



Newsletter

4th April 2025

Welcome from Mrs Isaksen

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible achievements of our students and the dedication of our school community. This newsletter is packed with stories of success, highlighting the many ways our students have exemplified 'The Huxlow Way'—demonstrating Respect, Ambition, and Pride in all that they do.

A particular focus for us this term has been the development of Character, and it has been fantastic to see so many students actively embodying these values. Many have been recognised for their efforts, and we look forward to continuing this important work in the coming term, ensuring that every student grows not only academically but also as a well-rounded individual, ready for the wider world.

With Easter fast approaching, I hope that students and their families take the opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together. The break is well deserved, and I encourage everyone to return refreshed and ready for an exciting summer term ahead, particularly year 11 and 13 as they approach their exams.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their patience and support as we have implemented the new Bromcom system. Your feedback has been invaluable as we continue to refine our processes.

Our school community remains committed to striving for excellence in all areas of Academy life, and parental commitment to Huxlow providing the very best educational experience for every student is truly appreciated.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

Kim Isaksen

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Easter Rewards

We are delighted to share with you the successful completion of the transition to Bromcom as our new Management Information System (MIS). As part of Tove Learning Trust, we join other schools in adopting Bromcom as our single MIS provider. This transition marks a significant step forward in enhancing our communication channels with you, our parents and carers.

My Child At School



Parent / Carer Sign up - You will need to use the email address we hold for you.

[MyChildAtSchool - Sign Up](#)

School Code: 15611

The system will invite you to create a password for MCAS. Please note you will need to have a minimum of 8 characters, including an UPPERCASE, lowercase, a number and a special character.

Initially you will see your child's Timetable, Attendance, Homework and Behaviour.

You are able to access MCAS via the web version at [My Child at School](#) or via the App. [MyChildAtSchool on the App Store](#) [MyChildAtSchool - Parent App - Apps on Google Play](#)

Student Portal



[Student Portal - Redeem Invitation Code](#)

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Username and invitation codes have been emailed to students' school email address. Staff are also available at break and lunch in the hall to support students setting up their account.

Once the account is created you are able to access the student portal via the web version at [Student Portal](#) or via the App. [MyChildAtSchool on the App Store](#) [MyChildAtSchool - Parent App - Apps on Google Play](#)

Further information will follow as we enable additional modules.

If you require further support, please email: bromcom@huxlow.northants.sch.uk

Handy hint - don't forget to allow notifications from the app so you don't miss any important messages

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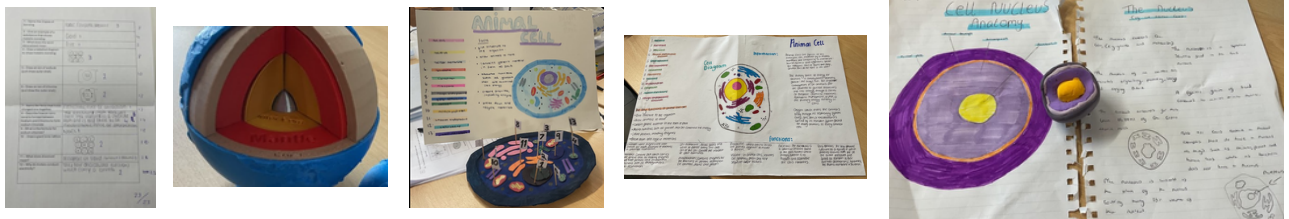
Science

Our year 10 students have been working hard on recall of key facts in their science lessons using their knowledge organiser to revise for homework and then completing retrieval quizzes in lesson. This accounts for up to 40% of their GCSE grade.

Well done to so many of them for getting 23/23!

Miss Van Dalen has challenged her Year 8 groups to get creative by making models of cells, the nucleus and the Earth.

We have been overwhelmed by their creativity and work ethic.



Design Technology

A big congratulations to the Year 11 Design technology students. We have just completed the summer practical exams for Hospitality, Art, Graphics and Photography and every student brought their best and tried their hardest. Well done!

In Key Stage 3 we have had some amazing students helping out with our upcycling club and gardening club which links to S.N.A.P our healthy eating club.

