

Hurstmere News

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As another successful academic year draws to a close, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents and carers for the part they have all played in making Hurstmere such a vibrant, caring and successful school community.

This newsletter celebrates just some of the many highlights from the past year. From inspiring learning in the classroom to sporting success, educational visits, work experience and enrichment opportunities, our students have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, resilience and ambition. Their achievements, both in and beyond school, continue to reflect the values that make us so proud to be the Hurstmere community.

"SUMMER
IS THE
PERFECT TIME
TO RESET AND
RECHARGE."

Behind every success is the dedication of our exceptional staff, who work tirelessly to inspire, support and challenge our students every day. Their commitment extends far beyond the classroom and provides the experiences that help our boys flourish both academically and personally.

As we celebrate another fantastic year, we also say farewell to colleagues who are moving on to new opportunities: Mr Best, Mr Watson, Mr Scott, Ms Hirani, Mr Ahmad, Mr Mauricas and Ms Ramosova. We thank them for the contribution they have made to Hurstmere and wish them every success and happiness for the future.

To our Year 11 students, congratulations on completing your journey with us. We are immensely proud of all you have achieved and look forward to celebrating your GCSE results with you in August. We wish you every success and happiness as you take your next steps.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter which celebrates the many achievements of our students and staff. On behalf of everyone at Hurstmere, thank you for your continued support, and I wish you and your family a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break.

Lynn Bennett, Principal



A Fond Farewell to our Year 11 Students

To mark the end of an unforgettable chapter at Hurstmere School, our Year 11 students and staff came together for a special celebration afternoon. Bathed in glorious sunshine and enjoying a delicious barbecue, it was the perfect opportunity to relax, reflect on the past five years, and celebrate all that they have achieved together.

Throughout the afternoon, students and staff shared memories, laughter and heartfelt messages, while the traditional signing of shirts provided a lasting reminder of friendships made and experiences shared. There was a genuine sense of pride, gratitude and optimism as everyone reflected on the remarkable journey this year group has taken.

It was a truly memorable occasion and a fitting farewell to an exceptional group of students. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success and happiness as they embark on the next exciting chapter of their lives.



Good Friends



Never Say Goodbye
They Simply Say
"See You Soon"



*We will
miss
you* ♥

Year 11s Preparing for Success

In the lead-up to their GCSE examinations, our Year 11 students demonstrated outstanding commitment and determination by attending a wide range of revision sessions and booster classes designed to support their learning. Led by our dedicated subject specialists, these sessions provided students with expert guidance, valuable exam preparation and the confidence to perform at their very best.

The exceptional attendance and engagement shown throughout the revision programme reflected the determination of our students, alongside the unwavering dedication of our staff, who generously gave their time to provide this additional support. It is this shared commitment to success that makes us so proud of the Hurstmere community.



The Moment Had Arrived... Year 11s Ready to Shine

As the examination season began, our Year 11 students gathered one final time before making their way to the exam hall. Mrs Davis reminded students of the JCQ examination regulations, ensuring everyone understood the expectations and procedures to help the exams run smoothly.

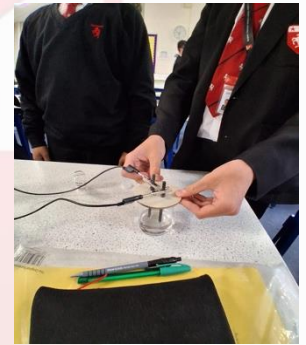
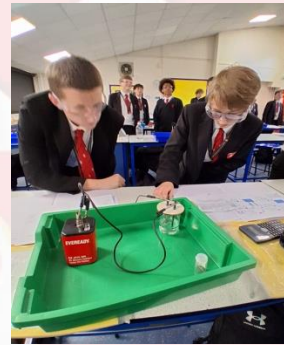
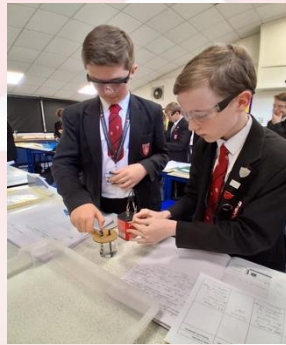
Each subject Curriculum Leader then shared some final words of encouragement and practical advice, offering reassurance and reminding students of all the hard work and preparation they had put in throughout the year. Before students left for their examinations, Mrs Davis wished them every success, encouraging them to believe in themselves, stay calm and give their very best.



