

Hurstmere News

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As we come to the end of another busy and successful term at Hurstmere, it is a pleasure to reflect on the many achievements, experiences and opportunities our students have embraced both in and beyond the classroom.

This term has truly showcased the breadth of what we offer as a school. From our Enrichment Day, where students experienced everything from cultural visits to creative workshops, to outstanding performances in our Spring Concert, it has been fantastic to see our students develop their confidence, talents and character. In the classroom, students have continued to demonstrate excellent engagement – whether mastering titration in Science, exploring real-world Geography through fieldwork, or showcasing creativity in Hospitality and Catering.

We have also seen impressive commitment from our Year 11 students, particularly in their attendance at intervention sessions and their engagement with exam preparation. As GCSE examinations begin shortly after the Easter break, I would like to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck. Your hard work, resilience and determination have been clear to see...now is the time to show what you can do!

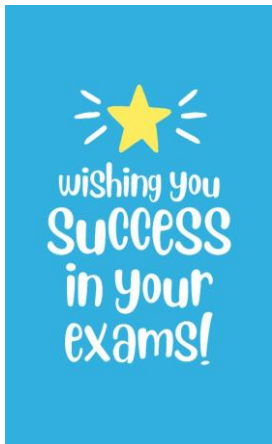
Beyond the classroom, our students have continued to excel. From sporting success, including multiple Kent Champion titles across year groups, to participation in inclusive events such as the Panathlon Games, we are incredibly proud of the teamwork and determination displayed. Our students have also engaged thoughtfully with wider themes, including Holocaust Memorial Day and LGBT+ awareness, demonstrating maturity, respect and a strong sense of community.

As we look ahead, we wish our students and staff embarking on the Iceland trip an excellent experience and a safe journey – we look forward to hearing all about it.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Evans, Deputy SENDCo, for her dedication and contribution to the school. We wish her every success and happiness in her next chapter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you have a restful Easter break.

Lynn Bennett
Principal



Learning in Action: Budding Chefs in Year 7 Showcase Their Culinary Skills

Our Year 7 students had a fantastic time in the kitchen preparing delicious and healthy chicken goujons. They demonstrated great independence by choosing whether to slice or dice their chicken breasts before coating them in flour, dipping them in egg, and rolling them in crunchy breadcrumbs. As always, we ensured all dietary requirements were carefully considered. The boys showed impressive culinary skills and proved themselves to be budding chefs!



Learning in Action: Year 8 Turn Up the Heat with Pasta Bake Creations

Our Year 8 students showcased their culinary skills in Food Technology today, preparing mouthwatering pasta bakes from scratch. From cooking the perfect pasta to layering rich sauces and toppings, the boys demonstrated creativity and teamwork throughout the session. It was a fantastic opportunity to combine practical skills with a love for good food.



Learning in Action: Year 8 Explore the Science of Solutions

Our Year 8 students took a hands-on dive into the fascinating world of **solutions** this week. During their Science lesson, pupils explored how substances dissolve, investigated the difference between solutes and solvents, and observed what happens when materials mix to form a uniform solution.

Through practical activities and guided discussion, the boys developed a clearer understanding of key scientific concepts that support their future learning in Chemistry. It was an engaging and enjoyable session, with students showing great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout.



Learning in Action: Year 9 Designing the Totems of Tomorrow in Technology

Our students have taken their first exciting steps in creating their very own Totem Pole masterpieces!

From sketching imaginative designs to learning the fundamentals of safe wood-cutting, they have jumped enthusiastically into the world of hands-on craftsmanship.

Armed with hand saws, sanders, and plenty of determination, the boys have been busy shaping the first stage of their wooden structures. Their focus, teamwork, and growing confidence in the workshop is already shining through.

This project is set to be a fantastic journey of creativity, skill-building, and cultural learning. We can't wait to see these Totem Poles come to life!



Learning in Action: Year 9 Sizzle in the Kitchen



Our Year 9 chefs turned up the heat as they prepared delicious chicken fajitas from scratch. From confidently slicing raw chicken, to chopping onions and peppers with precision, the boys kept everything sizzling as the seasoning blended and marinated beautifully in the pan. The classroom was filled with amazing aromas, and the results looked every bit as good as they smelt!



