

HEBBURN COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

NEW SLETTER

EASTER 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another busy 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

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- 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 progression routes after Year 11.
- Examinations in Photography have already taken place. Art exams take place on 18 and 19 April. All other examinations start on Monday 14 May. The GCSE examination timetable has been posted 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 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 term, pupils attended a study skills session in the main hall, so have lots of useful revision techniques that they can use both at home and in school. You may see lots of post-it notes appearing around the house!

- We have held a number of late-night revision sessions this term, with excellent attendance. 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 another set of excellent results in August.

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 23 August. Details of when pupils can collect their results will be communicated by text in the summer term.

YEAR 9 OPTIONS

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- The options process for Year 9 begins in earnest after Easter, starting with a Parents' Evening on Wednesday 18 April, at 6pm, in the school's main hall.
- Pupils in Year 9 will have a series of taster sessions on Thursday 19 April and Monday 23 April to help inform options choices.
- Details of the rest of the process, including the deadline for choosing options, will be shared at the Information Evening.

YEAR 8 OPTIONS

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- From September 2018, the options process will be moving into Year 8, meaning that there will no longer be an options process in Year 9. After much consideration and research, we have decided to move to this model, as we firmly believe that it is in the best interests of our pupils, given the raft of changes that the government has made to the qualifications and assessment framework.
- On Tuesday 1 May, pupils will have their first options assembly.
- There will be a parents' information evening on Wednesday 2 May, starting at 6.00pm in the main hall.
- Taster sessions for pupils in Year 8 will take place on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 May.
- Again, details about the rest of the process, including the deadline for options, will be shared at the information evening.



It is hugely important that 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

Miss Willing, who has been covering Mrs Broadway's maternity leave, leaves us at Easter. Mrs Broadway is returning to school at the start of the summer term.



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. With the bad weather now long gone, 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.



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

AHT HAIR AND BEAUTY COMPETITION

Well done to Chloe Hogg, Chloe Hills and Chloe Gray who all did extremely well in the AHT Hair & Beauty regional competition. Chloe Hogg came 2nd overall and went on to compete in the national competition in Blackpool on Monday 12 March.



BEATBOXING WORKSHOP

Fifteen pupils from Years 7 and 8 took part in a beatboxing workshop at The Sage on Tuesday 27 February. All pupils involved had a great time.



WEEKLY SHOUT OUTS

There have been a number of weekly 'shout outs' this half term displayed on the plasma screen around school, celebrating the achievements of our pupils. Well done everyone receiving a 'shout out' this term.



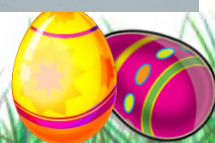
RAF STEM EVENT

On Monday 19 February, over 100 pupils took part in a workshop by the RAF to promote careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). The workshop included a range of interactive demonstrations, including a working jet engine, which was extremely loud!



SKI TRIP

During February half term, 44 pupils and 6 members of staff travelled to Axamer Lizum in Austria for a hugely successful ski trip. Everyone involved had a fantastic time.



Easter Holiday Provision Week 1 (Tuesday 3rd - Friday 6th April)					
	SUBJECT	STAFF	TIME	YEAR	ROOM
Tuesday 3rd April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	Sport Studies	Mr Harrison	10:30 - 12:00	Yr. 11	211
Wednesday 4th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Miss Siddiqui	10:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	113
	French Speaking Intervention	Mr Thompson	10:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	211
	Maths	Mr Cleugh	09:30 - 12:30	Yr. 11	304
	Maths	Mr Chambers	09:00 - 11:30	Yr. 11	302
Thursday 5th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	French	Miss Hood	10:30 - 12:00	Yr. 11	209
	History	Mr Bowman	09:30 - 12:00	Yr. 11	216
Friday 6th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	English	Mrs Robson	10:30 onwards	11T1	201
	IT	Mr Laughton	10:00 - 14:00	Yr. 11	103

Easter Holiday Provision Week 2 (Monday 9th - Friday 13th April)					
	SUBJECT	STAFF	TIME	YEAR	ROOM
Monday 9th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
Tuesday 10th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	112
	French Speaking Intervention	Mr Thompson	10:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	211
Wednesday 11th 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 - 11:30	Yr. 11	302
	RE (12 mark question revision)	Mrs Sharp	10:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	215
	Sport Studies	Mr Harrison	10:30 - 12:00	Yr. 11	211
Thursday 12th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Miss Siddiqui	10:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	113
	History	Mr Fowle	09:00 - 12:00	Yr. 11	218
Friday 13th April	All	Learning Mentors	09:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	Media Zone
	Art	Mrs Fawcett	10:00 - 13:00	Yr. 11	112
	Art	Miss Siddiqui	10:00 - 15:00	Yr. 11	113
	Food	Mrs Fawcett	10:00 - 13:00	Yr. 11	112



