



# Hebburn Comprehensive School

# Summer Newsletter

## 2017



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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



- There is a staff training day on **Monday 4 September**, meaning that the school is closed to pupils.
- School re-opens for our new Year 7 intake, at 8.50am, on **Tuesday 5 September**. Pupils will finish at 2.00pm on their first day.
- School re-opens for all pupils, at 8.50am, on **Wednesday 6 September**, with all year groups finishing at the normal time of 3.00pm.
- Half term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- Christmas Holiday: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- The full calendar will be updated on the school website at the start of the new term.

### OFSTED

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the school underwent a Section 8 Ofsted inspection. It was an extremely rigorous process, with the work of the school under close scrutiny. Throughout the day, inspectors had meetings with senior and middle leaders; observed lessons in a range of subject areas; reviewed the work in pupils' books; spoke to pupils about their experiences in school; checked key documentation, including the school's safeguarding procedures; and reviewed our progress since the last inspection in January, 2013.

Inspectors judged the overall effectiveness of the school as **'good'**, highlighting many outstanding features. The Lead Inspector said that we have maintained the good quality of education since the last inspection and continue to improve because we promote a strong conviction that all pupils should achieve well regardless of their circumstances or backgrounds.



Inspectors praised many aspects of the school's work, including: strong leadership; outcomes for pupils; high-quality teaching; the high expectations we have for all pupils; our rigorous approach to safeguarding; the personalised support we provide pupils; the quality of the curriculum; our strong focus on the importance of attendance; the systems we have in place to monitor and track pupil progress; fundraising and extra-curricular activities, including Music, Drama, Sport and the 'Key Fund' which help to develop pupils' confidence and entrepreneurial skills; and our rigorous monitoring procedures.



Inspectors said that pupils are confident and engage well with visitors; when they are given opportunities to work together in lessons, they show high levels of engagement, co-operation and respect for one another. They also said that pupils speak with fondness and enthusiasm about their teachers and say how approachable and supportive all staff are. The Lead Inspector said that the children he spoke to throughout the day were an absolute credit to the school.

The inspectors also recognised the effectiveness of the strategies we have in place to accelerate the progress of disadvantaged pupils, to improve the attendance of vulnerable groups and to continue to improve outcomes in science.

The strong staff and governor teams have worked extremely hard alongside parents and carers to guarantee an excellent standard of education for all of our pupils. I would like to thank everyone involved with the school for their continued support.

## PASTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2017-18

There are a number of changes to pastoral arrangements for September. Details for 2017-18 are as follows:

YEAR	HOL	AHOL	SLT LINK
11	Mr Bowman	Mrs Fawcett	Mr Moore
10	Mr Chambers		Mrs Payne
9	Mrs Burdis	Mrs Moore	Mrs Payne
8	Mrs Armstrong		Mrs Payne
7	Miss Hood	Mrs Whitehead	Mr Moore

There are also a number of changes to tutor group arrangements for next academic year. Full details will be available from the 'Pastoral Support' section of the school website in September.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR THE START OF THE NEW TERM



In order to maintain our high standards and build on the huge success of our excellent Ofsted report, I have uploaded some key information to the school website, outlining the school's expectations for the new academic year in September, including school uniform: please take time to read the documentation.

## STAFF NEWS

Mrs Gomersall is retiring at the end of this academic year after a 38-year career in teaching. She has been a teacher at Hebburn Comprehensive for the past 18 years, having previously worked at Toner Avenue Primary School and the former Westoe Comprehensive School in South Shields. We thank Mrs Gomersall for the outstanding contribution she has made to the school as a teacher and Head of Department. She has invested significant amounts of her own time to extra-curricular music and performing, as well as to the 'Relay for Life' at Monkton Stadium each year, raising thousands of pounds for cancer research. We wish Mrs Gomersall a long and happy retirement.

## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

- On Tuesday 11 July, the Year 7 athletics team competed at Monkton Stadium in the 'Quadkids' athletics event. The competition consists of 4 events: 100m, 800m, long jump and howler (a throwing event), with all pupils participating in each event. Our boys' 'B' team finished in 5th place and our 'A' team finished in 1st place. The girls' 'A' team finished in 5th place and the 'B' team finished in 7th place.
- There was also an individual competition, with competitors accumulating points for each event they complete. The points are then added together to give an overall total. Two pupils from the boys' team finished in the top three, with Oliver Cresdee finishing 3rd overall and Dylan Love winning the boys' competition: a fantastic



accomplishment. Abigail Ferguson finished in 4th place in the girls' event.

- Congratulations to the Year 7 boys' football team, who won the District Cup last night, beating St Joseph's 1-0 in the final. Oliver Cresdee scored the winning goal in the 80th minute to give us a well-deserved victory. The team has performed exceptionally well all season, losing only one match in eleven games.
- In the South Tyneside Rounders' competition, our Year 9 team finished joint 2nd and the combined Year 7 and 8 team also finished joint 2nd.

## PREFECT TEAM FOR 2017-18



Head Girl: Hannah Mcvittie

Head Boy: Bailey Evitt

Deputy Head Girl: Yevgenia Pavliuk

Deputy Head Boy: Callum Lydon

Senior Prefects: Megan Robson, Abbie Jago, Lauren Duff, Olivia Knox, Josie Oliver, Kristian Healy, Noah Martinez, Callum Worth and Joseph Wright

Prefects: Jessica Smith, Lauren Burniston, Bethany Burrell, Eden Gallagher, Katelyn Ridley, Chloe Gray, Chloe Hogg, Faye Rayner, Elisha Brenna, Lucy Connor, Leah Rayner, Kyle Jones, Liam Baxter and Luke Hewson.

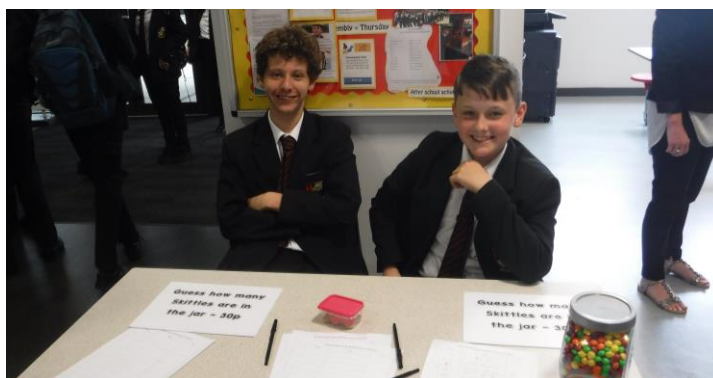
## GRENFELL TOWER APPEAL



On Tuesday 4th of July, we donated the sum of £1,271 to the Grenfell Tower 'Localgiving' page, which was matched by the Foundation.



We held a number of events in school to raise money, including: a cake sale; the selling of button badges; a non-uniform day; a Smartie tube challenge (tutor groups filled Smartie tubes with one pound coins); guess the number of sweets in the jar; and a raffle. Staff and pupils also donated money to have their handprint painted onto a canvas frame, as a permanent record of our support.





The money raised in school will go towards the charity's overall fundraising target to help families rebuild their lives after this appalling tragedy.

Thank you for all of your kind donations and support.

### BRADLEY LOWREY FOUNDATION: CANCER HAS NO COLOURS

On Friday 14 July, pupils wore football colours in memory of Bradley Lowrey, with all funds going to the Bradley Lowrey Foundation.



### GRAPHIC DESIGN PROJECT

On 6<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June, the following pupils took part in a 'This is Creative Enterprise' (TICE) graphic design project with the University of Sunderland: Elliot Glover, Elise Hopkins, Poppy Hotchkiss, Alex Johnson, Megan Long, Josh Milner, Ben Rodgers and Jess Scullion. The group worked with a number of companies, including L'Oréal and Oatein. Their final, hugely impressive work, was part of an exhibition at the Great North Museum in June.



