



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE; TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: TRUST

SUMMER TERM - ISSUE 10

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Dear Parents / Carers,

With great pleasure, we welcomed the new year 5 intake to school on Wednesday for Transition Day, one of my favourite days of the year, exemplifying what a positive school community is all about. 164 new pupils from 13 different schools came together and within hours, had connected with new friends, new teachers and 450 older pupils. To echo my comments from Meet the Tutor evening, the maturity, resilience and 'can do' attitude on show was palpable and testament to the fantastic support of families and schools across our community. The pupils were a huge credit to you all and themselves; the team here are genuinely excited to join with pupils at the start of their four-year journey with us, their potential is so exciting.

SPORTS DAY

It is our intention to run Sports Day for year 5 and year 6 next Tuesday (heat wave #2 dependent!)

Year 5 parents /carers are welcome to spectate between 09:00 – 10:30

Year 6 parents / carers from 14:00 – 15:30.

Please enter the school field via the gate at the top of the Car Loop and sign in with staff on arrival.

Year 8 Leavers

We are excited to celebrate with our year 8 pupils next Wednesday evening at the annual Leavers Celebration on the field. Parents /carers are invited to drop pupils off for a 6pm start. Pupils should sign in and enter school through front reception. Collection is from the car loop and as always parking spaces are at a premium. Feel free to make use of the staff car parks at the front and side of school as well as the bus bay and car loop itself. Where possible, lift sharing would help alleviate congestion here at school.

Year 7 Taster Days

A reminder that on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, our year 7 pupils are invited to spend two days at Kings, familiarising themselves with available options should they choose Kings as their next place of study. These events take place within the timings of the normal school day and therefore drop-off and pick-up is not affected. Pupils entitled to free school meals will be provided a lunch in the usual way.

Only 10 school days to go with various trips, residential and events to squeeze in; the time will fly. That said, the timetabled academic curriculum is sustained up to and including Friday 17th July and it is important lost learning is minimised as pupils look towards their next programme of study. Thanks in advance for your continued support of strong attendance habits as the end of term approaches.

Despite several heart-felt requests from pupils on the loop Thursday morning, school hours remain unchanged on Monday following the men's England football team win against DR Congo. The pleas for a day off to celebrate were cut short I'm afraid! Let's hope my loop duty is graced with extra smiley faces after the show down against Mexico...fingers crossed.

Best wishes,

Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2026

JULY

7th Rocksteady Concert
7th & 8th Y7 Taster Days @ KOW Academy
8th 1st Schools Rounders Festival
8th Y8 Leavers Disco 6-8pm
8th Y5 Laser Tag
9th Y7 Laser Tag
10th Mufti Day
13th - 14th Y8 Residential Trip 1
14th - 15th Y8 Residential Trip 2

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

All running as planned

SPORTS LEADERS DATES

8th July - All (festival)



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

HSMS SUPERSTARS

A huge well done to Lottie S in Y5 who ran the Pawlett Plid on Sunday 28th June, a local 5K race which she finished and impressive 4th overall (including all adults). Lottie was 1st female of any age group and 1st under 16 year old.



HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS PLAY IN A WEEK

As part of the Happy Healthy Holidays programme Somerset Youth Theatre cic are running our summer holiday workshop "Play-in-a-Week" for ages 6 - 16 at the Bridgwater Arts Centre Bridgwater from 17th - 20th August 2026.

Funded places are available through SASP's Happy Healthy Holidays Programme can be booked using this link <https://tinyurl.com/summerpiaw>

We have paid places available for those who are unable to access the funding these can be booked here <https://somerset-youth-theatre-cic.classforkids.io/camp/20>

Y8 LEAVERS CELEBRATION

Wednesday 8th July 6-8pm

Tickets and Pizza choices available on MCAS

Please drop pupils at reception and collect from the loop

Y7 FRENCH CAFE

Over the last couple of weeks, our Year 7 pupils have travelled to First Schools to continue the annual tradition of running a French Café and delivering a language lesson to Year 4 pupils. Despite having to run with less pupils this year, the Year 7s really stepped up and did a fantastic job, taking orders in French, serving food and drinks and helping to make the event run smoothly. The Year 4 pupils were able to put into practice the work that they had done learning about food and drink in French and the Year 7s showed off their linguistic and leadership skills. It was a pleasure to see the First School pupils enjoying themselves and having conversations in French, and to see the Year 7s being such wonderful role models and ambassadors for the school.



£25 per day or £90 for the full 4 days

Booking of **fully funded places** for those in receipt of **Free School Meals** is open through the Happy Healthy Holidays programme.

END OF YEAR LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY



As we charge towards the end of the academic year, the Library is asking for all books to be returned by **Monday 13 July**.

Please could you have a deep dig for any of HSMS books and return them before heading off for the well-deserved summer break.

At this time, the Library Team would like to wish all our YR8s and leavers the very best for their next chapter. It has been an absolute pleasure! 😊

With many thanks, the Library Ladies



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



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our young people have been competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME WB 7TH JULY 2026



What makes something popular?



Dear God,
Thank You for the love and happiness
You bring into our lives. Help us to be
caring, thoughtful, and thankful. Please
guide us to make good choices and to
appreciate what really matters.
Amen

In the news this week.....

Squishy dumpling toys have become popular with many children in recent months. Videos showing people squeezing, collecting, and opening the toys have helped them spread quickly online. As more people have bought these types of toys, Trading Standards officers have been called in to carry out safety checks on some of the products being sold in shops and online.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What was your favourite toy when you were younger? How did you first hear about it?
- Do you believe toys become popular because they are fun, because friends have them, or for another reason?
- If you could invent a new toy, what would it be like, and how would you make it popular?

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Trust and Accountability

Bible Link: Luke 12:15

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty & Rule of Law/Sex

UN Rights of the Child: #3 Best Interest of the Child