In a recent survey involving 250 students, an impressive 90% expressed positive feelings about their Design and Technology (DT) lessons. The students reported that they enjoy the fun and challenging nature of the classes, which constantly offer opportunities to acquire new skills. Moreover, they feel comfortable seeking help from their teachers when needed. The survey also highlighted the students' strong awareness of ways to improve their work, underscoring their engagement and enthusiasm for learning.

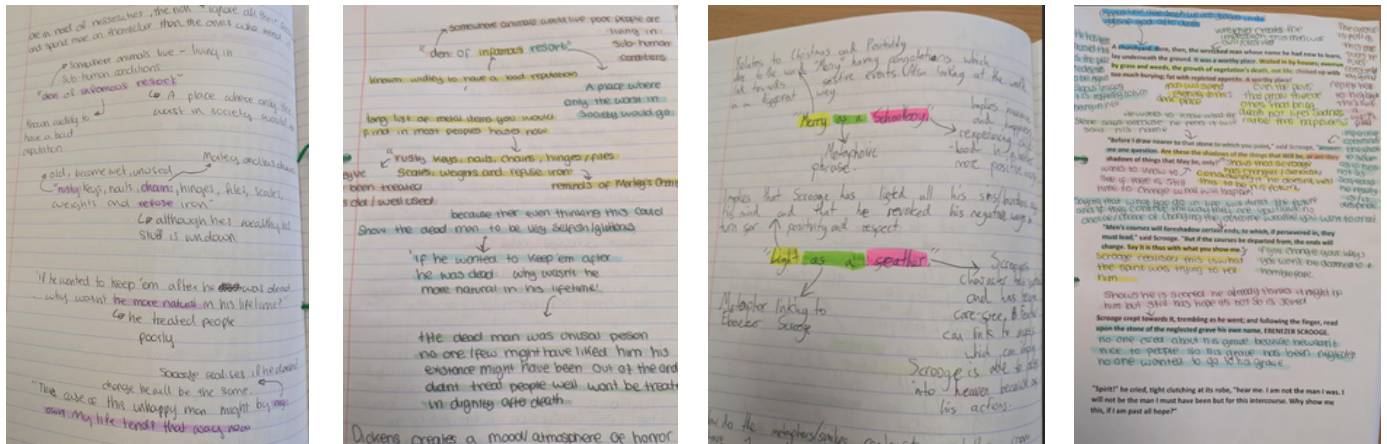


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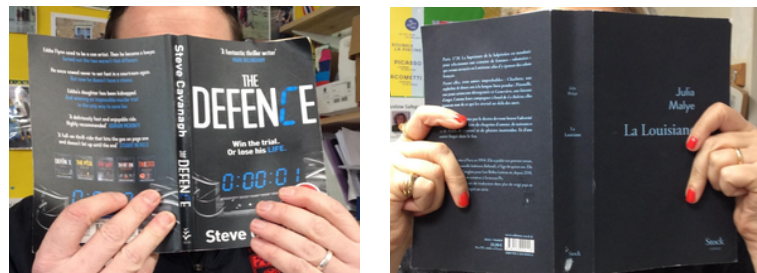
Year 10 have been working on their analysis of key quotations from A Christmas Carol and have been becoming more independent with their ability to effectively explode quotations to articulate the key information it reveals.

Below are some examples of the work students have been doing.



Huxlow Academy is flooded with dialogue around reading!

From our enthusiastic staff taking part in 'Who Is Behind The Book?' for World Book Day 2025 to the Word Warriors with University of Northampton, we have engaged in lots of 'talking about reading'.



The Carnegie short list has been announced and pupils are eagerly diving into fabulous books such as 'Trigger', 'The Final Year' and 'The Wrong Shoes'. We have our weekly Trending Books to promote contemporary young adult texts and create lots of opportunities to discuss what is new in the world of writers.



And finally for this half term, we have a fabulous school competition to categorise our library. Will it be superheroes (reading is a super power), types of fruit (because it is good for you) or even modes of transport (it can take you anywhere)? Watch this space!