### THE WRITE FESTIVAL

On Friday 23 June, the following Year 7 pupils took part in a poetry workshop at 'The Word' in South Shields as part of 'The Write Festival': Rachael Finlay-Bago, Joseph Mellor, Joshua Burniston Rachel Davidson, Emma Laybourn, Jennie Mothersdale, Amy Metcalfe, Kalyn Gwyer, Adam Langford, Andrew Swalwell, Alex Reid, Charlie Rodham, Robert Bell, Victoria Firth and Megan Robson



### CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY RESIDENTIAL

On Tuesday 4 July, Callum Worth Keiran West Olivia Knox Hannah McVittie Nathan Binns and Jessica Smith, 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.



### WORK EXPERIENCE



All pupils in Year 10 are completing a one-week work experience placement in the final week of the summer term. We wish all pupils a successful week.

### YEAR 10 BUILDING MY SKILLS

Pupils in Year 10 have been working on a 'Building My Skills' portfolio throughout the year. This programme was set up by the 'Esh Construction Group', in partnership with local employers. The programme provides students with the opportunity to build up a range of key employability skills through a number of engaging activities and by attending talks given by future employers. This year, we have had guest speakers from Boots, PLC, The Army, Accenture and The Esh Group. Pupils who completed their portfolios took part in a mock interview at St. James' Park in Newcastle. Students were interviewed by real employers and given feedback to help them with future interviews. The experience will be of huge benefit to pupils when they apply for courses and apprenticeships next year. Well done year 10!

### 100% ATTENDANCE OVER 5 YEARS

Huge congratulations to Harry Scott, William Newman and Abbie Buftain, 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!



### PEER MENTORING TRAINING

On 12<sup>th</sup> July, the following pupils in Year 10 completed Peer Mentor training to help support younger pupils in the school: Lauren Burniston, Libby Edwards, Joseph Wright, Yevgenia Pavliuk, Josie Oliver, Callum Lydon, Kristian Healy and Bailey Evitt.



### SPORTS DAY

On Wednesday 19 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.



### MOCK INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday 13 June, a group of pupils in Year 10 took part in mock job interviews at St James' Park in Newcastle.



### JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The Junior Maths Challenge took place on Thursday 27 April, with the following outcomes:



#### Year 7

Ross Smith – Silver Award  
Kyle Powell – Silver award  
Ben Brown – Bronze Award  
James Morley – Bronze Award  
Steven Fenwick – Bronze Award  
Daniel Robson – Bronze Award  
Emily McCarthy – Bronze Award  
Emma Hubble – Bronze Award

#### Year 8

Mia Thompson – Gold Award  
Ben Ferry – Gold Award  
Tomas Dulson – Silver Award  
Neve Robson – Silver award

Emily Thornton – Silver Award  
 Ryan Oughton – Bronze Award  
 Alex Ward – Bronze Award  
 Demi Weightman – Bronze Award  
 Emily Ward – Bronze Award  
 Rebecca Jones – Bronze Award

## Year 11

Logan Winton achieved a Merit on the Intermediate Pink Kangaroo Challenge

## ACHIEVEMENTS IN MUSIC



Congratulations to the following who achieved Grade 1 Rock School Vocals this term: Rachael Finlay-Bajo (merit); Toni Leigh Lugg (merit); Heather Parry; Jessica Langley; and Maddison Hall.

The following pupils were involved in a six-week rock/pop vocal workshop working with a vocal tutor from South Tyneside Music Hub: Willow Joyce, Kimberley Robinson, Maddison Hillock, Chloe Bosher, Honour Aitchison, Georgia McShane, Rhian Ransome, Rachael Finlay-Bajo, Toni Leigh Lugg, Heather Parry, Jessica Langley and Maddison Hall.

