



# Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:  
ENDURANCE

## CALENDAR 2025

### FEBRUARY

- 11th Y6 Clive Pig Visit
- 11th Y8 Netball Festival @KOW
- 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

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7TH FEBRUARY 2025

Another busy week has come to an end. I cannot believe that we are almost at the half term break already!

It was great to see so many of our year 8 pupils and parents/carers at the Kings Academy options information evening on Tuesday. The feedback that I received from colleagues at Kings as well as from those pupils and parents I spoke with was very positive. Some really pertinent questions were being asked about the courses on offer and which subjects would be the best to study and build upon the pupils strengths and interests. I know that the Kings staff were very impressed with our pupils engagement and deep and considered thinking about the next step.

Please remember that all Key Stage 4 options forms need to be returned directly to Kings Academy by Monday 24th February.

Well done to all of our brilliant year 6 pupils who have had their first low stakes rehearsal of the SATs process. This builds on the work last week when they had their teacher led 'WalkThru'. I am sure that the 'hall' or class based experience will reduce any anxiety that they may have had before the last two weeks. My team have worked really hard to mark these tests and will share the outcomes with our pupils. Looking at their progress from our previous assessments they should be rightly proud of their growth and the resilience displayed throughout the week.

Well done and congratulations to our Year 8 House Leaders who prepared and delivered fantastic assemblies to our Key stage 2 pupils this week. Presenting to a large audience is always nerve racking but they did this with great confidence and clarity. Pushing yourself out of your comfort zone is a skill that will stand them in good stead in the future and show them that they are capable of doing things that they did not believe they were capable of.

Finally, Thank you to our NHS partners, Somerset SAINT for administering the HPV vaccinations on Thursday. Despite the nerves amongst some of our pupils, everyone was very brave, in the skilled hands of the team, and returned to lessons proud at over coming their worries.

I hope that you all have a great weekend, best wishes

Paul Tatterton

## Y6 NETBALL/FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Wednesday 12th February  
3:40pm - 5pm

No sign up required, but please let Mrs Allen know if you are interested in attending.



## STEM CLUB AND DIGITAL LEADERS – ROBOTS

On Thursday, STEM Club and Digital Leaders joined forces to welcome Garry and his robots into school. Garry came armed with a huge number of Lego Mindstorms so that we could partner up to complete his challenge – a course around the Science lab, without crossing the lines or bumping into any furniture. We built our robots, programmed their routes and attempted to get them successfully to the end. A huge congratulations goes to Emelia and Madeline, who were the first to cross the finish line!





TICKETS ON SALE NOW VIA PARENTPAY

# SHREK The Musical JR.

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](mailto:school@hughsexey.org.uk)

## Pancakes MENU

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH -  
SERVED ON GRAB & GO AT  
LUNCH

- BANANA CARAMEL
- CHOCOLATE & MARSHMALLOW
- STRAWBERRIES & CREAM
- RASPBERRY DRIZZLE & WHITE CHOCOLATE DROPS

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### KS2 NETBALL & RUGBY DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Well done to all of the year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the netball and rugby development sessions. Switch Rugby ran two brilliant sessions and were glowing in praise of our pupils and their skill, teamwork and resilience. Mrs Allen and the Sport Leaders also ran sessions for the 5s and 6s that were enjoyed by all and really beneficial to their sporting skills. It was great to see all of our Keystage 2 pupils engage in some extra PE outside of the School Curriculum.



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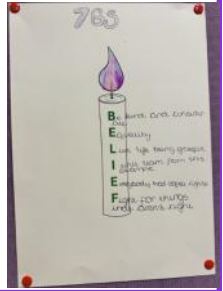


HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

Last week, pupils spent some time in Collective Worship commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day, which took place on Monday 27th January. This year marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and both pupils and staff took a moment to reflect on the horrors of the Holocaust and to honour the memory of its victims, as well as the subsequent genocides in Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.



Each class put together a poem which reflected on the theme of this year's memorial day - 'For a better future'. These poems are currently on display in the library for all pupils to read and contemplate. The ideas that the pupils came up with are incredibly thought provoking and are a powerful example of how we can all stand against prejudice in our society today.



SOCIAL MEDIA

We are receiving an increasing number of reports of unkind and inappropriate comments, some of which constitute bullying, on social media platforms - particularly snapchat. May we please remind parents/carers that the legal age for snapchat is 13 and that the responsibility of monitoring pupil's social media use lies with parents/carers.

Investigating such communications which occur outside school are time consuming for our pastoral staff, whose focus is to manage positive relationships between pupils in



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2025

At Hugh Sexey, we will be promoting Safer Internet Day with quizzes, other activities and as assembly by our Year 8 Digital Leaders. Screen Safe are also hosting a virtual parent and carer support session on Tuesday 11 February: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



YEAR 7 TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

The school hall was buzzing with excitement as the first Year 7 Team Maths Challenge event was held on Friday 31st January during lessons 1,2 and 3. This involved some 60 children from Year 7 competing in teams of 4 for their houses, ably assisted by some Year 8 Team Captains. There was an impressive amount of cooperation, healthy competition and a high level of maths skills in operation as the teams worked on a group set of questions, a cross number and an exciting relay race at the end. The best individual team was Normans 1, consisting of Toby, Amelia, Daniel and Abigail, with Monty as Team Captain, but they only won by three points, it was close at the top. Overall Normans came 1st, Celts 2nd, Vikings 3rd and Saxons 4th. We look forward to running more of these competitions in the future, and for KS2 and Year 8 as well. All who took part received certificates and house points, depending on how their individual team, and house, got on.



Well done to everyone for showing such enthusiasm and perseverance throughout!



## HSMS SUPERSTARS

### GOLF

Well done to Fraiser W in 7ZC, who after a 3 hour training session and assessment with Somerset Golf has been selected for the Somerset County Golf Squad. Fraiser will have a busy year with county matches nearly every month and he is hoping to represent Hugh Sexey Middle School at the Somerset Schools Golf Championship in March.



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN ACTION:

This week our House Captains planned and delivered collective worship sessions for each of the ks2 classes. This term's value on Endurance and our weekly virtue of Leadership inspired our young people share their ideas and engage with younger pupils. They worked very hard and are developing some key employability and life skills. Many thanks to all of them.



Next Week  
in  
Picture News

## HSMS Values in Action @ Home



*Wb 10th February 2025*



The Nepalese government has announced that, from September, climbers aiming for the world's highest mountain will have to pay just over £12,000 (\$15,000) during the main climbing season. This is over \$4,000 more than the previous permit fee for climbing Mount Everest. There have been concerns that there are too many people climbing the mountain, leaving rubbish and not respecting nature. It is hoped the extra money will go towards protecting the area from tourists.

- Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like to reach the summit?
- Can you recall some of the places you have visited as a tourist? These could be close to where you live, or further away. Talk to someone at home – where have they visited?
- What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

### Invitational Prayer:

Dear God  
Thank you for the beautiful world you have created,  
Help us to make wise choices when we travel, To  
think about the people, places, and nature we visit,  
Remind us that with freedom comes responsibility,  
And that we must care for the world and each other,  
Amen

### HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:

**Respect and courage**

**Bible Link:**

**1 Corinthians 10:23-24**

**British Value and Protected Characteristic:**

**Mutual Respect and Tolerance/ Religion or Belief**

**UN Rights of the Child:**

**#30 Minority Culture, Language & Religion**