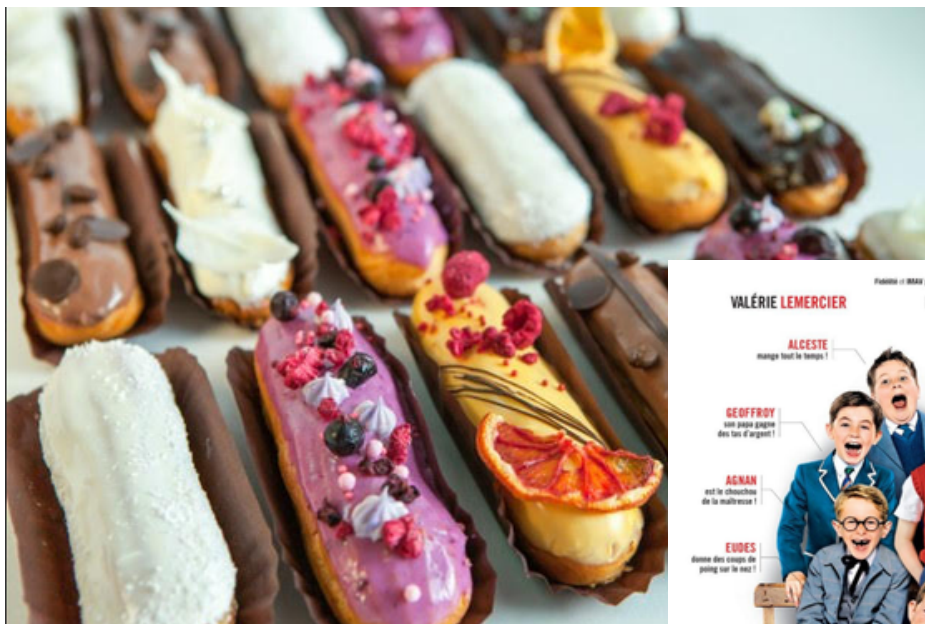
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French

Year 7 have been watching their first French film called "Le Petit Nicolas". They have enjoyed this French literature classic about the mischiefs of primary school boys in the 1950s. They are now finding out about the French system of Education and learning how to express their opinion about school subjects. They have been great at reflecting on the differences between British and French schools.

Year 8 are currently learning about Paris and they have enjoyed virtually exploring the major site of the capital city. They are now developing their grammar skills by studying the past tense as if they had spent their holidays in Paris.

Food and the French gastronomic diversity are at the heart of Year 9 learning this term. They have looked at dishes such as cassoulet, choucroute, moules frites, macarons or éclair au chocolat.



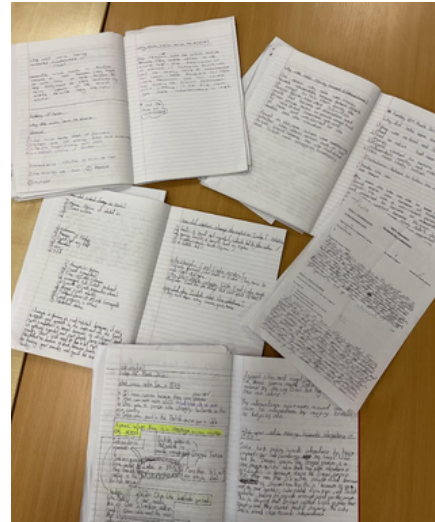
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History

In an exciting exploration of history, our Year 8 students have been delving into the fascinating changes that occurred in the British Empire during the Victorian era.

As part of their studies, they have planned and constructed insightful analytical responses, showcasing their hard work and dedication. Their efforts exemplify the spirit of #HuxlowPride, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Well done, Year 8!

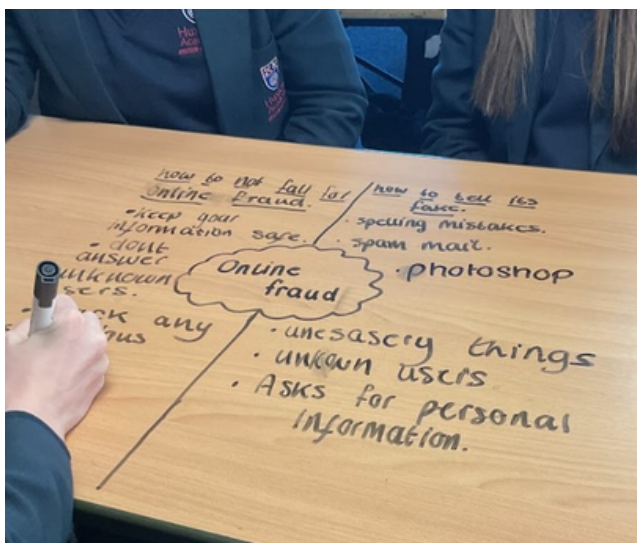


Personal Development

Year 9 students have been diligently revisiting and reflecting on everything they have learned in Personal Development this term.