The annual end of year music concert took place on 4 July, with excellent performances from the school choir who performed 'California Dreamin', 'Somewhere Only We Know', 'Something Inside So Strong' and 'With A Little Help From My Friends'. The Brass Quartet made up of Adam Stephen, Caitlin Sweeny and Jack Bolam, in Year 11, performed 'Pastime with Good Company', 'Canzon', 'Danny Boy' and 'Oh Happy Day'. There were superb vocal performances from Jessica Allan who sang 'God Bless The Child'; Kayleigh Cockburn who sang 'All of Me', Rachael Finlay-Bajo who sang 'Beautiful' and 'Roar', and Rheanna Hall who sang Hallelujah. There were duets from Abbey Cram and Alex Scott who sang 'How Far I'll Go', Bradley Dixon and Jake Copeland who performed 'Wonderwall' and Elyse Moore and Cerys Longworth who performed 'Riptide' and 'The Judge'.

Well done to all pupils involved. It was fantastic to see so many ex-pupils at the concert who were there to perform for Mrs Gomersall's last end of year concert.

Huge congratulations to Rachael Finlay-Bajo, in Year 7, for her excellent performance at this year's South Tyneside's Got Talent Final at The Customs House in South Shields.

## BEAMISH

On Monday 10 July, pupils in Year 8 took part in a trip to Beamish Museum in County Durham.



## FLAMINGO LAND

On Monday 17 July, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in a trip to Flamingo Land, enjoying a fantastic day out.



## VISIT TO DURHAM UNIVERSITY



On Tuesday 4 July, David Birtles, Jack Dudman, Cameron Elliot, Kai Fenwick, Natalie Foster, Elliot Glover, Elise Hopkins, Poppy Hotchkiss, Alex Johnson, Megan

Long, Ben Rodgers and Jessica Scullion, in Year 9, took part in Year 9 taster day at Durham University, to experience what life is like at university and find out about the different opportunities available to under and post graduates. Through a variety of interactive sessions, students taking part in the taster days learn about the benefits of higher education, find out about different courses and work with current undergraduates, giving them an invaluable insight into life at university. This fun and interactive programme of activities included a short tour of Durham University's City Campus and a Q&A session with university lecturers.

## VISIT TO NEWCASTLE 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM



As part of our CEIAG programme, 60 pupils in Year 10 took part in a taster day at Newcastle 6<sup>th</sup> Form. Pupils received lots of information about different A-level courses, had a tour of the facilities and took part in taster sessions in Law, Classics, Social Sciences and Film and Media. It was a very interactive day and pupils really enjoyed the experience.



## VISIT TO NEWCASTLE KEEP



On Tuesday 20 June and Friday 23 June, history students in Year 10 took part in a trip to Newcastle Keep.



## WARKWORTH CASTLE



On Tuesday 11 July, pupils in Year 7 took part in a trip to Warkworth Castle in Northumberland.



## IS THIS YOUR STORY? DRAMA PRODUCTION

On Tuesday 18 July, the Local Safeguarding Children Board, in partnership with the Customs House and Northumbria Police, delivered a drama production to pupils in Year 9 called 'Is This Your Story?' based on factual accounts of Child Sexual Exploitation cases that have happened across the region. The production aims to warn pupils of the dangers of CSE and provides essential advice on what young people should do to keep themselves safe and what to do if they have worries or concerns.



## KEYED IN TO ... CRUISE

Pupils from years 8, 9, 10 and 11, Hannah Wallace, Megan Elliott, Lauren Thomas, Callum Worth, Kieron West, Joseph Wright, Kristian Healey, Poppy Hotchkiss, Alex Johnson, Mia Thompson and Daniel Archer, have been working with 'The Key' to organise events for 200 young people from around the region, with a £6000 budget from Children in Need. The first event is a pirate-themed cruise on the River Tyne on Thursday 20 July, for 120 young people. 50 pupils from Hebburn Comprehensive have been invited, along with Captain Jack Sparrow! Our pupils came up with the idea during planning sessions. They also researched prices, activities and gifts for the night.



## KEY AWARDS 2017

On Thursday 29 June, pupils from the school picked up 3 awards at the Key Awards Ceremony at The Civic Centre in Newcastle.



