



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
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WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

AUTUMN TERM - ISSUE 5

9TH OCTOBER 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Meet the Tutor

It was a real pleasure to see so many of our parents and carers join us online and in person for a really positive evening on Monday. Over 80% of our key stage 2 families had the chance to meet their child's form tutor at the start of the academic year to ensure the settling in period continues positively. Moving forward I intend to allocate extended appointments to ensure there is sufficient time for a full discussion as required; apologies to anyone who had to talk really fast! I really look forward to welcoming year 7 and 8 families this coming Monday.

Lost Property

It has come to that time in the school term where various lunchboxes, coats and personal items have parted ways with their owners! We have a lost property station opposite Maths 1 where all lost property is delivered. Please remind your children to look there first! We also keep a box in each of the boys and girls changing rooms which are sorted weekly; if any sports related items are lost they are likely to be there. Any named items not claimed after a few days are recorded and filed in the Lost Property Cupboard. The team will add these items on Bromcom as a neutral behaviour point so parents and carers are aware and can instruct children to pop to reception and retrieve. We really appreciate the financial cost of keeping your children prepared and well equipped for school and are really keen to help children keep hold of their belongings; labelling all belongings helps us tremendously.

Bikeability

It was an absolute joy to accompany our Year 6 pupils during their recent Bikeability sessions and to see their confidence grow as they developed such valuable cycling skills. Beyond learning how to ride safely and responsibly on the road, Bikeability gives pupils a wonderful sense of independence, awareness and personal responsibility. Watching them make decisions, assess risks, communicate with other road users and support one another was a great reminder that some of the most important learning takes place beyond the classroom. These are practical skills that will help keep them safe, but they also encourage resilience, good judgement and confidence; qualities that form vital part of their wider education and will serve them well as they become increasingly independent.

Pupil Welfare

As the inevitable winds and rain arrive, I encourage you to take some time to check winter coats fit and keep the rain out. We endeavour to keep pupils outside playing unless conditions are unpleasant and likely to lead to uncomfortable and cold children. If you child cycles or walks to school, it would be fab to see the Hi-Viz and reflective clothing make a reappearance along with some bike lights; until the clocks go back later this month, the mornings are likely to be particularly gloomy!

October Half Term

Reminder of our upcoming half term holiday dates. School is closed to pupils on Friday 23rd October and reopens for them on Wednesday 4th November.

Best wishes,

Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2026

October

12th KS3 Meet The Tutor Evening (Online & Face to face)

13th Y6 Ashford Water Treatment Visit - Trip 1

14th Y6 Ashford Water Treatment Visit - Trip 2

14th Y8 KOW Careers Fair

15th Y6 Ashford Water Treatment Visit - Trip 3

15th Y5 - Iris Segall Visit

19th Y5 Clive Pig Visit - Victorians

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Please keep an eye on the website for updates

[After School Clubs & Activities](#)

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

In this week's Year 5 assembly, we celebrated the fantastic achievements of those pupils who have 'Gone Green' on Times Tables Rock Stars! Going Green is a huge achievement — it means they can answer all their times tables up to 12×12 in under 4 seconds! This takes incredible speed, accuracy and lots of hard work and practice. We are so proud of everyone who has reached this fantastic milestone, and we hope to see many more Year 5 pupils going green in the coming terms. Well done, Year 5 — you should feel incredibly proud of yourselves! Keep up the fantastic work! 🎉



HSMS SUPERSTARS

AGRICULTURE

Congratulations to Danny B in Year 5 who recently won an award showing his Calf at the Bath & West showground.



SWIMMING

Ollie and Evie (5EM), as well as Archie W in year 8 undertook the Sports Relief Big Swim, swimming as far as they could in September to raise money for Sports Relief. The aim was at-least 15000m. Evie swam 15150m and Archie and Ollie did an extraordinary 34000m! They all swim for Academy Swim Team, Burnham-on-Sea.



UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

Tuesday 13th October - KS2 Boys ESFA Large School Football Tournament @ Strode College

Thursday 15th October - Y6 Girls Football Tournament @ Strode College

Fixture selections are sent out to Parents/Carers via MCAS and can be found under the messages tab, please complete the consent form as soon as possible via the link provided in the message.

Careers in the Curriculum

Gatsby Benchmark 4

Careers education is not something that sits solely within PSHE or designated careers activities. Under the updated Gatsby Benchmarks, embedding careers and employability education within the curriculum is an expectation for **every subject area**.

Benchmark 4 asks us to help pupils understand:

- ✓ where their subject can lead;
- ✓ how the knowledge and skills they are developing are used in the workplace;
- ✓ the range of careers and progression routes connected to their subject.

Every year, in every subject, every pupil should have opportunities to make these connections.

Coffee With – Subjects

Louise, our Enterprise Coordinator from Somerset Careers Hub, has shared a really useful resource to make this easy:



<https://www.coffeewith.xyz/subjects>

Choose your subject and you will find careers ideas and short videos that can be used directly with pupils. There are also lots of short interviews with people working in different industries and professions, explaining what they do and how they got there.

Where could you make a link?

Have a look at your subject area and consider where you could:

- ▶ show one of the short career videos;
- 💡 introduce a career connected to the topic you are teaching;
- ⚙️ explicitly identify the employability skills pupils are developing;
- ⚖️ highlight possible future courses, pathways or jobs linked to your subject.