Learning in Action: Year 10 Whip Up Sweet Success in Hospitality and Catering

Year 10 students enjoyed a lively practical lesson creating their own fruit cheesecakes. From experimenting with flavours to perfecting presentation, they showed great creativity and teamwork throughout. The results looked fantastic – a delicious success all round!



Learning in Action: Mind Over Matter - Year 10 Explore the Science of Pain and Resilience

Mrs Davis visited a Year 10 class to deliver an engaging and thought-provoking lesson on how the mind can influence neural pathways. Students took part in a practical demonstration based on the cold pressor test, where they submerged their hands in ice water to explore pain tolerance and the concept of “mind over matter.”

Through this experience, students examined how the brain processes pain and how techniques such as focus and controlled thinking can impact their response. The lesson was carefully linked to their study of the reflex arc, helping students understand the difference between automatic responses and those that can be influenced by higher brain function.

The session was both challenging and memorable, giving students a powerful insight into the connection between psychology and biology, and how resilience can be developed through understanding the science behind our reactions.



Learning in Action: Year 10 Rise to the Titration Challenge

Our Year 10 Triple Science students rolled up their sleeves for an exciting GCSE-required practical. Using titration techniques, they carefully investigated how to measure the concentrations of acids and alkalis. With precision, patience, and plenty of calculations, they worked to uncover the molarity of an unknown substance – true scientific detectives in the making.

Our young scientists showed fantastic curiosity and teamwork as they tested, observed, and refined their methods. A big well done to everyone for their enthusiasm and sharp investigation skills!



Learning in Action: Exploring the Real World - Year 11 Geography Field Trip

Our Year 11 Geography students recently took part in an enriching field trip designed to support their GCSE studies. Throughout the day, pupils engaged in hands-on data collection, explored real-world geographical features, and applied key fieldwork techniques essential for their coursework.

The visit offered valuable opportunities to observe geographical processes in action, deepen their understanding of the subject, and work collaboratively in an outdoor learning environment. The students represented the school brilliantly, showing curiosity, teamwork, and a mature approach to their fieldwork tasks.

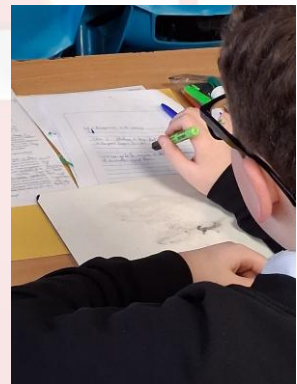
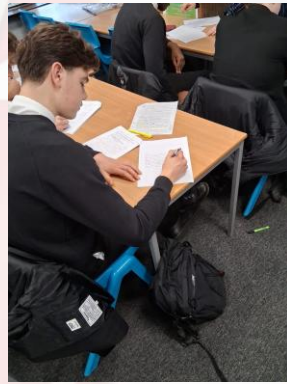
Well done to all involved for making the day such a success!



Learning in Action: Dedicated Year 11 Students Embrace Extra Revision Support

Subject teachers are pleased to see such strong engagement from our Year 11 pupils, with many attending morning and afternoon intervention sessions followed by afterschool revision lessons.

It is particularly encouraging that a number of students have independently chosen to participate in additional support opportunities, demonstrating an excellent level of maturity and commitment to their studies.



Learning in Action: Exam-Focused Science Support for Year 11 Students

We remain fully committed to supporting our Year 11 Science students in the final stages of their preparation. Mrs Davis and Mr Scott are delivering large-scale, weekly exam-focused sessions in the Hall and Old Gym, coaching students on key techniques, strategies and approaches needed to succeed in their GCSE Science exams. These sessions are designed to build confidence, sharpen exam skills and ensure every student is as prepared as possible.



Year 11 Explore Future Pathways During National Apprenticeship Week

During **National Apprenticeship Week**, our Year 11 students took part in an informative assembly webinar exploring the wide range of opportunities apprenticeships can offer. The session highlighted how apprenticeships combine practical skills, paid work, and hands-on learning with recognised qualifications, giving young people a valuable alternative to traditional academic pathways.

Students learned how apprenticeships can open doors to diverse careers while helping them build confidence, develop industry-relevant experience, and gain real-world skills that employers value.

