



# Newsletter

**July 2024 - Issue 3**

## *Thank you*

As the final term draws to an end I want to thank each and every one of you for your support with our expectations reset this term. I am astonished at what we have managed to achieve in seven weeks as a school. It has been an absolute pleasure to see so many students excelling in class and being recognised for demonstrating 'The Huxlow Way' in all that they do. A highlight has been watching students develop their character and confidence, as well as making memories with their peers through the huge range of opportunities term 6 has had to offer. Students get one chance at their education and together by living our core values of Ambition, Respect and Pride, we will ensure their time at Huxlow is the very best it can be.

Please enjoy this bumper edition of our newsletter and have a wonderful Summer.

Kim Isaksen - Headteacher

## THE HUXLOW WAY

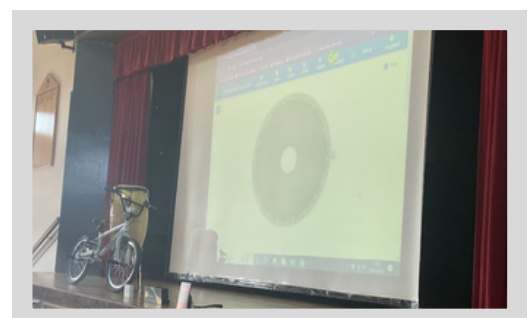
### REWARDS TRIPS

This week we have been celebrating student success. On Tuesday and Wednesday, years 7 and 8 went on their end of Year rewards trip to the cinema to watch Inside Out 2, whilst Years 9 and 10 enjoyed bowling and food. The top 50 students with the most gold stars in each year group enjoyed some time away from school to relax and enjoy themselves.



### GOLD STAR WINNER

At lunchtime today, we had the live draw in the Hall. Each time students received three gold stars in a day, they were entered into the draw. The prizes were; BMX, GHDs, Young Drivers Experience and AirPods. The lucky student was Harry E who chose the AirPods



# SPORTS LEADERS

This year, our students engaged in the following events and are a credit to Huxlow Academy by demonstrating our values of Ambition, Respect and Pride in abundance. This half term, our Sports Leaders have hosted 9 separate sports days for local primary schools. Our leadership academies include over 300 students.



# TRANSITION

On 4th and 5th July, we welcomed 140 students from 10 different primary schools, for their 2-day transition. Children met their form tutors, were involved in team building and 'getting to know you' activities, a variety of subject lessons and learned all about 'The Huxlow Way'. The Yr 6's were amazing and fully immersed themselves in the whole experience. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them in September.



# CATERING UPDATE

Welcoming our new catering provider Cucina!

Their aim, along with the Huxlow Academy, is to provide all students with an exceptional catering experience. Our very talented catering team will be serving exciting menus packed with healthy ingredients, that are full of variety, and with loads of interesting new things to try. It is important that the food tastes as good as it looks, and we're sure you won't be disappointed.

We will be sharing more information over the summer, including the exciting new menus.

IMPACT  
FOOD  
GROUP

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# YR11-12 INDUCTION WEEK

Induction commenced on Monday 8th July. Students learnt what to expect in 6th form, had taster sessions for their chosen subjects and got a head start on their summer transition tasks. The 3 days of induction were rounded off by a fantastic afternoon spent running through a bouncy assault course or dancing on a bouncy castle disco, accompanied by a lunch of burgers and hot dogs. To finish off the week a group of students went to the University of Kent, staying overnight on campus, taking part in team building activities and getting a chance to explore Canterbury on Friday.



# COMMANDO JOE

In September, we welcome Justin Folley who will be working with some of our Key Stage 3 students with Commando Joes. Commando Joes aims to provide a character learning journey that can be personalised to the needs of children, whatever their background or circumstance - encouraging our children to think critically and develop a mindset that thrives on looking at themselves and others from different perspectives.

# DISCOVERY DASH

A group of Y8 students embarked upon a Discover Dash adventure hosted by the University of Northampton through their schools engagement project. These students were rewarded with a day on the water at Northampton active, working on team building skills with activities such as canoeing, raft building and problem solving before taking part in a resilient me workshop.



# COOK SCHOOL

Year 7, 8 and 9 took part in the Linda McCartney Cook School learning how to cook delicious tasting, healthy vegetarian meals.



COOK  
SCHOOL



The staff tried the recipes. Mrs Porter our Librarian and her family loved the Veggie Hot Dogs.



## UNIFORM

'The Huxlow Way' Uniform Reminder:

- Black polishable shoes (no trainers or sports brand footwear)
- Black (or navy) socks
- All skirts to be knee length pleated (purchased from Karl Sports) with tights
- All trousers to be tailored and non-jersey (stretchy legging material)
- No false nails
- No false eyelashes
- One set of stud earrings
- One ring
- One normal watch (not smart watches)
- No other jewellery

# FIRST DAY OF TERM

**School opens Tuesday 3rd  
September at 8.45am**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SAFEGUARDING

If you are concerned that a child is in immediate danger please contact the police on 999.







