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Dear Parent/ Carer

HMS WEEKLY UPDATE

London trip

A group of Year 7 pupils have had a great time on their London trip, taking a river cruise along the Thames and visiting the Harry Potter studios, the Natural History Museum, Shakespeare's Globe, the British Museum and the theatre to see The Lion King! The weather has been sunny and they've had a fantastic, busy week. What a wonderful experience for all involved. Thank you to Mr Freeman-Myers, Mr Armstrong, Mrs Bond, Mrs Tanner and Mr Drummond.



Manchester trip

On Sunday, a very excited group departed school for their football and rugby tour. Throughout their matches the pupils have demonstrated exceptional skill and have behaved impeccably – they were applauded off the pitch by both the

players and spectators. They visited the Old Trafford stadium, where they were able to sit in the dugout and walk out of the famous Old Trafford tunnel! On

day 3 the sun was beaming down when the Y7 girls held their own in a rugby match against a very strong Manchester side. The girls showed talent, commitment and, most of all, tenacity. In the boys' rugby match, they bounced back to secure a strong result. There were smiles on faces and great performances all around!



Sport

Wednesday was the day of the Y8 girls' rugby national finals! They were representing the North East of England and again were impeccable both in performance and attitude. The girls played six games, in which they won a staggering five! To pick a player of the tournament would be difficult but a big mention has to go to Sophia, who has not only shown commitment to her team, watching every training session and supporting at all events, but who has now returned emphatically to action following her ankle break - it is great to have her back.

Thursday was the turn of the Y8 boys in the rugby national finals. Qualifying as runners up from the North East region, they were set for a tough challenge. They arrived early for a 7am departure, raring to go and spurred on by the girls' success on Wednesday. They competed all day and despite being one of the smallest teams, they made up for that with passion. One of the highlights of the day was seeing all of the boys making friends with the opponents and supporting the fellow North East teams

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in their games. We were so proud of their great attitude. They played five games and finished third in the country – **a truly phenomenal achievement!** Magnus and George were picked out as contenders for national player of the tournament by several coaches but it was truly a team effort.

We are so pleased with both the girls' and boys' teams – they have put HMS on the national map as a force to be reckoned with! Thank you also to Mr Barry for all of his efforts and support of our teams. In his final rugby festival at HMS, he is delighted with every player who has played a part in the programme this year across all age groups.



Art

In Year 6, classes 6JJO and 6FHI have finished their Campbell soup inspired tin labels. This has been a project over two terms. Pupils were inspired by Andy Warhol's 'Pop Art' style of artwork and created a label to stick onto a recycled tin can. Pupils were allowed to choose a flavour of soup and use their last name to mirror Campbell's soup.

We love reading at HMS!

KS2 author visits: Ross Welford and Piers Torday

We were delighted to welcome Ross Welford to Hexham Middle School on Friday 17 June. Ross is not only a science-fiction and fantasy author, but also a magician! His entertaining talk about how to create characters and structure a story was illustrated by brilliant magic tricks. Copies of his new book 'Into A Sideways World' are now in HMS Library. Thank you to Hexham Book Festival for making this visit possible.

Best-selling author, Piers Torday, is coming to Hexham Middle School on Monday 4 July to talk about his 'Last Wild' series. (Piers is also 'coming home' because he grew up in Hexham!) These books address ecological and environmental themes and have been widely acclaimed by readers and critics. 'The Last Wild' series and Piers's other titles are available to borrow from HMS Library. Book ordering details will be sent out to parents and carers for anyone who may also wish to buy a book. Our wonderful PTA is funding this author visit.



House Point Totals

Below are this week's House Point totals as well as the **'Top 4' pupils in each year group this week.** P points are awarded for character value such as **resilience, respect, engagement and responsibility.** Well done to each and every one of them.

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House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Aln	52,915	1	Estella F	1	Liv M	1	Aston W W	1	Kai F
Coquet	56,992	2	Nicholas Y	2	Leila E W	2	Josiah D G	2	James T
Tweed	53,092	3	Lewis S	3	Phoebe S	3	Pia P	3	Ben C
Wansbeck	56,653	4	Hayden D	4	Freddie H	4	Charley H M	4	Brogan R

Respect, Engage, Aspire: Pupil Awards

To capture our school's ethos more prominently, we are now focusing on three key words: **Respect, Engage, Aspire**. Each week, staff will make nominations in recognition of pupils showing these characteristics in and around school.

	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Respect	James L	Ella H	Ollie P	Georgia L
Engage	Charlotte D	Ivan P	Liam C	Thomas R
Aspire	Anna M	Bea W	Katie A	Charlie H

Attendance – top form classes!

1	2	3
7BLA	6FHI	6MDO

Need some advice or support?

Why not access the [Place2Be website](#), with over 40 online articles to read aimed at parents/carers of children aged from 4-11.

Hexham Fire Cadets

Some spaces have arisen in Hexham Fire Cadets for pupils aged in Y8 or above. If you are interested, please visit the website at: <https://www.northumberlandfireandrescue.gov.uk/fire-cadets>

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Reminders/ Key Dates for next week



Tuesday 28 June	Co Crew Workshop	5HCO and 5JNI
	Dark Sky Sleepover	Year 6
Wednesday 29 June	Year 4 Rounders Afternoon	Year 4
Thursday 30 June	Mini First Aid Lessons	Years 5 and 6
	Music Evening, 6pm (in QE Main Hall)	All year groups
Friday 1 July	Spelling Bee	Years 7 and 8
	Movie Reward Afternoon	Years 7 and 8

Key end of year dates for your calendars

Date	Event	Who
Monday 11 July	Transfer Morning (meet your new tutor)	Current Years 5, 6 and 7
Tuesday 12 July	Year 4 and Year 8 Transfer Day	Year 4 and Year 8
Wednesday 13 July	KS2 Sports Day	KS2
Thursday 14 July	PTA Sports Evening	Info to be shared soon
Thursday 14 July	KS3 Sports Day	KS3
Friday 15 July	End of Year Reports Sent Home	All pupils
Monday 18 July	Year 6 End of Year Trip	Year 6
Tuesday 19 July	Year 7 End of Year Trip	Year 7
Wednesday 20 July	Year 5 End of Year Trip	Year 5
Thursday 21 July	Year 8 End of Year Trip	Year 8
Thursday 21 July	Year 8 Leavers Evening	Year 8

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

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