Take a Sneak Peek Into Our Classrooms

Science in Action

Mr Watson's Year 9 students brought their learning to life as they carried out a GCSE-required practical investigating electrolysis. The lesson provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop their practical laboratory skills, deepen their understanding of key scientific concepts and apply their learning in a hands-on environment. It was fantastic to see such focus, teamwork and enthusiasm as students embraced the challenge and curiosity of scientific discovery.



Learning about Faith in RE

Year 10 Religious Education students have been deepening their understanding of Buddhism by exploring the significance of key figures within Mahayana traditions. Through engaging discussion and thoughtful enquiry, students examined how these figures represent compassion, healing and enlightenment, while developing their understanding of Buddhist beliefs and practices. The lessons encouraged students to reflect on different worldviews, fostering curiosity, respect and a greater appreciation of the diversity of faith.



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Problem Solving in Maths

Year 8 students have been developing their algebraic thinking in Maths as they explored the n th term of linear sequences with Mr Ahmad. Through engaging activities and problem-solving tasks, students identified patterns, wrote algebraic expressions and applied their learning to increasingly challenging questions. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they developed their mathematical reasoning skills.



Bowled Over by Cricket

Year 7 students have been developing their cricket skills in PE with Mr Wright, building their understanding of the game while refining their bowling techniques. Through teamwork, practice and perseverance, students have grown in confidence as they improved their accuracy, control and overall game awareness. It has been fantastic to see such enthusiasm, determination and enjoyment throughout the unit.



Creative Expression Through Art



Year 10 Art students have been showcasing their creativity through their Vanitas project, exploring the symbolism behind a range of everyday objects. Using a variety of media, including pencil, soft pastels, watercolours and acrylic paint, students have developed their artistic techniques while producing thoughtful and imaginative pieces. It has been wonderful to see their creativity, skill and confidence flourish throughout this inspiring project.

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Preparing For Success in Geography

Mr Monksfield's class have worked hard to prepare for their end-of-year assessments through focused revision and retrieval activities. By revisiting key topics and consolidating their knowledge, students have strengthened their understanding and built the confidence needed to approach their examinations with success.



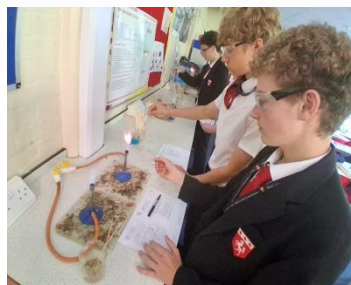
Testing for Food Groups in Science

Year 8 students brought Science to life as they investigated the nutrients found in a variety of everyday foods. Through practical testing and careful observation, students developed their laboratory skills while exploring how to identify carbohydrates, proteins and fats. The lesson encouraged scientific thinking and teamwork, making learning engaging.



Chemical Analysis in Science

Year 10 students have been applying their scientific knowledge through practical Chemistry investigations as they prepare for their upcoming GCSEs. By exploring the properties of different cations, students strengthened their practical skills while deepening their understanding of key chemical concepts. The lesson provided an excellent opportunity to develop analytical thinking and reinforce learning through hands-on investigation.



Take a Sneak Peek Into Our Classrooms

Food Preparation in Action

Year 10 Food Technology students have been developing their practical culinary skills by learning how to prepare and fillet a whole mackerel. Following Mr Lever's demonstration, students worked independently, demonstrating impressive confidence, precision and care as they applied their new skills. The lesson provided an excellent opportunity to build technical expertise while preparing students for future practical assessments.



