

HEBBURN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

NEW SLETTER

EASTER 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

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

YEAR 11

- Throughout the term, students in year 11 have had a number of assemblies delivered by Post-16 providers, giving students as much information as possible about routes into post-16.
- Examinations in Photography have already taken place. Art exams take place on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th April and Textiles exams take place on Tuesday 30 April and Wednesday 1 May. All other examinations start on Monday 14 May. The full examination timetable is on the school website.
- With the exception of the bank holidays, the school will be open over Easter for specific revision sessions and general study support. An overview is also available on the website. Please encourage your son/daughter to attend as many revision sessions as possible. You may receive a text from the school to inform you that your son/daughter has not turned up to a session they were asked to attend.
- I would strongly advise that all students plan some time in school over the Easter break, as it does focus the mind and is good preparation for the start of the final examinations in May.
- 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

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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.
- Earlier this academic year, pupils attended a study skills session in the main hall, so have lots of useful revision techniques they can use both at home and in school. You may see lots of post-it notes appearing around the house!
- In assemblies, I have stressed the importance of keeping the momentum going and the need for focused revision throughout the examination period.
- I wish Year 11 the very best of luck with their GCSE examinations; I look forward to seeing an excellent set of results in August.

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 22 August. Details of when pupils can collect their results will be communicated by text in the summer term.

YEAR 8 OPTIONS

- The options process for Year 9 begins in earnest after Easter, starting with a Parents' Evening on Wednesday 1 May at 5.30pm, in the school's main hall.
- Details of the rest of the process, including the deadline for choosing options, will be shared at the Information Evening.

STAFF NEWS

Mrs Dunlop, from our Classroom Assistant/Cover Supervision team, is leaving us after 12 years at the school to take up a post at Jarrow School. We wish Mrs Dunlop well for the future and thank her for everything she has contributed to Hebburn Comprehensive.

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Easter Holiday Provision Week 1 (Monday 8th - Friday 12th April)					
	SUBJECT	STAFF	TIME	YEAR/ GROUP	ROOM
Monday 8th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	Sport Studies	Mrs Broadway	10:00 - 12:00	Yr.11	211
Tuesday 9th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
Wednesday 10th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	Maths	Mr Cleugh	09:30 - 11:30	Yr. 11	304
	ICT	Mr Laughton	09:30 - 14:00	Yr. 11	103
Thursday 11th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
Friday 12th 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 (Monday 15th - Thursday 18th April)					
	SUBJECT	STAFF	TIME	YEAR/ GROUP	ROOM
Monday 15th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Mrs Fawcett	09:00 - 14:30	Yr. 11	112
	Textiles	Mrs Fawcett	09:00 - 14:30	Yr. 11	112
Tuesday 16th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	Maths	Mr Chambers	09:00 - 11:00	Yr.11	302
Wednesday 17th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Miss Siddiqui		Yr. 11	113
Thursday 18th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Miss Siddiqui		Yr. 11	113



UNIFORM

In order to maintain our high standards, it is important that **all** pupils return to school wearing full school uniform, as per the uniform policy which can be found in the parents' section of the school website. All pupils should be wearing 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 of an appropriate length. A reminder that false nails, including gel or acrylic nails **are not** allowed in school. Please check the uniform policy on our website for full details.



I ask parents to ensure that any outstanding issues with uniform are rectified over the Easter break. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book day on 7th March, pupils participated in a range of activities. Staff took part in a 'Reading Aloud' competition, there was a 'Design a Book Token' competition and a 'Harry Potter Spotter' competition which involved staff and a group of year 10 pupils wearing ties that other pupils had to spot and collect stickers throughout the day. There were 35 winners in total. If parents would like information about reading lists or recommended authors, this is all available from the English Department or from the World Book Day website.



ACHIEVEMENTS IN MUSIC

12 pupils from the Year 10 GCSE Music class attended a BBC Inspire day at The Sage Gateshead on 28 March. Pupils worked on



composition ideas and had the opportunity to perform.

Earlier in the term, pupils from Years 7 to 9 attended the Key Stage 3 Choir of the Year competition at Durham Cathedral, delivering an outstanding performance. All pupils that took part were an absolute credit to the school and received hugely positive feedback from several members of staff from other schools and organisations.

A group of pupils attended a National Youth Choir taster day at St Leonard's School, in Durham, on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd February and thoroughly enjoyed attending the event.

MATHS CHALLENGE

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



Year 11

Gold - Elliot Glover

Bronze - Kai Fenwick, Alex Johnson, Jasmine Scott, Jack Bulmer and George Perkins

Year 10

Silver - Mia Thompson, Saraba Piuli and Neve Robson

Bronze - Daniel Archer, Tomas Dulson and Maddison Hall

Year 9

Silver - Jennie Mothersdale

Bronze - Ben Brown, Kyle Powell, Steven Fenwick, Harvey McIntosh and Jamie Whitehead

The challenge took place on Thursday 7 February 2019.

