



Huxlow Academy

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Newsletter



18th March 2025



Welcome from Mrs Isaksen

It has been a fantastic start to the term, with students settling in well and even a glimpse of sunshine along the way! I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone for their patience as we transition from Go4Schools to Bromcom. This is a Trust-wide change that, while bringing some initial challenges, will ultimately provide significant benefits for our school community.

This edition of the newsletter contains plenty of useful information to help you navigate these changes. As always, our larger end-of-term newsletter will celebrate all aspects of Huxlow life—from student leadership and the inspiring work of the Ethos Team to outstanding curriculum engagement and student achievements. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

Kim Isaksen



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Bromcom

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](#)

School Code: 15611

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

Double Dodgeball Champions

Our Under 13 Boys and Girls teams competed at the County Winter Games Dodgeball Championships at KLV.

We won our district competition to qualify for it and all the other district winners across Northamptonshire were there.

We came home winning both the girl and boys competitions, beating NSG, Brooke Weston, Moulton, NSB etc!

Amazing achievement for these children to be the best in the county.



Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships

Some of our year 9 students who attend our weekly badminton club had the opportunity to watch some of the best players in the world compete in a professional competition. This gave our students a chance to learn more about the game and inspire them to keep improving their own game!



Leadership: Year 10 BTEC Leaders

Our amazing BTEC leaders were also responsible for officiating the District and County Dodgeball finals and were commended by many different schools for the professionalism, maturity and knowledge.



Step into Sport - Inclusive leaders

We will be taking some of our Year 9 SEND students to an event that will develop their confidence and leadership skills so they can become part of our leadership academies that run numerous events across the year. They will participate in Changemaker, Making a Difference and Youth leadership workshops.

District League Competitions

This half term has seen the start of the Year 7 & 8 Netball league with both teams picking up wins in their first round of games.

The Under 13 Boys Football team have also seen 2 wins in their first 4 games while our Under 15 Girls have won both their football games too.

Our Under 15 Girls Futsal team narrowly lost their final vs Hatton 1-0 although their performance deserved so much more!



Staff Celebrations

Huxlow Academy has celebrated the dedication and commitment of its staff members who have served for over a decade and more!

The afternoon tea celebration was organised to honour the invaluable contributions of these long-serving staff members. With a combined service of 385 years, the staff were acknowledged not just for their years but also for the quality of service they have provided to students and the school community.

Kim Isaksen, expressed her heartfelt gratitude, "The dedication and passion you have shown over the years have been instrumental in shaping the lives of countless students. Today, we celebrate not just your years of service, but your unwavering commitment to excellence."

Staff members were presented with a pin badge and a card as a token of appreciation. The celebration was a reminder of the strength and unity within the Huxlow community.









HARA-Sixth Form



HARA students met representatives from Leicester University, who provided valuable insights to both Year 12 and Year 13. For Year 12 students, the focus was on understanding the benefits of higher education and the critical factors in selecting the right course. Meanwhile, Year 13 students received guidance on essential topics such as student finance, budgeting, and preparation for university life, equipping them with the necessary knowledge to navigate their upcoming academic journeys. These sessions were designed to empower students with the information they need to make informed decisions about their future education and financial planning.

Exam Stress

Exam stress. With exams fast approaching for our Year 11's & 13's here are some tips & tricks to help students cope. Any help needed regarding exam stress & preparation speak to your class teacher or Head of Year.

 Recognise when you're stressed <p>Think about what signs tell you are stressed - perhaps you find you have a racing heart, or find it difficult to sleep - these are perfectly normal responses. Know the signs so you recognise when you're struggling.</p>	 Develop coping strategies <p>There are different ways you can calm your body's stress response. Look online for guided breathing exercises or relaxation techniques (we love these relaxation techniques from NHS Scotland).</p>
 Create a daily timetable <p>Create a plan and be realistic about what you can achieve each day. Planning your revision time will help you know what you want to study when, which can make revision seem less overwhelming.</p>	 Take regular breaks <p>Make sure you take regular breaks, as your brain cannot concentrate for hours at a time. If you can, use breaks as an opportunity to go outside, exercise, or spend time with family and friends.</p>
 Play to your strengths <p>Not everyone learns the same way, so consider your strengths and how you learn best. You may prefer to read, watch videos, draw diagrams, write lots of notes... Find what works best for you.</p>	 Keep things in perspective <p>Remember that there's more to life than your grades. Exams are only a small part of the picture, and your results don't define who you are.</p>

Duke of Edinburgh

Over the last week Mrs Sandison had the honour of awarding seven Bronze awards and two Silver awards to students in assembly. The students have worked really hard to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh Award and we are all really proud of them. Congratulations Ella, Chris, Ollie, Oliver, Kuba, Julian, Gracie-May, Navmi and Elliece.