Their commitment to personal growth and leadership development is truly inspiring. It's wonderful to witness their dedication to becoming thoughtful and responsible individuals.

Keep up the fantastic work. Your hard work today is paving the way for a bright future.



Performing Arts

Our Performing Arts Department recently went into full assessment mode, and we are absolutely thrilled with the results!

Our talented students delivered outstanding performances that truly highlighted their dedication and hard work. Congratulations to everyone involved for such a remarkable display of skill and creativity!



Year 8 Football

The Year 8 football club, led by the dedicated Mr. Griffiths, train diligently after school every Wednesday.

The group are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to play matches against other schools, where they aim to showcase their skills and teamwork.

Embodying the Huxlow Way, the players consistently demonstrate Respect, Ambition, and Pride, both on and off the field. Their commitment to these values is evident in their sportsmanship and behaviours in school.

We wish them all the very best as they continue to build and proudly represent Huxlow Academy.



Clubs

There are now a vast selection of clubs on offer by our committed staff that allows for the talents and interests of our students to be catered for.

Students enjoy learning new skills, socialising with friends and participating in activities that they enjoy. There are 41 clubs either at lunchtime or afterschool for our students to enjoy!!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL				
LIBRARY - BREAK TIME	ETHOS - TOAST CLUB	ETHOS - TOAST CLUB	ETHOS - TOAST CLUB	LIBRARY
	LIBRARY	LIBRARY	LIBRARY	
LUNCHTIME				
LUNCHTIME CLUB - THE HVB	DROP IN - ETHOS ROOM	HEALTHY LIVING CLUB - DT	LIBRARY	BOOK CLUB - LIBRARY
BOARD GAMES - MLI	LUNCHTIME CLUB - THE HVB	LUNCHTIME CLUB - THE HVB	LUNCHTIME CLUB - THE HVB	LUNCHTIME CLUB - THE HVB
METAL MONDAY - ENS	BOARD GAMES - MLI	LIBRARY	BOARD GAMES - MLI	BOARD GAMES - MLI
KSY INDOOR FOOTBALL - SPORTS HALL	KSS - BADMINTON - GYM	BOARD GAMES - MLI	DROP IN - ETHOS	KSS DANCE CLUB - DANCE STUDIO
KSS CHOIR - MVI	YEAR 7 INDOOR FOOTBALL - SPORTS HALL	DODGEBALL - SPORTS HALL	YE/7 INDOOR FOOTBALL - SPORTS HALL	
BASKETBALL - GYM	YR7-YR8 - NETBALL - COURTS	KSY REHEARSAL - DANCE STUDIO	KSY BADMINTON - GYM	
KSY REHEARSAL - DANCE STUDIO	KSY REHEARSAL - DANCE STUDIO	GIRLS FOOTBALL - GYM	KSS DRAMA - DRAMA STUDIO	
	MYTHOLOGY + CREATIVE WRITING - ENS	DRAMA CLUB - DRAMA STUDIO	KSS DANCE - DANCE STUDIO	
		DROP IN - ETHOS ROOM	ENVIRONMENT - ENS	
			GYMNASTICS - GYM	
AFTER SCHOOL				
HOMEWORK CLUB - LIBRARY	HOMEWORK CLUB - LIBRARY	HOMEWORK CLUB - LIBRARY	HOMEWORK CLUB - LIBRARY	HOMEWORK CLUB - LIBRARY
Y10 BTEC SPORY - ITI		Y7/8 BOYS FOOTBALL - FIELD	FURTHER GCSE - MAG	
FLAG FOOTBALL - FIELD			WARHAMMER CLUB - SCIENCE	

Y11 Revision Evening

Year 11 students participated in a workshop designed to support their preparation for knowledge-heavy subjects like History, Geography, Sociology, Psychology, English Literature, Science, and French, ahead of their GCSE exams.

Key resources provided included:

- **Knowledge Organisers & Self-Assessment Lists:** For personalised revision material.
- **Effective Revision Timetable:** Teaching time management for covering all subjects.
- **Leitner System for Flashcards:** A method using spaced repetition for better retention.

