

Hurstmere News

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As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for the energy, commitment and positivity that continue to make Hurstmere such a special community.

This term has been full of memorable moments, many of which you will see celebrated throughout this newsletter. From learning in action across classrooms, sporting achievements and leadership successes, to creative work in Art, Food Technology and Science, it has been wonderful to see our students thriving both academically and personally. Our enrichment activities have been a real highlight, giving all students opportunities to develop confidence, teamwork, leadership and wider life skills beyond the classroom. Enrichment days are a vital part of our curriculum, helping students discover new interests, build character and strengthen friendships.

I have particularly enjoyed seeing the impact of student voice this term – from Student Parliament meetings to informal conversations over hot chocolate and cookies. These moments matter. They help us listen, reflect and continue to shape school life in partnership with our students.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Sturch, Ms Amor and Ms Salako-Moore for their contribution to Hurstmere. We are grateful for the work they have done with our students and wish them every success in the next chapter of their careers.

A special mention must go to our Year 11 students, who have worked exceptionally hard during their PPE examinations. These assessments are an important milestone, and the determination shown has been impressive. Keep going – your effort now really does matter, and we are proud of the resilience you continue to show.

Finally, I would like to thank our families for your ongoing support and partnership. On behalf of everyone at Hurstmere, I wish you a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

Lynn Bennett
Principal



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New Beginnings at Hurstmere: Year 7 Settle In and Make New Friends



Miss Benedetti, Raising Standards Leader for Year 7

Our new Year 7s have made a brilliant start to life at Hurstmere! They've approached their first half term with energy, enthusiasm, and a fantastic attitude towards learning.

It's been lovely to see them settling in so well – making new friends, getting involved in lessons, and throwing themselves into school life. Their positivity has really brightened up the corridors, and we're so proud of how confidently they've begun their secondary school journey.

We can't wait to see what they achieve next term!

New Friendships Flourish as Year 7 Students Enjoy Break Time

Our Year 7 students have made a confident and positive start to life at Hurstmere. It is a pleasure to see them making the most of their break times – whether engaging in a game of football, socialising in groups, or exploring the school grounds. Their enthusiasm and growing friendships reflect how well they are embracing the Hurstmere community.



Growing Our Team: Meet Some of Our New Staff



Mr Sappor

I'm delighted to have joined Hurstmere as a Science teacher this term. I have a real passion for helping students understand how science connects to the world around them, and I've really enjoyed getting to know the boys and seeing their curiosity and enthusiasm in the classroom. The department has been incredibly welcoming, and it has been great to be part of such a supportive and energetic team. Outside of the classroom, football is my poison, whether I'm playing, coaching, or watching, it's something I never tire of! I'm looking forward to contributing to Hurstmere's vibrant community.



Mr Ahmad

I am Mr Ahmad and teach everyone's favourite subject...MATHS! I am also a huge fan of everyone's favourite team...LIVERPOOL! I am passionate about making maths enjoyable for students and relating it to real world examples. I also love reading and solving puzzles, so if you have good recommendations for either, do bring it to my attention. The first term at Hurstmere has flown by and the students have been very welcoming. I look forward to getting know the students better over the course of the year and seeing them thrive as individuals.



Miss Hughes

Hello, I'm Miss Hughes, a new member of the English department. This term has been a fantastic start for my journey here at Hurstmere. The boys have been a pleasure to teach and I'm excited to see what the rest of the year has in store!



Mr Singh

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Computing and Business Studies teacher. These two subjects are not just part of my career, they are genuine passions of mine. I strongly believe that understanding technology and business equips students with essential skills to succeed in an ever-changing world. I also enjoy keeping up-to-date with the latest developments in technology and business innovation, which I aim to bring into my lessons to keep them relevant and engaging. I'm really looking forward to seeing each student thrive and excel in Computing and Business Studies this year. Together, we'll build the skills and knowledge that will open doors to future opportunities.

Inside the Classroom: A Sneak Peek at Learning in Action

Year 7 Biology with Mrs Hirani

Students have explored plant and animal cells and enjoyed a practical activity observing onion cells under the microscope. They have also learned about specialised cells and their functions, producing detailed, clearly labelled diagrams. The class has shown fantastic effort and real pride in their work – well done, Year 7!



Year 8 Computing with Mr Fujamade

Students explored health and safety when using computers in the workplace. They learned about common issues such as eyestrain, backache and RSI, and how these can be prevented. The lesson also introduced key regulations and guidance outlined in the Health and Safety at Work Act.

