



# Hebburn Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of an exceptionally busy and productive term, I wanted to share with you what we have been doing in school, as well providing you with important information for September.

## KEY DATES

- Monday 4 September – school closed to pupils.
- Tuesday 5 September – school open to Years 7 and 11 only (normal times).
- Wednesday 6 September – school open for all year groups (normal times).
- Friday 27 October – pupils break up for half term.
- Monday 6 November – pupils return from half term.
- Friday 22 December – school closed to pupils (start of Christmas break).
- Monday 8 January – Pupils return from Christmas break.
- Friday 16 February – Pupils break up for February half term.

## STAFF NEWS

Sadly, the following staff will be leaving us at the end of term:

- Miss Studholme, teacher of Geography.
- Miss Brooker, teacher of History.
- Miss Currie, teacher of English
- Mrs Scott, Finance Assistant.

We wish them all well for the future and thank them for their contribution to the school.

In September, the following staff will be joining the school:

- Mr Ozuzu, teacher of Physics/Science.
- Miss Hoy, teacher of Geography.
- Mr Ishida, teacher of History
- Miss Llanas, teacher of Spanish
- Dr Watson-Broughton, teacher of English

Miss Shovlin, teacher of English, will return from maternity leave.

Miss Scott, Intervention Manager for Year 7, will return as Mrs Welsh.



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## DAY STRUCTURE IN SEPTEMBER

- All pupils should arrive at school no later than 8.35am.
- Pupil should go to their allocated entry point.  
Due to the increase in pupil numbers, there will be a staggered exit at the end of the school day.

Year 7	Entry 8:30am – 8:40am Form 8:40am - 9:00am	Period 1 9.00–10.00	Period 2 10.00–11.00	Break	Period 3 11.18-12.15	Period 4 12.15 – 1:15	Lunch 30m	Period 5 1:48 – 2:45	Dismissal 2:45pm - 2:50pm	
Year 8		Period 1 9.00 – 9.57	Break	Period 2 10.15–11.15	Period 3 11.15-12.12	Lunch 30m	Period 4 12.45 – 1:45	Period 5 1:45 – 2:45		
Year 9		Period 1 9.00 – 10.00	Period 2 10.00–11.00	Break	Period 3 11.18-12.15	Period 4 12:15– 12:45	Lunch 30m	Period 4 1.15 – 1:45		Period 5 1:45 – 2:45
Year 10		Period 1 9.00 – 9.57	Break	Period 2 10.15–11.15	Period 3 11.15-12.12	Lunch 30m	Period 4 12.45 – 1.45	Period 5 1:45 – 2:45		
Year 11		Period 1 9.00 – 10.00	Period 2 10.00 – 11.00	Break	Period 3 11.18-12.15	Period 4 12.15 – 1.15	Lunch 30m	Period 5 1:48 – 2:45		

## SCHOOL UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

- Mrs Hardy has sent out uniform and equipment expectations for September. Please click on the attached links:

Uniform <https://bit.ly/46Tcsbt>

Equipment <https://bit.ly/3pJpBmZ>

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL IN THE SUMMER TERM

### MAY

Our wonderful Faith, Culture & Worldviews Diversity Group planned and hosted an Eid Celebration morning for our Muslim students and their friends. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate Eid together, sharing food and chatting!



Well done to the cast of Matilda Jr. who took part in a drama event at Northumbria University on Monday 24 April. They had an excellent day and really enjoyed taking part in all of the activities. The group's behaviour was a credit to the school! We'd also like to thank the 'Chloe & Liam Together Forever Trust' for the funding which made the event possible.



As part of the NHS's 75th birthday celebrations, we received a special visit from Sir James Mackey, Chief Executive of Northumbria Healthcare NHS and former Hebburn Comprehensive School pupil. Sir James spoke with Year 9 pupils about his experience within the NHS and leading the region's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as his career journey to where he is today. Pupils were fascinated by his career and left feeling inspired by his success since leaving Hebburn Comprehensive School.

Pupils in Y7 and Y8 took part in the South Tyneside School Sport Network Activ8 taster sessions and tried their hands at football, Zumba and roller disco! They were delighted to represent our school and had a great day. Well done everyone!



Pupils had a great day taking royal selfies with our cardboard cutout of King Charles to celebrate the coronation! Our talented catering team created a banquet fit for a king and queen!



Our Y11 boys won the South Tyneside Y11 District Cup Final against Mortimer, winning 4-1. A fantastic achievement and a fitting final match for a team that has done phenomenally well since starting in Y7, winning 43/47 matches played.

There was a great turnout at our first ever after-school open-mic. In the spirit of Eurovision, pupils came together to perform and have fun and the atmosphere was incredible! Classical violin, original song performances, karaoke and even poetry recitals – there really was something for everyone! Well done to everyone who performed and thank you to the music department for their support.

Our Year 8 / 9 athletics team had a brilliant afternoon at Monkton Stadium. Fantastic performances all round, with a special mention to the following pupils who qualified to represent South Tyneside at the Durham Schools Championships: Callum Robinson (440m), Elliott Goodwin (High Jump), Joshua Dulson (Triple Jump), Samuel Taylor (Discus), Lily Camps (200m), Rosie O'Flynn (Javelin), Harvey Holmes (Javelin).

