



Newsletter - Student Leadership Edition

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

In this edition of the Huxlow newsletter, we are excited to highlight the incredible opportunities our students have to develop their leadership skills. At Huxlow, we are proud to place student leaders at the heart of our school community, where they make a meaningful impact on various aspects of school life.

Our student leaders take on diverse roles, including fundraising, serving as voices for their forms, representing their year groups on the school council, and being trained as anti-bullying ambassadors, sports leaders, and student librarians, to name just a few. All students are encouraged and supported to take part in leadership opportunities during their time at Huxlow, and whether involved directly or not, all students benefit from the positive impact of student leaders. This edition offers a glimpse into the many ways our student leaders contribute to our school's growth and development, fostering a sense of pride and unity within the Huxlow community.

Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter!

Kim Isaksen - Headteacher

THE HUXLOW WAY

ATTENDANCE



'Every day a student is absent from school has a significant impact on attendance, wellbeing, learning and sometimes behaviour. Please support us to ensure children are in school every day, even if they have mild coughs and colds. The following guidance is useful: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POINTS



GOLD STAR WINNERS

Eight exceptional students received a £20 voucher during the 'line up' on Monday, November 25, 2024, in recognition of their embodiment of the Huxlow Way. We take immense pride in each of their achievements! Let's keep supporting and celebrating the remarkable successes of our students!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **11 Dec - Christmas Celebration Yr7 4.30pm**
- **12 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day**
- **12 Dec - Yr13 Parents Evening at Rushden Academy**
- **12 Dec - Ethos Team 'Understanding Teenage Brain' Workshop**
- **18 Dec - Poland trip departs**
- **20 Dec - School closes for Christmas holidays**
- **7 Jan - School opens to students**



Freddie M & Freya C - Year 7
Oliver W & Lacy T - Y8
Oliver-Rylee H & Mya E - Y9
Jayden M & Eliyah T- Y10
Regan B & Emma C - Y11



SENIOR STUDENT PREFECTS

The newly appointed Sixth Form leadership team is actively engaging with the student voice and prefects to implement changes based on feedback from students and staff. They are organised into four committees focused on various initiatives:

- **Charity Committee:** Relaunching Christmas hamper donation boxes and collaborating with Year 11 prefects for a charity week supporting Save the Children.
- **Sports Committee:** Proposing improvements for sports clubs and introducing an extra sports-based enrichment program.
- **Environment Committee:** Introducing initiatives for a greener school, including regrowing plants, enhancing recycling efforts with multi-purpose bins, and creating artistic displays from recyclables.
- **Social Committee:** Planning festive events to spread holiday cheer throughout December.

Overall, the team is committed to promoting events that benefit both the sixth form and the entire school community.

YEAR 11 PREFECTS

Our main focus in the school is the well-being of students and making sure their voices are heard.

Students can come to us at any time and voice any concerns they may have, no matter how small, and we will make sure to pass them on to our head. Additionally, we help by running and organising certain school events such as charity week and information evenings.

We are representatives of our school inside and out, by volunteering to display our own views of the school and also doing work for the community. Being a prefect is a very rewarding role to have, it offers us many skills that we will need later on in life such as confidence, leadership, and organisation.



ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors have been trained by the Diana Award and are advocates to prevent all types of discrimination in our school.

They work hard in the school to show that bullying of any nature will not be tolerated.

We respect everyone and everyone should be able to speak out and be heard.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Repeated...

- Unkind words
- Name calling
- Racist and homophobic language
- Excluding people
- Being physical
- Being unpleasant online

Our school values
Ambition Respect Pride

KINDNESS
is 'The Huxlow Way'

Who can support you?

- Form tutor
- Head of year,
- Trusted adult,
- Anti-bullying Ambassadors
- Whisper anonymous support



Huxlow Academy

SPORTS LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Huxlow offers various pathways for sports leadership available to all students through core PE, BTEC lessons, and dedicated leadership academies. Leadership is integrated into lessons, allowing students to lead activities.

In Year 9, students engage in a leadership unit that culminates in planning and delivering a warm-up session. From Year 7, 20 students demonstrating leadership potential are selected for the Leadership Academy, which continues until Year 11 or beyond. Leadership academies organize 15-20 events annually for local junior schools and district events.

Additionally, a Girls Only leadership academy participates in the 'Your Time' qualification, delivering girls-only competitions to Year 7 students.



YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Our Youth Ambassadors represent all students across the Votes for Schools community.

They tell us what our voters want to see from us; lead nationwide conversations and represent Votes for Schools at different events, both online and in person.