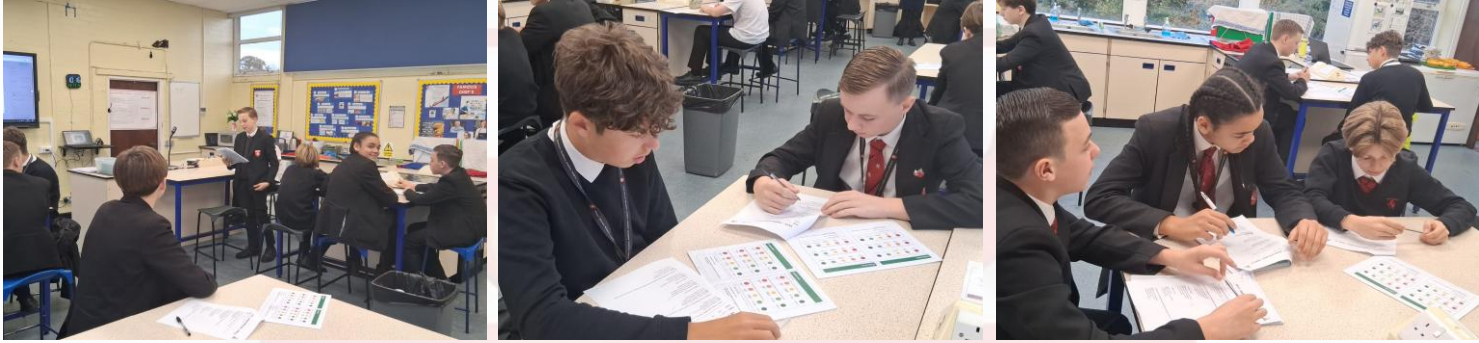


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Year 9 Food Technology with Mr Ryan

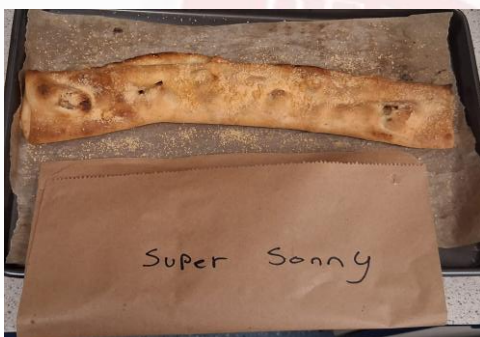
Year 9 Food Technology students recently completed an assessment reviewing their learning from Term 1. Alongside demonstrating their knowledge, they focused on essential safety practices for preparing and cooking food, helping to build strong practical skills and a clear understanding of hygiene and kitchen safety.

Mr Ryan commented, *"The boys aced it!"* – reflecting their hard work and commitment throughout the term.



Year 10 Showcase Culinary Skills

Year 10 Food Technology students impressed with their baking skills as they prepared delicious apple strudel during a practical lesson. Following careful preparation and cooking, the strudel was left to cool before being enjoyed at lunchtime – a well-earned reward for their hard work and creativity.



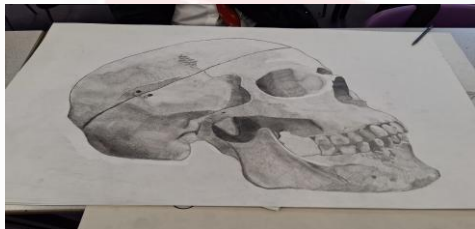
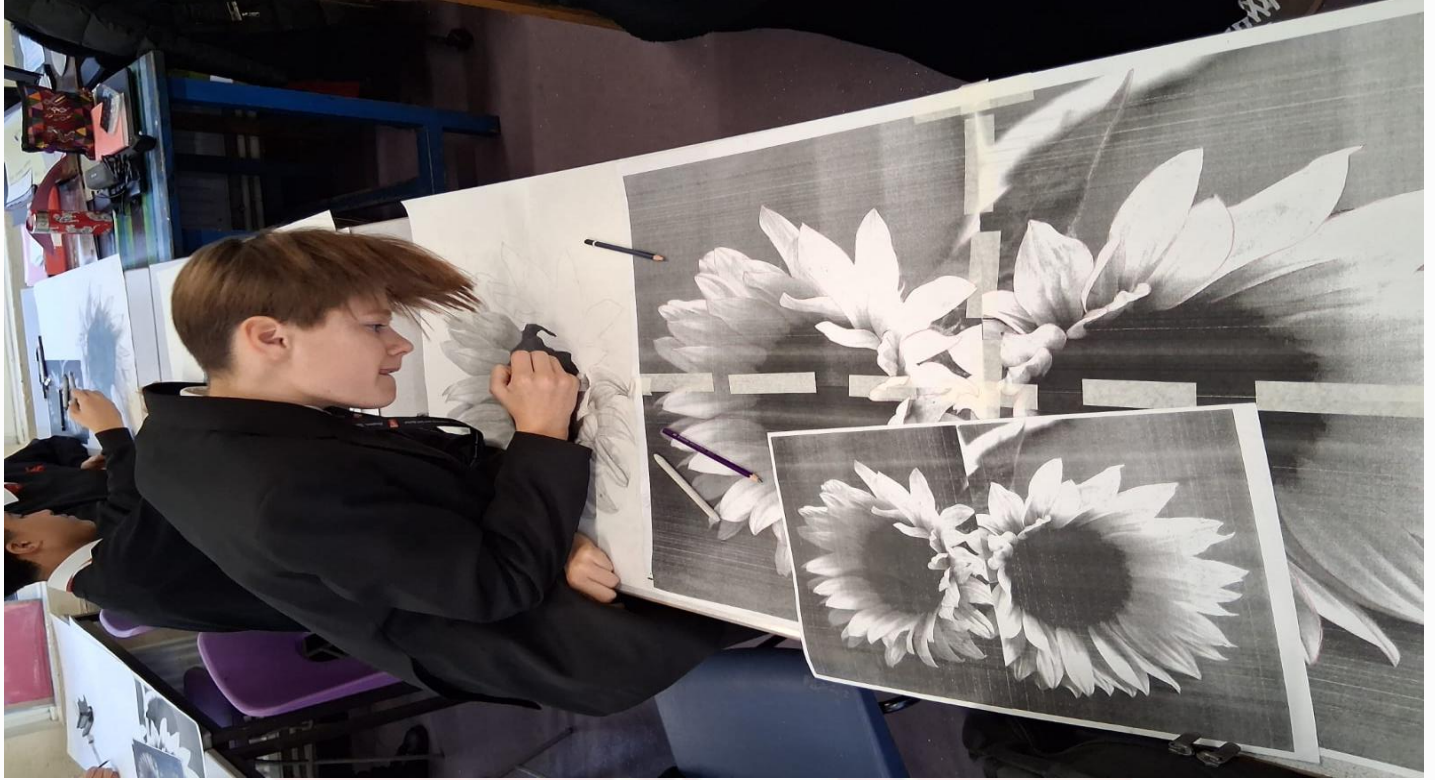
— **APPLE** —
Strudel



