



Huxlow Academy

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May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your child as they join Huxlow Academy. We are excited to start this journey with you and hope that the years that your child will spend here will be both happy and memorable. The ambition of the Pastoral Team is that every student leaves the school a confident, successful, and responsible young adult.

You will have received a letter confirming a place for your son/daughter at Huxlow Academy from September 2023. We would like to invite all Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in September to attend our Transition Events on **Thursday 6th July and Friday 7th July**.

Starting in a secondary school will fill you and your child with a mixture of emotions. These can range from excitement to worry – all of which are normal. We hope that confidence is gained quickly from a successful transition and that all students will settle with ease within a short space of time. At Huxlow Academy, we pride ourselves on providing our new students and parents with a smooth and successful transition from primary school to secondary school.

We invite students in for a 2-day transition experience. It is an opportunity for pupils to experience life at secondary school, to meet new friends and have a 'practice-run' before September. It will also help to address any concerns they, and you, may have and give them confidence before they start their new school.

Uniform

Our uniform event was held from 3pm -7pm on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 by Karl Sport, our uniform supplier. This was well attended. If you missed this event Karl Sports has a shop on Trafalgar Road in Kettering where your child will be able to try on uniform for size. You will also be able to place your uniform order there so that it is delivered in time for your child to start with us in September.

You will be able to purchase ties directly from Huxlow Academy through Wisepay. Details will follow shortly concerning this and other important information.

Transfer Days

These will take place on Thursday 6th July 2023 and Friday 7th July 2023.

Pupils should arrive at Huxlow Academy by **8.50am** on both days and meet in the Main Hall. They must wear their **Primary school uniform** and bring a **pencil case** with their equipment. After a short introduction, they are placed into their tutor groups. During the transition, they will experience a variety of lessons around the academy and meet some of the staff. They will work on team-building activities and work with their Form Tutors. They will learn about the expectations of the academy and our transition ambassadors will be able to be with each tutor group to help answer any questions your child may have.

At lunchtime on the first day, pupils will be provided with lunch from the academy canteen. On the second day they are advised to bring a packed lunch as we are a cashless site, and no food will be able to be purchased from the canteen until students start with us in September. Those students who receive free school meals will be able to have food from the canteen to a maximum of £2:35. Arrangements have been made with the bus company for pupils to use the buses from Finedon, Woodford and Addington. Otherwise, it is the responsibility of parents and carers to arrange transport to and from Huxlow on both days.

At **6pm on Thursday 6th July**, we would like to invite you to the Main Hall to meet our pastoral team. Our team of Year 7 teachers, the SENDCO, Pastoral and Senior Leaders will be able to have individual chats with each of you to discuss your child's transition. We work closely with our feeder schools, receiving all the required information concerning your child. Pupils will feel more confident if they start September with a transition project, they have been working on during the summer holidays.

You will have already received an email which contains the links to two Microsoft Forms which need to be completed. A GDPR Consent form and A Data Information form. Please can these forms be completed prior to the transition days. If you are unable to complete the forms via this method, please email r.neuville@huxlow.northants.sch.uk and a paper copy will be posted to you for completion.

Academy staff and transition ambassadors will visit your child at their primary school to speak about their move to secondary school and to answer any questions they may have.

We have a new Photography Statement, which is in your pack. Please take a moment to read this, we now automatically tick that you are happy for us to take and use photos of your child both internally and externally. If you wish to opt out of this automatic addition, please email r.neuville@huxlow.northants.sch.uk and they will be removed, ensuring that no photo will be used of your child.

If you would like any further information, or **if your child will not be able to attend either of the transfer days**, please contact the academy at HA.Transition23-24@huxlow.northants.sch.uk to let us know.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Yours sincerely,

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the Huxlow Academy community where our core values of **Ambition, Pride and Respect** are central to everything we do.



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