



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: DETERMINATION

SPRING TERM ISSUE 1

9TH JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a genuine joy to welcome your children back to school this week. Seeing their smiles, hearing their laughter, and feeling the energy return to our classrooms and corridors reminds us all why our school community is such a special place.

The start of a new year offers us a valuable opportunity to pause, reflect, and move forward together with renewed purpose. Time away from school can be important for rest, family, and growth, and it is always encouraging to see how our pupils return ready to reconnect, learn, and challenge themselves once again. As we begin this new year, we will be taking time to revisit our shared expectations. This is not about criticism or correction but about setting everyone up for success. Clear routines, high standards, and consistent expectations help our pupils feel safe, confident, and ready to do their very best. A fresh start allows us all, staff and pupils alike to put our best feet forward and commit to being the very best versions of ourselves. We are excited about the learning, opportunities, and experiences that lie ahead this year and look forward to discussing these at the upcoming Parents Evenings over the next two weeks.

Advanced warning of the Kings Options Evening that is scheduled to take place on February 3rd in the hall at Kings; this evening follows today's assembly with Mrs Rachel Hopwood from Kings, introducing the options process and choices available to pupils as they begin to consider the route of study into Year 9 and beyond. This assembly will raise many questions that will be answered within lessons in school and through parents evening conversations such that each pupil is well prepared to make an informed decision in good time.

With your continued support, and by working in partnership, we know our children will thrive both academically and personally. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing trust and support. We look forward to a positive, successful, and rewarding year ahead for every child in our care.

We say a fond farewell today to Mrs Alvarez-Yandell, from the Learning Support team, wishing her every success in her new ventures and look forward to welcoming Mrs Duckett to the Hugh Sexey family to take up the reins this Monday.

Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2025

JANUARY

- 12th KS2 Parents Evening - In School Face to Face
- 14th Sports Passport Assembly - TBC - Kings Leisure
- 15th KS2 Parents Evening Online
- 16th Y8 Options Assembly
- 19th Y8 Parents Evening - In School Face to Face
- 22nd Y8 Parents Evening - Online

FEBRUARY

- 1st Y8 Production Rehearsal (Sunday)

CLUBS

STARTING ON MONDAY 12TH JANUARY

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



Kings
Academy

Year 9 Choices Evening

Tuesday 3 February 2026
5.00pm - 7.00pm

We warmly invite Year 8 Students and Parents/Carers
to attend for September 2026 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

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



Nut-Free School Reminder

Please remember that our school is a nut-free environment due to severe allergies. We kindly ask that no nuts or nut-based products are included in packed lunches or snacks.

Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

PARKING REMINDER

To ensure the safety of our pupils, parents are reminded that the staff car park is **not** available for parking during drop-off and pick-up times from the Loop. Parking in the yellow cross-hatched area is also prohibited, as it obstructs safe exit for pupils using bicycles.

Thank you for your understanding.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

To offer all our pupils' the opportunity to pursue additional interests, our extra-curricular activities timetable is due to begin from Monday 12th January.

Please follow the link below to our timetable of the activities available.

[SPRING TERM 2026 - EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES](#)

Parent/carer pick up point, following after school activities, will be at the loop.

EQUIPMENT EXPECTATIONS

Firstly, thank you for your efforts in ensuring pupils are well-equipped for lessons, are in the right uniform and are ready to Work Hard and Be Kind. As part of our expectations to ensure everyone is prepared to Work Hard, teachers will be completing an equipment check at the start of lesson 1 on Monday. When pupils are well-prepared and have the right equipment, lesson time is maximised, which helps build towards improving progress and reduces disruptions to teaching and learning.

Pupils should have the following items as a minimum expectation:

- 2 Black Handwriting Pens.
- A Pencil.
- A Ruler.
- A Whiteboard Pen.
- A Red Pen.
- A Pencil Case.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children have the right equipment and are always ready to 'Work Hard and Be Kind'.

THE SPACE

Parent Club

Being a parent is HARD! Do you sometimes just want to talk to like-minded people without judgement? Does your child experience school avoidance or have SEN? Or maybe you just need a gentle chat with someone who understands?

We are here for YOU!

Parent Club offers a safe, welcoming space with:

- ☕ Hot coffee
- 😊 Friendly faces
- 🗣️ Support, advice & signposting

🕒 Every Wednesday 9am-10:30am

No need to book — just drop in!

Prefer to reserve a spot? Text 07940 177399

We also have activities to keep little ones occupied!

New

Evening sessions available by appointment only

1st Monday of every month

From 8pm

Coffee @ The Hub

Please email Victoria

VBoorman@thespacecommunity.org.uk to book your space

*Members of 'The Hub' welcome to our community

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

KS2 PARENTS EVENING

The booking window for Parents/Carers to book on to the **KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening** will close on **Monday 12th January**. 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.

- KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening - In School face to Face - Monday 12th January 2026 (from 4pm - 6:30pm)
- KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening - Online Appointments - Thursday 15th January 2026 (from 4:pm - 6:30pm)

Y8 PARENTS EVENING

The booking window for Parents/Carers to book on to the **Y8 Parents Evening** opens at **7pm on Monday 12th January**.

- Y8 Meet the Tutor Evening - In School face to Face - Monday 19th January 2026 (from 4pm - 6:30pm)
- Y8 Meet the Tutor Evening - Online Appointments - Thursday 22nd January 2026 (from 4pm - 6:30pm)

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.

Bookings will close on Monday 19th January at 9am.
Booking slots are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Any problems please email school@hughsexey.org.uk



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

PE LESSON CHANGES

We would like to apologise for the following change, but due to a number of external factors, your child's upcoming PE lessons will now focus on Fitness rather than Dance as originally planned.

Dance will be moved to the period following half term.

Please ensure your child has their trainers and outdoor kit for these lessons.

NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Values in Action @ Home
WB 12 January 2026



Can famous people help others make good choices?

In the news this week.....

Famous online creators have come together at the 1 Billion Followers Summit in Dubai to talk about how their influence affects people around the world. Influencers at the event use their fame to share kindness, as part of the '1 Billion Acts of Kindness' campaign. One of the most well-known creators, MrBeast, has encouraged millions of people to take part, using his videos and social media to inspire positive actions.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about the summit and the campaign. Do you think lots of people will choose to take part? Why?
- Share who influences you. Talk about how some of the people we admire or look up to are well-known or famous, and others may be family or friends.
- Ask someone at home about who influenced them when they were younger. What impact did they have?

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us the opportunity to make good choices. Help us to be a positive light in our community. May our words and actions encourage others to be their best selves, making the world a kinder place for everyone.

Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Determination & Endurance

Bible Link: 1 Timothy 4:12

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty & Age
UN Rights of the Child: #13 Sharing Thoughts Freely