



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
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CALENDAR 2025

JULY

- 14th KS2 Rewards Day
- 14th Y8 London Trip 1
- 15th Y8 London Trip 1
- 16th Y8 London Trip 2
- 17th Y8 London Trip 2
- 18th Careers Challenge Day
- 21st Y7 Brean Trip
- 21st Y8 Leavers Celebration
- 22nd Y8 Leavers Assembly
- 22nd LAST DAY OF TERM
- 23rd INSET DAY

SEPT

- 2nd INSET DAY
- 3rd INSET DAY
- 4th First Day of Term

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11TH JULY 2025

The hottest working week of my career without question; warm enough even to encourage some staff to don their short trousers!

As the countdown to the end of term ticks into single figures, our Year 7 pupils enjoyed their taster days at Kings Academy on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. These days offer a first-hand experience of their potential new environment and all it has to offer. It was delightful to hear such positive feedback from colleagues at Kings with regards to our pupils' engagement and positive attitude. It's always inspiring to see them engaging with their future, preparing for the next step in their journey in education.

To celebrate their hard work throughout the term, hundreds of pupils eagerly spent their well-earned house points at the Laser Tag reward event. The atmosphere was electric, with pupils enjoying some friendly competition and lots of fun; despite the heat!

We had the pleasure of welcoming back some of our ex-pupils who have returned to embark on their Work Experience placements this week. It's wonderful to see how much they have flourished and begin to consider future employers they wish to represent. Their time with us serves as a reminder of the strong extended community and opportunities our school continues to serve.

Massive congratulations to our year 6 pupils and thankyou to their Key Stage 2 teachers who have expertly supported them through the last two years, culminating in the published SATs results this Tuesday. The results are a genuine testament to everyone's hard work. The national headlines show a continued improvement in the proportion of children reaching expected standards since the Covid-19 pandemic. For reading, writing and maths (combined) 62% met the

expected standard compared to 61% last year. We are delighted to celebrate that our pupils performed significantly above the national average (as below). These are among the strongest results for the last decade in school and we are immensely proud of the pupils' achievements. More details will be published on our website in due course. As with any data, the real success stories are of those individual pupils who challenged themselves, worked hard and have earned a move into Key Stage 3 on a high. As the results are shared with parents / carers this evening, please take the time to pause, reflect and celebrate the pupils' hard work, whatever the grade. Their efforts are hugely commendable – we are very proud of them indeed.

	HSMS Pupils Reaching Expected Standard (%)	Pupils Nationally Reaching Expected Standard (%)
Reading	84	75
Writing	85	72
Maths	83	72
Combined (reading, writing & maths)	72	62
Science	93	82

As the term draws to a close, we look forward to finishing strong with plenty more memorable moments ahead, not least the end of term Year 8 residential to London and Year 7 day-trip to Brean.

Not wishing to conclude with the mundane but...there is a considerable pile of named lost property in school so please encourage misplaced items to be found before we break up a week on Tuesday along with any items that may have had an extended stay inside a locker!

I hope you have a great weekend and get to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Matt Drew



Y8 LONDON TRIP

TRIP 1—8AVG, 8AD, 8RMG—Monday 14th—Tuesday 15th July 2025

TRIP 2—8KA, 8EF, 8PN—Wednesday 16th—Thursday 17th July 2025

[London-2025-Itinerary-kit-list.pdf](#)

Arrive at school from 6.45am. We will be leaving promptly at 7am.

Remember packed lunch in rucksack, overnight bag and money to purchase dinner in Covent Garden (day 1) and services (day 2).





TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

KS2 TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

Well done to all those students who took part in the KS2 Team Maths Challenge on Friday 27th June, and a big thank you to all those Year 7 students who were the Team Captains. A mixture of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls competed in teams of four in three separate rounds, including a group round, and a cross number and relay race, where they split into pairs. The relay race is my particular favourite as there is a real buzz in the hall as the students race against each other to collect problems from the front of the room and pass them onto their team mates to solve. Congratulations to Normans 3, ably led by Anna and comprising of Adam, Harry, Indy and Theo, who came first as a team. Celts came 4th, Normans came 3rd, Vikings came 2nd and Saxons won overall! It was a real pleasure to organise such a positive event that all involved seemed to enjoy.

Y8 TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

The Year 8 Team Maths Challenge was a real success last Friday. The students engaged really well with the activities, enjoyed the competitive nature of working in teams and showed resilience in solving some difficult problems. The winners were the team comprising of Max, Johnny, Coco and Ellie, alongside captain Eve Dickinson. Overall Normans came 4th, Saxons 3rd, Vikings 2nd and Celts 1st. Thanks to all the Year 8s who became Team Captains for the morning and well done to all those who took part - it was a real pleasure to organise such an event for you all. I hope to invite you back next year to be Team Captains for our Year 8s next year!