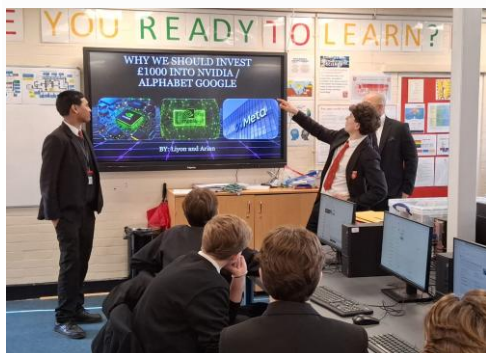


Hurstmere Trading Club Showcase Sharp Investment Skills

The Hurstmere Trading Club held its second session, where 16 students took on the challenge of investing £1,000 into two companies within the Technology and AI sector.

Their research, analysis and presentations were outstanding, with some exceptional insights into market trends and future growth.

Fantastic progress and impressive financial thinking all round – well done everyone!



Remembering the Past, Reflecting for the Future



On 27th January, our school community marked Holocaust Memorial Day, a time dedicated to remembering the six million Jewish people who were murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of others persecuted under Nazi tyranny and in subsequent genocides.

This year's theme encouraged students to reflect on the importance of challenging prejudice, standing up against discrimination, and recognising the power of individual choices.

Across tutor groups and assemblies, pupils engaged thoughtfully with survivor testimonies, historical accounts, and discussions about the responsibilities we all share in shaping a kinder, safer future.

By learning about the past, our students deepen their understanding of empathy, human rights, and the vital importance of speaking out when they see injustice.



Promoting Respect and Inclusion Across the School

At Hurstmere, we are committed to creating a school community where every student feels safe, respected, and celebrated for who they are. As part of our ongoing work to promote equality and inclusion, we have been recognising LGBT+ awareness, encouraging students to learn about the importance of kindness, acceptance, and standing up for others.

Through tutor time discussions and an assembly, students explored how diverse identities contribute to a richer, more understanding school environment. We also highlighted the significance of respecting differences and supporting classmates so everyone can thrive.

By fostering empathy and encouraging open, respectful dialogue, we continue to build a school culture where everyone belongs.



Celebrating the Power of Reading on World Book Day

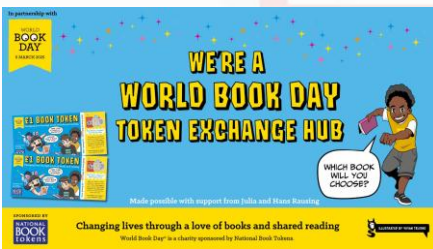
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World Book Day provides a valuable opportunity to celebrate the joy of books and the transformative power of reading. At Hurstmere, we are deeply committed to fostering a culture where students read for pleasure, recognising that this is one of the strongest predictors of future success—often more influential than family background, parental education, or household income.

Through promoting reading across the school, we aim to inspire our students to develop a lifelong love of books, opening doors to new ideas, opportunities and experiences that will support them well beyond their time at Hurstmere.

To support this, each student has been given a World Book Day token. Students are encouraged to look out for participating shops displaying the official poster, where they can exchange their token for a book or put it towards a purchase.



Making a Difference: Learning About the Work of Little Buds Charity



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We were delighted to welcome representatives from the Little Buds Charity, an organisation dedicated to supporting the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at Dartford and Gravesend NHS Trust. Little Buds plays a vital role in helping provide specialist care for babies born with additional medical needs, funding essential equipment and supporting families during some of their most challenging moments.

Their visit offered our school community a valuable opportunity to learn more about the incredible work they do and how our support can make a meaningful difference to vulnerable babies and their families.



<https://www.valleyhospitalcharity.org.uk/donate/little-buds-fund>

Learning Beyond the Classroom: Enrichment Day a Huge Success

Another fantastic **Enrichment Day** on 25th March 2026 with all our students enjoying a wide range of exciting activities and experiences across the school and beyond. From creative workshops to cultural trips, the day offered something memorable for every year group.

Our **Year 7** pupils embraced the world of **Computing**, developing new digital skills and exploring technology in fun and engaging ways.

Year 8 enjoyed an inspiring visit to **Westminster Abbey**, discovering its rich history and magnificent architecture.

