



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
TOGETHER WE BELIEVE; TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 4

26TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our families that supported us in making this year's Open Evening such a success.

Our pupils really do sell their school brilliantly – you won't be surprised to learn that the overwhelming feedback we have received already credits the manners, courtesy and respect the young people you place in our care every day display.

As Headteacher, I am incredibly proud to be part of a school where every member of our community is committed to making a difference in the lives of our pupils. Thankyou for your support – it is hugely appreciated. Another busy week saw our singers off to Gordano for the Big Sing, our rugby players enjoying a chance to develop their skills with Switch Rugby and the Bikeability crew learning to master their craft on the roads. Whilst the first football fixture of the year didn't provide the score line we might have hoped for, it was great to witness our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils combining on the pitch, conducting themselves impressively as young sportspeople able to lose with dignity and respect for the opposition.

Thank you to those people who took the time to respond to the Curriculum Evening feedback request last week. It was really heartening to read such positive remarks; we will of course include the few content areas you felt would further improve the evening in time for next year.

The car travel survey threw up some less clear conclusions...! Please rest assured, the team and I continue to consider all options and I will update you in future weeks of our intention to trail some different arrangements.

I hope the sun continues to shine on your weekends.

Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2025

SEPTEMBER

30th KS2 Cross Country @ Millfield

OCTOBER

2nd Y6 Animals UK

2nd Y5 Bikeability - Day 1

3rd Y5 Bikeability - Day 2

6th Y8 - WW1 Workshop

6th KS3 Meet The Tutor - In School Appointments

9th Whole School Seasonal Flu Vaccinations

9th KS3 Meet The Tutor - Online Appointments

10th Y6 - Y8 A2L Reports Home

13th KS3 Cross Country @ Kings College Taunton



Kings
Academy
Believe and Succeed

Kings Academy Open Evening

Wednesday 1 October 2025 between 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Headteacher's Welcome at 5.30pm or 6.15pm
in the Academy Hall.

There is an opportunity to experience GCSE subjects on a self
guided tour throughout the evening



CLUB CANCELLATIONS

SPORTS LEADERS - WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER - DUE TO KINGS OPEN EVENING

CHILDCARE SURVEY FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

Somerset Council is seeking feedback from families across the county about wraparound and holiday childcare needs. Whether you use these services or not, your views matter!

 The survey asks about:

- ✓ Current and future childcare needs
- ✓ Reasons families may not use existing provision
- ✓ Barriers or challenges you face accessing childcare

 Where 10 or more responses are received, an anonymised summary will be shared with your child's school.

 Please complete the survey by midday on 14th November 2025:

 [Parent/Carer Survey - Autumn 2025](#)

Thank you for helping shape childcare services in Somerset! 

UNIFORM

Please make sure your child is only wearing black socks as part of their daily uniform requirement, as per the Uniform policy on the school website.

HSMS Uniform Policy



VACANCIES

HSMS

- Art & DT technician

For further information please follow the link below

[Vacancies](#)

WORK HARD. BE KIND. Or BE KIND. WORK HARD. It's up to you!

As a school, we want to promote a balance between academic progress and personal development. We have therefore adopted a catch phrase which captures the aim/goals of the school whilst allowing pupils to flip flop the phrase to suit their needs or strengths.



Work Hard – Be

Be **P**unctual.
Know and respect your classroom **R**outines.
Arrive to lessons **E**quipped to learn.
Present your work in line with your subject guidelines.
Be an **A**ctive learner and peer role model.
Be **R**eady to learn, present and relish challenge.
Use your classroom time **E**ffectively.
Develop your subject knowledge in every lesson.

2 Black Handwriting Pens
Sharpened Pencil
Ruler
Red Pen
White Board Pen
Pencil Case

Be Kind -

When we speak we consider...
Is it **T** rue?
Is it **H** elpful?
Is it **I** nspiring?
Is it **N** ecessary?
Is it **K** ind?

When we act we...
T reat others the way we want to be treated.
W elcome and support others, offering our friendship..
I nclude everyone and show compassion to others.
C hallenge any behaviour we don't like and report it to staff.
E mpatise and show **KINDNESS**.

HSMS SUPERSTARS

EQUESTRIAN

The Hugh Sexey's horse riding team went to Stoneleigh Park in August to the national final.

Pippa and her teammates came 2nd in the 60 cm and 3rd in the 70cm which was a fantastic result.

Only 3 competed in the 60cm because one horse was injured and was resting.

This added more pressure only having 3 riders on the team but they all did fantastically well.

