



Hurstmere School

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

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Dear Parent/Guardian(s)

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of another term and that it will not be long before our Year 11 students are undertaking their GCSE examinations. It is wonderful to see the boys studying so hard and wanting to be the best that they can be.

Year 11 Easter Revision

There will be a programme of revision sessions for Year 11 students which will take place over the two weeks of the Easter holiday. The schedule will be shared shortly. I am sure the boys will all be working hard during the break in preparation for their GCSEs but I hope that they also take time to relax, recharge their batteries and enjoy some down time.

Uniform

As we hopefully see the return of warmer weather, a reminder that all students are expected to bring their blazer to school every day. Please be aware that jumpers and windbreaker jackets are not a replacement for blazers. We are beginning to see an increase in the number of students wearing trainers to school and I would like to remind you that trainers are not permitted as part of our uniform policy. Please ensure that your son is equipped with the correct uniform prior to his return for the Summer Term.

Parental Communication

We value the positive relationships we foster with parents and strongly believe that our boys benefit from a positive working relationship between home and school.

Parents and guardians are kindly reminded to maintain reasonable expectations regarding staff responses to emails. During the working day, teaching staff's primary responsibility is the education, supervision, and wellbeing of your children, and they may not be able to check or respond to emails immediately. Emails sent outside of normal working hours may not be read until the next working day, and staff are not expected to respond during evenings, weekends, or holidays. In most circumstances, the school operates a 48-hour response timeframe, allowing staff sufficient time to give thoughtful and appropriate replies while prioritising high-quality teaching and learning.

We place high value on instilling good manners and courtesy across our school community based upon mutual trust and respect. Sadly, we are seeing occasions where staff are on the receiving end of behaviours beyond that which should be tolerated.

As a school, we endeavour to resolve all issues raised in a timely manner but within any community we sometimes have to accept there will be differences of opinion. Whatever these differences may be, all members of our community, including our staff, should be treated with respect and courtesy both in written and verbal communication, free from aggression or threatening behaviour. Visitors who fall short of our expectations may fall within the remit of our Keeping Staff and Pupils Safe from Abusive or Threatening Visitors procedure.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Waghorn and Ms Jibogu to Hurstmere. They have joined our SEND department and will be supporting our boys in the classroom.

School Canteen

Please [click here](#) to view the summer term menu. If your son is using the canteen, please do ensure that he has sufficient funds in his WisePay account.

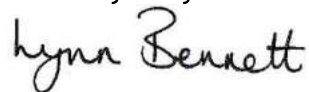
We are a nut-free school and to keep everyone safe, please ensure that students **do not** bring any nuts or nut-based products into school.

Early Closure on Thursday 2nd April 2026

The school will close early for all students on the final day before the Easter holidays, **Thursday, 2nd April 2026**. Lessons will continue as normal for Periods 1 - 2 with an extended brunch service between 10:50 - 11:20; P3 will run from 11:20 with students dismissed at **12:15**.

Please look out for our newsletter later this month which will update you on everything our boys have been doing over the past term but in the meantime, thank you for your continued support of Hurstmere School. I wish you all a safe and restful break and look forward to greeting our students back on Monday 20th April 2026.

With my very best wishes,



Lynn Bennett
Principal