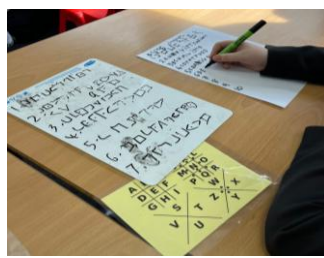
Year 9 were split between **Art and Media**, with some students taking part in an exciting filming project in partnership with **End2End**.

Meanwhile, **Year 10** ventured to Wembley Stadium for a fascinating **behind-the-scenes tour**, diving into the home of sporting and pop legends.

Our **Year 11** students were treated to a live performance of **Macbeth** by a visiting theatre company, bringing Shakespeare's drama to life right in front of them.

The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive, with many saying how much they enjoyed a **fun day off timetable**, learning together, trying new experiences, and making great memories.

Well done to everyone for making the day such a success!



Teamwork and Determination Lead to Panathlon Success

Hurstmere students proudly represented the school at the Panathlon Tenpin Bowling Tournament, held at Bexleyheath Megabowl as part of the wider Panathlon Games.

The boys showed fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork as they competed against students from other schools, delivering an excellent performance and securing 2nd place overall out of 9 teams.

Well done, boys!



Spring Concert Showcases Talent, Teamwork and School Spirit



Our Spring Concert on 24th March 2026 was an incredible celebration of talent, teamwork, and school spirit. The evening showcased outstanding performances from the Year 7 Choir, our energetic Studio Fix acts, the powerful voices of Harmony Army, and the ever-popular Rock Bands.

Adding to the excitement, the audience was treated to a special surprise appearance from the Staff Band, whose performance brought even more energy and smiles to the night.

A huge well done to every single student who took to the stage – your dedication, confidence, and passion shone through in every performance. And a heartfelt thank you to all families, friends, and staff who came along to support our young performers. Your enthusiasm helped make the evening truly unforgettable. What a fantastic success – roll on next year's concert! 🎵 🌙 ✨

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

Mrs Bennett continues enjoying a warm and welcoming catch-up with a group of students each week – complete with hot chocolate and a giant cookie!

She is always eager to hear about the boys' experiences around school, their views on school routines and expectations, and what they feel is working well.

The students always look forward to these relaxed sessions, where they can openly share their thoughts, offer suggestions, and enjoy plenty of laughter along the way.



