



# Hebburn Comprehensive School

# Summer Newsletter

# 2019



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## Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another extremely productive academic year, I would like to share some of our pupils' achievements and whole-school events from the summer term, as well as providing you with some important information for the start of the new term in September.

### KEY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM



- **Monday 2 September and Tuesday 3 September** are staff training days, meaning that the school is closed to pupils.
- School re-opens for our new Year 7 intake, at 8.50am, on **Wednesday 4 September**. Pupils will finish at 2.00pm on their first day.
- School re-opens for all pupils, at 8.50am, on **Thursday 5 September**, with all year groups finishing at the normal time of 3.00pm.
- Autumn Half term: **Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November**
- Christmas Holidays: **Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January**.
- The academic calendar will be updated on the school website at the start of the new term with other key dates.

### EXPECTATIONS FOR THE START OF THE NEW TERM



All pupils should return to school in September in full school uniform. Please take time to read the uniform policy on the website before purchasing items over the summer. A reminder that footwear should be 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 knee-length. Please ensure that any piercings done during the holidays can be removed in September. I ask parents to ensure that any outstanding issues with uniform are rectified over the summer.

### STAFF NEWS

Mr Perez, Deputy Head Teacher, is leaving at the end of term to pursue a different career, having joined the school in 2006.



Mr Fowle, Head of History and Geography, is retiring this summer after 18 years at the school. Mr Fowle has worked in South Tyneside secondary schools for the past 35 years, having also taught at Mortimer.

Mrs Whitehead, Assistant Head of Learning for Year 7, is also retiring this summer after 43 years of working in South Tyneside secondary schools, having previously worked at Boldon School and Springfield Comprehensive (now Jarrow School).

Mr Hill, teacher of science, who joined us in 2015, is retiring at the end of the year. Mr Hill has previously worked in North Shields and Durham, in a career spanning 34 years. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to all of the staff leaving and wish them all well for the future.

### ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT



On Tuesday 9 July, pupils in Year 7 and 8 competed at Monkton Stadium in the 'Quadkids' athletics event. The competition consists of four events (100m, 800m, long jump and howler - a throwing event), with all pupils participating in each event. Our Year 7 & 8 boys' teams finished in 2nd place and our girls' team finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Thomas Rowe, in Year 7, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the individual competition and Lexi Brown, in Year 8, won the girls' overall individual event: a fantastic achievement. Thanks to the PE Department for their continued hard work with extra-curricular sport.

### YEAR 11 PREFECT TEAM FOR 2018-19



**Head Girl:** Mia Thompson

**Head Boy:** Tomas Dulson

**Deputy Head Girl:** Emily Ward

**Deputy Head Boy:** Daniel Archer

**Senior Prefects:** Elyse Moore, Leah Wright, Mahmouda Diyab, Hollie Liddle, Abigail Baxter, Grace McAdam and Bradley Coatesworth

**Prefects:** Alicia Lee, Mia Blake, Alysha Henderson, Darcey Wilkinson, Chloe Whensley, Bobbie Sandwell-Frame, Maddison Hall, Elisha Finlay, Rhiannon Roche, Cerys Longworth, Alex Ward, Owen Longworth, Jamie Neve and Benjamin Ferry

## 100% ATTENDANCE OVER 5 YEARS

Huge congratulations to Lara Benson, Sam Cain, Callum Garvin, Alex Johnson and Jack McIntosh, in Year 11, who completed their secondary education with a 100% attendance record. This is a phenomenal achievement, demonstrating real dedication and commitment. Well done!



## WORK EXPERIENCE

All pupils in Year 10 are completing a one-week work experience placement in the final week of the summer term. Good luck Year 10!



## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday 4 July, the English department held a coffee morning in the Main Hall to raise funds, so our new Year 7 intake can receive a book at Christmas. The morning was very successful, with the event raising the sum of £200.



## CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL

On 3 and 4 July, Mia Thompson, Benjamin Ferry, Tomas Dulson and Emily Ward, in Year 10, took part in the Cambridge University residential. Pupils experienced two days of taster lectures and what it is like to study at one of the top universities in the world. Thanks to Mrs Wilson for accompanying the pupils on the visit.



