

12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**HMS WEEKLY UPDATE 38**

**Head of School Awards**

This month's awards recognised one of our key skills – creativity. It was great to welcome the winners to a special breakfast today to celebrate their achievements. Congratulations to you all! Head of School Awards will return in September.

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Leela H Lucy E Kai B Sadie B Joey R	Neve B Rose K Ben N Josie A Etta L	Toby C Noah W Bobby E Alice B Nicholas Y	Sarah M Robert R Saffron F Grace B Jack H

**House Point Totals**

**COQUET House** are this year's house point winners. Pupils in Coquet can wear non-uniform on Tuesday (if they want to) and they'll also come down for early lunch that day as a special reward. Well done everyone!

House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year			
		Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
<b>Aln</b>	92,481	1 Jessica D	Henry L	Alfie M	Callum B-S
<b>Coquet</b>	93,686	2 Isabella S	Matty M	Jyacinth B	Lilly May M
<b>Tweed</b>	92,024	3 Sadie B	Joanna R	Fen P	Olivia L
<b>Wansbeck</b>	89,258	4 Catelin D	Ivor T	Rosie P	Archie D

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Head of School: **Liam Watters**

## Sports days



Plans were quickly amended due to the lovely July weather...but we are so pleased that Sports Day has gone ahead today! Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed their 'Chance to Participate' sessions followed by the 'Chance to Shine' events earlier today and here are our proud medal winners. On Thursday, KS3 managed to get outside for our traditional Sports Day event and it was great to see such a fantastic day with a brilliant atmosphere. The House team colours shone brightly and the pupils competed and cheered each other on

throughout the day. It was a highlight to see our Year 8 pupils running their final HMS races!

The sportsmanship, positivity and team spirit shone through as pupils competed for their Houses! Well done and thanks to Mr Gaines, Mr Cameron and the team for their swift planning!



## 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
Tom G Imogen M Isla Y	Emily G Summer A James T Harry S	Noah S Sarah N Dylan B Summer T Evie J Poppy K	Alex G Maeve H-D Ellie B

## Skills Builder Challenge Day

This week, we've had our latest Skills Builder Challenge Day. There was a great buzz around school as our form classes worked together on an exciting project. Pupils have worked in their form groups to explore the big question of 'How can we celebrate the positives of our local community?'. During the day, pupils worked in small groups to develop a concept for a platform game. Each pupil gets the opportunity to demonstrate how they have applied all of the eight essential skills which they have developing during the year.

These special enrichment days form a key part of our careers curriculum, allowing pupils to showcase the transferable skills that are so important across our school community and ultimately in the world

of work. Skills Builder Challenge Days end with all pupils presenting their ideas as a group. Presentations delivered by pupils over the past few days have helped pupils to build their confidence in speaking and listening. Well done to all our pupils for also demonstrating the school values of respect, engage and aspire of the two days.

### Bouldering competition

Hazel and Winnie L put together and entered a Hexham Middle School team for the Inter Schools Bouldering Competition in Newcastle. Hazel and Winnie L both got gold individual medals, Phoebe B got silver and Beth N, Kirstie A and Leo C got a bronze in their categories. It is great to see our pupils thriving in activities outside of school. We always love to celebrate good news!



### Attendance – top 3!

1	2	3
6-YTA	5-JIN	6-JJO

### Online Safety Updates

#### For Parents - Digital Family Agreement

With the summer holidays just around the corner now can be a great time for parents/carers to talk with their children and set ground rules, boundaries and expectations around tech use. The easiest way to do this is via a digital family agreement and London Grid for Learning have a really useful template which is free for anyone.

You can download the digital family agreement from LGfL [HERE](#). (For parents by AlanMcKenzie, Online Safety advisor)

### News from the community

#### Tynedale Cycling Survey

We are keen to support the Tynedale Bicycle Mayor team and Active Travel Tynedale to promote cycling in the area, and are encouraging staff, students and parents to complete their cycling survey. Please do take the time to do this via: is <https://cgkbmftpij9.typeform.com/BicycleSurvey>.

### Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 15th July	End of Year Trip – Dukeshouse Wood	Year 7

<b>Monday 15th July</b>	End of Year Trip – Kirkley Hall Zoo	Year 5
<b>Tuesday 16th July</b>	Summer Celebration Assemblies	Years 5, 6 and 7
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Careers Group Guidance	Year 8 - group
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year Trip – Tynemouth Beach Day	Year 8
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Newby Whiske Residential	Year 6 – group
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year Trip – Halty Pool Day	Year 6 - not on residential
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 8 Leavers’ Party (6-8pm)	Year 8
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 8 Leavers’ Assembly	Year 8
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 8 Leavers’ Breakfast	Year 8
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Non-uniform Day – please try to send in used uniform donations	All pupils
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School closes for summer at 1.30pm – school transport arranged	All pupils
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School re-opens for all pupils at 8.40am	All pupils

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)).