Mrs. Cameron

KS3 Maths teacher



DONATE YOUR OLD UNIFORM

If your child is leaving Hugh Sexey Middle School at the end of this term, we would greatly appreciate any donations of uniform or PE kit. Please leave any donations at our Main Reception.

Many thanks

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

STEM Club will be running on Wednesday 16th July

All other clubs have finished for the year.

Autumn Term clubs and activities will commence from W/C 9th September 2025



We are rapidly approaching the end of the academic year. The Library Team are currently waiting for 250 books to safely find their way back home. Please could our Hugh Sexey families have a look around the house, (under beds, behind bedside tables and in your own bookshelves) to see if any of our library books may be lurking about.

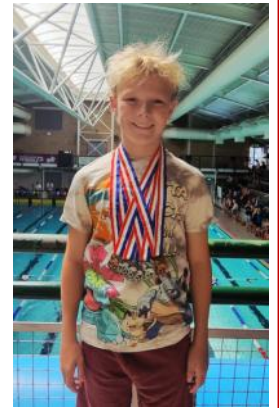
With many thanks, the Library Ladies



HSMS SUPERSTARS

SWIMMING

Madox W 6IB competed in the Clevedon Open Meet at Hutton Moor over the weekend. Out of 6 races he came away with 5 Medals, 3 silvers and 2 bronzes. He also achieved 5 County Consideration Times and 2 Regional Consideration Times.



SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2025

THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ONLY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIVE OR ARE EDUCATED IN THE CHEDDAR VALLEY AREA

<p>MONDAY 28TH JULY MONDAY 11TH AUGUST MONDAY 25TH AUGUST</p>	<p>GOACTIVE [A1] CHEDDAR WOODS RESORT & SPA THE CONTENT OF THESE SESSIONS WILL BE CONFIRMED CLOSER TO THE TIME 11.30AM-1.30PM £10 PP AGE 8+</p>
<p>FRIDAY 25TH JULY FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST</p>	<p>POOL PARTY [A1] KINGS FITNESS & LEISURE SWIMMING, INFLATABLES - FUN WITH FRIENDS 9.45AM-11.15AM £5 PP AGE 8+</p>

*PLEASE USE OUR NEW BOOKING SYSTEM TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE
OR GO TO [HTTPS://THE-SPACE-SOMERSET.PEMBEE.APP/](https://the-space-somerset.pembee.app/)

THE SPACE PARENT & CARER COFFEE & CHAT

HOSTED BY ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY, TRAINED MEMBERS OF THE TEAM, WE'RE INVITING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS TO JOIN US FOR A RELAXED COFFEE AND CHAT THIS SUMMER.

COFFEE @ THE HUB, CHEDDAR
10AM - 12PM
CRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS AVAILABLE!

DROP-IN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DATES:

- TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST & THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST
- TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST & THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST
- TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER & THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

COME FOR SUPPORT, ADVICE, INFORMATION — OR JUST A FRIENDLY FACE AND A CUPPA. NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST POP IN!

COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA (OPPOSITE TESCO EXPRESS)

SUMMER YOUTH CLUB WITH THE SPACE

EVERY TUESDAY 6:30-8:30 £2 PP
[A1] THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

PETTRUTH PADDOCKS LABOURHAM DRIVE, CHEDDAR, BS27 3FS

OUTDOOR FREE PLAY & PROJECTS EVERY WEEK
DRINKS & SNACKS INCLUDED

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HSMS Values in Action @ Home



Wb 14th July 2025



After fleeing the war in Ukraine, Yuliia Brykailo moved to the Isle of Man with her daughter, Veronika. Yuliia has since written a children's book inspired by Veronika's experience of settling into a new school. The story, Veronika's Treasure Adventures on the Isle of Man, follows a young girl exploring the island and discovering that the real treasure is friendship. Veronika was warmly welcomed by her new school, where pupils even learned Ukrainian words to help her feel included. Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you think writing a book is a good way to help share an experience?
- Ask someone at home about their favourite book. What is it they like about it? Tell them about yours. Are there any lessons you can learn from your favourite stories or books?

Invitational Prayer:

Dear God
Thank you for the people who welcome us and make us feel like we belong. Help us to show kindness to others, especially those who are new or feel alone. May our words and actions help to build a world filled with friendship, love, and hope
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:

Friendship and Hope

Bible Link:

Mark 12:31

British Value and Protected Characteristic:

Mutual Respect & Tolerance / Race

UN Rights of the Child:

#2 No Discrimination