Our ambassadors are key to planning our Votes for Schools Student Webinars, which are open to all students across the country. Our ambassadors think of the vital questions to ask on topics such as bullying, the online world and the climate crisis.

Votes for Schools is a platform used by all year groups each week, covering a wider range of curricula than any other resource provider - including PSHE, SMSC & British Values.

Students discuss relevant issues and cast votes to decide on what they think about the issue after the discussion.



DIVERSITY AMBASSADORS

The DEI (Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion) leaders at Huxlow Academy are devoted advocates for a just and inclusive school environment. These enthusiastic individuals tirelessly promote the beauty of diversity, ensure equal access to opportunities, and cultivate a sense of belonging for every student and staff member.

Their efforts range from organising lively Culture Day celebrations to supporting Pride events, as the DEI team spearheads initiatives that educate and inspire. They work in partnership with students, staff, and the broader community to foster a nurturing atmosphere where every voice is heard, and differences are embraced.

With a strong dedication to listening, learning, and driving change, the DEI leaders at Huxlow Academy truly embody the principles of respect, understanding, and inclusion.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH



On Friday, festive spirits were all around as staff and students gathered to enjoy a delightful Christmas lunch together. The hall was full of laughter and cheerful conversations and plates were piled high with turkey, stuffing, and all the trimmings. This annual tradition fostered a strong sense of community, reminding all present of the joy and warmth of this time of year.





CHARITY WEEK

Join in with the fun at Huxlow Academy's annual Christmas Charity Week.

Staff and students will take part in fun activities all week whilst raising funds for Save the Children and the Daylight Centre.



- **Tuesday** - Christmas Karaoke in the hall - watch staff and students sing festive tunes
- **Wednesday** - Crossbar Challenge - 50p for 3 attempts to hit the crossbar
- **Thursday** - Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day - wear something Christmas themed and raise funds for Save the Children - suggested donation £1
- **Friday** - 'I'm a Huxlow Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!' - Watch Huxlow Celebrity's take on this year's eating challenge - who will be crowned King or Queen for 2024?



All funds raised will be donated to Save the Children and The Daylight Centre, a local charity who support disadvantaged and vulnerable adults particularly rough sleepers, vulnerably housed, those in poverty and those who are socially isolated.

Please donate generously and help us support these worthwhile charities.



CASH ONLY

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM
PARENT WORKSHOPS**
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF SECONDARY AGED CHILDREN

Venue:
Rectory Road Clinic
Rectory Road,
Rushden,
NN10 0AE

**UNDERSTANDING MY
TEEN'S WORRIES.**
Wed 29th January 2025
9:30-10:30am

**MANAGING MY TEEN'S
EMOTIONS.**
Thurs 27th February 2025
9:30-10:30am



Mental Health Support Team
(MHS) Secondary Parent
Workshops



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO
SIGN UP TO A WORKSHOP.

Understanding my Teen's Worries

Parents or carers can be the first to observe a change in their child mood and can play a crucial role in addressing difficulties. Whilst worry is a common and healthy emotion, it may present in a range of ways, and therefore be difficult for parents/carers to explore. This workshop will provide some theoretical and practical guidance on how to understand and manage worry.

Managing my Teens Emotions

Join us for a practical and supportive workshop designed to help parents navigate their children's emotional world. In this session, we'll explore strategies for recognizing and understanding your child's feelings, from frustration and anger to anxiety and sadness. You will learn how to improve communication and connection. We will provide you with the skills to respond with empathy and support, helping both you and your child manage difficult emotions with confidence. Whether you're dealing with tantrums, mood swings, or everyday challenges, we hope this workshop will leave you feeling empowered and equipped to guide your child through their emotional journey.



GRACE FOUNDATION

Christmas

Hamper Appeal

Huxlow Academy
Help support Huxlow families this holiday!
We're collecting:

Non-Perishables:
26th Nov until the 17th Dec
Stuffing, mince pies, chocolates,
cheese crackers, cranberry sauce,
custard, yule logs, and more.

Perishables: -
9th Dec until the 17th Dec.
Potatoes, Carrots, Parsnips,
sprouts, Turkey*
Vouchers towards meat

Drop Off at Huxlow Reception
Dates: Nov 26 - Dec 17, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

GRACE FOUNDATION

UNDERSTANDING THE TEENAGE BRAIN

Join us for a workshop at Huxlow Academy where you will gain understanding of the development of the teenage brain, the effects of society and some practical things to help support your young person.

**Date : Thursday 12
December
Time : 10am - 11am**

SCAN ME

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