

# Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

The term is flying by and we have already seen many exciting developments within our school community since returning from the summer break.

We are thrilled to introduce our new Ethos Team, who will provide additional support and opportunities for all students at Huxlow. In addition, we have welcomed several new teachers, leaders, and support staff, each bringing valuable experience and expertise to help raise standards across all aspects of Academy life.

At Huxlow, we are deeply committed to our mission: ensuring all students thrive through excellence. One of the key drivers of success is student attendance and this year, it remains a top priority. Attendance has a significant impact on student outcomes, and it is crucial that we all work together to understand patterns of absence, address root causes, and ensure our young people are in school as much as possible.

To highlight the importance of attendance, here is how absence affected exam results last year:

Attendance	Days Missed	Lessons Missed	Average Impact on GCSE Grades in all subjects
50%	95	475	3 grades below target
80%	35	175	1+ grades below target
95%	10	50	1/5 of a grade below target
96+%	Less than 10	Less than 50	Met or exceeded target

We will be sending regular reminders to parents and students as we work toward this goal. Even occasional absences can quickly add up, not only impacting academic performance but also mental health and well-being.

If your child is experiencing any challenges with attendance, I strongly encourage you to contact their form tutor as soon as possible. We are here to work with you and your child to achieve our target of 97%+ attendance this year, to ensure every student has access to the strong education they are entitled to.

Huxlow Academy students continue to make us proud this term, demonstrating 'The Huxlow Way' through excellent attitudes to learning, acts of resilience and kindness and living our values as they appreciate Academy life. I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter, and can have a glimpse into some of the brilliant initiatives and achievements that make the Huxlow community so special.

Best wishes

Kim Isaksen – Headteacher

## THE HUXLOW WAY

### ATTENDANCE

YR7-11  
92.3%

TARGET  
95%

YR12-13  
93.6%

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Yr7  
20787

Yr8  
19678

Yr9  
18852

Yr10  
18779

Yr11  
20497

### Attendance Matters

Attendance is directly linked to achievement. Students who attend more get better grades.

Department for Education research shows that 17 school days of absence (90% attendance) results in all of a student's GCSE grades dropping by one grade.

This could be the difference between passing or failing any of their courses.

Higher attendance means higher achievement.

If grades suffer due to poor attendance, qualifications achieved can have a long term impact for the future.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

2/3/4 Oct - Yr 7 Jungle Parc Trip

2 Oct - GCSE Drama - Dergate Trip

3 Oct - Poland Parent Meeting

10 Oct - Iceland Trip Departs

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**SIXTH FORM**  
 One Trust, Two Schools, One Vision of Excellence  
**OPEN EVENING**  
**17 OCTOBER 2024**  
 At Huxlow Academy

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**Save The Date**

Contact us  
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## SIXTH FORM

The end of week 3 brought about some fantastic discussions with tutors and peers about post 18 pathways during year 12 PSHE. Year 12 students are forming successful study habits and year 13 are working hard to implement revision into their routines and completing their university applications. Two students have gained a place on a trip run by the Holocaust Education Trust to visit Auschwitz in October and we will soon be advertising an upcoming visit to Parliament and a London Residential that will take place at the end of year 12.

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 NHS Foundation Trust

## FLU JAB

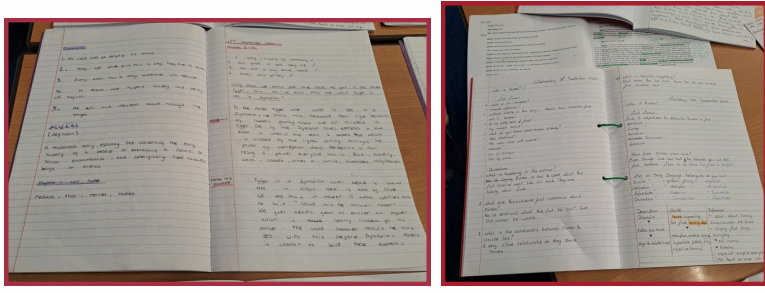
Please note the Flu Vaccines have been changed to Thursday 28th November 2024

## OPEN EVENING

We were delighted to welcome so many prospective students to our Open Evening on Thursday 26th September. More than 150 families visited our site. and Year 6 students and their families had the opportunity to explore our school and experience everything we have to offer. This was a fantastic chance to tour our facilities, meet our dedicated teachers, and learn more about the wide range of subjects, extracurricular activities, and support systems available to our students.

## BEAUTIFUL BOOKS

We love seeing students take pride in their work with their Beautiful Books.  
 It is important that students have their blue/black pen, purple pen, ruler and pencil to ensure they can produce their highest standard of work. #HuxlowPride



## NEW CHANGING ROOMS

We are delighted at the addition of our new changing facilities. Students are able to demonstrate pride in their uniform by wearing it every day and being able to change for physical activities. The new facilities are spacious, well-equipped, and designed to cater to the needs of all students, promoting a positive and inclusive environment. #HuxlowPride



## MEET THE STAFF MRS GROVE

### FUN FACTS

- I have four sons
- I have two Granddaughters
- I like to Knit & Crochet
- My favorite color is pink
- I love to read on my kindle

### ABOUT ME

My name is Mrs Grove and have worked in education for 17 years. I am working hard to help students improve their attendance at Huxlow as I believe everyday does matter and I want our students to be able to reach their full potential in the future.

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We ask that students bring a purple pen to every lesson, as this helps them mark and correct the 4 recall questions that begin each session, reinforcing their learning. By using the purple pen, we're encouraging students to understand that it's perfectly fine not to know an answer right away, but always important to give it their best effort. This routine supports positive learning habits, helping your child build confidence and strengthen their knowledge over time.