Earlier this term, pupils in 8H6 visited The Centre for Life in Newcastle. The class organised the visit themselves, delivering a presentation to the Key Fund panel to secure £250 of funding. They had the opportunity to see all of the exhibits and really enjoyed the interactive displays, particularly the dinosaur one. Pupils took the Polar Express motion ride, finishing the day with an ice-skating session. Staff at the Centre for Life complimented our pupils on their manners and exemplary behaviour throughout the day. Well done.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN MUSIC



The following pupils passed Rock School exams in the Spring Term:

Shaun Wright - Grade 5 Guitar

Nathan Binns - Grade 5 Guitar (Merit)

Daniel Thompson - Grade 4 Drum Kit (Distinction)

Jessica Allan - Grade 1 Vocals

Callum Lydon - Grade 1 Drum Kit

MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY DAY AT NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY



On Tuesday 20th March, a group of year 9 pupils participated in a Medicine and Dentistry (MaD) Day at the University of Newcastle, attending interactive lectures and taking part in practical sessions in the clinical labs. The day was both educational and inspirational; pupils had a fascinating day and represented the school superbly.

NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE

In January, Year 11 were visited by the NCS to encourage participation in the summer programme. The NCS is a Government-supported programme that allows young people aged 15-17 to take part in residential and fundraising events, aiming to develop their personal and employability skills. If your child is in Year 11 and has not yet signed up, please visit <http://www.ncsyes.co.uk/> for further information.



ARTS AWARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CUSTOMS HOUSE



The following took part in The Arts Award in conjunction with The Customs House in South Shields: Ceydence Brennan, Emily Ward, Mia Thompson, Arran Findlay, Toni Leigh Lugg, Bailey Christie, Kasey Richardson, Alannah Quinn, Bryanie Dellin, Matthew Finnigan and Ethan Chisholm. As part of the project, pupils visited an exhibition, analysed different types of art, made drawings and studies. The pupils' work will form part of an exhibition at the gallery that will be assessed. All pupils involved have shown a mature and keen interest in art and we hope their participation inspires their passion for the subject! Well done.



ROTARY CLUB ART EXHIBITION

Well done to the following pupils for having their fabulous artwork selected for the South Shields Rotary Club exhibition at the South Shields Museum. All finalists are invited to attend a hands-on day at the National Glass Centre in Sunderland on Friday 6 April 2018: Naomi Whalley, Jessica Scullion, Morgan Gallagher, Mia Thompson, Emma Hubble, Jamie Grogan, Jack Bulmer, Emily Morgan.



A special mention to Naomi Whalley who won a Special Award.

The following pupils exhibited work at The Washington Arts Gallery: Charlie Rodham, Emily McCarthy, Elisha Little, Jamie Grogan, Mia Thompson, Natalie Foster, Morgan Siddle, Poppy Hotchkiss, Jack Bulmer, Elise Hopkins, Emily Morgan, Morgan Gallagher, Jack Dudman, Caitlin Ward, Grace McAdam, Abi Baxter, Neve Robson, Cerys Longworth. Well done to all involved.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Due to the disruption caused by the snow, we held activities for World Book Day when we returned to school the following week. The winners of the pupils' 'Reading Aloud' competition were Jennie Mothersdale, in Year 8, and Joshua Charlton, in Year 7. Well done!



MATHS CHALLENGE

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



Year 11

Callum Worth – Silver Award
Jessica Smith – Bronze Award
Lauren Duff – Bronze award

Year 10

Poppy Hotchkiss – Bronze Award
Bethany Errington – Bronze award
Alex Johnson – Bronze Award
Jessica Scullion – Bronze Award
Jack Dudman – Bronze Award

Year 9

Neve Robson – Silver Award
Mia Thompson – Bronze award
Alexander Ward – Bronze Award

STAFF V PUPILS ROUND 3: THE EASTER OLYMPICS



In the last week of term, we held Round 3 of Staff v Pupils. Mr Longstaff organised an Easter Olympics, with a range of challenges, such as 'Malteser Madness', 'Doughnut Disaster', 'Creme Egg Carnage', 'Blind Tasting', an Easter Egg Hunt and, of course, an Egg and Spoon Relay! Both staff and pupils really entered into the spirit of the event which was held in the packed lunch area at lunchtimes throughout the week.