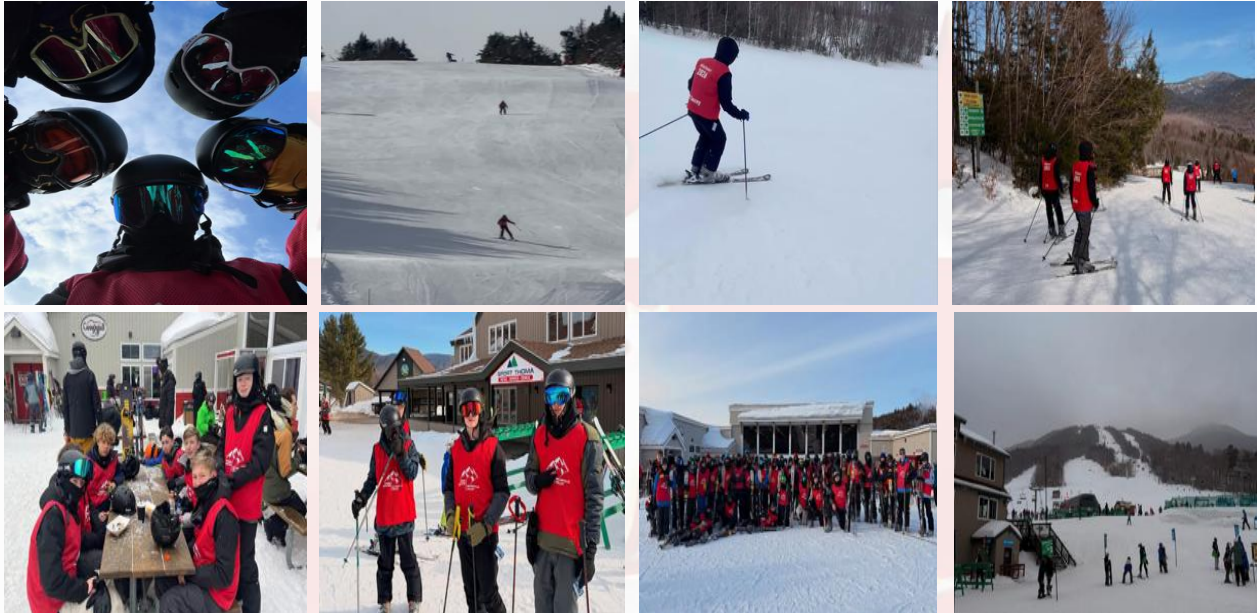
Year 10s Took On The Dry Ski Slopes

Our Year 10 students built their confidence and developed their skills in preparation for the February half-term ski trip. The session was full of progress, plenty of laughter, and marked an important step towards the real experience. Excitement continued to build ahead of the adventure.



Year 10 Ski Trip 2026 : Waterville Ski Resort USA and New York Stopover

Our boys were all ready to tackle to slopes!



The skiing element of the trip was a great success, with students developing their confidence on the slopes and making excellent progress throughout the week. They showed resilience, determination and a willingness to challenge themselves, embracing every opportunity to improve their skills while enjoying the experience.

The trip concluded with a memorable stopover in New York, where students enjoyed a fantastic range of experiences that broadened their horizons and created lasting memories. They made the most of every moment — from visiting iconic landmarks such as Madison Square Garden and the Empire State Building to enjoying a classic New York pizza dinner. Students also took a Liberty Island cruise to see the Statue of Liberty, explored Central Park, visited the 9/11 Memorial, and experienced the vibrant atmosphere of the city as they walked through its bustling streets.

[The full gallery is available to view on the Trips page of the school website](#)



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!

Week Ending 30th January 2026

- Year 7 - Alvin B for Leadership
James B for Respect and Integrity
- Year 8 - Yaarthigan S for Teamwork
Louis D for Ambition
- Year 9 - Jamie P for Respect, Resilience and Ambition
Luke G for Self-Belief
Anthony P for Ambition
- Year 10 - Kai U for all RTRAILS
- Year 11 - Harry R for Respect and Resilience



Week Ending 6th February 2026

- Year 7 - Stanley W for Integrity
Kien K for Resilience & Ambition
- Year 8 - Rhys M for Teamwork
Rhys-Jordan S for Integrity
Jacob P for RTRAIL'S
- Year 9 - Beau P for Integrity
- Year 10 - Stanley W for Respect
- Year 11 - Harry R for Respect and Resilience



Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

27th February 2026

Year 7 - Alfie C for Respect
Lucas W for Integrity

Year 8 - Frankie F for Self-Belief
Rhys N for Ambition

Year 9 - Mason H for Resilience and Self-Belief
Harrison F for Respect and Teamwork

Year 10 - Toby A for Ambition and Self-Belief
Lewis M, Albert W, Olly S and Oliver A for Integrity

Year 11 - Luca C for Ambition



6th March 2026

Year 7 - Nicholas K for Ambition
Denzel O for Integrity

Year 8 - Ellis G for Ambition
William G for Ambition

Year 9 - Alex C, Leo B, Jack V and Leo W for Ambition
Jesse W for Leadership

Year 10 - Ryley M for all RTRAILS

Year 11 - Harvey C, Riley H and Patrick A for Self-Belief



Extra Awards were given this week to our Year 7 Football A Team who Won 5-3 in the North Kent Cup!

Carter W, Dexter C, Mason R, Freddie P, Lenny D, Ridhwan K, Stanley W, Joe H, Kien K, Charlie H, Ronnie H and Bayranne E - Well Done Boys!



Awards also for our Year 7 B Team who Drew 3-3 in the North Kent Cup to share the Winners title!

