



7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**HMS WEEKLY UPDATE 33**

**Update on life in school**

It's been a great first week back with lots going on in school: our Spain trip has been a huge success; our teams have been representing the school in tennis, rugby and cricket and our Year 5 visited the Great North Museum as part of their science curriculum. This is always a very busy half term with lots of information to follow about end of year trips and visits – please keep checking the updates carefully.



**PTA Summer Fair**

We are fast approaching our PTA Summer Fair on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Thank you for the huge support shown so far – it is appreciated.

- Our raffle tickets were sent home last week – please return stubbs/payment or unwanted tickets to the HMS Office.
- We are still looking for some volunteers for the day – you can now sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4DAFA82AA0F49-49968764-ptasummer#/>
- There'll be a non-uniform day next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> June). If you could send in a tombola prize, that would be amazing. Don't worry if you can't this time.

**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
Fern R George R Tansy D Violet M Evie T	Tyler H Nico F-H India R Harry P Xav H-L	Henry W Clara H Sonny S Fenn P Freddie W	Wilf P Sophie S Emily B Agatha L Jessica J

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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>	82,112	1	Dylan W	1	Summer A	1	Sophie A	1	Theo H G
<b>Coquet</b>	83,456	2	Tom G	2	Anna F	2	Tristan J	2	Martha B
<b>Tweed</b>	81,183	3	Jessie T	3	Joseph D	3	Sam B	3	David T
<b>Wansbeck</b>	78,583	4	Ewan W	4	Archie G	4	Ossie D	4	Lucy P

## KS2 Cricket

After a great morning of cricket from both the boys' and girls' teams, the competition was brought to an abrupt halt in the afternoon due to heavy rain! The girls managed a win against Highfield and a narrow defeat to St. Matthews. The boys' team won both of their morning games and were halfway a tough semi-final against Corbridge, where they put in an excellent bowling and fielding performance. Then the rain came and we weren't able to finish the job! Hopefully this event can be rearranged to give them the chance to progress to the next round.



Well done to all players who were excellent throughout. A special thank you must also go to our Year 8 leaders: Lucy H, Lucy M, Patrick and Noah who were fantastic umpires and coaches.

## Rugby League Success for HMS!

The HMS rugby teams continue to enjoy huge success! The Year 8 girls' rugby team won all of their games at this week's competition and emerge as the regional champions. The team have qualified for the national championships which is a phenomenal achievement! We are so proud of them!

The boy's team played brilliantly and, despite not qualifying further, represented HMS with exceptional spirit! The boys' team have progressed massively with their rugby this year - we really hope they continue this into next year.

## Parent Workshop: “Surviving Summer with your Teens”

Join Dineo Brittain-Dodd, Lead Practitioner for the Emotional Wellbeing and Behaviour Support Service, for some practical tips and advice on how to maintain calm at home when school and routines are out.



**Where:** QEHS LRC

**When:** 9.30-10.30am on Thursday 13th June

Refreshments provided. No need to book – just turn up!

### Attendance – top 3!

1	2	3
5-ZSC, 5-EKI, 7-AMG	7-JET	6-SRI, 8-BLA

### Online Safety Updates

#### For Parents - What is Undress AI?

It's a sad world where some individuals develop tech to make money yet give no thought to what this tech can be used for. Enter undress AI, which is exactly what it says - upload an image of a clothed person, let the AI undress them. It isn't a specific app, there are many freely available apps and websites which allow the removal of clothing. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand what these tools are being used for. You can find out more [HERE](#). (Online Safety Updates for Parents by Alan Mackenzie, online safety advisor).

### News from the community

#### Hexham Community Partnership – Hexham Hidden Gardens

The Hexham Hidden Gardens Event takes place this Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> June) from 1pm-5.30pm. There are twelve stops on the trail this year and the gardens are looking glorious! Tickets and the accompanying guide/map are available this year in person from Mr Wolf on Market Street or you can buy them online via this link <https://buytickets.at/hcp/1252790>. Tickets cost £7 per adult. Entrance is free for under 18s or essential companions. We hope to see you on Sunday. If you can make it, please bring along cash for refreshments and plant sales.

#### Children North East Get Out and Grow Campaign

Whether you live in a rural area with plenty of green space, or a town with a local park Children North East are encouraging families to spend time together learning about the natural world.

If you would like to join in with the action, they are offering free Seed Grow Pouches to encourage people to Get Out & Grow! These handy pouches are small enough to thrive on a windowsill and will grow bee attracting flowers which can be planted outdoors or in a pot. To get your free Seed Grow Pouch and for more details, please see <https://children-ne.org.uk/get-out-grow-2024/>

### **Asthma + Lung UK Parent Carer Support Network**

Do you have children or grandchildren who are 0-17 and living with asthma? The Asthma + Lung UK Parent Carer Support Network is a group for you. You are welcome to join them if your child has been diagnosed with asthma, or if you think they might have asthma. They will give lots of help to manage your child's asthma at home, in school and in after-school clubs.

Every month there is a get-together in a relaxed and friendly online video call. The group talks about the ups and downs of children's asthma journey with kind and supportive nurses and doctors. They can answer any questions you have about asthma. The group is also a great place to meet other families of children with asthma, who understand what you're going through. Join the mailing list and sign up to the next event here: [Parent and Carer Support Network Events | Asthma + Lung UK \(asthmaandlung.org.uk\)](#)

#### Wednesday 29th May @ 7pm: How does air pollution affect childhood asthma?

The next meeting is all about how air pollution can affect asthma. The group's Clean Air Team will be on hand to tell you about our campaigns for children's right to breathe. There will be the opportunity to meet Dr Ian Sinha. Dr Ian is a world leading children's lung doctor from Alder Hey Children's Hospital. He will be ready and waiting to answer all your asthma questions, so you can breathe a little easier.

### **Reminders/ Key Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Who</b>
<b>Thursday 13 June</b>	Tynedale Area Athletics Competition	Year 6, 7, 8 – selection of pupils
<b>Thursday 13 June</b>	Author writing workshop	Year 8 – selection of pupils
<b>Friday 14 June</b>	Non-uniform day – tombola donations	All year groups
<b>Monday 17 June</b>	Zoolab Darwin workshops	Year 6
<b>Friday 21 June</b>	Head of School Awards Breakfast	All year groups – selection of pupils
<b>Saturday 22 June</b>	PTA Summer Fair 12-3pm	All welcome

<b>Thursday 27 June</b>	HMS Music Evening	All year groups
<b>Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July</b>	London Trip	Year 7 – selection of pupils
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Hexham Transfer Day	Year 4 and Year 8
<b>Wednesday 17 July – Friday 19 July</b>	Newby Wiske Hall residential trip	Year 6 – selection of pupils
<b>Thursday 18 July</b>	Year 8 Leavers' Party	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)).