Our student council visited Hospitality and Hope in South Shields to find out about the logistics of running a foodbank. They were shown around and given the opportunity to help out by dating items, stacking shelves and making up food parcels. Pupils learned lots about the foodbank and asked many questions about how we can support our local community and set up our own school foodbank. The group behaved impeccably and were a real credit to the school.



In May we celebrated the launch of Read Between the Lines – a comic book anthology created by a small group of KS3 pupils at Hebburn Comprehensive. Over the past two terms, these pupils have worked with professional illustrator, Rumbidzai Savanhu, who has helped them to develop their artistic talents and storytelling skills. Pupils presented their work in a pop-up exhibition in the library which was open to pupils, staff and parents and did an incredible job of discussing their comics and sharing the inspiration behind their stories. They even got to autograph their comics at an official



book signing! The event was a huge success; we raised over £100 for the school library and completely sold out of books!

## JUNE

Our Y8 and Y9 'shadowers' have been doing some fantastic reading at our Carnegie Shadowing Book Club, casting their votes for their favourite nominated books. Mr Owens is super impressed with their enthusiasm and the insightful discussions taking place around these fantastic novels.

A big well done to the Y8 student council who kindly volunteered to take part in a litter pick to help keep our school and community tidy. Thank you, Year 8!

Well done to Year 8 who organised and took part in a sponsored silence to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

We had a fantastic afternoon of Orienteering with Year 7/8 at Marine Park! There was a wonderful atmosphere, and our children represented the school brilliantly.

Well done to everyone who took part in our Art Garden End-of-Year exhibition! It was great showcasing the talents of our pupils and sharing their brilliant work with the local community.



## JULY



Well done to the cast of Matilda Jr. who performed at The Customs House as part of the South Tyneside Dance Festival. They've been rehearsing for weeks and put on a fantastic performance. We could be prouder!

Our Y7 football team took part in an awards showcase and celebration event this month in recognition of all their hard work and commitment this year. And of course, it wouldn't be a proper celebration without pizza! A big well done to Reuben, Jayden, Corey, Joe, Emir, Theo, Jacob, Jack, Edson, George, Alex, Rhys, Tia and Archie!

Well done to our pupils who took part in the Street Golf competition at Boldon Golf Club. They had a great time and played brilliantly. And special shout-out to our U13 girls' team who came in third place!





As a reward for their hard work this year, our student librarian team received a special visit to Seven Stories, the National Centre for Children’s Books, where they had the opportunity to browse the Seven Stories’ exhibitions and select a book each to add to our library stock. They conducted themselves brilliantly and selected some fantastic books for the library. Well done everyone!

Our Y10 GCSE RE students visited Newcastle last week, attending Central Mosque and Newcastle Cathedral. They covered content and finished their day with a delicious meal at Portofino’s Italian funded via a Key Project completed by Molly, Bethany, Naomi and



workshops at Newcastle from their GCSE curriculum restaurant, which was Zoe as a treat for their class!

A huge merci et bravo to all the part in our MFL transition day. instrumental in the day’s success!



Year 6 pupils from Hebburn Lakes Primary School who took Special thanks to our language ambassadors who were

We said our final goodbye to the at their school leavers’ prom, which on Thursday at Lumley Castle. It was a spectacular evening and a well-deserved celebration for our Year 11 pupils who have worked so far over the past five years. They all looked incredible, and we wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

Class of 2023 took place



Our Year 10 Art students have been engaging in a series of figure drawing workshops with professional artist, Louise Bradley. Figure drawing and portraiture is notoriously difficult, but Hebburn pupils have, once again, done us proud!

Last week our Year 10 pupils attended the South Tyneside College Taster Day to get a feel for college life. Pupils had the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of subjects and they all thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

Congratulations to Ami Caizely and Matthew Waters for passing their Grade 1 with Distinction and Grade 2 with Merit Rock School Drum exams respectively. Well done!

A huge well done to 7P2 who won the Year 7 / Year 8 Library Class Reading League. They read over 8.5 million words this year and won the coveted library pizza party as a special reward! Shoutout to Phoebe Breeze who achieved Word Millionaire status this year, reading 1,230,981 words! Well done, Phoebe!



Congratulations to all our amazing Year 7, 8 and 9 competitors who took part in Sports Day this year. Despite the poor weather, the day went ahead with some last minutes changes. Students were enthusiastic, competitive and full of support for their teams. With some excellent individual performances, the day was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Thank you to our wonderful Year 10 leaders who helped set up equipment, officiate and record results. Thank you to all staff involved who helped organise and support the day.

Earlier this month, pupils enjoyed a fun-packed day out at Flamingo Land, despite the heavy showers! Pupils took advantage of the short queues and managed to enjoy lots of rides. Well done to all involved. Huge thanks to Mrs Moore for organising the trip.



A huge thank you to Connor McGowan, the Year 8 Council and to everyone who supported their efforts to raise money for Cancer Research. We initially had a target of £200, so to raise over that amount is a huge achievement! Well done to all involved.



AND FINALLY...

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**