Freddie M, Johnny R, Colby H, Albie D, Luke C, George S, Mem H, James T, Umaro K, Ollie H, Teddy H, Carter W, Kabir D, Oscar S



Congratulations



Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

20th March 2026

- Year 7 - Mem H for Ambition
Oscar S for Ambition
- Year 8 - Arthur W for Ambition and Respect
- Year 9 - Owen T for Teamwork
Tom P for Respect and Ambition
Max S for Respect and Ambition
- Year 10 - William T for Resilience
Charlie W for Ambition
- Year 11 - Josh L for All RETRAILS



27th March 2026

- Year 7 - Xandy C for Teamwork
Azaan K for Ambition
- Year 8 - Noah B for Resilience
Ellis G for Ambition
- Year 9 - Ben P, Taner B, Eddie P and Leo B for Leadership
Mason C for Teamwork
- Year 10 - William T for Resilience
- Year 11 - Zac E for Self-belief



Extra Curricular Clubs 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School (08:00 to 08:25)				
GCSE Boosters – Invite Only	GCSE Boosters – Invite Only	GCSE Boosters – Invite Only	GCSE Boosters – Invite Only	GCSE Boosters – Invite Only
AEN Breakfast Club All Years	AEN Breakfast Club All Years	AEN Breakfast Club All Years	AEN Breakfast Club All Years	
Lunchtime (KS3 13.00 to 13:30; KS4 13:30 to 14:00)				
AEN Lunch Club Years 7, 8 & 9 AEN R23 (Mrs Corby)	AEN Lunch Club Years 7, 8 & 9 AEN R23 (Mrs Corby)	AEN Lunch Club Years 7, 8 & 9 AEN R23 (Mrs Corby)	AEN Lunch Club Years 7, 8 & 9 AEN R23 (Mrs Corby)	Basketball Club All year groups Meet by PE Office
Card Games Club Years 7, 8 & 9 R54 (Mrs Hirani)	Meditation and Mindfulness Years 7,8 & 9 R54 (Mrs Hirani)	Spanish Club Year 9 R11 (Ms Lambert)	Library Lunch Club Years 7 & 8 Library (Mrs Cox/Mrs Osman)	Library Lunch Club Years 7 & 8 Library (Mrs Cox/Mrs Osman)
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	Library Lunch Club Years 7 & 8 Library (Mrs Cox/Mrs Osman)	Library Lunch Club Years 7 & 8 Library (Mrs Cox/Mrs Osman)		
	Fun Philosophy Year 8 R12 (Dr Goodwin)			
	End2end Snack and Tech Club Years 7 & 8 End2end Studio Must register on end2endtv.co.uk . Click Book a workshop			
After School (14.55; Fridays 13:20)				
Homework Club All Year Groups AEN (Mrs Osman)	Homework Club All Year Groups AEN (Mrs Osman)	Homework Club All Year Groups AEN (Mrs Osman)	Homework Club All Year Groups AEN (Mrs Osman)	Sports Leaders All Year Groups - By Invitation Sports Hall (Ms Alsop)
Badminton Club All Year Groups Sports Hall (Dr Goodwin)	Football Year 7 – Meet in Quad	HY-PE (Business Enterprise Club – All Year Groups R10 (Mr Mahmoudi)	Coding Club Years 7, 8 & 9 R55 (Mr Waghorn)	
Sports Leaders All Year Groups - By Invitation Sports Hall (Ms Alsop)	Basketball Years 7, 8 & 9 – Meet by PE Office	Board Games / Card Games Club Years 7, 8 & 9 R13 (Madame Marchioni)	Card & Board Games Club Years 7, 8 & 9 R5 (Miss Hughes)	
Football Year 9 – Meet in Quad		Drama Club Years 7, 8 & 9 Drama Studio (Ms Ramasova)	Football Year 8 – Meet in Quad	
Rugby Year 10 – Meet in Quad		Rugby Years 8 & 9 – Meet in Quad	Rugby Year 7 – Meet in Quad	
		Basketball Years 10 & 11 – Meet by PE Office		



 **NEW After-Easter Experiments Club!** 

Calling all curious Year 7 scientists!

Join us in **Room 50** for exciting hands-on experiments and mind-blowing discoveries.
Interested? Speak to **Mrs Fincham** or **Miss Manoj** to secure your spot!

Science Revision Guides On Sale

Boost Your Grades - Save Your Money!

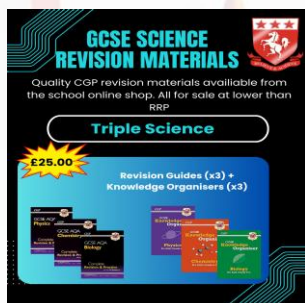
Top-quality Science Revision Guides NOW AVAILABLE AT A REDUCED PRICE!

