



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
ENDURANCE

TERM 2 ISSUE 4

31ST JANUARY 2025

CALENDAR 2025

FEBRUARY

- 5th Mini Police
- 6th Y8 HPV Vaccination
- 12th Mini Police
- 14th Last Day of Half Term

HALF TERM BREAK

- 24th School Open
- 26th Mini Police
- 27th Trust collaboration concert @ KOW
- 26th NEW DATE
Battlefield 2024—
Parent/Carer Info Meeting - Main Hall

MARCH

- 3rd Wells Cathedral Trip

What a busy week for our year 6 pupils and teachers! Thank you very much to my colleagues who led the 'WalkThrus' in the main school hall and classrooms as our pupils began their focussed preparation for the May SATs.

The pupils that I spoke to felt reassured and more confident about the upcoming assessment process. The coming week is also extremely busy with their first full run through of all the papers. This is so that our year 6 pupils can experience the assessment time constraints and develop their time management whilst getting used to this strange way of working as they independently (or with their adaptations in place) show what they have learnt since year 5. I know that they will excel and we will, of course, share with you their papers so that you can also celebrate their progress with them.

Well done to all our year 8 sports leaders for organising and running the football festival for our first schools this week. Hosted at the floodlit astro in Wedmore these wonderful activities to support pupil transition and develop the leadership skills of our year 8's are amazing and ensure that our prospective pupils feel connected to Hugh Sexey before they even arrive. What a great group of positive role models.

As year 8 parents will be aware, Tuesday is the Kings Academy options information evening giving you and our pupils the chance to explore the school site again and talk to the teachers about what subjects can be studied and well as how they will be assessed and contributing to their end of year 11 outcomes. I know many of our pupils have already made some strong choices but Tuesday offers you and them the chance to really dig deeper into the curriculum content of those choices and what the 3 year journey will entail.

As year 8 parents/carers will already know we have the planned HPV vaccinations taking place on Thursday 6th February, the NHS link will remain open until Wednesday if you have not already consented for your child to take part in this programme. Consent is not issued through the school.

Well done to all our brilliant year 7 mathematician who took part in the school maths challenge. I know that they had great fun working with their house peers and applying their mathematical knowledge to problems posed outside of the classroom walls.

Finally, to the cast, crew and parents, please accept my full and sincere apologies for the postponement of our year 8 production. This decision has not been taken lightly but with staff illness we do not have the production and technical skills to support the cast in getting ready for the show. I know this disruption will cause so distress but we have no other viable option. We want our pupils hard work to be reflected in their polished performance but illness has robbed us of the specialist staff required to safely supervise and guide the production rehearsals. Have a lovely weekend and best wishes

Paul Tatterton



Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership

FREE CHILD SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Somerset Safeguarding Children Partnership are offering free session for Parents/Carers

Please follow the link below to book on to the session

[Event : Child-Exploitation-FREE-Session-for-Parents - 28622](#)



PUPIL WELLBEING SURVEY

We will be carrying out a school led pupil wellbeing survey over the next few weeks. The survey will be carried out in class



TICKETS ON SALE NOW VIA PARENTPAY



Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to change the dates for the Production

Sunday Rehearsal - Sunday 9th March
ALL CAST MUST ATTEND
10am—15:30pm

Show Nights
Wednesday 19th March
Thursday 20th March

If you have already purchased tickets these are still valid for the new dates, if you need to change the dates you attend please contact the school on school@hughsexey.org.uk

FIRST SCHOOL BOYS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

The year eight sports leaders travelled to Wedmore Astro today to officiate and coach the boys' football festival . This is always a hugely popular event. This year all our feeder first schools were represented . It was nice to welcome back Axbridge too. Each school played each other and there were some spectator goals . Well done to the sports leaders who were enthusiastic and supportive of our younger pupils. The result 1st place Wedmore
2nd Lympsham
Thank you to all our parents and carers for their support.



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 meetings will be held in the Main Hall at 5.00pm for surnames A to H and 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.

We look forward to meeting you

OPERAPLUS

Our Year 5 pupils attended their first OperaPlus workshop on Tuesday afternoon led by profession opera singer Lorena Paz Nieto and made amazing progress learning songs for 'The Team Mascot' which they will be performing in April at Kings of Wessex.





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 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

HSMS SUPERSTARS

WONDERVERSE POETRY COMPETITION

Rohan B in 8AD wrote a poem and sent it as an entry for the national 'Wonderverse' competition. He amazingly won the competition and had his poem published in a Poetry Anthology. A copy of the Anthology has been donated to Mrs Drew to add to the school library.



SWIMMING

Madox W 6IB has achieved **GOLD** in the finals of the Somerset County Championships in the 50m Backstroke within the 10-11 year old category.

A new Personal Best time 1.8 seconds faster with an extremely close race.



HSMS Values in Action @ Home



Next Week
in
Picture News

Wb 3rd February 2025



Tennis player, Emma Raducanu, has revealed she would like to meet darts player, Luke Littler, after he recently became the world darts champion. Comparisons between the two young sports stars have been highlighted. Raducanu was 18 when she became the only qualifier in history to claim a Grand Slam title, by winning the 2021 US Open. Similarly, Littler became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17.

- How do you think Luke Littler felt when he became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17? How do you think he might be feeling now about future competitions?
- Can you think of a time when you were under a lot of pressure to succeed or achieve something? Share it with someone at home.

Invitational Prayer:

Dear God
Thank you for giving us the strength to persevere, even when we feel under pressure, Help us to trust in you when challenges come our way, May we always encourage others and find peace in knowing that our best efforts are enough,
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:

Courage and

Bible Link:

Philippians 4:13

British Value and Protected Characteristic:

Individual Liberty and Age

UN Rights of the Child:

#29 Aims of Education