



17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### HMS WEEKLY UPDATE 31

#### Ofsted Report

As you know, Ofsted visited our school in April. I always say that we have so much to be proud of at HMS – engaged, enthusiastic and positive pupils who love learning; dedicated and highly-skilled staff who go the extra mile for our pupils and a supportive wider school community for which we are very grateful. To have that sense of pride validated by visiting inspectors was a great feeling and I am delighted to say that Hexham Middle School remains an Ofsted ‘good’ school. This was an ‘ungraded’ inspection, so each aspect does not receive an individual grade on this occasion. A copy of the report has been sent home to parents/carers today.

The lead inspector gave us a wide range of overwhelmingly positive feedback across all aspects of our school. It was also fantastic to hear that we received so many positive responses to the parent, pupil and staff surveys.

I am delighted with the outcome of the inspection and with the final report. I am so proud of our school, the children and the whole HMS team. As a staff team, we continually strive to provide the very best educational experience for the children who attend our school. We are so proud of the great classroom learning; the wider curriculum opportunities focused on personal development; the safe, caring culture we have and our relentless focus to provide inclusive and individualised support where it is most needed.



#### Year 6 SATs



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Well done to our amazing Year 6 pupils. They have approached this week of assessments with a positive and resilient attitude – we have been so proud of them all! It's a very busy week for them, with different assessments each day and lots of changes to the usual school day. We couldn't be prouder of their effort this week!

We were delighted to invite Zoe from Tyne Valley Ices into school on Thursday afternoon to celebrate the end of the tests. Today, the year group have enjoyed a special reward breakfast, a morning of outdoor activities supported by Full of Beans Fitness and visited the Forum Cinema for a movie afternoon.

As well as the pupils, a massive thanks must go to the HMS team who have taught and supported the children throughout the year and during this assessment week. It's a big team effort and one which takes input from all members of staff across the school. A special mention must go to Mrs Toor who goes above and beyond every single year to make sure everything runs smoothly and our pupils have the environment they need to thrive. Well done, Mrs Toor – your work is hugely appreciated.



### 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>	77,711	1	Jessie T		Xav H-L		Tristan J		Livia M
<b>Coquet</b>	78,875	2	Talia C		Ben N		Lola B		Thomas T
<b>Tweed</b>	76,501	3	Alfred A		Eben S		Cristina C		Jessica J
<b>Wansbeck</b>	74,200	4	Leo C		Emily D		Abigail H		Lexy G

### Goodnight Mr Tom – Queen's Hall, Hexham

We are so proud to hear that Katie, Owen, George and Sam (all in Year 6) will be part of the cast of Goodnight Mr Tom showing at the Queen's Hall in June. Tickets are available to purchase now. Good luck to you all, and the whole cast and crew!

<https://www.queenshall.co.uk/whats-on/goodnight-mister-tom>

## 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
Alexis L Hollie W Adam H Lottie R Isabelle C	No Year 6 assembly this week due to SATS	Mollie L Kayden W Joe F Clara H Sam B	Leila E-W Dylan C Daisy W Callum B-S Charlotte K

### New Club – Tennis with Tom!

We are delighted to offer some tennis coaching in the final summer term. There are 16 spaces available for our new club taking place on Wednesdays after school. For more information please read this online [form](#). All forms should be submitted by Wednesday 22 May. If you have any questions, please contact us.

### Pupil Success – Goalkeeper Leo!

Leo had a very exciting opportunity to join his NUFC U12s team at a football tournament in France last week. Leo's team finished 13<sup>th</sup> out of 32 team with Leo conceding only 5 goals in around 15 games - what an achievement! Leo's performance was outstanding from start to finish and he helped his team to win against Ajax and to draw against AC Milan and Bayern Munich. He also made some great saves in a penalty shootout! What an opportunity! Well done, Leo and the rest of the team! You keep going from strength to strength!



### ESAA Cup Report

HMS were in action in the ESAA Schools Cup for track and field this week. The weather forecast was for heavy rain but thankfully we completed the competition in only light showers. HMS had a Junior Boys and a Junior Girls team competing. In this competition, individual times and distances are converted into points to become a team total.

Highest scoring girls on the day were Isla M 200m, Beth N 800m and Shot, Winnie L 800m, Emilia S 1500m and Maise H Shot. The girls came 8th out of 11 teams with a team total of 186 points. The highest scoring boys were Harry C 200m, George H 800m, Noah A 1500m, Wilfred P 1500m and Billy B 800m. The boys were placed a solid 6th out of 10 teams with a team total of 183. This was a great

start to the upcoming athletics events. Mrs Southern and Mr Gaines were delighted with the effort and conduct of the HMS athletes. We look forward to more success as the summer progresses.

### Attendance – top 3!

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>6-YTA</b>	<b>6-MBE, 6-FHI, 6-JJO, 6-RAL</b>	<b>8-IBO, 5-JNI</b>

### Online Safety Updates

#### For Parents - Disney+ Parental Controls Guide

With the half term holidays just around the corner many children will be tuning into their favourite shows on Disney+. Internet Matters have a really good guide for parents about the settings that are available to keep content at a level suitable to the age of their children. The full guide can be found [HERE](#). (For Parents by Alan Mackenzie, online safety advisor.)

### Important Reminder

HMS is a nut-free school. We have several children and staff members who have severe allergies, and it is important that we work together to maintain a safe environment. A reminder that products containing nuts such as chocolate spreads with hazelnut and pre-filled praline crepes etc. are not allowed in school for snacks. Thank you for your support.

### Reminders/ Key Dates

Date	Event	Who
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Careers Wave Assembly (Preparing for Careers Guidance sessions)	Year 8
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	NU Futures Programme	KS3 group
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	London Trip – Information Evening, 6.00pm	London Trip Group
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	KS3 Cricket Competition	KS3 group
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Thunder Cup Rugby, Round 2	KS3 groups
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Year 4 SEND Information Evening	Year 4 Parents/Carers

<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	SEND Coffee Morning	Parents/Carers
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Y6, 7 and 8 Partnership Athletics Event	Y6, Y7 and Y8 group
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Tennis tournament	KS3 group
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	House winners – non-uniform day!	Winning House
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year Group Photographs	Year 5 and Year 8
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Head of School Award Breakfast	Monthly Winners
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School closes for half term at 3.20pm	All pupils
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Great North Museum Visit – Space	Year 5
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 7 June</b>	Spain Residential Visit	Year 7 and Year 8 group
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Hexham Transfer Day	Year 4 and Year 8

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)).