



Huxlow Science College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your understanding as we try to navigate this period of excessively hot weather. I have reviewed the forecast for the remainder of the week and into next week and have consequently made the decision to allow PE Kit or uniform without blazers and ties to be worn until the end of term. I would encourage you to ensure that your child's PE kit is washed when the forecast is due to be a little cooler in the latter half of this week and over the weekend. As usual, only Huxlow PE kit and uniform should be worn in school. We also remind students to bring a water bottle that can be refilled at lunch and break, to wear sun cream if involved in sports during the day and hats for periods outside. Students have coped remarkably well with the heat so far. Please praise them for keeping going and remind them to support each other and the staff over this final period.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our move to joining Tove Learning Trust. From September, together with Tove leaders, we have decided to change the school's name to 'Huxlow Academy.' This will signify a new era in the school's history. As we continue to build on the effective actions we have taken this year, opportunities presented by being part of a wider groups of schools will only accelerate the improvements further.

Please be reassured that no changes to uniform will be required as part of this name change and we are not requesting that you make any purchases. We are proudly keeping the existing Huxlow logo and colours. Existing uniform and PE Kit will continue to be worn and will be available to purchase until suppliers' stocks are run down. Once these have sold out any new purchases will have our new name on them.

This change of name will coincide with the official launch of our new school vision, mission, and values. These will appear throughout the school and on communications that you receive. They will drive our improvement actions and guide everyone involved at Huxlow as we work together to achieve them. They are:

- Huxlow Academy vision: **Thriving though excellence.**
- Huxlow Academy Mission: **Building an exceptional learning community of aspirational, responsible citizens.**
- Huxlow Academy Values: **Ambition, Respect, Pride.**

I am sure you will agree that these are aspirations that we can all sign up to. We will be measuring our progress, and ways of operating against these clear aims. Change and improvement take time and we will not be perfect overnight, but our staff are committed to working with all of their energy and passion to achieve them as soon as possible. We will continue to review and adapt all areas of the school over time and I will communicate the changes being made as and when they happen.

As we head to the summer break, I would also like to draw your attention to the following if you or your child should need support over that time.

- **The Lucy Faithfull Foundation.** Helpline for Child Sexual Abuse - Stop It Now! Confidential Helpline 0808 1000 900
- For 6 years and upwards, **Kooth** for support with mental wellbeing www.kooth.com
- **NSPCC Childline** - Call 0800 1111.
- **Mental Health** - Text 'SHOUT' to 85258 - free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging support service for anyone who is struggling to cope with a range of mental health issues.
- **CEOP** children or young people who are worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with them online. <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

Next week, I will share this important safeguarding information again in my final letter, alongside my review of a very busy year.

Thank you again for your ongoing support

Yours faithfully



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