If you have other concerns about a child you can call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0300 126 7000

Further support is available by calling:

- Childline 0800 1111
- NSPCC 0808 800 5000
- Samaritans 116 123
- Police non emergency 101

Further safeguarding advice and guidance can be found on the Huxlow Academy website.

## MENTAL HEALTH

App	Helps you with	Image
Calm Harm (part of STEM)	help you to resist or manage the urge to self-harm and can help to reduce anxiety.	
Clear Fear (part of STEM)	Clear Fear is a free app to help children and young people manage the symptoms of anxiety.	
Combined Minds (part of STEM)	Combined Minds is a free app to help families and friends provide mental health support.	
What's Up	Use the positive and negative habit tracker to maintain your good habits	
Mind Shift	Mind Shift stresses the importance of changing how you think about anxiety. Think of this app as the cheerleader in your pocket, encouraging you to take charge of your life, ride out intense emotions, and face challenging situations.	
Happify	The Happify app is your fast-track to a good mood. Try various engaging games, activity suggestions, gratitude prompts and more to train your brain as if it were a muscle, to overcome negative thoughts.	

## BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

### The Importance of Being Prepared for School: Promoting Good Learning Behaviours

As we embark on a new school year, it is essential for students to come to school ready to learn. Preparation is key to success and being well-equipped promotes good learning behaviours. At our school, we emphasise the values of ambition, respect, and pride, and being prepared is a critical part of embodying these values.

**Ambition:** We want our students to aim high and strive for excellence. Coming to school with the right equipment demonstrates a commitment to achieving their best.

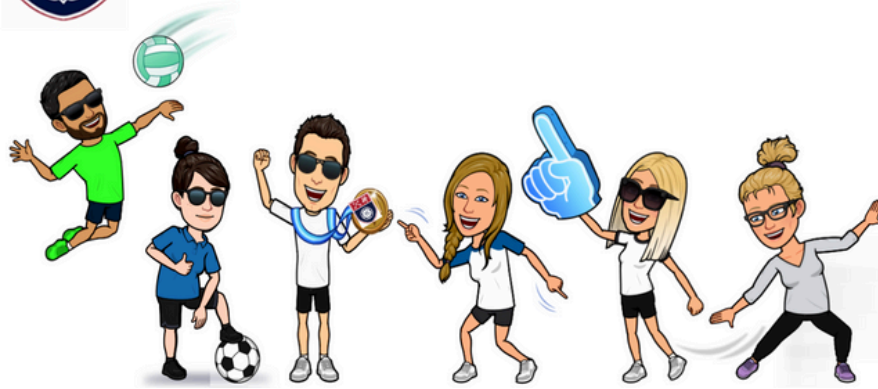
#### Checklist

- **Full Correct School Uniform:** Wearing the full school uniform shows pride in our school community and sets the tone for a day of focused learning.
- **School Bag:** A sturdy bag is essential for carrying books, planners, and other materials needed throughout the day.
- **Suitable Coat for Inclement Weather:** A coat that fits over the school blazer ensures students are prepared for any weather, keeping them comfortable and ready to learn.
- **Pencil Case:** This should include: Black pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, purple pen (peer and self assessment) and a calculator
- **Respect:** Being prepared is a way of showing respect—for oneself, for teachers, and for fellow students. It minimizes disruptions and maximizes learning time. Each student should also bring:
- **A Reading Book:** Reading is a vital part of our curriculum. Having a book every day encourages continuous learning and the development of literacy skills.
- **School Planner:** Planners will be distributed in September and are mandatory for every day. They help students stay organized and manage their time effectively.
- **Pride:** Taking pride in one's readiness for school reflects a positive attitude towards learning. It shows that students value their education and are willing to take responsibility for their own success.

By ensuring your child comes to school fully prepared, you are supporting their academic journey and helping to foster a culture of ambition, respect, and pride. Let us work together to make this school year the best one yet!



# Huxlow Sports Week



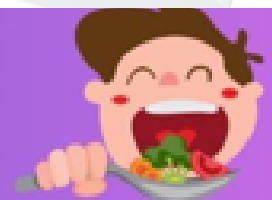
This week we have we come together as a school community and celebrated how amazing we are. Each year group has competed for their houses in a variety of activities to earn some valuable house points. It has been amazing to see students demonstrating **AMBITION, RESPECT and PRIDE!**

All house points were added up and the house with the most points after 3 days was given the coveted PE House Trophy!  
Congratulations to Golden Eagles. Thank you to our amazing PE Team for all their hard work.



**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)  
DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024**

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