The team was:

Pippa D Y6

Jessica Quick Y8

Thea P Y8

Theo W (KOW)

Millie T (KOW)



Violin Tuition

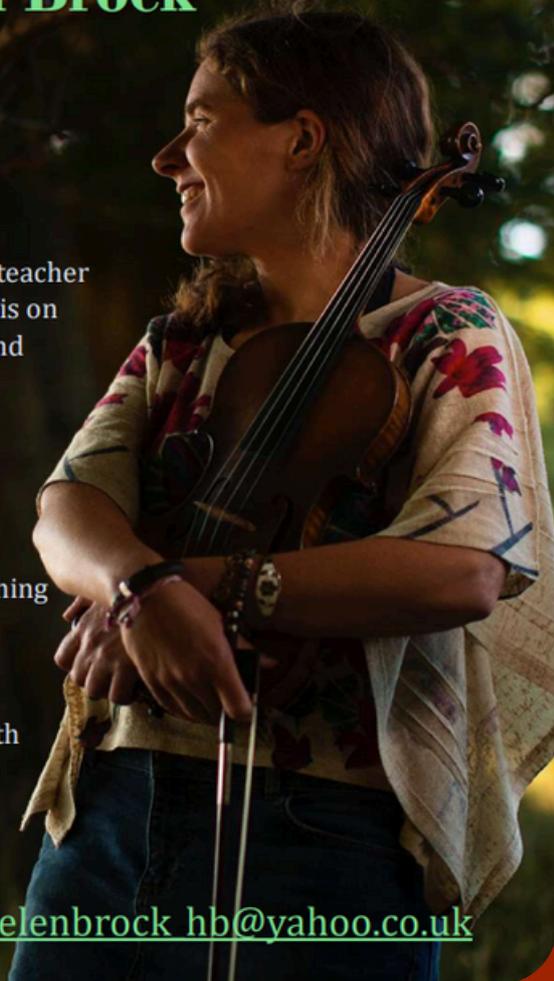
Helen Brock

Friendly and enthusiastic teacher with emphasis on enjoyment and creativity

With over 20 years of teaching experience

BA(hons) with specialism in performance
RWCMD
PGCE

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ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION



Somerset Saint School Immunisation Team will be attending HSMS on Thursday 9th October to administer the annual flu nasal vaccination, to opt in or opt out, please follow the link on the letterer that was sent out via Bromcom email on Wednesday 17th September or on the letters page on the HSMS website via the link below

[HSMS-Letters](#)



KS3 MATHS FOCUS

The first Maths Homework in KS3 has been set this week on BromCom. This academic year all KS3 maths homework will be set on a Wednesday and will be due in the following Wednesday. All homework will be set using Sparx and all students are able to access this via their own individual login and password, which they set up themselves the first time they login. Year 7 has been asked to login for the first time for their homework this week, and they have a few short videos to watch and several questions to answer. It shouldn't take longer than about 15 minutes. Regular weekly homework in the future should take about 30 minutes. Year 8 has been set a regular homework that should take about 40 minutes. All students are expected to complete 100% of their homework. Although all students are set the same topic, the challenge level will depend on the student and therefore they will all receive different questions accordingly. Students should write down all their question numbers and answers with a pen and paper. This does not need to be handed in. If they are struggling, they should watch the short video attached to the question in the first instance, otherwise they should come to Homework Club or Sparx Club or ask their class teacher in plenty of time before the homework deadline. Thank you for your support with this. Any queries, please contact your young person's class teacher.

KS3 MEET THE TUTOR EVENINGS

The booking window for Parents/Carers to book on to the KS3 Meet the Tutor Evening is now open

All bookings are made currently through the SchoolCloud parents Evening Booking System (**Not Bromcom**).

Please follow the link [SchoolCloud - Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#) and enter the details that you have registered with the school.

- KS3 Meet the Tutor Evening - In School face to Face - Monday 6th October 2025 (from 4pm - 6:30pm)
- KS3 Meet the Tutor Evening - Online Appointments - Thursday 9th October 2025 (from 4:00pm - 6:30pm)

Any problems please email school@hughsexey.org.uk

Bookings will close on Monday 6th October at 8am. Booking slots are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Parents' Evening System" for Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School. It includes sections for "Your Details" (Name, Email, Confirmation Email) and "Student's Details" (Pupil Name, Surname, Date of Birth). A green "Book" button is visible at the bottom.

Y6 BIKEABILITY

Twelve Year 6 pupils took part in a two-day Bikeability course, enjoying the opportunity to develop their cycling skills and road safety awareness in the sunny weather. Next week, twelve Year 5 pupils will have their turn to take part.



ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON BROMCOM

All 'on the day' absence notifications can be sent in to school via the following

- Bromcom app,
- School absence line [01934 712211](tel:01934712211) or
- email school@hughsexey.org.uk

All future dated absences **must** be sent in via the school email as these need to be approved by the Headteacher.

Many thanks for your continued support



APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 9 - SEPT 2026

The online application window for places in Year 9 for September 2026 opened on 15th September 2025.

To apply for your child's place next phase of education please apply via the link below

[Somerset Council - School Admissions](#)

For further information please follow the link below

[Starting at a secondary or upper school in September 2026](#)

The application window closes on 31st October 2025

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Values in Action @ Home
WB 29th Sept 2025



In the news this week

Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
- What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
- Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with others?

Dear God,

Thank you for our community, our friends, and our teams. We ask for your guidance as we work together. Please help us to listen to each other and be patient, even when we have different ideas. Teach us to support and encourage our teammates and neighbours, so everyone feels important and included. Show us how to use our unique gifts to build up our community. May we always remember when we work together, we can achieve great things and make our world a better, more loving place.
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Thankfulness and Effort

Bible Link: Hebrews 10:24-25

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty and Disability

UN Rights of the Child: #24 Health, Water, Food, Environment