Shades of Talent: Stunning Vanitas Artwork from Year 10

Year 10 GCSE Art with Ms Whiteland

This term, Year 10 students have been working on a Vanitas-style project in their GCSE Art lessons. They have created detailed drawings of a range of objects, including skulls, sunflowers and wine bottles, using a variety of shading techniques to produce high-quality A1 tonal drawings. The standard of artwork has been impressive throughout the term – well done to our Year 10 artists.



Enrichment Day: A Celebration of Learning Beyond the Classroom

Our first Enrichment Day was a resounding success, offering every year group the chance to explore new experiences and develop valuable skills.

- **Year 7** stepped back in time at the Tower of London, deepening their understanding of British history.
- **Year 8** embraced a vibrant carousel of **Modern Foreign Languages**, discovering French, Spanish, Indian, Filipino, Brazilian, and Italian culture.
- **Year 9** took their Geography learning outdoors with a hands-on **fieldwork trip**, applying classroom knowledge to real-world investigations.
- **Year 10** immersed themselves in an action-packed day of **Science**, from Medical Mavericks and ZooLab to microscopy and dissection.
- **Year 11** tackled a series of challenging **Maths workshops**, including Escape Rooms, Murder Mysteries, and budgeting tasks designed to sharpen problem-solving and reasoning skills.

The day was filled with enthusiasm, teamwork, and curiosity. We are incredibly proud of our students for embracing every opportunity and look forward to more inspiring enrichment events in the future.



End2end TV

Autumn Term Review – A Strong Start for Creative Media Production at end2end TV CIC

The Autumn Term has been an exciting start for our 17 new BTEC Tech Award L1/2 Creative Media Production students, who joined us in our full broadcast end2end TV CIC studio, on site at Hurstmere. From week one they showed enthusiasm, curiosity, and a real readiness to step into the professional world of TV and digital media. Working in a real studio has given them hands-on experience across the full production pipeline—from planning and research to filming, sound recording, presenting and editing. As a group, they are already developing confidence with cameras, studio lighting, audio equipment and professional editing tools. Their teamwork and adaptability have been particular strengths, with progress flourishing as a result.



This term, pupils took part in structured workshops that built both technical skills and creative decision-making. They explored how media products are constructed, how visual and audio techniques create meaning, and how different studio roles work together in end-to-end production.

Students have also begun preparing for their first formal assessments, which will run from January to April during their usual BTEC sessions.

A Message from the Team

“We are incredibly proud of how well this cohort has settled into the course. Their confidence has grown rapidly, and they have embraced the accelerated learning, with pupils saying how much they love the practical elements of the course. This term has laid strong foundations for the exciting projects ahead.”

— end2end TV CIC Teaching Team



Next Course Start Date & Admissions

The next intake for the **BTEC Tech Award in Creative Media Production (L1/2)** begins **Autumn Term 2026**.

Who Can Join?

Pupils in Years 8 – 13 (current Hurstmere Y7-11) with an interest in creativity, tech, practical learning and gaining real industry experience. No prior skills required—just enthusiasm and dedication.

