



# Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:  
ENDURANCE

## CALENDAR 2025

### JANUARY

- 20th Y8 Parents Evening (Online)
- 22nd Mini Police
- 22nd KS3 Weston College Post 16 Pathway Assembly
- 23rd Y8—Parents Evening (In School)
- 24th Y7 Digital Design Workshop
- 29th Mini Police
- 31st Year 7 Team Maths Challenge

### FEBRUARY

- 2nd Y8 Production Sunday Rehearsal

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Thank you very much to all those parents and carers who have reached out to offer their congratulations and best wishes following last weeks news. Your kind words are really appreciated. As always we have a very busy term ahead of us and we are looking forward to the milestones that lay ahead. Our year 8 pupils will soon begin their transition activities as they engage with the Kings Academy options process and our year 6 pupils start their countdown to the national SATs. We will also be really excited to find out how many pupils will be hoping to join our school community as the first round admission deadline for starting in September 2025 has passed.

As always it was fantastic to share with our parents and carers in year 5 and 6, at our Parents' Evening this week, how well your children have been doing this academic year. Both evenings were really well attended, with nearly 80% attendance, again demonstrating the strength and commitment of our learning community which reinforces the fantastic partnership between school and parents as we work together to ensure that our pupils, your children, make great progress from their varied starting points. Thank you very much for giving up your time to be part of this journey.

On Tuesday our year 8 pupils welcomed our colleagues from Kings Academy as the transition process moved up a gear. Our pupils were told about 'Making the right Choices' in advance of the Year 9 Options Evening at Kings Academy on Tuesday 4th February. I hope that we will see lots of you at this really important event as our pupils begin to make decisions about their future curriculum pathways.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have confirmed their year 8 Parents' evening appointments for next week, we look forward to seeing you on Monday (remotely) and Thursday in person. We are sorry if you have been unable to see some of our teachers as demand outweighs supply, however, please do contact the school if you would like a specific teacher to contact you about a concern that you may have or if you need feedback prior to the option choice process later this month.

Finally, I just wanted to say thank you to my colleagues, visitors, pupils and year 5 parents and carers who supported our Space detectives and star gazing event on Wednesday, the visit from Duncan Cameron who worked with and inspired our year 7 artists, the representatives of the Carymoor Environmental Education Team who brought to life our terms year 5 humanities curriculum and finally Ian from Fab Lab Plymouth who inspired a group of year 8 computing pupils as they explored research into digital fabrication and computation through CAD and CAM. Our pupils have certainly hit the ground running this term. Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Paul Tatterton



## Year 8 Choices Evening

Tuesday 4 February 2025  
5.00pm - 7.00pm

We warmly invite Year 8 Students and Parents/Carers to attend for September 2025 entry



Welcome meeting will be held in the Main Hall at  
5:00pm for surnames A to H  
6:00pm for surnames I to Z  
**All subjects will be open from 5:00pm—7:00pm**

You are invited to visit each option subject. Our subject specialists will be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

## CANCELLATIONS

Hockey Club & Digital Leaders  
- Thursday 23rd January  
Due to Y8 Parents Evening.

**STEM club will go ahead as planned**





### YEAR 8 PARENTS EVENING

Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School

#### Parents' Evening System

Welcome to the Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School parents' evening booking system. Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

#### Your Details

Title  First Name  Surname

Email  Confirm Email

#### Student's Details

First Name  Surname

Date of Birth

Log In

The SchoolCloud Parents Evening Booking system for Year 8 is open

Year 8 Parents' Evenings will be as follows:-

- Monday 20th January 2025 - Online only
- Thursday 23rd January (4pm—6:30pm) - Face to Face appointments in school

To book your appointments please click the link to the SchoolCloud [here](#)

Bookings close on **Monday 20th January 2025 at 12:00pm**



SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY REHEARSAL

ALL CAST MUST ATTEND

10am—15:30pm

Please make sure you have sent in your costumes prior to the rehearsal

**Due to the Kings of Wessex Y9 Open Evening which is open to all our year 8's, the rehearsal on Tuesday 4th February is cancelled**



**YOUR NEXT STEPS!** WESTON COLLEGE

**PICKING YOUR GCSE OPTIONS!**

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    A --> C[COLLEGE FULL TIME COURSE]
    A --> D[APPRENTICESHIP]
    B --> E[FULL TIME DEGREE]
    C --> F[EMPLOYMENT]
    D --> G[DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP]
  
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**TOP TIP!**  
WORK YOUR WAY BACKWARDS - IF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE OLDER, CHECK WHAT GCSE'S/QUALIFICATIONS YOU NEED TO PICK.  
IF YOU ARE NOT SURE YET, DO LOTS OF RESEARCH ON YOUR GCSE SUBJECTS!