- **Checklists:** To organise study sessions for increased productivity.

The workshop included pizza and an Easter Egg Hunt organised by the Ethos Team for relaxation. Following this, students and parents attended an information evening with essential details about the upcoming GCSE examinations.



Revision over Easter

As we approach the Easter holidays, it's important to focus on supporting your child with their revision in preparation for the upcoming exams. This period is crucial for consolidating knowledge, honing exam techniques, and maintaining a balanced routine.

If your child was unable to attend our fabulous workshop on April 3rd, don't worry! Below are some key tips on how to use the **Leitner method** to enhance their learning efficiency:



Here are some key pieces of advice to help support your child:

- ✓ Encourage a structured revision timetable – Help them plan their days to include a balance of subjects, breaks, and rest.
- ✓ Create a productive study environment – A quiet, distraction-free space can improve focus and efficiency.
- ✓ Use active revision techniques – Encourage them to use flashcards, past papers, mind maps, and self-quizzing rather than just reading notes.
- ✓ Promote well-being – Ensure they take breaks, stay active, and get enough sleep to maintain energy levels.
- ✓ Engage in discussions – Testing their knowledge by asking questions can be a great way to reinforce learning.

To support their preparation, the Year 11 Platform is available with the full exam timetable and useful revision tips.

We encourage both students and parents to access this resource to stay informed and make the most of this revision period.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

HARA - Year 12 London Residential

On Thursday 27 March, 57 year 12 students were taken on the annual London Residential.

Trips included: The British Museum, London Zoo, Tate Modern, The Natural History Museum, The Science Museum, The National Portrait Gallery, and in the evening theatre productions; Wicked and Mean Girls.

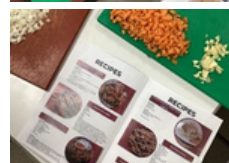
Everyone had a great time, learnt to navigate the tube and buses, students' behaviour and timings were exemplary.



HARA - Y13 University Survival Guide

Year 13 students embarked on an exciting culinary journey as they learned the essentials of menu planning and writing shopping lists. Armed with their newfound skills, they then cooked delicious meals for a week's worth of lunches and dinners.

The students proudly presented their dishes for final evaluation by their form tutors. The event ended with everyone having the opportunity to taste the delightful creations prepared by the students.



HARA - Assemblies

This term's assemblies greatly benefited Year 12 and Year 13 students, featuring distinguished speakers from the University of Leicester and Northampton University. They covered crucial topics like student finance, budgeting, university preparation, and the UCAS process. Year 12 students also learned about selecting appropriate courses for their future.

Students who traveled to India shared their experiences and launched the trip opportunity for Year 12, inspiring their peers.

Year 12 were introduced to Futures Week, scheduled for 30 June to 4 July 2025, encouraging early work placement arrangements for hands-on experience.

The new Enrichment Scheme was also unveiled, aimed at enhancing students' extracurricular activities and skill development beyond the classroom.



Ethos

We are excited to trial a parent-and-young person cooking class where you can learn to prepare a dish together! Before finalising the details, we would love to gauge interest from families.

We are looking to run this session in June/July at school, where you and your child can enjoy a fun and interactive cooking experience. At the end of the session, you'll take home the dish you've made together.

If there is enough interest, we hope to make this a regular event for families to enjoy. Please let us know if you would be interested in participating by contacting Amy Matthews at a.matthews@huxlow.northants.sch.uk.



Cucina

We're thrilled to introduce our exciting new menu lineup that will be available after Easter at Huxlow Academy!

We've revamped our offerings to bring you a variety of delicious, nutritious meals that cater to every taste. Each option is available as part of our meal deals for just £2.50, and dietary requirements are catered for. Here's what's new:

New Menu Options

- **Chill Deal:** Replacing the Blue Dot Deal, this option brings a refreshing twist to your lunch with a selection of chilled delights.
- **Spud King:** For the potato lovers, enjoy a hearty serving of perfectly baked or sweet potato with your choice of tasty toppings.
- **Mac My Day:** Indulge in our creamy, cheesy mac and cheese, guaranteed to make your day a little brighter.
- **Kebab Shack:** Enjoy a taste of the Mediterranean with our delicious kebab wraps, filled with fresh ingredients and rich flavors.
- **Main Meal Deal:** Our classic offering, providing a balanced and satisfying meal to fuel your afternoon.