Waiting List / Enquiries:

✉ end2endtv@hurstmere.org.uk



Hurstmere Marks Remembrance Day with Reflection and Learning

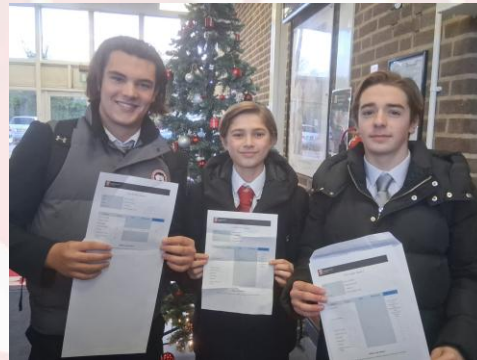
On 11th November 2025, the Hurstmere community united in a solemn act of remembrance, observing two minutes of silence at 11:00 a.m. to honour those who gave their lives in service to their country. This reflective moment formed part of a day dedicated to commemorating sacrifice and deepening understanding of this significant tradition.

Mr Page, Curriculum Lead for History, delivered a bespoke Remembrance Assembly for the entire school. The assembly provided rich historical context, enabling students to learn about the individuals who shaped our shared past. Through this thoughtful and moving presentation, we reflected on the enduring importance of honouring those who served and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.



Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations: Preparing for Success

Year 11 students sat a series of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs), designed to play a vital role in their academic journey. These assessments provide a realistic preview of formal exam conditions, helping students adapt to the timing, pressure, and atmosphere they will experience during their final examinations. There were plenty of smiles on PPE Results Day – a great reflection of students' hard work. Well done and keep it up!



Year 11 Careers Trip - Excel Centre

On 28th November 2025, our Year 11 students attended an exciting careers event at the London Excel Centre. This trip gave them the opportunity to explore a wide range of post-16 options, including Sixth Forms, Colleges, Universities, Apprenticeships, and Businesses.

Students engaged in meaningful conversations with representatives, gathered valuable information about future pathways, and discovered the skills and qualifications needed for success in different industries. The event was a fantastic chance for them to ask questions, broaden their horizons, and start planning the next steps in their educational journey.

We are proud of how our students approached the day with curiosity and ambition – a true reflection of the Hurstmere ethos: **Believe & Achieve!**



More Careers Guidance

Mr Hancock, our Careers Adviser from Bexley Youth Advice, is in school every Tuesday to support students with their next steps. He has now met with every student in Year 11 and is currently working his way through Year 10. In addition to scheduled appointments, Mr Hancock is also available every Tuesday for any students who would like extra guidance or have questions about their future pathways.



Students are encouraged to use the Unifrog platform to explore post-16 pathways, research career options and organise their plans for the future.

🎵 Year 7 Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church 🎄



On 12th December, Year 7 students delivered a beautifully festive Christmas Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church in Sidcup, filling the space with confident singing, seasonal cheer, and plenty of proud smiles.

The historic church provided the perfect backdrop for their performances, creating a magical atmosphere for families, staff, and students alike.

It was a wonderful celebration of music, community, and the joy of the Christmas season – well done to all our talented Year 7 boys!

🎄 Celebrating Creativity: Our Year 7 Christmas Card Champion! 🎄

We are delighted to announce the winner of our Year 7 Christmas Card Competition 2025. All entries captured the true spirit of the festive season, showcasing a wonderful blend of creativity, colour and holiday cheer.

A huge congratulations to our winner, James B, for his fantastic design. His artwork will be proudly featured as Hurstmere's official Christmas card this year.

Thank you to all our talented Year 7 students who took part – your imaginative designs made this competition a real joy. Believe & Achieve, and keep those creative ideas flowing!



**James B
Winner**

**Ibrahim F & Noah R
Runners - Up**

Christmas Dinner Day: A Festive Feast to Remember!

This year's Christmas Dinner Day was a *sparkling success*, filling the dining hall with festive cheer, full bellies, and plenty of smiling faces! From the perfectly roasted turkey and trimmings to the delicious desserts, our students and staff enjoyed a wonderful celebration that truly captured the spirit of the season.

A huge Hurstmere thank you goes to our amazing Accent Catering team, whose hard work, organisation, and festive energy made the day run seamlessly. Their dedication behind the scenes – from the early-morning preparation to the final plate served – ensured that everyone enjoyed a warm, hearty Christmas meal together. We appreciate you! 🍷 ✨



Recognising Sporting Success: Colours Evening Awards

Year 9 and Year 11 students

This achievement reflects their exceptional commitment to representing the school, mentoring younger year groups and consistently upholding the highest standards. Their talent, leadership and strong team spirit highlight why sport plays such an important role at Hurstmere. We are incredibly proud of each recipient for setting such a positive and inspiring example.



Hurstmere's 'House Council' Leadership Team



Mr Smith formally presented the House Captains with their distinctive coloured ties.

Congratulations to all House Captains for demonstrating exemplary leadership and collaboration. Their dedication sets a positive example for their peers and contributes significantly to fostering a strong sense of community within their Houses.