Maximising Success Workshops



Students recently took part in the Maximising Success revision workshop, an engaging session designed to help them develop effective revision habits and study techniques. The workshop provided practical strategies to improve memory, organisation and time management, enabling students to approach assessments and examinations with greater confidence. By learning how to revise smarter rather than harder, students were encouraged to take a proactive approach to their learning and maximise their potential across all subjects. The session was both informative and motivating, equipping students with valuable skills that will support their academic success now and in the future.



Unlocking a Love of Reading



We were delighted to welcome a group of students from Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, who visited Hurstmere each week over a six-week period to support our reading programme. Working with small groups of students, they shared stories, listened to reading and helped to build confidence and enjoyment through books.

It was wonderful to see our students become so engaged, with many eager to keep reading and reluctant to put their books down. The sessions highlighted the positive impact that reading can have on confidence, vocabulary and a lifelong love of learning. We are incredibly grateful to our visitors for giving their time and making such a difference to our students' reading journey.



Coastal Explorers

Year 10 Geography students enjoyed a valuable day of fieldwork on the coast, investigating longshore drift and coastal management. Working with enthusiasm and determination, students collected and analysed data while applying their classroom learning in a real-world environment. After a productive day of fieldwork, students rounded off the visit with a well-earned ice cream and a game of crazy golf, making the experience both educational and memorable.



Preparing for the Duke of Edinburgh Challenge

Our Year 9 students prepared for their Duke of Edinburgh expedition by taking part in a practice day designed to develop their confidence, teamwork and outdoor skills. From navigation and route planning to problem-solving and collaboration, students embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination, demonstrating the resilience and independence that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award promotes. The experience provided an excellent foundation as students prepared for their qualifying expedition.



The Expedition Challenge Begins

Following their preparation, our Year 9 students successfully completed their Duke of Edinburgh expedition at Comp Wood Scout Campsite in Sevenoaks. Over two days and an overnight camp, students demonstrated teamwork and independence as they put their navigation and camping skills into practice. Congratulations to all our students for embracing the challenge with enthusiasm and representing Hurstmere so positively.

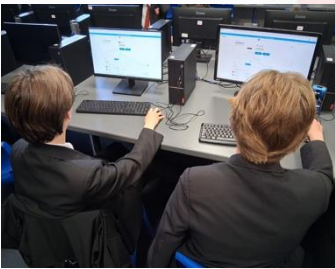


Inspiring Future Careers

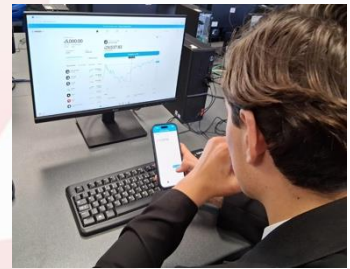
Our annual Careers Fair was a tremendous success, with an excellent turnout of employers and organisations from a wide range of industries. Students had the opportunity to speak directly with professionals, gaining valuable insights into different career pathways and future opportunities. Throughout the event, our students engaged enthusiastically, asking thoughtful questions and showing a genuine interest in learning more about the world of work. Feedback from our boys was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how informative and inspiring the experience had been. We would like to thank all of the businesses and organisations who gave up their time to support the event and help our students explore their future aspirations. Their contribution played a key role in making the day such a valuable and memorable experience for everyone involved.



Celebrating the Hurstmere Trading Club – The First of Its Kind Across The Howard Academy Trust



We celebrated the incredible founding members of the Hurstmere Trading Club – a group of remarkable young people who have shown enterprise, resilience and ambition far beyond their years.



