



# Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This term students have experienced a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom. There have been trips, visit and immersion days where students experienced first hand the impact of a life of crime during a visit from 'Prison? Me? No Way'. The Sixth Form have visited Parliament, we have welcomed the Royal Shakespeare Company through our doors and students in cadet and scouting uniforms helped us to proudly remember those that have died at war during the Remembrance parade.

We have also welcomed a huge number of year 11 parents through the doors to discuss support for students who will start to sit their GCSE exams in May. Thank you for your support and commitment.

It really has been a pleasure to see our students embrace each and every opportunity and proudly demonstrate 'The Huxlow Way' so far this term. I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

Ethos - Toast club. A safe space for students to relax, unwind and chat with the Ethos team over toast.

Kind Regards

Kim Isaksen - Headteacher

## THE HUXLOW WAY

### ATTENDANCE

**YR7-11**  
**92.1%**

**TARGET**  
**95%**

**YR12-13**  
**93.9%**

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POINTS

**Yr7**  
**52865**

**Yr8**  
**50964**

**Yr9**  
**49394**

**Yr10**  
**47902**

**Yr11**  
**51102**

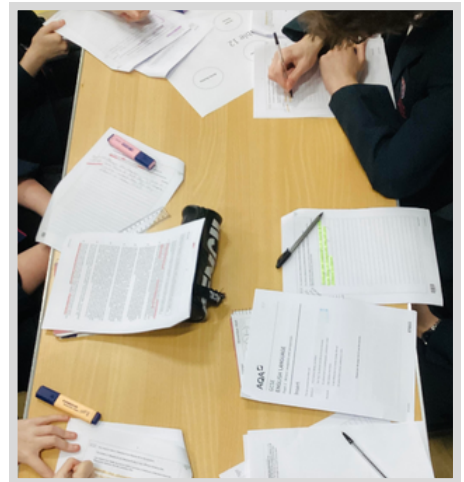
## YEAR 11

On Thursday 13th November we hosted a very successful Year 11 Subject Evening; it was a pleasure to see so many of you engaged in supporting your child's learning journey. We're thrilled the event was a tremendous success, with students and teachers alike benefitting from the valuable conversations and planning for the upcoming mock exams.

As part of our preparation efforts, Year 11 students took part in their first Walking Talking Mocks in the Hall today. This exercise was designed to help them familiarise themselves with the examination process, and they responded positively to this experience, showing both enthusiasm and focus. We are confident that this will build their readiness for the mocks and equip them with strategies to manage exam conditions with confidence.

To further support students and parents, we are excited to announce the launch of a dedicated Year 11 platform on our school website:

[www.huxlow.northants.sch.uk/home/students/year-11/](http://www.huxlow.northants.sch.uk/home/students/year-11/)



## ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

A group of Year 11 worked with members of the Royal Shakespeare company to improve their understanding of Romeo Juliet which is a play they are studying as part of their GCSE in Literature. Well done all of you!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**27.11 - KS4 Ethos Team Coffee Morning**

**28.11 - Yr7-11 Annual Flu Programme**

**28.11 - Poland Trip Parent Meeting**

**05.12 - KS5 Nottingham Uni Trip**

# STUDENT VOICE

Our students have been discussing key issues regarding Teaching and Learning, Behaviour and Attitudes and Personal Development in their forms, with their form reps and as a Student Council. Members of the Student Council presented to Mrs Isaksen confidently on some of these issues and ideas they would like to be considered. Mrs Isaksen is now working on these along with other members of staff, including looking into a reporting system for students to give feedback on issues during the day that they are unhappy about.

We had a successful Careers Day for Years 10 and 11. One student commented, 'I really enjoyed the people coming in and speaking to us as I realised what I want to do in my next steps' whilst another stated 'I really liked the day overall but there could be people who can tell you how to apply for college / apprenticeships. I think this will help younger years as they go into year 10 and 11.' This feedback is helping with the planning of the Key Stage 3 Careers Day in April.

# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We were honoured again to be asked to participate in this year's Remembrance service in the town. After meeting the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, four of our students participated in the service of remembrance, laying a wreath on the Academy's behalf, before having the honour of reading out the names of those fallen from the town during both World War I and World War II.



# SCIENCE

## Science Lessons Spark Curiosity with Practical Experiments!

Since the appointment of our new Head of Science, Mr. Parish, practical work has taken centre stage in science lessons at Huxlow Academy. This week, our Year 11 students delved into the fascinating world of water treatment. They investigated the purity and dry content of a water sample before applying their knowledge to desalinate saltwater using distillation.

This hands-on approach not only reinforces key scientific concepts but also nurtures curiosity and a love for learning. We encourage you to ask your children about the practical experiments they've been involved in this week – it's a fantastic way to spark discussions about their learning!

Keep an eye on this space for more exciting updates from our Science Department.



# PRISON? ME? NO WAY!



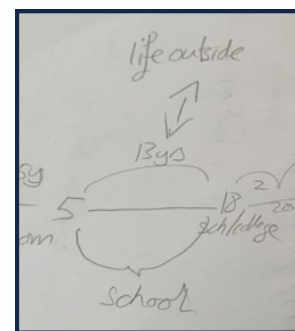
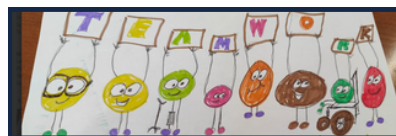
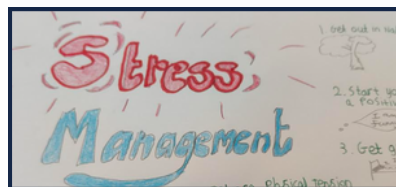
On Friday 8th November, our Year 8 students participated in workshops on crime. This included visiting a mock prison cell and discussing issues such as County Lines and how certain choices may possibly lead to circumstances that could impact the rest of our lives. This day complements our PSHE curriculum and allows students to meet Magistrates, Prison Officers and those who may have spent some time in prison, due to their choices.

# SIXTH FORM

Our recent visit to the **Houses of Parliament** in London was marked by a cold yet mercifully dry day. It was an unforgettable experience for the students, filled with inspiration and enlightenment as they toured one of the most iconic buildings in the United Kingdom. The tour provided students with an opportunity to explore several significant areas within the Houses of Parliament and gain valuable insights into the history of the British Parliament and its functioning today. The guide explained the evolution of this venerable institution, from its medieval beginnings to its current role in shaping national policy.



# STUDENT WELLBEING WORK



# HEALTH & WELLBEING

Did you know there are 5 elements to wellbeing?  
Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Social & Spiritual

We have lots of help and support at school if you feel your child is struggling with any of these (grief specialists, counsellors, play therapists, family support workers etc). Please contact their form tutor in the first instance who will direct your concern to the relevant member of staff.

5 easy ways to improve health & wellbeing:

1. Get out in the fresh air
2. Go for a walk/do some exercise
3. Do something you enjoy
4. Talk to your friends or family
5. Learn a new skill

Health & Wellbeing Support Information

<https://www.huxlow.northants.sch.uk/assets/Wellbeing-support-for-students.pdf>