'Gluetastic Squad', Mia Thompson, Daniel Archer, Morgan Dhesi, Matthew Finnigan, Emily Ward, made fantastic button Christmas cards for the Christmas Fair and won the 'Super Evaluator Award' for their button-themed evaluation. 'Banana Unicorns', Mia Thompson, Katie Brindley, Brooke Ransome and Emily Thornton, won the 'Panel Innovators Award' for the movie they made for the Key Fund Panel.

The 'Best Group of 2017 Award' was awarded to 'The Hebburn Lasses', Rosa Bissett and Naomi Jeffers for all their work for Operation Christmas Child and the homeless outreach groups. It was lovely to see the girls receive the recognition they deserve for all of their hard work.

## PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

On Friday 14 July, pupils in Year 10 studying photography took part in a trip to Newcastle. Pupils visited the Baltic, the Sage and the Side Gallery.

# BALTIC

## CABINET OFFICE AND BIG LOTTERY FUND VISIT

On Wednesday 29 June, a group of our year 8 pupils met with members of the Department for Culture and the Big Lottery Fund to talk about their Social Action projects. They discussed the Key framework and how it helped them to develop skills and what it means to them to be able to access funds to help them improve their community and help charities around the world. They were very impressed with our pupils and their social awareness.



## ART TRIP

On Thursday 13 July, pupils in Years 9 and 10 took part in an art trip to the 'Yorkshire Sculpture Park'.



## GRENFELL SOCIAL ACTION KEY PROJECTS

The Key group 'JASONS', Katie Brindley, Alice Collier and Brooke Ransome, were granted £250 to make up care packs to send to the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire.

The Key group 'C.C.E', Cerys Longworth, Charlotte Bullmore and Elyse Moore, were granted £250 to buy raffle prizes to raise money.



## 9H5 PIZZA AND GAME PARTY

Pupils in 9H5 planned a party for their class. They chose pizzas and board games and pitched a presentation to a Key Fund panel, impressing them so much they were granted £250 for their event. They ordered far too much pizza and fed half of the staff!



## LEGENDS OF THE PROM

William Newman, Ashleigh Goodfellow and Bethany White, in Year 11, were granted £250 to buy invites and decorations for the Prom.



## BIG PRIZE 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
- 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: Megan Elliott (281 merits)
- Year 10: Nathan Andrews (116 merits)
- Year 9: Rachel Laybourn (114 merits)
- Year 8: Bethaney Russell (109 merits)
- Year 7: Jennie Mothersdale (199 merits)

Megan Elliott was also top in school and received an additional prize.

### iPad Mini

Winner: William Newman

### Kindle (2 available)

Winner of Kindle 1: Megan Elliott

Winner of Kindle 2: Mahiya Haidari

**The following pupils won £10 gift vouchers:**

Jake Wells  
Emma Hubble  
Cameron Oughton  
Charlie Babiczuk  
Dylan Love  
Ben Brown  
Erin Ridley

**The following pupils won £5 gift vouchers**

Nathan Thomas  
Beth Liddle  
Toni-Leigh Lugg  
Lauren Thomas  
Shaun Cummins  
Rachael Finlay-Bajo



Megan Robson  
Katie Cook  
Poppy Hotchkiss  
Mia Blake

**The following pupils won a box of chocolates:**

Charlotte Jones  
Jennifer Murray  
Cal Brooman  
Amy Donaghy  
Leah Caldwell  
James Gallon  
Colin Cram  
Pawel Dobosz  
Jack McIntosh  
Jamie Milne

## YEAR 11 PROM

Students in Year 11 celebrated the end of their five years at Hebburn Comprehensive with a fabulous Prom at the Marriott Hotel in Gateshead. They all had a fantastic evening and were an absolute credit to both themselves and the school. Well done!



## SOUTH TYNESIDE COLLEGE VISIT

On 19 June, pupils in Year 10 took part in a taster day at South Tyneside College, experiencing various activities in a range of different career sectors.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Mr D R Thompson**  
**Head Teacher**