Hurstmere's 'Student' Leadership Team

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Jenson B as Head Boy for the academic year. Supporting him in this leadership role are William M and Sangeerrth S, who have been appointed Deputy Head Boys. Congratulations to all three students on this well-deserved recognition. The Head Boy, alongside his deputies, plays an important role as a representative and role model within the school community.

Together, they will:

Act as ambassadors for the school, promoting its values and ethos

Organise and support student-led activities

Lead by example through positive behaviour, strong attendance and academic commitment

Represent student voice and contribute positively to school life through leadership and service

We look forward to seeing them make a valuable contribution over the year ahead.



Celebrating Excellence : Prize Giving

We were pleased to welcome Lucas Myers, a former Hurstmere student now studying Law, to our Prize Giving Ceremony. Lucas shared insightful and practical advice with students on how to stand out and succeed in the professional world, offering thoughtful guidance on building a strong work ethic and making a positive, lasting impression.

The event provided a meaningful opportunity to celebrate students' achievements, with well-deserved recognition given for their dedication, commitment and hard work.



A full gallery of Prize Giving pictures are available on the school website

Celebrating Excellence: *Jack Petchey Leader Award Winner - Mr Page*



A huge congratulations to Mr Page on receiving this year's **Jack Petchey Leader Award**! An exceptional educator and inspirational role model, Mr Page consistently goes above and beyond to support both students and colleagues. His passion for teaching, dedication to his subject, and genuine care for those he works with make him an integral part of the Hurstmere community.

We are incredibly proud to see his commitment and excellence recognised through this prestigious award.

Celebrating Our Jack Petchey Award Winners

A huge congratulations to all our Jack Petchey Award recipients who proudly received their medallions at the recent awards ceremony. These pupils exemplify the very best of Hurstmere, serving as outstanding role models for their peers.

The Jack Petchey Achievement Award honours young people aged 11-25 who go above and beyond to achieve excellence. It celebrates their hard work, dedication, and positive impact within their community. Our winners truly embody these qualities, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.



Some of our Year 9 students enjoyed an exciting Jack Petchey reward trip to **SOAR Go-Karting**, taking to the track with great energy, enthusiasm and teamwork. It was a fantastic afternoon and a well-deserved way to celebrate their hard work and achievements this term.

Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the Principal Rewards. Presented every Friday morning by Mrs Bennett, these awards honour students who have been nominated by staff for outstanding achievements or for exemplifying our school values.

Well done to all our deserving recipients!

The Principal Rewards nominations for week ending 5th September 2025 are follows:



Week Ending 05.09.2025

Year 9 - Teddy W and Vinnie R-H for Respect and Ambition

**Year 11 - Alex B for Integrity
Frankie A for Leadership and Teamwork**



A Principal Reward Voucher entitles the bearer to one main meal, a dessert and to queue jump to the front of the line, compliments of the school. This reward is in recognition of our pupils demonstrating one of our school values, R-Trails (Respect, Teamwork, Resilience, Ambition, Integrity, Leadership and Self Belief).

Week Ending 12.09.2025

Year 7 - George S for Ambition

**Year 9 - Luis S and Finley A for Teamwork
Jesse W for Ambition and Respect**

Year 10 - Richard I for Integrity

Year 11 - Dino V for Resilience



Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

Week Ending 19.09.2025

Year 7 - Zac B and Oscar S for Ambition and Self-Belief
Joel G for Integrity
Harry E for Ambition

Year 9 - Tom B for Respect
Seb P for Integrity and Leadership
Harrison F and Harrison D - Respect
Fred B for Integrity
Toby M for Resilience

Year 11 - Lewis M for Self-Belief



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Week Ending 26.09.2025

Year 7 - Dexter C for Ambition
Henry S for Respect
Harry B for Integrity
Freddie M for Self-Belief

Year 8 - Daniel L and James N for Ambition

Year 9 - Max S and James H for Respect
Jack T and Mason C for Ambition
Owen D for Ambition

Year 10 - Rocco A for Ambition



Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

Week Ending 03.10.2025

- Year 7 - George S for Ambition
- Year 8 - James N for Leadership
- Year 9 - Archie M for Ambition
Frankie B and Vinny H for Respect and Self-Belief
Maxwell H for Respect and Teamwork
- Year 10 - Harry D for Ambition and Teamwork
Matthew K for Ambition
Callum O for Ambition
- Year 11 - Seb D for Ambition and Self Belief



Week Ending 10.10.2025

- Year 7 - Xander C for Ambition
Matthew W for Integrity
- Year 8 - Albert B for Integrity
Ellis G for Leadership
Noah W for ALL the RTRAILS
James N for Integrity
- Year 9 - Jonah W and Jason K for Self-belief
Biniam G for Ambition
Oliver S for Resilience
- Year 10 - Will V for Leadership
Zack F for Ambition
Zach S for Ambition and Teamwork
- Year 11 - Bobby L for ALL the RTRAILS



Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

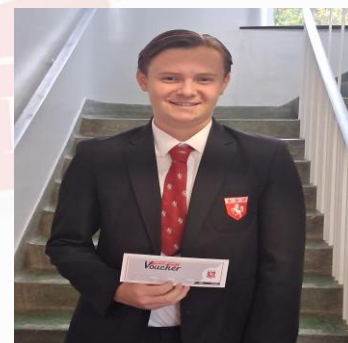
Week Ending 17.10.2025

- Year 7 – Azaan K for Leadership
- Year 8 – Freddy M for Integrity
Oliver C for Respect and Integrity
- Year 9 – Teddy C, Carson P and Arthur S for Ambition
- Year 11 – Liam R for Ambition



Week Ending 07.11.2025

- Year 7 – Spencer W for Ambition
- Year 9 – Frankie B for Integrity
- Year 10 – Oliver A and Charlie A for Integrity
- Year 11 – Louis P for Resilience
Jody F for Resilience
Liam P for Respect and Integrity



Each week, teachers nominate a student who has demonstrated exceptional use of our R-Trails values. Mrs Bennett personally congratulates these students in her office and presents them with a 'Principal's Reward' – which includes a complimentary school lunch with dessert and, most popular among the boys, a queue jump pass!

Respect * Teamwork * Resilience * Ambition * Integrity * Leadership * Self-Belief

Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

Week Ending 14.11.2025

- Year 7 - Hugo M for Respect.
Lenny H for Leadership
- Year 8 - Alexander C for Resilience and Respect
- Year 9 - Jacou N and Lorcan R for Ambition
- Year 10 - Louis S and Harry E for Resilience
Matteo C for Ambition
Ollie W for Leadership



Week Ending 21.11.2025

- Year 7 - Jacob C for Self-Belief
Daniel K for Resilience
James B for winning the Christmas Card Competition
Noah F and Ibrahim F for Runners-Up in the Christmas Card Competition
- Year 8 - Frankie C for Ambition
Harvey E for Leadership
Benjamin B for Integrity
Freddie M and Tommy E for Integrity
- Year 9 - Seb B and Laurie B for Integrity
- Year 10 - Corey C for all RTRAILS



“ Believe & Achieve ”

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Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

Week Ending 28.11.2025

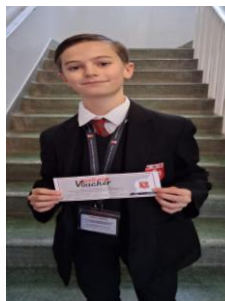
Year 7 - Zach B for Resilience

Year 8 - Ellis G and Cooper W for Leadership

Year 9 - Jack W for Self-Belief and Ambition
Teddy B for Self-Belief

Year 10 - James C for Ambition
Darcy I for Self-Belief and Resilience
Albert W for Respect

Year 11 - Ryan A and Luke S for Ambition



Week Ending 4.12.2025

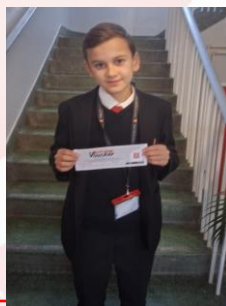
Year 7 - Denzel O, Tobiah F and Finn T for Ambition

Year 8 - Owen W and Fred W for Resilience

Year 9 - Efe R and Riley H for Ambition

Year 10 - Ollie S for Ambition

Year 11 - Thomas S for Ambition



Week Ending 12.12.2025

Year 7 - Henry S, Matthew W and Christian S for Respect

Year 8 - Oliver H for Belief and Ambition

Year 11 - Jenson B, Luca C and Jaipal C for Leadership
Frankie W for Respect and Integrity



“ Believe & Achieve “

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Mrs Bennett Hosting a Students' Forum: Sharing Ideas Over Hot Chocolate

These sessions provide a relaxed and friendly atmosphere where students can share their thoughts on school life, celebrate recent achievements, and discuss ideas for making Hurstmere even better. These forums are a fantastic opportunity for students to voice opinions, ask questions, and connect with the leadership team in a positive and supportive setting.

Mrs Bennett always enjoys hearing the students' perspectives on upcoming events, academic challenges, and ways to enhance the overall student experiences. It is great to see students engaging confidently and contributing thoughtful suggestions that will help shape the future of our school community.

On 6 November, Year 7 students enjoyed a catch-up session with Mrs Bennett, complete with hot chocolate and a giant cookie. They shared their experiences of the first term, talked about school life and contributed thoughtful ideas in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. It was a valuable opportunity for students to speak with confidence and feel part of the wider Hurstmere community.



On 28 November 2025, Year 10 students enjoyed a relaxed and positive meet-up with Mrs Bennett, taking time to chat over hot chocolate and a giant cookie. They reflected on their year so far, discussed upcoming challenges and shared thoughtful suggestions about school life. It was a valuable opportunity for students to speak openly, connect with senior staff and celebrate the progress they have made.