For more information about our catering services and menu options, please visit the [Cucina page on our website](#).

Free School Meals

We want to remind you that you may be eligible to apply for Free School Meals. This ensures every student has access to a nutritious lunch every day, and are able to access the breakfast provision. To see if you qualify and to apply, please visit the [Free School Meals application page](#).

We hope you're as excited as we are about these new meal options and look forward to serving you after Easter!



Huxlow's Egg-cellent Easter Celebration

Today, hundreds of Huxlow students were rewarded for their outstanding achievements in maintaining 100% attendance or displaying excellent behaviour. To celebrate their dedication, these students participated in a delightful Easter Egg Hunt, with the chance to win delicious Easter Eggs.

We are excited to announce our hopes of making this Easter Egg Hunt an annual tradition. Our goal is to encourage all students to attend school regularly and uphold exemplary behaviour throughout the year.

Keep up the great work, Huxlow students, and let's make every day egg-traordinary!



Gold Star Winner!

At Huxlow, we believe in celebrating our students' dedication to excellence both in their work and behaviour.

Every day, students have the opportunity to earn gold stars for outstanding achievements in their studies and exemplary behaviour. When a student earns three gold stars in a single day, they receive a raffle ticket. This ticket enters them into a draw for fantastic prizes, adding an extra layer of excitement and motivation for our students to strive for their best.

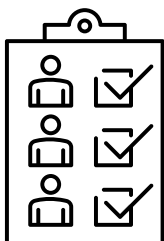
Today, we are thrilled to announce that Fred, one of our dedicated students, was the lucky winner of our latest raffle draw! Fred has earned himself a fantastic pair of AirPods, a testament to his hard work and commitment to excellence.

Keep collecting those stars, and you could be our next winner! Remember, every day is an opportunity to shine at Huxlow.



Attendance

Year 7- 92.6%
Year 8 - 89.8%
Year 9 - 91.7%
Year 10 - 90.9%
Year 11 - 89.6%
Year 12 - 93.7%
Year 13 - 90.1%



Positive Points

Year 7- 136,215
Year 8 - 130,820
Year 9- 127,906
Year 10 - 119,387
Year 11 - 118,957



Diary Dates

04 April - School closes
22 April - School opens
24 April - Y7 Take your child to work Day
24 April - Y9 Options Evening
25 April - Y10 Silverstone Trip
05 May - Bank Holiday
07 May - Y10 Parents Evening
08 May - GCSE Exams start

Safeguarding

Huxlow Safeguarding Team 2024/25

 Mrs R Roberts Deputy Head Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs L Gauvrit Senior Assistant Head Operational Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Z Correa Assistant Head Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Safeguarding Team: Mrs J Watson - Deputy Head Mrs N Groves - Attendance Officer		
Other Trained Staff: Mrs K Isaksen - Headteacher Mrs H Sghendo - Head of Year 7 Mr L Venn - Head of Year 10 Mrs J Holmes - Director of Learning for Sixth Form Mrs K De Gaunza - Family Support Worker		
 You can contact MASH directly on: 0300 126 7000 You can contact the Local Authority Designated Officer on: 07831 123193		

As we approach the school holidays, we want to remind parents and carers of the importance of safeguarding and ensuring the well-being of all students. If you have any concerns about a child's safety, you can report them directly to relevant staff (details on our website)
<https://www.huxlow.northants.sch.uk/home/about-us/safeguarding/>.

Please note that email addresses may not be responded to immediately. Concerns can also be reported anonymously through the Whisper reporting tool.

Additionally, for urgent safeguarding concerns, please contact MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) 0300126 7000.



We encourage parents to talk to their children about staying safe, whether online or in the community. Remind them to be aware of their surroundings, to avoid risky situations, and to seek help from a trusted adult if they feel unsafe. If you need further support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school or relevant authorities.

IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY AND YOU THINK THAT A CHILD MAY BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER PLEASE CONTACT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTLY BY CALLING 999.

IF YOU NEED TO CONTACT MASH URGENTLY DURING THE EVENING, AT NIGHT OR AT THE WEEKEND, PLEASE PHONE THE MASH OUT OF HOURS TEAM - 01604 626 938