## PEER MENTOR TRAINING

On 12 July, The following pupils in Year 10 completed Peer Mentor training to help support younger pupils in the school: Demi Shaw, Elyse Moore, Tomas Dulson, Emily Thornton, Mia Thompson, Mahmouda Diyab, Ceydence Brennan, Leah Wright, Toni-Leigh Lugg, Chole Whensley, Emily Ward and Ebony Maxwell. Thanks to Mrs Mordue and Mrs Wilson for co-ordinating the peer mentor training.



## NORTHUMBRIAN WATER STEAM EVENT

A group of Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Northumbrian Water STEAM festival in July. The event was part of a week of activities aiming to inspire pupils to think about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). Year 7 pupils took part in activities called "Skills for Success", whilst Year 8 pupils were challenged with a task called "Mission to Mars". All pupil had an enjoyable day and learnt a lot from the experience.



## SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday 17 July, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are taking part in our annual Sports Day, with field events taking place in the morning and track events in the afternoon. The best of luck to all competitors.



## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The Junior Maths Challenge took place on Tuesday 30 April, with the following outcomes:



### Year 8

**Gold:** Liam Pearson and Jack Race

**Silver:** Alfie Young, Lucas Evans and Hannah Cohen

**Bronze:** Daniel Burrell, Maddison Collins, Liam McGuinness, Sydney Gibbons, Emily McStravick

### Year 7

**Bronze:** Robbie Glover, Darcy I'anson, Grace Garner, Reece Hall, Ethan Topping, Emily Muter, Abigail Thompson, Grace Arthur



## ACHIEVEMENTS IN MUSIC



- The choir have had a busy end to the school year, performing in a concert for our local primary schools, alongside a rock band from South Tyneside Music Hub on Thursday 27 June. Pupils in Years 3-5 from Toner Avenue and Bedeburn Primary Schools came along to watch the concert and thoroughly enjoyed the show.
- The choir also performed with the rock band at Jarrow Hall on Tuesday 9 July, in a joint concert with Jarrow School. The choir was joined by other pupils from the school to perform in the end-of-year music concert in the hall on Tuesday 2 July. Over 100 people were in attendance at the concert.
- Well done to Bradley King, Caleb Dumasia, Darran King, Matthew Morl and Bradley Dixon for passing their Trinity Guitar exams!
- Thanks to Mr Wilkinson for his continued hard work with extra-curricular music.

## ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT



### Year 7 Girls' 'Quadkids' Athletics Competition

'Quadkids' is an athletics event, consisting of pupils performing the following four athletic events: long jump, howler throw, 800 metres and 100 metres. Our girls' team won this year's competition by over 200 points. Grace Arthur came second overall in the individual event, with Hannah Binns achieving third place overall. A fantastic effort! Well done!



Grace Arthur also took part in a Mini-athlon at Monkton Stadium, coming in first place overall and was awarded a certificate and medal from Durham County Athletics Association. Well done, Grace!

Our Year 7 girls' rounders team: Hannah Binns, Hannah McIntosh, Grace Arthur, Mya Wilkinson, Ruby McBarron, Emily Muter, Abigail Thompson, Precious Kushimo and Alysha Dawson, won the South Tyneside Rounders tournament earlier this term. They were exemplary in both performance and behaviour throughout the entire tournament.



Matthew Spence, Rocco Phoenix Morrison, Dylan Sinclair, Kai Workman, Charlie Whalley, Liam McGuinness, Alfie Charlton, Evie Stephenson, Freya Fairburn, Leona Greenwood, Hannah Cohen, Libby Bage, Grace Hewitt played in a mixed dodgeball tournament at Boldon Comprehensive, winning both competitions! Well done to all involved.

### Football

Our Year 7 boys' football team won both local football competitions: the South Tyneside League and South Tyneside League Cup, finishing the season unbeaten. Our Year 8 boys' team finished 2nd in the South Tyneside Football League.

Well done to both teams and thanks to the PE department for all of their hard work with extra-curricular PE.