It doesn't need to be an extra lesson!

The aim is to make links to the world beyond school visible and explicit within the curriculum pupils are already learning.

That could be as simple as:

- ★ linking a topic to a relevant career;
- ★ showing a short career interview or video;
- ★ identifying the employability skills pupils are using;
- ★ or using a careers-related question, image or prompt as a Do Now activity at the start of a lesson.

Small, regular links across subjects all contribute to Gatsby Benchmark 4.

Please help us to celebrate your endeavours by **inviting us (RA & AMK)** to come and see your classes when you are doing Careers in the Curriculum. It is a great opportunity for us to see this work in action, celebrate what is happening across different subjects and, of course, become

Happy Mail postwomen! ♥



FUTURE READY

Careers at HSMS: More Than Just a Careers Day



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Careers education at Hugh Sexey isn't confined to one event. Across Years 5–8, we want pupils to make connections between what they learn, the skills they develop and where these could take them in the future.

CAREERS IN THE CURRICULUM

Our Faculty Leads continue to develop Schemes of Learning that build the key employability skills of communication, teamwork, problem-solving, creativity, leadership, organisation and resilience, while making meaningful links to Labour Market Information (LMI) and future pathways.

We bring these connections to life through employer and professional encounters, classroom learning and visits. Last year, Heidelberg Materials UK supported Year 5 Science and Geography learning, while pupils have also worked with professional artists and authors.

This term brings more opportunities. Year 8 Watchet Beach fieldwork will connect Geography and Science with environmental and marine careers. In October, Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to meet author Helen Rutter, while pupils taking part in our Good News Project will soon work with journalist Shane Dean.

Around school, subject displays will also help pupils explore the question: *"I enjoy this subject – where could it take me?"*

**Somerset
Careers Hub**

**THE CAREERS &
ENTERPRISE
COMPANY**



THANK YOU TO OUR CAREERS CHALLENGE DAY PARTNERS

Last summer's Careers Challenge Day brought the world of work into HSMS. A huge thank you to Dr Anne Seawright MRCVS (Vets4Pets Taunton), Natasha Glynn (Environmental Scientist, AtkinsRéalis), Rob Willcox (Farm Director, RJ Willcox Ltd), and APG Architecture for sharing their experience, career journeys and expertise with our pupils.

As part of the day, KS3 pupils completed a virtual work experience challenge focused on the agriculture and environmental sectors. Working in teams, they identified real-world challenges and developed product or service solutions, considering design, customers, finances and marketing before pitching their final proposals. Thank you to MyPath for partnering with Somerset Careers Hub to make this experience possible.



SAVE THE DATE

Careers Challenge Day
returns
Thursday 10 June 2027.

Could you or your employer
inspire our pupils and share
your experience of the world
of work?

Please get in touch with
Mrs Adair if you would like
to be involved.



EXPLORE TOGETHER

The Somerset Careers Hub
Pupils & Families Padlet
brings together useful careers
and pathways information for
young people, parents and carers.



Visit the Padlet

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students-parents-carers-1pxjr1trgl7hjmz](https://padlet.com/SomersetCareersHub/students-parents-carers-1pxjr1trgl7hjmz)

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COMING NEXT: What Skills Will Your Child Need for the Future?

We'll explore the skills employers value and how pupils are already developing them through school and everyday experiences.

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The online application window for places in Year 9 for September 2026 opens on **Monday 14th September 2026**.

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

Somerset Council - School Admissions - https://emsonline.somerset.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

For further information please follow the link below

[Starting at a secondary or upper school in September 2027](#)

The application window closes on **31st October 2026**



WELCOME

TO OUR 2026/2027
FRIENDS OF HUGH SEXEY





Emily Shaw

Lisa Semple

Simone Reilly

*Thank you for giving your time
and supporting our school community*



COMMUNITY



SUPPORT



ENRICH

SUPPORTING & ENRICHING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

FRIENDS OF HUGH SEXEY

Stronger together

Say hello to your newly formed 2026/2027 Friends of Hugh Sexey! A massive thank you to everyone who attended and supported our AGM. These three faces are just part of the wider team coming together to make good things happen for our school!

Our first big event is happening in November! Details coming soon, and we're looking for a few helping hands to bring it to life.

Got an idea? An hour to spare? Fancy helping with future events or initiatives? You don't need to commit to everything to be part of something great. Get in touch!

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Let's make this a brilliant year together!

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NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME
WB 12TH OCTOBER 2026



Do we need AI wherever we go?



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Meta has created the Muse Charm, a small device that can fit in a pocket or hang from a keyring. The Charm uses Muse, Meta's artificial intelligence (AI), so people can talk to it, ask it questions, and show it what is happening around them. It is designed for adults over the age of 18, and Meta aims to have the new device ready to buy by December.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you use any AI at home or school at the moment?
- When do you think technology can be helpful in our everyday lives?
- What rules might help people use an AI companion safely?
- Talk to someone older at home about what it was like to find information out before the internet, AI and other similar technologies.

Invitation prayer

Dear God,
Thank You for giving us the gift of wisdom.
Help us to listen, think carefully, and use what we know to help others.
May our wisdom guide us to make good choices and take responsibility for our actions.
Amen.

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Thankfulness & Commitment

Bible Link: Kings 3:9

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty / Mutual Respect & Tolerance & Age

UN Rights of the Child: #17 Access to information