



# Hurstmere School

*'Believe and Achieve'*  
*'Be The Best That You Can Be'*

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of another term, Christmas is now not too far away. The autumn term is always a particularly busy one, and I hope you enjoy reading all about what the boys have been doing in our newsletter, which will be sent out at the end of term.

Our current Year 11 students have successfully completed their first set of PPEs. They have worked extremely hard in preparation and have now experienced what it is like to receive their results in an envelope and feel that 'post-exam' moment. Once again, our staff have gone above and beyond in supporting the boys, and I would like to thank them for everything they do to ensure our students at Hurstmere can be the best they can be.

Our Year 7 students earlier today attended Holy Trinity Lamorbey for our annual carol service, a long-held tradition at Hurstmere. It was a time of reflection and preparation for the Christmas season with boys and staff alike sharing readings, singing carols and Christmas songs. Great preparation for their concert later in the academic year.

## Rewards Update

Next term sees the introduction of our Rewards Prize Draw. From January 5th to May 15th all achievement points will be totalled and the top 25% of students in each year group will be entered into a draw. There will be one draw for Years 7, 8 and 9 and another for Years 10 and 11. All students who have 100% attendance and no late marks will also be entered into the draw. If a student is in the top 25% for achievement points and has 100% attendance with no lates they will get 2 entries in the draw. The prizes are:

- 1st Prize - GT Avalanche Mountain Bike
- 2nd Prize - Nintendo Switch 2
- 3rd Prize - £50 worth of Amazon Vouchers

We really hope that this will encourage our students to work hard, display the values of our school RTRAILS and push for 100% attendance.

Our other rewards systems remain in place and there will be end of Term Celebration Assemblies to recognise the students' achievements, attendance and exemplary behaviour as normal.

## Student Wellbeing

I would like to draw your attention to the Safeguarding and Student Wellbeing section of our website, which provides links to a number of organisations offering support for young people and families. We understand that young people can sometimes find it difficult to express how they are feeling, and our [hereforyou@hurstmere.org.uk](mailto:hereforyou@hurstmere.org.uk) email address is available during term time for students to contact our safeguarding team with any concerns they may have about themselves or others.

## Adverse Weather Arrangements

At this time of year, I would also like to remind you of our procedures should a short-term closure be necessary due to adverse weather or other emergencies. We will always make every effort to remain open, but in the unlikely event that closure is required, parents can check the status of the school via the link on the Hurstmere School homepage, as well as through our social media platforms.

You may also check online at **LGfL OpenCheck** or via **Bexley Council**. If internet access is not available, you may contact the school directly on **020 8300 5665**, although please be aware there may be a delay in answering calls.

## Lunch

[Click here](#) to view the canteens lunch menu from January.

Please be reminded we are a nut-free school. To keep everyone safe, please ensure that students do not bring any nuts or nut-based products into school.

## Leavers

It is always sad to say goodbye to colleagues who are moving onto pastures new and at the end of this term, we say goodbye to four very much valued members of staff; Mr Ebers, Miss Salako-Moore and Mr Sturch. I would personally like to thank them for their service, their tireless dedication and commitment to our boys and wish them all the very best of luck as they undertake new opportunities. I will update you on our new staff at the start of the new term.

## Non-Uniform Day - Christmas Jumper Day

Our last day of term is **Friday 19th December 2025**, and we will be supporting *Save the Children* by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. Students are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform (including appropriate footwear and coats). A voluntary contribution of **£1**, payable via Arbor, is suggested.

Please note that students should bring their normal equipment on the day, as lessons will continue as normal for Periods 1-3. Pupils will be dismissed at **12.05pm**. There will be a brunch service in the canteen at 10.30 - 11.00.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of Hurstmere School. On behalf of the staff and Governors, I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas.

School re-opens on **Tuesday 6th January 2025 (Week A)**, and I very much look forward to welcoming all our students back on the first day of term.

With my very best wishes,



**Lynn Bennett**  
Principal