On 11 December 2025, Year 8 students enjoyed the opportunity to sit down with Mrs Bennett over hot chocolate and a giant cookie. In a relaxed and friendly setting, they shared their thoughts on school life and put forward some excellent ideas, making it a valuable and enjoyable discussion for everyone involved.



Mrs Bennett Hosting a Students' Forum: Sharing Ideas Over Hot Chocolate

18th September 2025: Year 11s



2nd October 2025: Year 10



9th October 2025: Year 9



15th October 2025: Year 8



Student Voice Matters: Student Parliament Meeting



The Howard Academy Trust hosted the first Student Parliament meeting of this academic year, focusing on Digital Transformation.

Two student representatives from each of the nine schools in our Trust came together to explore how technology is shaping their learning, and how it could be used more effectively in the future.

Students shared their experiences of IT from interactive screens and laptops to coding clubs, digital photography and online homework collaboration tools. They discussed how technology helps them learn and stay organised. It was an engaging and forward-thinking session!



Macmillan Coffee Morning 2025

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Thank you to everybody who participated in our wonderful Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September.

THANK YOU!



Save the Children Charity Appeal

We supported 'Save the Children' again this year, Thank You to everyone who donated via the Arbor School Shop.

🎄 We wore our Favourite Christmas Jumper to School on Dec. 19th! 🧑🏻‍🎄

🌟 We spread some festive cheer and showed off our jolly jumpers! 🎁



Community Church Food Bank Appeal



This Christmas, Mr Watson and his form group chose to spread kindness by supporting our local food bank. The boys showed fantastic generosity, collecting a wonderful range of food items for Mr Watson to deliver on their behalf.

'Tub2Pub' Macmillan Charity Appeal

Once again this year, we will be supporting the Greene King 'Tub2Pub' charity appeal. This recycling initiative collects clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs, which are then recycled, with proceeds donated to Macmillan Cancer Support, helping to reduce waste sent to landfill.

The campaign runs after the festive season, from January to 6 February, and works in partnership with Co-cre8 and DCW Polymers, who recycle the plastic for reuse in new products.



🎉 **Tub Challenge 2025 – Let's Smash the Record!** 🎉

It's our **third year** running and we're going **BIG!**

Help us beat last year's total by donating your **clean, empty confectionery tubs.**

Every tub counts – let's make this our **biggest collection yet!**



Leading the Way: Hurstmere Sports Leaders Shine!

As part of our outreach work, **Miss Allsop** has been working with Year 6 students from **Burnt Oak, Hurst and Upton Primary Schools** to promote leadership and show that boys can lead too. Building on the strong reputation of Hurstmere's Sports Leaders for delivering high-quality festivals and competitions across the borough, the students attended three sessions at Hurstmere, working alongside a small group of Year 8 Sports Leaders.

Across the sessions, the group developed their leadership and personal skills, shared ideas to encourage greater physical activity among their peers and explored leadership opportunities within school. It was fantastic to see their confidence grow with each session and to hear their creative ideas. We look forward to seeing how they get on with the challenges set and hope to welcome many of them back to Hurstmere in the future.



BEXLEY SCHOOL GAMES

Hurstmere Host Bexley School Games Badminton Festival

In November, 55 Year 4 students took part in the School Games Badminton Festival. The event was organised and led by our Year 9 Sports Leaders, who did an excellent job teaching key badminton skills while ensuring all participants were active and enjoying themselves.

A teacher from Merton Court commented, *"We all had a great time and your Year 9 students were fantastic role models – polite, engaging and able to challenge children at all levels. Please thank them on our behalf."*

It is wonderful to see Hurstmere students inspiring younger children to get involved in sport, while also working together as a team and building their own confidence as leaders. Well done to all involved.



Hurstmere Pride: Louie Strikes Silver on the European Stage!



Louie had a great weekend and secured a silver medal against some of the best Judoka across Europe at the European Cup in Riga, Latvia. Here is a picture of Louie stepping on to the mat for the final

Well Done Louie - we are all so proud of you!

Leading the Way: Hurstmere Sports Leaders Shine!

Hurstmere Boys support Greenwich Giants to deliver Primary School Baseball Festival

In September, 16 of our Year 9 Sports Leaders inspired over 170 primary school students from across Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich and Lewisham to try the sport of baseball. Working alongside coaches from Greenwich Giants Baseball Club and Sports Leaders from Bexley Grammar, the students delivered pitching, fielding and batting activities during the morning before officiating the tournament in the afternoon.

It was a long but rewarding day, and the students rose to the challenge exceptionally well. Teachers praised their positive attitudes, resilience and, above all, their leadership skills. Greenwich Giants coach **Will** commented, *“The day wouldn’t have been such a great success without the help and support of Hurstmere Sports Leaders. The club is extremely grateful to everyone at the school for your continued support.”*



School Games Tri Golf Festival

In October, 70 Year 4 students from local primary schools visited Hurstmere to take part in the School Games Tri Golf Festival. For many, this was their first experience of representing their school in a sporting event, and there were understandably a few nervous faces at the start. After an hour of golf activities led by our Year 10 and Year 11 Sports Leaders, those nerves quickly turned into smiles and laughter. It was wonderful to see Hurstmere students showing empathy, encouraging others, helping younger children develop new skills and, most importantly, enjoying being active together.