## Year 7 Boys' Quadkids Athletics Competition

Three teams took part in the boys' Quadkids event at Monkton Stadium, with our first team winning the overall competition. In the individual competition, Chrissy Rigg was joint 1st and Alec Armstrong finished 3rd. All of the boys performed very well and represented the school superbly.



- Gold - £10 gift voucher
- Silver - £5 gift voucher
- Bronze – box of chocolates

## PRIZE WINNERS

The following pupils were top of their year group and received £20 vouchers:

- Year 11: Poppy Hotchkiss (Poppy was also top in school)
- Year 10: Ceydence Brennan
- Year 9: Amy Metcalfe
- Year 8: Rocco Pheonix-Morrison
- Year 7: Reece Hall

**iPad mini:** Rachel Laybourn

**Kindles:** Cameron McIntosh and Lewis Hugill

**The following pupils won £10 gift vouchers:** Joanna McShane, Katelyn Jamieson, David Birtles, Grace Hewitt, Reece Hall, Ceydence Brennan, Sommer Sandwell-Frame, Shilah McGregor, Abigail Johnson and Grace Arthur.

**The following pupils won £5 gift vouchers:** Olivia Scullion, Freya Fairbairn, Ryan Andrews, Mya Wilkinson, Bobbie Sandwell-Frame, Emma Laybourn, Kasey Richardson, Bailey Holt, Abbey Cram, Alex Johnson, Amy Metcalfe, Daniel Kennedy, Nicole Menzies, Harry Chaters, Jordan Bamford and Maddison Gallagher.

**The following pupils won a box of chocolates:** Alivia Dowling, Ayesha Masoodi, Callum Hardy, Elise Hopkins and Charlie Williams.

## KEY FUND

Pupils in 10R applied to the Key Fund to have an event to celebrate their achievements in Year 10 and to raise the profile of mental health and well being. The group bought pizzas and games which they enjoyed over lunchtime. This was a great way to end a very successful Year 10. Thank you to Mrs Sharp for all her hard work making the Key Fund possible.



## FLAMINGO LAND

On Monday 15 July, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a trip to Flamingo Land, enjoying a fantastic day out in the glorious weather! Thanks to Mrs Moore for organising the visit.



## MERIT DRAW

Earlier in the term, we had our 'Big Prize' merit draw to reward pupils who had reached the merit milestones of Titanium, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze, with the following prizes:

- Titanium – iPad mini
- Platinum – Kindle (2)
- Top in year group - £20 gift voucher



## ART TRIP

84 Year 9 pupils visited the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art on Tuesday 16 July. They had the opportunity to view four exhibitions and enjoyed the roof top views of Newcastle and Gateshead. Pupils worked hard during the trip, collecting information about the artists and artwork which will be used as part of their GCSE Art, Textiles and Photography coursework. Miss Siddiqui says that all pupils were impeccably behaved and an absolute pleasure to take out.

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## YEAR 6 TRANSITION PLAY

As part of the two-day transition for pupils from next year's Year 7, pupils from the drama group performed a play during assembly. Well done to all involved!



## SOUTH TYNESIDE COLLEGE VISIT



On Monday 24 June, all pupils in Year 10 took part in a taster day at South Tyneside College, experiencing various activities in a range of different career sectors. Thanks to Mrs Spark for co-ordinating the visits.

## YEAR 11 PROM

Students in Year 11 celebrated the end of their five years at Hebburn Comprehensive with a fabulous Prom at Beamish Hall in County Durham on Thursday 4 July. They all had a fantastic evening and were an absolute credit to both themselves and the school. Well done!



## STAFF v PUPILS ROUNDERS MATCH

On Tuesday 16 July, we held our final Staff v Pupils event of the year, with staff playing pupils in a game of rounders organised by Mr Longstaff on the 3-G pitch. The final score of the year was Staff 3 – 1 Pupils. Thanks to Mr Longstaff for all of his hard work organising the staff v pupils challenges again this year.



May I take this opportunity of thanking all parents and carers for your support over this past academic year, and of wishing all families an enjoyable and safe summer break. I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D R Thompson".

**Mr D R Thompson**  
Head Teacher

**HAVE A  
GREAT  
SUMMER!**

