



Huxlow Academy

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Dear Parents & Carers

Having just enjoyed a wonderful Summer Concert performed by our fantastic performing arts students, I wanted to update you on our busy and exciting plans for the run up to the end of term.

The music, drama and dance performances in the Summer Concert were at another level on Tuesday and it is clear that with each year the bar is being raised by our staff and the students are rising to the challenge.

Yesterday, Year 10 took part in a motivational and well-being day. After an inspirational talk from our visiting speaker, Mr Beezy, they enjoyed a variety of workshops to support them in how to improve their mental health as they enter their final year and the drive to exams from September. Thank you to Mrs Sghendo worked very hard to organise the day and ensure it was a success.

This week is Charity Week, and our staff are throwing themselves into raising funds for the local charity, The Never Alone Project. This charity provides valuable support for grieving children and families/carers. A service we have sadly been grateful to call on for our community over the years.

Staff bravely volunteered to have their legs waxed yesterday and staff and students will take part in a Huxlow version of 'The Wheel' tomorrow, organised by Mr King from the English department. Some very competitive staff are also ready to challenge each other in a staff netball match next Thursday (20th), which will be very exciting to watch. We will be asking for a small entry fee to watch these events and all money raised will go to our chosen charity, so please help support the cause by sending your child in with some cash to donate and take part in the fun!

Next week, we will be holding our Sports Day on Wednesday (19th) and all students will be on the field after lunch to cheer on their House competitors in the final races. The PE team have everything ready and house points will be awarded to all competitors, which could make a huge difference in the overall standings before we present the House Cup at the end of the week.

On Thursday 20th July we will be holding awards ceremonies for each year group throughout the day. Form tutors and teachers have been sending in their nominations of students who consistently demonstrate our values of Ambition, Respect and Pride in all subjects. I am really looking forward to presenting these awards to students that model 'The Huxlow Way' every single day.

We also have a celebration event planned for the top 100 students in the winning house in the overall House Cup competition on Thursday (20th). This will recognise those students who have received the least negative behaviour points and contributed to their House points total the most.

We will also be rewarding students that have contributed to creating such a fantastic atmosphere in our lunch hall this term. The new formal seating arrangement has been a huge success and the tokens awarded for showing the Huxlow Way in this space will be counted to see which house has been most respectful of the space. Top students from the house will receive the prize of a free ice cream at lunchtime on Friday (21st).

So many of our students conduct themselves perfectly every day and are an absolute joy to spend time with. To recognise this, we are also having an extended lunch on Friday (21st) and have booked a live band to come and entertain the students outside. This is a tradition we started last year, and it was great fun to see staff and students singing and dancing together in a celebration of the end of term. The final period will be spent in form groups to allow tutors to say farewell and final messages to be shared before we head off for the summer break.

Before the end of term please remind your child to remove all items from their allocated lockers and remove the lock completely. These will be checked and cleaned ready for reissue in September. The site team will be removing all locks over the summer and any items found will be placed in lost property.

Finally, I wanted to let you know that we are making some changes around form group staffing and locations for September. Your child will be told if they will be affected by these changes before the end of term. We have taken time to carefully plan any changes to minimise disruption whilst enabling year groups to be located with form tutors from the same subjects. For example, the new Year 7 will be staffed with form tutors from the Maths department, and they will have their form rooms located within the Maths area. This will allow the Head of Year to support and communicate with staff and students more effectively, and for form tutors to share information and plan together for year group activities and lessons such as PSHE. The closer geographical location will also allow for a calm start across the year group and for students in different classes to arrive to the area together. It will also allow our administration teams to quickly follow up on attendance each day if students are not in class. If you have any concerns around this, please contact Mr Knowles.

I will write again before the end of term when we send out the latest edition of our magazine 'The Hux Lowdown' for you to enjoy and see what a vibrant and positive community Huxlow is. We have had so much going on this term and put so much in place this year that we are looking forward to the break, but also the opportunity to embed these actions and 'The Huxlow Way' further in the new academic year.

Yours faithfully



Mr Paul Letch
Headteacher