



Huxlow Academy

Ambition • Respect • Pride

Our Ref: PLE/KHU/HTLet
Date: 21st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to start this letter by paying tribute to all of our wonderful Year 11 students who behaved impeccably during the last two weeks of mock exams and displayed all of our core values.

The mock exams gave the students the opportunity to complete full papers and experienced the challenges of time management. Teachers will share raw marks with students before the Easter holidays in their lessons to allow students to identify knowledge gaps for their revision over the holidays. Students will access their full grades in a Mock Results Day taking place on the 20th April. Key information will be sent to parents early next week about Easter revision sessions and how to support their child over the holidays with their independent study. I would encourage students to attend any sessions offered in school for subjects they are taking and use the advice they have been given to plan their revision at home during the break.

Year 7 Parents Evening will take place tomorrow (Wednesday 22nd March) at 4pm in the Gym/Hall, so please ensure you have booked appointments. If you have any issues with booking, please email Mrs Huchet h.huchet@huxlow.northants.sch.uk.

The school's spectacular production of Fame Jnr will be taking place next week on the 28th, 29th and 30th March. Tickets are selling fast but are still available to buy via WisePay, so please come and watch our incredibly talented students and enjoy an evening of fantastic entertainment.

The cast performed at Irthlingborough Junior School last week and I immediately received an email from the Headteacher, Mr Garley, who was amazed that with two weeks left until the performance our students were 'already so polished and professional' and he can't wait to see the full production on stage.

'SMASHED!' is a theatre group touring the country to educate young people about the dangers of underage drinking. On Thursday 9th March our Year 8 students received a visit from 'SMASHED!' during PSHE, where they watched a drama performance and took part in a workshop. The students were engaged, asked thought-provoking questions and were given the opportunity to change the possible outcomes of the performance by making different decisions to show how choices can affect our future. It was a very valuable experience for all involved.

Charity Week 2 and Red Nose Day! Last week, students and staff participated in our second charity week of the year. The Year 11 Prom Committee have raised over £400 for their prom through the selling of sweet treats and the organisation of staff and students lunchtime activities such as sponge the teacher, staff karaoke, Just Dance and Staff vs. Student Volleyball. On Friday 10th March the school raised £450 for Comic Relief, with students and staff taking part in a mufti day. There were some 'Wallys' amongst the staff as well as a Disney themed department that generated a great atmosphere across the day! Thank you, as always, for your support.

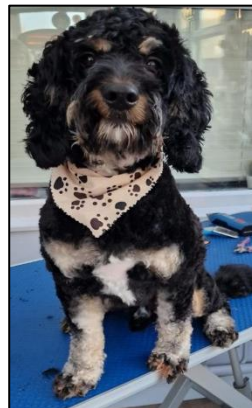
Year 10 students are also raising funds for Cransley Hospice by organising a charity football match, which is taking place at lunchtime today.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your help in supporting our community. Huxlow Academy is working towards the Healthy Schools and School Food Champions Awards. We are looking for the support of benefactors or organisations to help support families in need within the community. If you or someone you know are happy to donate food, personal care items or any other products to support local families in need, please get in touch with the school using the following email address: enquiries@huxlow.northants.sch.uk

Our catering provider, Aspens, has reviewed their policy regarding the daily spending limit for student canteen WisePay accounts. The default daily spend limit will now be set at £6, however, if a parent would like to set a higher limit they can email the Aspens team Huxlow.academy@aspens-services.com

We have been facing increasing transaction charges when funds are added to WisePay. We pay a fee of around 50p every time money is added. As a result, we have decided to set a minimum deposit of £5 on WisePay going forward. I hope you understand this decision as costs continue rise in all areas for the Academy budget.

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming an exciting, and very cute, new addition to our staff team. Dudley will be joining us very soon to take up the role of well-being dog! Dudley has been fully trained and will be accompanied on a lead by Mr Northway, our Business Manager/his owner, or other staff at all times. He will be introduced to our students gradually over the coming weeks and will act as a calming influence on students that wish to get to know him. A full risk assessment has been undertaken and we are pleased to be joining the many other local schools that have introduced a well-being dog to their team. If you have any concerns, or wish to inform us of any information about your child's interaction with Dudley, please contact Mr Northway via the school office. Well-being dogs are proven to help students to calm if they are feeling upset or agitated and also generally support our value of respect by developing empathy within the whole community. Please see the adorable photos of Dudley below.



Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing you at Fame Jnr next week!

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Paul Letch'.

Paul Letch
Headteacher