

Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

What a wonderful first two weeks we have had. I want to thank everyone for maintaining our high standards of uniform and embracing our move to 'shoes'. Almost every student has attended school in full uniform, demonstrating a real sense of pride and commitment to 'The Huxlow Way.' There is a buzz around the Academy as we all strive for excellence.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new year 7 and year 12 students, all of whom have settled incredibly well. Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 students have enjoyed being recognised for demonstrating excellence with Gold stars in their brand new planners. These will be a crucial tool for organisation and rewarding students through the stamp system. They must be brought to school each day please.

This term we welcome our Ethos Team, comprising an Ethos Lead, Family Support Worker and Youth Worker. The team will be working closely with students to:

- *Develop the whole person
- *Improve student wellbeing
- *Advance student outcomes

We are one of 13 fortunate schools in the country to partner with The Grace Foundation to provide students with this opportunity to thrive through holistic education and support. If you want to find out more about their fantastic work please visit their website <https://www.grace-foundation.org.uk/>

There have been many developments to our site over the break, as part of ongoing plans to improve standards in all aspects of Academy life. This week students have tested out the brand new gym floor and set of purpose-built changing rooms which enhance our PE provision.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in driving up standards of uniform, behaviour and attitudes to learning as we all share the common goal of ensuring Huxlow Academy is the environment each and every one of our young people deserves.

As always, please make contact should you have any queries, concerns or positive comments. If we work together excellence is possible.

Please enjoy the first issue of our newsletter this academic year. I am confident you will see our school values of Ambition, Respect and Pride shining through.

Best wishes

Kim Isaksen - Head Teacher

THE HUXLOW WAY

ATTENDANCE

YR7-11
93.4%

TARGET
95%

YR12-13
92.3%

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POINTS

Yr7
8390

Yr8
7993

Yr9
7086

Yr10
8095

Yr11
9187

UPCOMING EVENTS

18.09 - Yr 7 & 11 Tutor Eve

20.09 - Iceland Parent Mtg

26.09 - yr6-7 Open Evening

**27.09 - 6thform Macmillan
Coffee Morning**

GOLD STAR WINNERS

Eight more outstanding students were awarded a £20 voucher during Line Up today, for achieving the most gold stars in their year group for the past two weeks.

We are incredibly proud of each one of them! Let's continue to support and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of our students!

Matthew B & Kalina Z - Year 7

Demi D & Caitlyn M - Y8

Oliva H & Freddie H - Y9

Kara R & Harry L - Y10

Mackenzie T & Tilly K - Y11

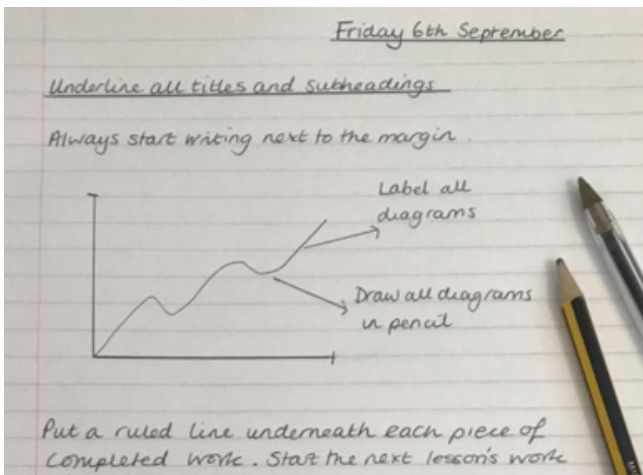
YEAR 7

Year 7 have had an amazing start to their secondary school journey. The standards of uniform and behaviour have been brilliant and they should feel really proud of themselves. We have seen some fantastic summer project work coming in and these will be judged next week by our Learning Leaders and displayed at the tutor evening. In our assembly this week, we announced, as a year group they have achieved over 500 gold stars for exceptional work and we look forward to keeping this momentum going. This morning Mrs Sghendo had the pleasure of handing out £20 vouchers to the top 2 achievers, Matthew B & Kalina Z, for positive behaviour points.



BEAUTIFUL BOOKS

We have started this term with a focus on Beautiful Books, having well presented books that we can all be proud of. Well-presented work demonstrates that students pride in their work and are serious about being successful in learning. Being prepared for learning with the basics of blue/black pen, ruler, pencil and purple pen is an important step in supporting learning to be successful



This term, we welcome Justin Folley from Commando Joe's who will be working with our students to help develop their character. Commando Joe's exists to help young people find their place, feel capable and ultimately flourish in a challenging world. Justin will meet with individuals on a weekly basis and write reports to show the impact that his work is having on developing them as young individuals in an ever changing society.

SIXTH FORM






During the very successful first week, our new year 12 students at Huxlow and Rushden Academy Sixth Form have immersed themselves into their new routines and embraced the challenge of their post 16 studies. They demonstrated pride in how they conduct themselves around the academy and are showing fantastic organisation, collaboration and drive in the lessons that have taken place over the week. Each student has been given a Chromebook which has been well received and will allow students to create and maintain high quality work throughout their time in Sixth Form.



READY FOR SUCCESS

At Huxlow Academy, we believe in Thriving Through Excellence, and part of achieving excellence is ensuring that all students are properly prepared for the school day. Being well-equipped supports students in reaching their full potential, helps them stay organised, and encourages a positive learning environment.

Here's a quick reminder of what every student should bring to school:

-  A suitable bag large enough to carry books, a P.E. kit, and all necessary equipment
-  At least one blue or black pen, a pencil, a ruler, a reading book, and the Huxlow Academy planner (compulsory)
-  Purple biro for self-assessment and corrections, encouraging students to take pride in reviewing/improving their work
-  A rubber to help maintain our beautiful books
-  Coloured crayons (optional, but useful for creative tasks)

A FANTASTIC START FROM OUR NEW CATERING PROVIDER CUCINA!

Cucina has been working closely with us to provide students with a wider choice of healthy and enjoyable options at breakfast, break and lunch. We have received lots of positive feedback from students, and it is lovely to see them enjoying a wider range of food styles, and embracing new flavours and foods. We still have lots of the classic favourites, including the always popular Wednesday roast.



IMPACT
FOOD
GROUP

Innovate

Cucina

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Ambition • Respect • Pride



A Warm Invitation to Our Open Evening
Thursday 26th September
5.30pm to 7.30pm

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