

Dear Parent/Carer

HMS WEEKLY UPDATE 37



We are racing towards the end of another school year and there's certainly lots to keep us all busy at HMS over the next two weeks with end of year trips, summer term celebration assemblies, transfer events, two sports days and, of course, our leavers' celebrations for those moving on from HMS! It's always such a great time of year – lots of memories being made! Our group in France are having a phenomenal week and are currently enjoying their day at Disneyland Paris – they'll arrive back tomorrow morning – I am sure there'll be some very tired travellers! The Year 6 pupils at Newby Wiske are back safe and sound after a fantastic few days of adventure – special thanks to all of the staff involved – more updates to follow next week.

Next week, pupils in years 5, 6 and 7 will spend Monday morning with their new form tutor. On Tuesday, Year 4 and Year 8 will have their Transfer Day as they look ahead to middle and high school – good luck to Year 8 as they spend the day at QEHS. Information about our Sports Days was sent home earlier this week – please remember your house colours if you can!

Well done, Team YGBC!

We are so proud of Team HMS - aka The Back of the Wardrobe Bin - for travelling to London to represent the school at the Young Green Briton Challenge Finals yesterday. After months of hard work and dedication, the team made it through to the national final today and we couldn't be prouder of them! A special well done and thanks to Emily and Lizzie who couldn't attend the final today due to being away on residential - they both dedicated hours to the project and were fantastic ambassadors for the team throughout! Mr Scott and Mrs Box were so proud of the group today, and I know that Mr Freeman-Myers was cheering them on from France too! Well done everyone - what an achievement and experience for all of the pupils!



HMS Summer Concert



It was a joy to host our [Summer Concert](#) last week and it really was a celebration of the incredible musical talent, skill and enthusiasm across the school. It is always inspiring to see so many of our pupils getting up on stage and performing to such a high standard. It was so clear to see how much the pupils enjoy themselves on stage, and to see the spirit and encouragement of one another was heartwarming.

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It was a packed programme including vocal solos, orchestra, solo musicians, HMS Singers, Show Choir, Advanced Singing Group, Band Camp and our string ensemble. Every single performance was outstanding and a true celebration of music, the arts and creativity which shines through at HMS. Special thanks to Miss Tindall who has brought so much energy and vision to the music experience this year. We have had so many opportunities and performances and it's great to see the vibrancy of music across the school. Thank you to all of the staff involved - Mrs Rowell, Mr Pride, Mr Watson, Mrs Roberts and our other peri teachers, and, of course, our technician team who make the events a huge success. Well done everyone - a very proud night!

House Point Totals

Each week, we celebrate our P Point (positive point) total across the school. We include the 'Top 4' pupils in each year group, as well as the house totals for Aln, Coquet, Wansbeck and Tweed. Well done everyone for such a positive start to term this week.

House Totals		Top 4 'P Points' in each year							
		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Aln	70,494	1	Arthur B	1	Arthur D	1	Etta L	1	Sophie A
Coquet	72,170	2	Amber S	2	Jessica C	2	William D	2	Nicholas Y
Tweed	71,804	3	Harry A	3	Jessica Do	3	Oswald B	3	Clara H
Wansbeck	71,961	4	Elliott W	4	Finlay F	4	Joseph D	4	Hayden D

Summer Fair – THANK YOU!

We can't thank you all enough for your unbelievable support of this year's HMS PTA Summer Fair. We are so proud to announce this year's total raised is £4,022. Thank you SO much to all of you – your support is hugely appreciated. Your generous support means that the HMS PTA can continue to support the school to provide an exciting and enriching experience for all of our pupils. Special thanks once again to our amazing PTA

members and volunteers. It's a small team and look what they have achieved for our school with all of your support – thank you!

HMS Fundraising Day 2025

After a fantastic day of fun and fundraising last week, we are delighted to announce that our pupils have raised £1,062 for their two chosen charities. We had cakes, crafts, quizzing, fun running, hush-a-thon and even a staff vs pupil assault course – all for great causes! We are very proud to be making donations



to both Northumberland Wildlife Trust and Cancer Research UK. Thank you so much for your support, as always.

The HMS Way 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. Well done – we are very proud of you!



Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
No HMS Way Awards this week due to the residential trip – back next week 😊	No HMS Way Awards this week due to the residential trip – back next week 😊	Katie G-H Lewis J Esther C Summer A Mia R	Hayden D Joe F Harry J Toby C Freddie W

Attendance – top 3!

Attendance was good this week with 94% of pupils being in school, however we want to avoid any end of year dip! Our school target is 97%. It's so important that pupils and parents have a positive attitude towards school attendance – pupils should be in school every day, ready to learn and to make the most of their school opportunities.

1 st form class 99%	2 nd form class 98%	3 rd form class 97%
5-EKI	5-FHA	7-SFO, 6-JJO, 6-FHI, 6-MBE

Music News

Songs from the Shows – Last chance to get your tickets!

Our fantastic '[Songs from the Shows](#)' event is Monday 7th July and Wednesday 9th July – an evening of songs from musicals all accompanied by a live band! Just some of the musicals that will be featured; Mean Girls, Everyone's Talking About Jamie, Les Misérables, Hamilton, Matilda, Wicked, Cats, Annie. **Buy tickets** (ticket tailor website).

Volunteering Opportunities

We are looking to recruit more volunteers for September to help out with numerous activities in school. We currently have Year 5 and 6 swimming lessons on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and we are looking for a volunteer to accompany the teacher who takes the children from school to the Wentworth Swimming Pool.



