HSMS hooded sweatshirt, suitable sport specific underlayers and dark track suit trousers can also be worn, but not instead of necessary items. Pupils may bring their own stick if they wish.

Boys - Rugby - Necessary kit - HSMS Games top, Shorts, Games socks, studded boots. Gum shields will need to be worn if pupils wish to engage in the contact elements of the game. HSMS hooded sweatshirt, suitable sport specific underlayers and dark track suit trousers can also be worn, but not instead of necessary items. PE Necessary kit - Games or red PE top. Shorts/skort, sports socks and sports shoes. HSMS hooded sweatshirt, suitable sport specific underlayers and dark track suit trousers can also be worn, but not instead of necessary items. For Gymnastics no footwear is required pupils are bare foot, all other necessary kit remains the same.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

All branded school uniform is available to purchase from [Deanes & Sons](#), alternative unbranded items can be purchased from other retail outlets. For full information regarding uniform please follow the link [here](#). If your child would like to wear a school jumper/cardigan in school, it must have the school logo on and a school tie is also compulsory from September. For details regarding uniform from Deane & Sons please follow the link [here](#)



PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING/PROPERTY ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILDS NAME

We also have a stock of preloved uniform available from School Reception, please email in to school@hughsexey.org.uk for prices and availability




The Somerset Careers Hub has just launched our Facebook Page!

If you are a parent of children between the age of 11-18, follow us by clicking [here](#)

This is an excellent, impartial source of information to help you discover more about the amazing careers and variety of routes students can take to get to a well-thought out and successful career, as well as to showcase fantastic employer activities and employability sessions.

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EMERGENCY LOCKDOWN PROCEDURE

As part of our safeguarding commitment to pupils, we will be practising our Emergency Lockdown procedure in school next week. We have today sounded the audible signal to pupils and will spend time with the next week talking to them the practise.

Please see the letter sent out with the newsletter for further details.

Matt Drew
Deputy Headteacher (DSL)



HSMS Value in Action @ Home



Wb 9th September 2024

What's going on this week?



Space agency, Nasa, says two astronauts stuck on the International Space Station (ISS) won't return to Earth until next year. Sunita Williams and Barry 'Butch' Wilmore originally went on an eight-day mission but have currently been in space for three months. The Boeing Starliner spacecraft they were supposed to return on has a problem, so they need to wait for a different space capsule to bring them home in February. The astronauts will continue researching whilst they are there.

Things to talk about at home.....

- How do you think the astronauts felt upon hearing the news that they would be staying much longer in space than originally planned?
- Can you think of a time you were in an unexpected situation or a time when you needed to change your plans?
- How did you deal with it?

Dear God,

Thank you for always being there as we journey through life, Help us to think of others and how we can support and share in their journeys, Thank you for giving us hope. Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Hope

Bible Link: Matthew 28:20

British Value and Protected Characteristics: Individual Liberty & Religion or Belief

UN Rights of the Child: #18 Responsibility of Parents