Our Sports Leaders truly are the leaders of tomorrow, and we could not be prouder of them. When asked if they had enjoyed the day, here’s what the children had to say:



Today was enjoyable.
Everyone helped me get better at golf.
I had a lot of fun.
The sports leaders were kind.
The boys showed me what to do, they were helpful.
I’ve had the best time ever! **It was fun to try something new.**
I can’t wait to come back again.



Sporting Achievements



Year 10A team made a great start to the season with a 7-0 win over Bonus Pastor



Year 7A team won their first school game 11-0 vs Eden Park in the Kent Cup!
A fantastic team performance!



Our Year 9 rugby team got their season off to a great start with a 22-19 win against Forest Hill. A great win against a tough opponent.
Well done boys!



A great night of football with three great results.
Year 11 won 7 -2 Vs Ravenswood.
Year 9B won 5 - 4 on penalties vs Crown Woods.
Year 8A won 3 - 1 vs Eden Park - Well done to all involved



Year 7 A team won 4-3 against Ravenswood in a closely matched game on the 3G. They progress into the 3rd round of the Kent Cup!



8A beat St Paul's 9-0 in Kent Cup game.
Well done boys



Year 7 A team finished the half term with another dominant performance. Winning 8-0 against Ark Walworth Academy in ESFA cup!



A huge congratulations to all our Year 9 Sports Leaders who represented Hurstmere at the Four Borough Baseball Festival in partnership with the Greenwich Giants. You were outstanding ambassadors for the school and truly exemplified what it means to be a Hurstmere Role Model

Sporting Achievements



Excellent performances by our Year 7/8/10 & 11s at the Bexley Cross Country Championships held by Chis & Sid!



Year 7B team played Cleeve Park and progress to the 3rd round of the KSFA Cup!



Well done to our Year 10B team following their 4-2 vs Beths in the National Cup!



Year 7 A team vs St Gregory's in KSFA cup. After going 2-0 down Hurstmere came back to win the game 8-2! The boys showed great resilience to get back into the game and progress into the next round of the Kent Cup!



Year 10A team won 5-3 against Coopers after being 3-0 down at half time. An excellent fight back to move into the next round of the Kent Cup



Excellent display from the year 7B team in the Kent Cup to win 6-2! Dominant first half 2-0 then after the break conceding 2 goals to bring the game level. The boys showed great resilience to finish the game with an extra 4 goals! Well done!



Year 10 Rugby won against Beths 35-5. Fantastic performance from the team. Hatrick of tries for Tom R



Year 7 B team won 3-1 against Stationers Crown Woods in the ESFA Cup! Well Done Boys!



Year 7A team won 5-1 today vs Hayes in the Kent Cup and move into the 1/4 finals! Great first half performance with a couple of outstanding goals!



Year 10b beat St. Paul's 5-2 to move into the 1/4 finals of the Kent Cup





Friends of Hurstmere QUIZ Night

🌟 A BIG Thank You from all at Hurstmere School! 🌟
Your support makes all the difference — together, we're building brighter futures.

We couldn't do it without you!



🍫 Chocolate Raffle Fun - Another Fantastic Friends of Hurstmere Event! 🎉

Our fantastic Friends of Hurstmere team delivered another hugely successful event with this year's Chocolate Raffle. Excitement was high as students eagerly awaited the draw, and with everyone taking home a treat, there were smiles all round.

Congratulations to the lucky winners who scooped the signed football shirt and balls – a brilliant prize haul!

As always, a sincere thank you to everyone who supported the event by purchasing tickets, and a huge well done to our wonderful Friends of Hurstmere team for their dedication and hard work in making these events so special.



Diary Dates

Thursday 8 th January 2025	Year 11 Subjects Parents Evening
Monday 26 th January 2026	Year 9 Options Presentations Go Live (Virtual)
Thursday 29 th January 2026	Year 9 Subjects Parents Evening
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 8 Subjects Parents Evening
Thursday 23 rd April 2026	Year 7 Subjects Parents Evening

Term Dates

Xmas Break

Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

Term 3

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

February Break

Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

Spring Break

Tuesday 6th April 2026 – Friday 17th April 2026

Term 5

Monday 20th April 2026 – Thursday 21st May 2026

May Break

Tuesday 26th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 17th July 2026

Summer Holidays

Monday 20th July 2026 – Tuesday 1st September 2026

Inset Days (Pupils not in school)

Monday 5th January 2026 and Friday 22nd May 2026.

Bank Holidays

Monday 4th May '26, Monday 25th May '26

BACK TO SCHOOL TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2026