We also run a forest school during school hours for our Year 5 and 6 pupils and we would like a volunteer to help supervise these sessions with the qualified forest school teacher. These days are yet to be confirmed for next academic year. If you are interested in being involved in any of these volunteer roles, please could you contact recruitment@qehs.net



Broomley Grange Day

A group of Year 6 pupils spent a day of adventure and fun at Broomley Grange yesterday. Mr Morgan, Mrs Barnett and Miss Taylor loved spending the day outdoors with the children and were so impressed by the positive spirit and engagement in all of the activities. Pupils enjoyed bushcraft, tunnelling, tree climbing and archery - what a great day! It was great to see and hear everyone supporting each other throughout a day - what a fantastic group! More photos of the event are [here](#).

Sports News

New strips for sports teams – support welcome!

We are reaching out to ask for your support in helping our school's extra-curricular sports teams shine both on and off the field. As we continue to foster teamwork and school spirit through sports, we are seeking donations (and potentially sponsorships) to help fund new team strips for our dedicated students. Whether you're able to contribute a small amount, sponsor a team, or purchase a strip outright, your generosity will make a meaningful difference to the PE department and to the students. Every contribution, big or small, will be deeply appreciated. If you are able to support, you can make a contribution via My Child At School > School Shop > Fundraising and Donations or, to find out more, please contact the PE department at gscott@qehs.net.



Pupil Success

Lucia and Evie had an amazing weekend when they travelled to Dusseldorf for a cheerleading competition recently. The girls and their teammates are now SALC Champions, Hit Zero, scored a 97.39 and secured a bid to Youth Summit in Orlando, Florida. This is a phenomenal achievement and a credit to their dedication and commitment. Well done, both of you - we are all very proud!



Well done to Hazel, Phoebe, Molly and Eleanor who represented HMS in the Climb Newcastle Inter School Competition last weekend. Hazel and Phoebe both podiumed as individuals and Team HMS came first - an absolutely brilliant effort all round! We are very proud of the team!

Online Safety Update

For Parents - Moving to Middle/Secondary School

For many children, the move from primary/first to middle/secondary school has many 'firsts', including digital firsts. Internet Matters have a wonderful guide for parents to help with that transition from primary to secondary school, all digital and online related. You can find the guide [HERE](#). (By Alan MacKenzie, e-Safety Advisor).

News from the Community

Funded Cricket Holiday Camp Opportunity

We are running some funded Dynamos Cricket summer holiday camps for girls in school years 4-6. Dynamos Cricket is an ECB affiliated programme with the aim of engaging girls to try cricket outside of school, at a club. Stocksfield Cricket Club are hosting a cricket camp on 30th and 31st July. Both days are 10:00-15:00 ran by Northumberland Cricket Board coaches. If you are interested follow this booking [link](#). **Voucher Code to waive course fee: SHHH2**

Summer Reading Challenge

Join the FREE Summer Reading Challenge at Your Local Library! You can sign up in any branch from Saturday 5th July until 23rd August. Have a look [here](#) on our website for further information.

Pop-up pump track update

The On Yer Bike team have managed to raise enough funds to book the pop-up pump track for Sele Park for Tuesday 5th August. However, they still have a shortfall of funds so the Crowdfunder is still active. For more details, including how you can support this initiative, please see [Pop-up pump track crowdfunder - a Community crowdfunding project in Hexham](#)

Free School Meals

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You can find the eligibility criteria for free school meals here. If you think your child may be eligible, please make an application to the local authority who review your request. You can find out more [here](#).

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Who
Monday 7 July	Transfer Morning	Current Year 5, 6 and 7
Monday 7 July	Reward: gaming afternoon	Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 8 July	Transfer Day	Year 4 and Year 8
Wednesday 9 July	HMS KS2 Sports Day	Years 5 and 6
Monday 7 July and Wednesday 9 July	Songs from the Shows – tickets still available for both nights!	All welcome
Thursday 10 July	HMS KS3 Sports Day	Years 7 and 8
Thursday 10 July	End of Year Trip – Haltwhistle Pool	Year 6
Friday 11 July	Skills Builder Day	All year groups
Monday 14 July	End of Year Trip – Newburn Leisure Centre	Year 7

Wednesday 16 July	End of Year Trip – Kirkley Hall Zoo	Year 5
Wednesday 16 July	End of Year Trip – Tynemouth Beach	Year 8
Thursday 17 July	Year 8 Leavers’ Party, 6pm	Year 8
Thursday 17 July	End of Year Summer Celebration Assemblies	Years 5, 6 and 7
Friday 18 July	Year 8 Leavers’ Breakfast	Year 8
Friday 18 July	Year 8 Leavers’ Assembly	Year 8
Friday 18 July	All morning – form time Early lunch – 12.00 – 1.00pm Y5 – Y7 – 1.00pm – 1.30pm – form time/goodbyes Y8 – 1.00pm – 1.30pm – t-shirt signing	All years
Friday 18 July	Non-Uniform Day <i>Please try to send in used uniform donations including PE kit and boots you no longer need.</i>	All years
Friday 18 July	School closes at 1.30pm for the Summer Holiday!	All years

Have a great weekend!

Mr Watters

Head of School

Pupil Support and Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leader: Mr Stephenson

Deputy Safeguarding Leaders: Mr Scott and Mr Rutherford-Orrock

Heads of Key Stage: Mr Scott and Mr Rutherford-Orrock

SENDCo/Assistant SENDCo: Mr Morgan and Mrs Ballantyne

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).