Whether you're preparing for: KS3 Assessments, Year 10 Assessments or GCSE exams, we've got the revision tools to help you succeed!

🌟 Limited stock – grab yours via the school shop on Arbor

📌 Collection from the Science Technicians Office

🎓 Get ahead. Feel confident. Achieve more.



Friends of Hurstmere Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Egg Raffle

Here are some of our lucky winners :



Mega Egg Tower – Bradley, Seb, Matthew, Ryan, Mrs Hirani

Mini Egg Tower – Oliver, Rocco, Charlie, Ryan, Barnaby

Green Kings Tub-2-Pub Success - A New Hurstmere Record!

We are incredibly proud to share that this year, our school has collected an impressive **628 empty tubs** for the **Green Kings Tub-2-Pub** charity appeal – smashing last year's total and setting a brand-new Hurstmere record!

A huge thank-you to all students, families, and staff who donated.

Every tub contributes to supporting recycling efforts and reducing waste, while also helping raise funds for Macmillan.

Your kindness, enthusiasm, and teamwork have made a real difference

Well done, everyone!



Bexley Leadership Academy

A group of Year 9 Sports Leaders attend the Bexley Leadership Academy, based at Hurstmere and led by Miss Allsop. The Academy brings together sports leaders from across the borough to enhance their skills and provide opportunities to share good practice, whilst delivering events for other young people. The group met in January to plan and deliver a Dodgeball Festival for Year 5 pupils. The event was a great success, not only for those who attended, but also for the leaders who took on the responsibility of coaching skills and officiating matches. Well done to everyone who took part.

Equal Play Programme



A group of Year 7 pupils have been taking part on the School Games Equal Play programme which provides young people with the opportunity to represent their school in sport. The boys have played table-tennis against Bexley Grammar and after half term will play dodgeball against a number of other Bexley schools. These events focus on fun and enjoyment rather than having a win at all cost attitude. With all events held at Hurstmere, the boys have been the perfect hosts, welcoming others to the school, helping everyone to relax and ensuring everyone has fun no matter what their experience or ability level. They have been a real credit to the school.



Hurstmere Multi-Sport Club

Hurstmere held a Year 5 Multi-Sport Club for some of our feeder Primary Schools this term. Boys from Birkbeck, Days Lane, Hurst and Upton attended on Monday evenings and tried their hand at Basketball, Badminton, Dodgeball, Handball and Table Tennis. In each session, they learnt the basic skills of the game and then played matches all led by 6 of our amazing Year 10 Sports Leaders. The club gave the boys the opportunity to experience secondary school life, try new sports and build new friendships. We hope to see the boys back at Hurstmere in the near future.



Year 9 Sports Leaders Deliver World Classic Festival

Our Year 9 Sports Leaders spent the day working with Greenwich Giants baseball club to deliver a festival to Year 4 children to celebrate the World Classic 2026 Baseball event. The boys worked alongside coaches from the club and 2 GB female players to develop children's batting, pitching, throwing and catching skills. They also taught them the rules of the game and officiated matches. This was a great opportunity for our boys to put their personal development into practice and enhance their leadership skills as well as giving them first hand experience of what a career in coaching might entail. The boys were a real credit to Hurstmere and their hard work throughout the day was appreciated by everyone who attended.



Year 8 Sports Leaders Inspire Year 3 Children to be Active

Six Primary Schools from across Bexley visited Hurstmere for a School Games Change4Life 60 Active Minute Festival to support children to engage in regular physical activity. The event was planned and delivered by a team of Year 8 Sports Leaders. Children participated in Domes & Dishes, Rob the Nest and Target Games aimed at developing fundamental skills and teamwork through fun and engagement. Our sports leaders did an amazing job with many teachers commenting on how well they explained activities and helped the children to improve. We are extremely proud of all the boys who gave up their time to inspire other children to be active.

Outstanding Success for Louie and His Judo Team



A huge well done to Louie and his Judo teammates, who recently competed in Lithuania. The team delivered an exceptional performance – winning every single fight, each earning a medal, and proudly bringing home an impressive trophy.

Congratulations to Louie and the whole team on this incredible achievement!