Eggciting News of our end of term Easter Raffle

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our fabulous Easter eggs for the much-anticipated end-of-term Easter Egg Raffle! This event is our way of recognising and rewarding students for their exemplary attendance and behaviour throughout this term.

Each week, students with 100% attendance and zero behaviour points are awarded a raffle ticket, which goes into the draw for a chance to win one of our amazing Easter eggs. This initiative not only encourages consistent attendance but also adds a sprinkle of fun to our academic journey.

We now enter the final stretch with only three weeks/fifteen school days remaining this term. That means there are still three more chances to earn raffle tickets. Each ticket increases the chances of winning one of these delightful Easter treats!

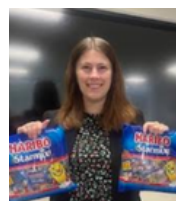
Consistent attendance is crucial as it plays a significant role in a student's academic success and personal growth. By rewarding perfect attendance, we aim to foster a culture of commitment and perseverance among our students.



World Book Day

And the results are in for World Book Day 'Who is behind the book?'.
100% correct!

Congratulations to 11O and 10U who correctly identified the Huxlow Staff members hiding behind their favourite or current books.



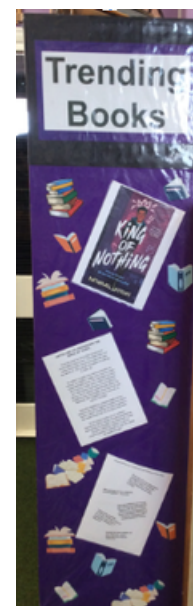
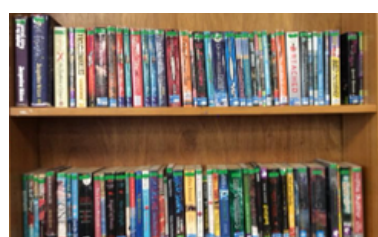
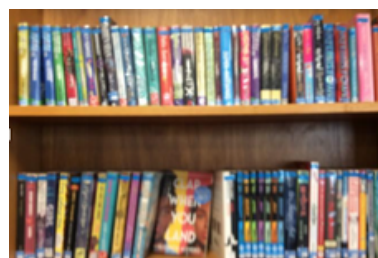
Huxlow Library

Welcome to the Huxlow Academy library in which all books have been allocated their reading age and a helpful- student friendly coloured sticker.

Students can easily identify and select a range of books which will support and challenge them to read for pleasure.

Trending Books

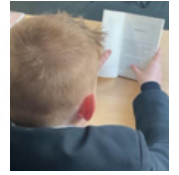
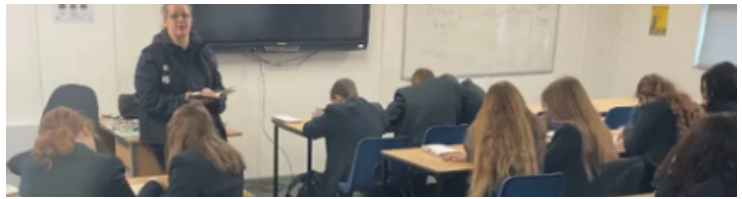
Each week a book is selected to be promoted during form time and help our students keep up to date with new authors, genres and popular titles.



HuxReads!

HuxReads are back and better than ever!

During form time, our amazing form tutors are reading to their groups. Sharing with them fluency, intonation and pronunciation and engaging in exciting titles such as: Malorie Blackman's 'Noughts and Crosses' and Harper Lee's 'To Kill A Mockingbird'. Even our super Heads of Year have recorded promotional videos on the importance of reading and a wider awareness of social issues.



