

# HEBBURN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

## NEW SLEETER

### EASTER 2017



Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, I would like to share with you pupils' achievements and whole-school events from the past 13 weeks, as well as providing you with important information for the Summer Term.

#### DFE PERFORMANCE TABLES

New, more rigorous, performance measures for secondary schools were introduced in August 2016, replacing 5 A\*-C, 5 A\*-C including English and Maths and Levels of Progress in English and Maths.



Final school performance tables were published by the government in early March; once again, the school has performed exceptionally well, with the new key measures of Progress 8, Attainment 8 and pupils achieving a C or above in both English and Maths all above the national average: a phenomenal achievement.

#### YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS

- GCSE examinations are only a matter of weeks away, starting on Monday 15 May. Art and Photography exams take place from 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April.
- The school will be open over Easter for specific revision sessions and general study support, with the exception of Easter Monday and Good Friday.
- I would strongly advise that students plan some time in school over the Easter break.
- Students are expected to attend school as normal after Easter, as we no longer have 'study leave'. There will, however, come a point where we are unable to provide a viable timetable and pupils will officially leave school, returning only for examinations and revision sessions. I will write to



parents again in the Summer Term, outlining specific arrangements and expectations.

- Learning Mentors have blank revision timetables and are able to help with time management and planning revision.
- I wish Year 11 the very best of luck with their GCSE examinations, and I look forward to another set of excellent results in August.

**GCSE Results Day is Thursday 24th August:**  
**pupils can collect their results from**  
**9.00am.**

#### YEAR 9 OPTIONS

- The options process for Year 9 begins in earnest after Easter, starting with a Parents' Evening on Wednesday 26 April, at 6pm, in the school's main hall.
- It is hugely important that pathways and options choices are considered very carefully, so pupils have the very best chance of leaving Hebburn Comprehensive with the qualifications they need to be successful in later life.



#### STAFF NEWS

Mrs Boutlendj, who has worked in the school kitchen for the past 15 years, is sadly leaving us on Friday to move to Italy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Boutlendj for all of her hard work and wish her well for the future: she will be a huge miss to the school.



#### CAREERS CONVENTION

On Wednesday 15 February, we held our annual Careers Convention in the school's main hall, with over 30 post-16 providers in attendance, including: local colleges and universities; apprenticeship providers; and local and national companies. The event was a huge success with over 100 of our pupils and parents in attendance.



Easter Holiday Provision Week 1 (Monday 10th - Thursday 13th April)					
	SUBJECT	STAFF	TIME	YEAR	ROOM
Monday 10th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	Chemistry Unit 1 (Higher)	Mrs Pullen	11:00 - 12:00	11T1-T3	313
	English	Miss Dalton	10:00 - 11:30	11T	210
	English	Miss Dalton	12:30 - 14:00	11V	210
	English	Mrs Moore	10:00 - 12:00	11V3	204
	Sport Studies	Mrs Broadway	13:00 - 14:30	Yr. 11	209
	Sport Studies	Miss Winstanley	13:00 - 14:30	Yr. 11	211
Tuesday 11th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	English	Miss Dalton	10:00 - 11:30	11V	210
	English	Miss Dalton	12:30 - 14:00	11T	210
Wednesday 12th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	English	Mrs Burdis	10:00 - 12:00	11T4	202
	Foundation Maths	Mr Cleugh	10:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	304
Thursday 13th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112

Easter Holiday Provision Week 2 (Tuesday 18th - Friday 21st April)					
	SUBJECT	STAFF	TIME	YEAR	ROOM
Tuesday 18th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	History	Mr Fowle	09:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	218
	Maths	Mr Chambers	09:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	302
Wednesday 19th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
Thursday 20th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Miss Siddiqui	10:00 - 14:00	Yr. 11	113
	Physics	Mr Hill	09:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	310
	RE	Mrs Sharp	10:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	215
Friday 21st April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112





## UNIFORM

In order to maintain our high standards, it is important that **all** pupils return to school wearing full school uniform, including the correct footwear: plain and black with no other colours or coloured logos. Pupils should not be wearing jeans, leggings or jeggings for school and skirts should be the appropriate length. I ask parents to ensure that any outstanding issues with uniform are rectified over the Easter holiday. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## BLUE MONDAY

To raise awareness of the 'Blue Monday' campaign, the Local Authority organised a joke competition, encouraging school pupils to send in their favourite joke. Local comedian, Chris Ramsey, judged the competition, picking six winners out of over 400 entries from across the Local Authority. Five of the overall winners were pupils from our school! Congratulations to Shay Dorman, Kalyn Gwyer, Ben Rodgers, Teigan Kennedy and Abbie Cockle, who were invited to attend a presentation event at 'The Word' in South Shields, where they received a £10 voucher and a certificate. Our runners-up were also invited to the event: well done to Lexi Brown, Jake Foster, Kyle Russell, Joshua Whittle and Nathan Thompson. All jokes entered by our school were displayed in the Covered Space, and our Peer Mentoring team turned all of the jokes into a joke book. Well done to all of the winners and runners-up!



## HOCKEY

Sophie McLeod, Elyse Moore, Cerys Longworth, Mackenzie Hibbert, Hollie Liddle, Alice Collier, Brooke Ransome, in Year 8, came second in the Area Hockey Championship, resulting in them qualifying for the County Championship: a fantastic achievement.