Fearless on the Jumps, Fast on the Track!



Wishing the very best of luck to Louis as he takes on the jumps – your hard work, courage, and focus shine every time you ride. We know you'll give it everything you've got!

And a huge good-luck shoutout to younger brother, Jack, as he gears up for his dirt-bike competition! Your determination and fearless energy make you unstoppable.

Go smash it, boys – we're all cheering you on!

🎉 Share Your Hobby With Us! 🎉

Do you have a hobby or talent you'd love to share?

We are incredibly proud of our students and enjoy hearing about the things that make you happy **outside of school** – your achievements, passions, and interests!

If you would like your hobby or success featured in our **termly Newsletter**, please email: 📧 Mrs Watson on - c.watson@hurstmere.org.uk

We can't wait to celebrate your achievements!

8/1/26 - Year 8A beat Ravenswood 6-3 to move into the semi final of the Kent cup.



Year 7B team move into the KSFA Final following an outstanding 2-0 performance vs Northfleet.



Year 7A team won 2-1 vs St Paul's in a tough game to get into the KSFA Semi Final! Well done boys!



Year 11s won 8-1 in torrential rain - they're through to the Kent semi finals.

A huge well done to our Year 9A team following a great 3-2 win vs Aldenham School. The boys are now through to the ESFA elite semi finals!

What a comeback!
With just minutes left on the clock and trailing 1-0, the boys refused to give up. A bullet header brought us level, before an added-time winner sealed a 2-1 victory!
Outstanding performance from our GK kept us in the game!
Into round 5 of the ESFA Cup we go !

Year 8A won 4-1 in extra time against Ravensbourne which means they have qualified for the Kent Cup Final for the first time!
Well done, boys



Year 7A team progress to the KSFA final following a dominant 5-0 win over Thomas Tallis! Both A&B teams now have a chance to silverware!

Well done to our Year 9 rugby team for their efforts at the Kent 7s! The boys performed well across the day scoring plenty of tries.

Year 10A team won 2-1 against Ravenswood to move into the Semi Final of the Kent Cup, celebrations as the last-minute winner from JP went in!



Yr 7B team came from 2-0 down at half time to 2-2! Sadly they lost 10-9 on penalties vs Richard Hale in ESFA Rd5!



Excellent effort from the Year 10 Rugby team to make the Bowl Final at the Eltham College 7s tournament





On Friday 27th February 2026, our Year 7 football teams delivered two fantastic performances!

Hurstmere's Year 7 B Team faced Dover Grammar in a thrilling match that ended in a 3-3 draw, meaning **both schools proudly share the trophy**. An excellent effort from all involved!

Meanwhile, our Year 7 A Team took on Wilmington Grammar and secured an impressive 5-3 victory, earning the title of **Kent School Champions!**

Well done to all the boys – we are incredibly proud of your hard work, teamwork and determination.



🏆 Year 10 - Kent Cup Champions! 🏆

Our Year 10 team have been crowned Kent Cup Champions, delivering a stellar performance that showcased outstanding skill, determination, and teamwork. This victory is incredibly well deserved – you have done yourselves, your school, and your parents proud.

Well done, boys!

🏆 Year 11 A Team - Kent Cup Champions! 🏆

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 A Team, crowned **Kent Cup Champions** today! This victory is incredibly well deserved – your hard work, determination, and teamwork have truly paid off. You have done yourselves, your school, and your parents proud.

Well Done, Boys!



Diary Dates

Parents Evenings

Thursday 23rd April 2026

Year 7 Subjects Parents Evening

Term Dates

Spring Break

Friday 3rd April 2026 – Friday 17th April 2026

May Break

Friday 22nd May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Holidays

Friday 17th July 2026 – Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd Sept. '26

1st September '26 – Year 7 & 11

2nd September '26 – Year 8, 9 & 10

Bank Holidays

April 3rd & 6th, 4th May and 25th May '26



2027 Holiday Dates are available on the School website

 **NO MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL** 

“On site, out of sight”

Hurstmere is a NO mobile-phone school.

If a phone is found in a student's pocket:

-  **1st time:** Phone confiscated + **30-minute detention.**
-  **2nd time (same academic year):** Phone confiscated + **detention and a parent must collect the phone.**

Thank you for supporting our school policy.