



Huxlow Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

It really was wonderful to be able to open up the Academy to prospective parents and students for Open Evening last Thursday. Our students and staff were very proud to share the many fantastic opportunities that we provide, and the student guides and speakers really represented the school values as role models and ambassadors. Parents commented on the maturity and friendliness of the students, and also the wide variety of curriculum demonstrations on show.

It is hard to believe that we are already entering the fifth week of term. It has certainly been a positive and busy few weeks. In the sporting arena we have had success in the recent District Dodgeball Championships and a wide variety of extra-curricular clubs have been launched, which we encourage your child to join and get involved with. These are alongside many other clubs that can be accessed such as chess, debating or LGBTQIA+. Our superb Year 10 Sports leaders were also commended in how they organised and led a Fun Run event for the local junior school children at Croyland Park.

I would like to clarify some information around the forthcoming INSET Day on Friday 21st October that was communicated at the end of last year. This is a Tove Learning Trust wide training day for staff and is an amendment to the originally published calendar that was sent out earlier in the year. Our website has all the updated planned closure dates, and we apologise for any inconvenience caused by this change.

At Huxlow Academy, homework is viewed as a valuable part of a student's learning. We believe that effective homework can strengthen, support, and extend our student's development in a subject and is an integral part of our learning cycle. Completing homework helps to ensure that students maximise on their learning experiences, it develops self-**respect** and **pride** in their work and shows **ambition** to succeed.

Students should be receiving regular homework from each department in the school, with the number of hours increasing in key stage 4. All homework is set on Go 4 Schools, and you can use your parental logins to check the homework that has been sent. Please contact the main office if you have any difficulties logging in.

Homework club is reopening in the library after 3 years. If you would like to reserve a space for your child, please email homeworkclub@huxlow.northants.sch.uk. The homework club is available from Monday to Thursday from 3:15pm to 4.00pm.

As we pursue our value of Pride, we would like to thank you for supporting us in upholding the uniform standards and expectations that have been set. Our students look smart and are wearing their uniform with pride, ready for work. As the weather changes, please be reminded that students should wear a suitable coat and school jumpers for school, as an additional layer of warmth. Blazers should be worn as standard. Hoodies and other sporting tops that are not Huxlow-issue are not permitted to be worn in school. Reset will now be issued to the small number of students who are not meeting our expectations with uniform. As ever, please contact the school if support or clarification is required with meeting our uniform expectations.

Please note the following requests from our office team:


We are experiencing an increasing number of students who are relying on parents to drop things off that they have forgotten. This is not something we encourage. Please ask your child to check they have everything with them before they leave for school. The students are aware of the basic expectations of what is needed and the sanctions that apply for those who forget them. These are in place to encourage students to be responsible, independent learners and allows for learning to commence immediately in the classroom. We appreciate your support in encouraging students to be prepared.

We understand that dentists and doctors' appointments are often hard to come by and are therefore having to be booked during the school day. Where this happens, please ensure that a note or email is sent to your child's Form Tutor. This will allow us to give the student a permission slip to leave site so when they sign out at Reception there is no delay.

Looking forward, please be aware that students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be having their photos taken on Wednesday 12th October and are expected to attend school in full uniform on that day, even if they do have BTEC PE or Dance.

Finally, I would like to reassure our Year 7 students that they cannot do any extra preparation for their CAT tests taking place on Friday. The results of these short tests are a useful way of helping staff to understand any support that they might require in the future. Please reassure them that they should simply follow the instructions given and do their best.

Yours faithfully



Paul Letch
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