## YEAR 8 RUGBY

A group of dedicated year 8 boys have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into rugby training this year, culminating in them entering a tournament at Barnard Castle School. The original plan was to tier the tournament, so teams with similar experience were matched up. However, due to some teams dropping out, it was agreed that all teams played each other. Despite the change in



format, our pupils gave an excellent account of themselves and their positive attitude was commented on by the referees. Jack Heale scored a fantastic total of 7 tries and Sean Dinning added another to the overall tally. The team continue to train on Fridays after school (3.15pm – 4.00pm). They are hoping to take part in the schools' beach festival in June and would like to welcome anyone interested in playing rugby, from Years 7 and 8, to join them.



## RADIO 2's 500 WORDS COMPETITION

If you listen to Chris Evans' Radio 2 Breakfast Show, you will know about his short story-writing competition for school children. Out of 132,000 entries, we are absolutely delighted that Matthew Finnigan and James Towers, in Year 8, have successfully had their stories, "Mug Shot" and "Fate", shortlisted for the second stage of the competition! Well done to Matthew and James: a fantastic achievement.



## STEM ENRICHMENT DAY

On Friday 3rd March, a group of triple science pupils attended a STEM enrichment day at Ernst & Young in Newcastle, as part of the government's campaign 'YourLife'. At the event there were over 50 of the UK's largest STEM employers on hand to provide invaluable careers advice. Our pupils worked with groups from other schools on a 'Twirling Birds' activity, learning about production, delegation and presentation skills. They also had a chance to speak with Ernst & Young employees about the roles and opportunities within the company.



## MATHS CHALLENGE

Once again this year, our pupils have performed exceptionally well in the UK Maths Challenge, with the following outcomes:



### Year 11

Logan Winton – Gold Award  
Kieran Hunter – Silver award  
Jack Parker – Silver Award  
Liam Holland – Bronze award  
Rhiannon Percival – Bronze Award  
Megan Ormston – Bronze award

### Year 10

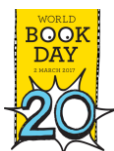
Jessica Smith – Bronze Award  
Lauren Burniston – Bronze award  
Callum Worth – Bronze Award

### Year 9

Elliot Glover – Silver Award  
Poppy Hotchkiss – Bronze award  
Natalie Foster – Bronze Award

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2 March, 15 pupils in Year 8 attended a World Book Day event at The Word in South Shields. Whilst there, they took part in a range of workshops around the book "Boy X" by author, Dan Smith.



The workshops included a meet and greet with Dan Smith, a book cover redesign with a professional artist and comic strip designing using iPad software and green screens. A fun day was had by all and everyone developed some great skills in the process.

As part of the day, we also ran a 'Reading Allowed' competition for pupils to take part in. This involved members of staff reading extracts from famous children's stories which were played through the school's tannoy system throughout the day.



Pupils had to identify the member of staff and the book the extract came from, with winners collecting £10 gift vouchers for WH Smith and runners up receiving sweets.



## AHT HAIR AND BEAUTY COMPETITION

Well done to Chloe Hogg, in Year 10, who won a bronze medal in the AHT Hair and Beauty regional finals in Gateshead. Following the regional finals, Chloe also competed in the national competition, in Blackpool, coming 5th overall: a fantastic achievement.





### A GOOD DEED TO HELP OUT A FRIEND

Harry Griffin, in Year 10, had his bike stolen earlier in the term. Pupils from his year group felt that something needed to be done to help him out, so they raised money to buy him a new bike, with the help of Halfords in South Shields. A representative from the store came into the Year 10 assembly to present Harry with his new bike.



Overall, they raised over £400 for Comic Relief. Mia Thompson, in Year 8, won the laptop and Jaymee-Leigh Welland also in Year 8 was crowned the overall red nose design winner and won an Amazon Echo Dot. Well done to all involved!



The 'Sweet Treats' Key Fund group: Kimberly Robinson, Emma Laybourn and Courtney Waite, in Year 7, were awarded £250 to host an Easter Fair to raise money for Cancer Research. The group organised games and stalls, as well as a tombola and a cake sale, raising the fantastic sum of £300 for the charity. Well done!

### KEY FUND

Three of our Key Fund groups were awarded £250 each to organise activities for Comic Relief. They sold red noses; held a fantastic raffle with the top prize of a laptop; and organised a design a Red Nose Competition.



Because of all of our excellent work over the years, the Key Fund has asked a group of pupils from our school to organise a special event. They have been given the responsibility of organising two huge events for over 200 young people aged 11 – 25, from across the North East, with a budget of £6,000! Watch this space!



### **LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST**

Katie Harte, in Year 7, decided to have her waist-length hair cut short to raise money for the 'Little Princess Trust' cancer charity, raising the fantastic sum of £200 through sponsorship. Well done, Katie!



### **STAND UP TO BULLYING DAY**

As part of 'International Stand up to Bullying Day', pupils from our school took part in an event to design a pledge sheet and make the commitment that bullying will not be tolerated in any form.



### **KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM**



- Mr Laughton will make updates to the calendar after Easter.
- We return from Easter on Monday 24 April at the normal time of 8.50am.
- The Options Information evening for parents takes place on Wednesday 26 April at 6.00pm.
- May Day bank holiday is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, meaning that the school is closed.
- Year 7 and 9 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, from 3.30pm – 6.00pm.
- GCSE examinations start on Monday 16th May.
- We break up for May half term on Friday 26th May and return on Monday 5th June at the normal time of 8.50am.
- The school breaks up for the summer on Friday 21 July.
- I will write to parents again at the end of the Summer Term.

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May I take this opportunity of thanking all parents and carers for your support over this past term, and of wishing all families a pleasant and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Thompson'.

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