



Huxlow Science College

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Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to email before the weekend to update you with some news and information.

Firstly, after reviewing the weather forecast for next week, I have decided to allow Huxlow PE kit to be worn on Monday and Tuesday. Students may also opt to attend school in uniform but will not be required to wear their blazer and tie. Please ensure that only Huxlow PE kit or uniform is worn. As the forecast for later in the week becomes clearer we will communicate again around expectations beyond Tuesday.

Secondly, I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the amazing cast and crew of our musical Annie Jnr. To say they were absolutely amazing would be an understatement. The quality of the performances, choreography, lighting, backstage organisation, and overall production was simply stunning. The professional standard that resulted from all their hard work really demonstrated our values of Ambition and Pride and the friendship that has formed between this groups of students and the way they supported each other embodies our value of Respect. Bravo everyone involved! We particularly enjoyed being able to perform for the IJS Year 5 students during the day on Monday. They really enjoyed their visit.

This was not the only success that we had last week. Our Year 8 Northamptonshire Schools Challenge team presented their idea to use primary school water bottles to spread the message about the dangers of young people getting involved with gangs to the Dragons at the Grand Final on Monday. The team did a superb job and were crowned runners up out of all the schools in Northamptonshire! They have also received £500 to make their idea a reality and we are already planning for next year's entries. Bravo again!

In the sporting arena our Year 8 and Year 7 Netball Teams played their league finals last week. Year 7 went down to a strong Wollaston team and Year 8 won a tense match 12-11 to be crowned champions. Congratulations Team Huxlow!

Meanwhile our sports leaders have been supporting the primary schools in the organisation and running of their sports days. This is all while the staff are preparing for our own events in the final weeks of term.

As you are aware we were very pleased to welcome the OFSTED team to Huxlow for a monitoring visit last week and are awaiting the final report before we are able to share it with parents. This is likely to be during the school holidays, but the inspectors clearly could see the many improvement actions and rapid progress that we have made this year and we are looking forward to sharing their comments.

I would like to congratulate the students on their behaviour during the recent progress testing that has taken place in Years 7, 8 and 9. Experiencing the exam room expectations is important in preparing them for when they take their GCSE exams and they rose to the challenge and focussed superbly throughout. Those that needed reminding of expectations have learnt a valuable lesson.

Last week we welcomed the Year 6 students for their two transition days. When they left us on Friday they were buzzing with excitement for next year and we cannot wait to see the results of their summer project work when they return. Their work will be shared in an exhibition early in the new term. These young students were a credit to their primary schools and new friendships have already been formed.

As I write, the Sixth Form students are in Kent on their TENC teambuilding residential trip. Mrs Holmes has reported that they are having a great time and are excellent company and ambassadors for the school.

As you can see Huxlow remains a busy and thriving community. The community feel at Huxlow is really very special and I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Mufti day held today in response to fundraising efforts for a local girl named Florence. If anyone would like to donate further, please visit the just giving page for **#bemorefab**

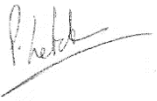
I would like to end this letter with a message sent in from a member of the audience for Annie Jnr:

I just wanted to say that last night's performance of Annie was excellent. There were so many talented students involved; the quality of the singing, acting, and dancing was to a very high standard. Please pass on my congratulations to all the staff and students involved. It was amazing to see the students performing for the first time in such a long time for Huxlow. The atmosphere was lovely, and I was so impressed with the cast and crew. I really enjoyed my evening!

I will write again with a final update before the end of term. We are really looking forward to the upcoming Proms, sports days, trips and much more before we break up.

Thank as ever for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully



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