TICE GRAPHIC DESIGN PROJECT

13 pupils in Year 9 have been involved in a two-day graphic design project: this included a trip to the Apple Store in Eldon Square in Newcastle, followed by a trip to Gateshead College on the first day. On day two, pupils visited three local businesses to see the diverse opportunities available to them in the graphic design industry.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

The Year 7 girls' football team came third in the South Tyneside Central Venue League.



They narrowly missed out on qualifying for the next round. The team played extremely well, worked really hard and had incredible team spirit. Well done to everyone involved.



Outside of school, Olivia Debnam, was part of a team of three that were crowned North East Regional Champions for Acrobatics. Huge congratulations to Olivia.

Sam Cain, in Year 11, won a gold medal at the FIG Acrobatic Gymnastics World Cup in Las Vegas. A phenomenal achievement. Well done, Sam!



BLUE MONDAY

The third Monday in January is known as 'Blue Monday' and is said to be the most depressing day of the year. To help cheer people up, the Local Authority runs a campaign each year to encourage people to do something positive for fellow colleagues, friends and family members.



In school, we have had a cake sale to raise money for the charity 'Young Minds'. The Peer Mentoring Group created a display in school to encourage people to smile and feel good about themselves. We have also had happy music playing in the corridors at lesson changeover. Teachers handed out smiley face

stickers to pupils who did or said something kind and peer mentors encouraged people to take 'Smiley Selfies'.



EASTER RAFFLE

Our Peer Mentoring Team have had an Easter fundraiser to help to pay for Summer Activity Week. This week gives pupils who are starting with us in September, from a school outside the local area, the opportunity to make friends and get acquainted with staff and their new school. The week includes visits to the cinema, a bowling alley, Washington Wetland Centre and an Italian restaurant. The Peer Mentoring Group organised an Easter egg raffle, a cake sale, a 'Name the Bunny' competition and 'Guess the Number of Eggs in the Jar' competition, raising over £70.



PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

On 14 February, the Year 11 GCSE photography group went on a photographic exploration of the 'hidden parts' of Newcastle City Centre to try to get some unusual shots of a familiar places. The group also visited a gelateria: Miss Turner felt that pupils deserved a treat after all of the walking!



YEAR 8 CAREERS SPEED DATING

On Friday 29 March, all pupils in Year 8 were involved in a Careers Speed Dating activity in the school's main hall. The activity involved pupils interviewing a number of people from different industries, allowing them to find out about the skills and qualifications they need to secure employment in different industry sectors when they leave school.



STAFF V PUPILS



After the staff team winning the rounders match against Year 11 earlier in the year, it was all to play for in this term's challenge: 'I'm at Hebburn Comp Get Me Out of Here!'



Two representatives from each year group took part in a number of 'Bushtucker Trials', competing against members of staff to try and win the overall challenge. The trials included: the 'Boxes of Doom,' 'Sing it Don't Spray it' and 'Cricket Crunch'. The trials were fiercely contested, with both staff and pupils giving their all! There were also a number of smaller challenges in the respective camps which pupils really excelled at, demonstrating excellent leadership and team building skills. Overall, the staff won the most trials with the pupils winning the other challenges resulting in a draw of 1-1. This makes the overall score 2-1 to the staff.



LEGO CHALLENGE



Earlier in the term, Year 7 took part in a "Lego Engineering" experience in the school's main hall, thoroughly enjoying the experience.



COMIC RELIEF

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Year 7 baked and sold cakes to raise money for Comic Relief. Special mention goes to Cara, Isabella, Sophie, Tia, Lewis and Reece for their efforts.

We also held a non-uniform day for a suggested donation of £1, raising further money for the charity.



BOOK REVIEW WORKSHOP



36 pupils from Year 7 have been involved in a Book Review Workshop at Hebburn Library, using iPads to create a slideshow review.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION



Pupils in Year 7 took part in an Easter Egg competition in the last week of term.



KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM



- The school calendar will be updated on the website after the Easter break.
- We return from Easter on Tuesday 23 April. Breakfast Club will be open as normal from 8.00am.
- The Year 8 Options Information evening for parents takes place on Wednesday 1 May at 5.30pm in the school's main hall.
- May Day bank holiday is Monday 6 May, meaning that the school is closed.
- GCSE examinations start on Monday 14 May.
- We break up for May half term on Friday 24 May and return on Monday 3 June at the normal time of 8.50am, with Breakfast Club available from 8.00am.
- The school breaks up for the summer on Friday 19 July.
- I will write to parents again at the end of the Summer Term.

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. We look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Yours sincerely,

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