**RESOURCES**  
APPRENTICESHIPS - WWW.APPRENTICESHIPS.GOV.UK  
T LEVELS - WWW.TLEVELS.GOV.UK  
COLLEGE - WWW.WESTON.AC.UK

### CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY UPDATE

Next week, Georgie from Weston College will visit us again so give an assembly to KS3 pupils about what different education and training pathways exist for learners after they finish their GCSE's (also called Post 16 education). She will help pupils to understand what the different pathways might be, why might learners be interested in those pathways and they type of employment that those education or training routes lead to. While she is visiting from Weston College, she is here to share information on a wide range of pathways, including Further Education (FE), Higher Education (HE), apprenticeship and employment.

Also, a reminder that Y8 pupils have been offered an opportunity to visit a HE/FE setting in March. Pupils are encouraged to choose to a visit to either Weston College, University of Bath or Cannington College. I will keep the expression of interest form open a little longer in case anyone missed the notice in last week's newsletter, Use the MS Form to share your expression of interest [Post 16 Education Pathways visits](#)





### EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES –SPRING TERM

All extra curricular clubs and activities will begin from Monday 13th January, please see the programme for the Spring Term on our website via the link [T3-Spring-Clubs-Activities-2025.pdf](#). Clubs are free to attend (unless stated) and there is no sign up required.



### YEAR 8 HPV VACCINATION THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025



The Somerset SAINT team will be coming to Hugh Sexey Middle School on **Thursday 6th February** to issue the HPV Vaccination to all consenting Y8 pupils. A letter with the form link has been sent to Year 8 Parent/carers and is also be available on the school website [Hugh-Sexey-HPV-Letter.pdf](#). Parents/Carers, please use this form to inform Somerset SAINT if your decision is a **Yes or a No** to the vaccination, which keeps your child’s records up to date. If you are unable to access the decision form link, please contact Somerset SAINT directly on 0300 323 0032 or email [SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk](mailto:SomersetSaint@somersetft.nhs.uk)

### HSMS SUPERSTARS

#### MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

Seb B 6IB and Jacob B 5OM achieved new belts in their mixed martial arts club this week. They graded before Xmas and Seb was awarded the purple belt and Jacob the blue belt. They train with Plan C training under Mr Churchill their amazing coach.



#### DIGITAL DESIGN WORKSHOP

30 of our Year 8 Pupils have taken part in a Digital Design Workshop working around the topic of 3D printing.

Fab Lab from Plymouth were teaching our pupils about CAD (using software to create 3D printing designs) and about CAM (using machines to prints them). This was very well received by the participating pupils.



### HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

#### FEBRUARY HALF TERM PROVISION

Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset



5 DAYS PER CHILD

#### HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS - FEB 2025

Booking Codes have been sent out to our eligible families, bookings open on Monday 20th January Find and book FREE local activities by visiting: [Happy Healthy Holidays Programme - Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership](#) or scan the QR code!



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## LOOKING FOR GUEST SPEAKERS FOR CAREERS CHALLENGE DAY

On **Friday 18th July**, we will be holding our annual Careers Challenge Day, where pupils partake in a programme of activities, lessons and presentations relating to the development of future employability skills and career aspirations.

Our KS3 pupils attend a traditional panel presentation by guests invited to share their journey into work, the opportunities and challenges of their work currently, a provide a look ahead to what their field or industry might be like in the future.



I would very much like to ensure that a broad range of careers pathways are represented and currently feel that our panel lacks representation from the **skilled trades and craft sector**. If you, or someone you might know who would be interested in joining our careers panel, please can you contact me, Mrs Adair, through the main office email, [school@hughsexey.org.uk](mailto:school@hughsexey.org.uk) with the details.

## HSMS Values in Action @ Home



Next Week  
in  
Picture News

*Wb 20th January 2025*



The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, asking them to actively share more educational content for children. Nandy stated that while YouTube has improved children's content on its platform, it is not doing enough to make sure the content is easily seen by children.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Tell someone at home about the type of things you enjoy watching and where you like to watch them. Ask someone older what they watched as a child. Ask about the choice of programmes, and where and when they were able to view them.
- Do you believe there should be more checks or rules for what people can watch online?

### Invitational Prayer:

Dear God

Give us the courage to choose positive things to watch and listen to, Help us to fill our thoughts with things that are lovely, right and true, Please help anyone who may be easily influenced and keep them safe

Amen

**HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:**  
**Endurance and Journey**

**Bible Link:**

**Philippians 4.8**

**British Value and Protected Characteristic:**

**Rule of Law and Age**

**UN Rights of the Child:**

**#17 Access to Information**