Reading for Learning

Reading For Learning is key in Huxlow Academy and every teacher is a teacher of reading. Here is a quick look at how we use Continuing Professional Development to support our teachers deliver their content in a way that improves pupils' reading in their subject discipline:

Teacher Reads

Read Alouds

Accountable Independent Reads

An infographic titled 'General Reading Strategies' from Huxlow Academy. It features a blue and red header with the Huxlow Academy logo. The main content is on a white background with a blue sidebar. The sidebar has a large orange box with the number '3' and the text 'Develop students' ability to read complex academic texts'. The main content area lists 'Reading Strategies from Reading Reconsidered:' followed by three bullet points: 'Teacher Reads', 'Control The Game', and 'Accountable Independent Reading (AIR)'. Below this is the text 'Creating a culture of error with reading'. Further down, it says 'Reading Reconsidered' by Doug Lemov, Colleen Driggs, Erica Woolway, and 'A Practical Guide to Rigorous Literacy Instruction'.

Word Warriors

Word Warriors is a mentoring programme where Year 10 students are trained to mentor Year 7 students to encourage them with their reading.

This programme is delivered by Aspire Higher of the University of Northampton. This programme hopes to enhance year 7 reading skills and academic process while the Year 10 students gain confidence, leadership skills and improved attendance.


Last week we had 14 Year 10 volunteers take the training to become peer readers. Over the next 10 weeks the Year 10 students will meet with their Year 7 'peer' to help them develop their reading skills.

It promises to be a good time had by all.

An infographic for 'Young Carers Action Day'. It features a blue and white header with the text 'In Honour of YOUNG CARERS Action Day'. Below this is a paragraph: 'Young Carers Action Day is on March 12th, a day dedicated to recognising and supporting young carers like you!'. To the right, a blue box defines a Young Carer: 'A Young Carer is a child or young person under 18 who helps look after a family member or friend who has a disability, illness, or mental health condition.' Below this, a list of activities is shown: 'This could mean: Helping with cooking, cleaning, or shopping; Providing emotional support; Assisting with personal care; Looking after siblings; Managing medication or appointments'. At the bottom, another paragraph says: 'If this sounds like you, you are not alone Support is available! Join us in the Ethos Room at lunchtime to: Wednesday 19th of March'. Below this is a list of activities: 'Connect with others who understand; Access support and guidance; Learn about the importance of self-care'. At the very bottom, a blue box says: 'No pressure, just a friendly, safe space to talk and find out more'.

Ethos

ETHOS GROUP INTERVENTIONS
20 STUDENTS WERE IN
THE ETHOS ROOM
FOR MISS UNDERSTOOD &
OUTSIDE THE BOX



Our RSE Educator, Claire, delivering the Outside the Box Course at Huxlow Academy to Yr 7, 8 & 9 girls. More courses will be coming soon.

GRACE FOUNDATION


ETHOS DONATIONS TO GARDENING CLUB



Ethos are looking forward to seeing the transformation in the DT Garden after donating compost to the Huxlow Gardening Club who meet Wednesday Lunch times

GRACE FOUNDATION

BIG QUESTIONS?



THRIVE

A SAFE PLACE TO EXPLORE THE BIG QUESTIONS IN LIFE

Thrive Club will be starting Wednesdays Lunch in the Ethos Room

We will be debating about the BIG QUESTIONS of life - come and have your say, and listen to others as we deep dive into facts around some of the biggest questions!

GRACE FOUNDATION

Attendance

Year 7- 92.5%
Year 8 - 89.6%
Year 9 - 91.8%
Year 10 - 91.2%
Year 11 - 89.7%
Year 12 - 93.7%
Year 13 - 90.2%

Positive Points

Year 7- 9709
Year 8 - 9181
Year 9- 9610
Year 10 - 9161
Year 11 - 8839

Diary Dates

25 Mar - Yr10 Silverstone Trip

27 Mar - Yr12 London Residential

28 Mar - PISA testing (40 x Key Stage 4 Students)

03 Apr - Yr7 & 8 BAE STEM Workshop

03 Apr - Yr11 Parents Evening/Exam Prep

04 Apr - School Closes for Easter

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

Mrs H Huchet - Assistant Head
Miss K Marlow - Behaviour Lead

 You can contact MASH directly on: 0300 126 7000
You can contact the Local Authority Designated Officer on: 07831 123193

What to do if you have a safeguarding concern:

During school hours - contact Mrs L Gauvrit
l.gauvrit@huxlow.northants.sch.uk

Outside school hours - contact MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) 0300 126 7000

If there is no immediate danger or if you need advice, contact the Northamptonshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub 0300 126 7000 (Option 1)

Reports can also be online by visiting
<https://nctrust.co.uk/report-a-concern-or-request-support/>



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