

15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**HMS WEEKLY UPDATE 24**

**Respect. Engage. Aspire Awards**

Each week, teachers nominate pupils for awards to celebrate those who have demonstrated our school values and to recognise the brilliant achievements of our pupils. The awards celebrate children who have shown great respect, who have engaged well in all aspects of school life and who have shown high aspiration during lessons and around school.



Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Jonathon F Edward H Ross N Meike O Katie C	Sam L Jack L Aurelia K Luke B Archie D Leo H	Summer T Sam P Joe F Tristan J Kayden W	Alex L Tom S Freya B Michael H-E Harry R

**Head of School Awards**

This month's 'Head of School Award' winners were nominated for showing the character value of courage. The pupils met for a special breakfast treat today, got their certificates and have been awarded a P5! I am very proud of each and every one of them!



Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Riley B Hattie D Adina C Catelin D Talia C	Sam L Cody R Archie D James D-S Theo T	Magnus C Sarah N Ruby C Noah H Cory S	Lilly S Sam C Alex G Alistair Wi Archie B

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## 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.

House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
<b>Aln</b>	61,319	1	Mason M		India R		Sam P		Amber L
<b>Coquet</b>	61,982	2	Philippa U		Artie O'B		Florence O'B		Sarah M
<b>Tweed</b>	60,149	3	Adina C		Tilly C		Benjamin F		Phoebe T
<b>Wansbeck</b>	58,276	4	Jessie T		Leon B		Amelia M		Martha B

## Athletics Update

It was a fantastic morning from our Year 6 pupils who competed in the Indoor Athletics Competition earlier this week. There were several winners across a range of events, but most importantly, everyone competed in a competitive but very positive manner and displayed excellent levels of sportsmanship and support for their teammates. All of the children were a credit to HMS! Well done everyone!



## North East Festival of Languages

### Where can languages take you? – Year 8 Careers

On Monday, our year 8 pupils took part in a careers webinar organised by the British Council called 'Where can languages take you?'. Pupils have been finding out about how learning a language can support them in the future. During the webinar, guest speakers spoke about their experiences with languages and how languages have helped them develop essential skills for the world of work. Pupils heard from employees of GCHQ, Homes England and a student from Durham University who wants to be a translator. All of the speakers spoke about the opportunities to travel that learning a language gave them. In their language lessons, pupils will complete a follow up activity to further their understanding and knowledge on languages and careers.

### **Futbol Lingo Event at Northumbria University**



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, some year 8 pupils had the opportunity to take part in a football, languages and careers workshop. Pupils were given a motivational talk about how languages can be beneficial in the world of work. Pupils had the chance to design a bid to host the Copa America as well as learn some useful Spanish words during their football practical session. Pupils gained an understanding of the importance of speaking different languages and how impactful they can be in the football industry and the

range of careers in the sector.



### **Welcome to China Event at Newcastle University**

Yesterday, some KS3 pupils visited Newcastle University to attend the Welcome to China Event. During the session, pupils learnt some basic Mandarin greetings and numbers in Chinese. Pupils also had the chance to do some paper-cutting artwork. Overall, the sessions stimulated interest and understanding of Chinese culture and enabled the pupils to embrace cultural diversity.

### **Lego League**

15 pupils represented Hexham Middle School in the First Lego League Tournament against other schools from across the North East. Together, they had built and programmed two Lego robots to travel through a maze and solve various puzzles. Judges were particularly impressed with their creative forklift design that could operate levers.



Team HMS came a very respectable fourth place, and picked up ideas to improve their robots in future years. They showed great sportsmanship and were cheering on entries from other schools in the competition. Special mention must go to Tristan and Gruffydd, who managed to rebuild and reprogramme their robots after disaster struck in the first round. Thank you to Mr Forster and Mr Nicholson for their support!

### **Bringing Shakespeare Studies to Life...**



KS3 classes have used drama to explore Shakespeare this week. Year 8 Enacting Brutus' war with his conscience after getting involved in the plot to kill Caesar. Year 7 acting out the death of Mercutio and Prince Tybalt from Romeo & Juliet.



## Rugby success

The U14 girls played in a rugby tournament in very muddy conditions at Dame Allan's on Monday. Initially a 7s tournament, we ended up playing 9 a side as all teams brought more than enough players, which was great to see. The girls all played very well and won 8-3 against Ponteland and 5-3 against Dame Allan's. It was lovely to see some new faces playing as well as the regulars. It was a joint effort by QEHS students Lucy C, Abby A, Tiana M, Ava S, Charlotte A, Chantelle T and HMS students Imogen M, Lucy M, Isla M, Connie S, Maisy H, Beth N and Evie N.



## KS2 Girls' Football



On a very wet and cold night, girls' football returned to Hexham once again. The Hexham Year 6 girls (accompanied by Meike O and Elise C from Year 5) made their way up to the 3G pitch. Despite the weather, the girls made an excellent start, beating Ovingham 1-0. Despite their excellent teamwork and skill, Highfield presented a tough challenge in the second match! The mighty Hexham girls quickly bounced back, beating local rivals St Joseph's 1-0. Overall, the girls represented the school exceptionally well and were a credit to HMS. Mr Nichol was extremely impressed with the girls' commitment, dedication and performance tonight. Well done!

## Attendance – top 3!

1	2	3
7-AMG	6-YTA	6-JJO

## Online Safety Updates

### New NSPCC Videos

The NSPCC have been uploading some new videos onto their YouTube channel over the last week. Although not strictly online safety related, I thought it may be useful to share, there are topics such as dealing with bullying, understanding healthy relationships and consent amongst others. To see their latest videos you can follow [THIS](#) link

## News from the community

- AND Sensory Chill Out Sessions flyer (attached) – Hexham Family Hub

## Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Parents' Evening – re-scheduled	Year 7
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Girls Indoor Cricket Tournament	Year 8
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Resonate – Music Project Launch	All year groups
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Kay Greyson Workshop	Year 8 (group)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Woodhorn Museum Visits (History)	Year 8
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Discos	All year groups
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Celebration Assemblies	All year groups
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	House Winners Non-Uniform Day	Winning House!
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter	All year groups
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens at 8.40am	All year groups

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Mr Watters

Head of School

### **Pupil Support and Safeguarding**

**Designated Safeguarding Leader:** Mr Stephenson/ **Deputy Safeguarding Leaders:** Mr Scott and Miss Liddle

**Heads of Key Stage:** Mr Scott and Miss Liddle

**SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo:** Mr Morgan and Mrs Adams

**Academic Support Coordinator:** Mrs Toor

**Pupil Support Workers:** Mrs Dodds and Mrs Richards

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child at any time. You can contact us via the main office (phone) or by email ([admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk](mailto:admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk)).