

# Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This edition of our newsletter focuses on the themes of wellbeing, belonging, and pride at Huxlow. We are committed to providing a holistic education that meets the needs of all students, offering not only a high-quality, inclusive learning experience but also supporting their physical, emotional, and personal development. In this issue, you'll hear more about our Ethos Team, who are building on Huxlow's great work and promoting holistic education.

This term, our new Year 7 students enjoyed a trip to Jungle Park with their forms and tutors, creating lasting memories and strengthening their bonds. We are confident this is just the beginning of many unforgettable experiences at Huxlow! One of the most powerful tools in supporting student wellbeing and holistic education is positive attendance. You will notice increased communication regarding attendance as we aim towards our 97% target. This will give all students the very best opportunity to excel during their time at Huxlow.

We also continue to celebrate students' pride in their work and it's been a privilege to share in their accomplishments.

This issue will give you a glimpse of the tremendous pride felt by students and staff as we demonstrate 'The Huxlow Way' each day. Please enjoy.

Kind Regards

Kim Isaksen  
Headteacher

## THE HUXLOW WAY

### ATTENDANCE

**YR7-11**  
**92.5%**

**TARGET**  
**95%**

**YR12-13**  
**93.3%**

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POINTS

**Yr7**  
**29746**

**Yr8**  
**29717**

**Yr9**  
**28070**

**Yr10**  
**28315**

**Yr11**  
**30405**

## ETHOS TEAM



We would like to welcome the Ethos Team to our Academy. Mrs Ijih, our Ethos Leader, Mrs Matthews, our Ethos Family Support Worker and Samonna, our Youth Worker have joined our Academy. Mrs Ijih will work with senior staff to coordinate a bespoke Ethos Programme that helps improve student outcomes, Mrs Matthews will engage with families to help improve student outcomes, whilst Samonna will help meet student's emotional, relational and spiritual needs to help improve student outcomes.



## GOLD STAR WINNERS

Eight more outstanding students were awarded a £20 voucher during Line Up on Friday for demonstrating the Huxlow Way. We are incredibly proud of each one of them! Let's continue to support and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our students!

**Corey M & Keanui H T - Year 7**  
**Amy G & Jay E - Y8**  
**Frances B & Toby W - Y9**  
**Sienna F & Kuba G-W- Y10**  
**Isabelle G & Devan L - Y11**

Join us for a tour of the school and talk with the staff and students.  
Book today to reserve your place [bit.ly/HARA2025](https://bit.ly/HARA2025).



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**15.10 - Careers Day Yr10 & Yr11**

**17.10 - Post 16 Open Evening**

**17.10 6th Form De Montfort Uni Trip**

**24.10 School Closes for Half Term**

# YEAR 7

Yr 7's have had an exciting couple of weeks. Last week they had the opportunity to visit Irchester park and take part in the Jungle Parc experience. Each tutor group were able to go on the high ropes and all showed resilience, kindness to peers and the ability to overcome their fears. They also enjoyed walking around Irchester with their form tutor and develop relationships and form new friendships. Students have received rewards this week for 100% attendance and no negative behaviour points ( five students from each tutor group) and two students received a £20 voucher for having the most positive behaviour points so far this term.



# SIXTH FORM

Year 12 students recently completed a student voice to reflect upon how they are settling in so far. Here are some of the key results:

- 100% agree students are expected to work hard and do their best
- 99% agree students are encouraged to work independently
- 93% agree students are taught well across their classes
- 92% agree students work is marked in a constructive way

When asked what is the best thing about being in 6th Form the responses were... the people, the lessons, having our own space in the 6th form centre, more freedom, study time, the dress code, independence, being treated with respect and many more!



# SAFEGUARDING

**A short film for schools exploring family mental health difficulties**

Our Time have created a short film called 'The Perfect Ice Cream' to help explain that not all families are the same, and that developing empathy for others is important. Created with young people, this short film explores family mental health difficulties in a sensitive, familiar way, helping young people to understand it's not as uncommon as they may think. Watch the film [here](#). Their mission is to ensure that all young people growing up with a parent with mental illness, receive support. You can help to raise awareness of this issue by sharing the film with pupils in your school. Find more resources: <https://ourtime.org.uk/>

# BE PREPARED

Supporting students' mental health is key to helping them focus and engage in learning, as reducing stress and anxiety allows for better concentration in the classroom. One way to reduce this anxiety is by ensuring students are prepared each day.

Having the right equipment, checking homework deadlines on Go4Schools, eating breakfast and arriving at school warm and dry with a coat all contribute to a sense of readiness and calm, which helps students feel more confident and focused on their learning. Arriving at school warm and dry, further ensures they are comfortable and able to concentrate, helping them stay focused and fully participate in lessons.



# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

World mental health day was celebrated on Friday to show that everyone has mental health and it's important we all know how to take care of our mental health. We had a quiet/wellbeing room at break and lunch, yellow badges, wellbeing activities, assemblies, positivity bunting sharing messages about self worth and mental health.



# UNIFORM REMINDER

**High standards of uniform = Increased behaviours for learning**  
Thank you for your continued support by ensuring your children follow our uniform policy. If you are in any doubt regarding an item, please see our uniform policy or contact your child's Head or Year

<https://www.huxlow.northants.sch.uk/assets/HA-UNIFORM-Policy-v5.June-2024.pdf>

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you receive any of the following benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals:  
Universal Credit (annual net income of no more than £7,400) **Are you entitled?**  
Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance  
Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999  
The guarantee element of Pension Credit  
Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)  
Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying)  
Huxlow Academy will also receive funding for resources, equipment and additional support, so it is always worth applying even if your child does not wish to have a school meal. For further information and to apply, please see North Northamptonshire Council's website. <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>  
If you require any support, please contact [enquiries@huxlow.northants.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@huxlow.northants.sch.uk) and a member of the team will contact you.



# CUCINA

Cucina are running a range of theme days over the year, and we are looking forward to a Mexican inspired theme day on Tuesday 15th October. We hope students will embrace this opportunity and enjoy trying new flavours and foods.