Each event was eggremely well supported with an eggcellent atmosphere between staff and pupils throughout each challenge. A fantastic effort all round!

Eggtra praise must be shelled out to the Year 9 Easter Olympics Organising Committee: Lily Birks, Rhiannon Roche, Sam McGregor, Elisha- Lee Finlay, Lewis Farrell and Liam Kell for all their hard work raising money for the different events and for organising them.

The current score is 2 -1 to the pupils, as we move into the Summer Term.



BLUE MONDAY



As part of our 'Blue Monday' campaign this year, both staff and pupils took part in a number of activities during the second week back in January, which included a cake sale, a 'make someone smile with a kind gesture day' and a 'wear something bright day'. Photographs of pupils and staff, displaying their biggest, cheesiest grins, were taken throughout the day! These were later displayed on the plasma screens around school.

TYNESIDE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE PROJECT

Throughout the term, a group of girls in Year 9 has been working with Tyne and Wear Museums on a project called the "Women of Tyneside".

Pupils have been discussing current issues that are important to women and girls in Tyneside 100 years after the Representation of the People Act allowed some women to vote for the first time.

The girls are planning to co-design a festival of events across Tyneside which celebrate and empower women,



raising aspirations and challenging gender stereotypes, in order to support positive social change.

Our pupils are working in parallel with a group of senior women in South Tyneside, looking at opportunities and aspirations.

As part of International Women's Day, the girls involved in the project organised a tea party with funding from The Key. This was attended by some of the senior women, giving all involved the opportunity to talk and swap experiences. It was a great success; the girls hope to repeat the event towards the end of the year.



SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

On Monday 12 March and Tuesday 13 March, pupils in Years 7 and 9 took part in a range of activities and workshops with the anti-racism charity 'Show Racism the Red Card', aiming to raise awareness of this extremely serious issue in society, focusing on what can be done to combat it.



The charity was established in 1996 and uses the high-profile status of football and football players to help tackle racism in society. The majority of the campaign's output is

the delivery of education to young people and adults in schools, in the workplace and at events held in football stadiums.

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY ACE DAY



On 7th March, a group of Year 10 pupils visited Newcastle University to take part in an 'ACE' event. Over the course of the day, pupils took part in various activities organised by the university, including a visit around the campus and participating in a range of interactive activities. This was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils, providing them with the opportunity to visit a university campus and find out more about higher education and their options for the future.

TICE GRAPHIC DESIGN PROJECT



On Tuesday 13 March, Ceydence Brennan, Mia Thompson, Emily Thornton, Brooke Ransome, James Towers, Daniel Archer, Matthew Finnigan, Dylan Longworth, Owen Longworth, Elyse Moore, Daniel Hopkins and Leah Wright, in Year 9, took part in a This is Creative Enterprise graphic design activity at Newcastle College.

SOUTH TYNESIDE YOUTH PARLIAMENT ELECTION



On 13th March, Daniel Archer, in Year 9, was elected as Deputy Member of South Tyneside Youth Parliament. Daniel's exciting new role will include leading on campaigns, speaking out on important issues and attending events in the Chamber of the House of Commons in Westminster. It was a fantastic morning and some of Daniel's loyal supporters accompanied him to see the outcome of vote. Well done, Daniel.



WINNERS OF OUR YEAR 7 EASTER BONNET COMPETITION



There were some fantastic entries. Well done to all involved!



On Wednesday 28 March, 12 pupils from Year 10 attended the Durham Schools Science Festival at Durham University. Students took part in several engaging workshops which linked Science to the real world. The visit also provided the opportunity for pupils to look at how subjects are delivered in a further education setting.



KEY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM



- Mr Laughton will make updates to the calendar after Easter.
- We return from Easter on Monday 16 April at the normal time of 8.50am.
- The **Year 9** Options Information Evening for parents takes place on Wednesday 18 April at 6.00pm.
- May Day bank holiday is on Monday 7 May, meaning that the school is closed.
- Year 7 and 9 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 25 April, from 3.30pm – 6.00pm in the main hall.
- The Options Information Evening for pupils in **Year 8** takes place on Wednesday 2 May at 6.00pm
- GCSE examinations start on Monday 14 May.
- We break up for May half term on Friday 25 May and return on Monday 4 June at the normal time of 8.50am.
- The school breaks up for the summer on Friday 20 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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