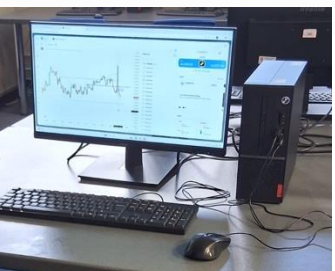
Since the start of the club in February, our students have collectively earned short of £10,000 through their own research and investments. That's real money, real decisions, and real results.



A huge thank you to Marco Evans and Sam Priddy from LGT Private Banking for their continuous support, expertise and belief in the next generation of investors.

Every single one of the founding members should be incredibly proud of what you have achieved. Go out there, keep investing in yourselves, and remember **“Believe and Achieve”**.

Mr. Mahmoudi, Head of Business Studies



🌟 Enrichment Day 2026 - A Fantastic Day of Learning Beyond the Classroom! 🌟

On Monday 29th June, students enjoyed an exciting and varied Enrichment Day packed with opportunities to learn, challenge themselves and have fun.

- Year 7 took part in Time Attack activities that tested their teamwork, problem-solving and resilience;
- Year 8 enjoyed a range of energetic PE activities designed to promote fitness and collaboration;
- Year 9 visited the Natural History Museum, where they explored fascinating exhibits and brought their learning to life beyond the classroom;
- Year 10 participated in inspiring Face the Future workshops, delivered by Talk The Talk in association with the Jack Petchey Foundation, helping students to build confidence, communication skills and aspirations for the future.

The day was a tremendous success, with students embracing every opportunity on offer and thoroughly enjoying their experiences. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, engagement and positivity throughout the school. Well done to all students and staff who helped make the day so memorable!



Making a Difference with 'First Give'

Year 7 students showcased outstanding creativity, compassion and teamwork during this year's First Give Grand Final. Each form group delivered thoughtful presentations, demonstrating their commitment to supporting charities and making a positive impact within their communities.

Congratulations to the winning form, who raised an incredible £1,000 for Stop Hate UK through their fundraising efforts. The event was a wonderful celebration of social action, highlighting the enthusiasm, generosity and determination of our students to make a real difference.



HALO Project Success

A massive congratulations to a fantastic group of Hurstmere students who have successfully completed the HALO Project. Working alongside the London Fire Brigade, the MET Police, the boys demonstrated exceptional commitment and teamwork throughout the programme.

They were pushed to their limits, tackling demanding challenges while wearing full firefighting kit during extreme weather conditions. Throughout the course, they represented Hurstmere School impeccably, showing a positive attitude that has made us all incredibly proud. A special thank you goes to Nobby from the London Fire Brigade and PC Parrott from the MET Police for their dedication, support, and inspiration throughout the project. Their guidance helped make this an unforgettable experience for our students. Well done to all involved - you are a credit to yourselves, your families, and our school community!



Enterprise Day 2026 - Innovation, Teamwork and Community Spirit

Enterprise Day 2026 was an exciting and inspiring event that saw students take on the role of young entrepreneurs. Working collaboratively in teams, students developed innovative products and service ideas, assigned business roles, designed marketing campaigns, and created stalls to showcase and sell their ideas to staff and fellow students. As well as raising money for their chosen charities, students demonstrated outstanding creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills throughout the day.



Enterprise Day Winners Enjoy Their Reward!

🎉 Congratulations to 7 Caxton X, the proud winners of our Enterprise Day Competition! Through their hard work, teamwork and entrepreneurial spirit, they raised the highest amount of money on the day, meaning the profits will now go to their chosen charity.

As a reward for their fantastic efforts, the boys enjoyed a well-deserved trip to Bexleyheath Bowling Alley, where they spent a fun-filled few hours celebrating their success together.

Well done, boys - a fantastic achievement and a brilliant example of teamwork and enterprise in action!



Inflatables Reward Session Sponsored by 'Friends of Hurstmere'

As a special reward, 40 students hand-picked by their RSL, enjoyed an action-packed hour on the inflatables, kindly provided by the Friends of Hurstmere. Judging by the smiles and feedback, the boys had a fantastic time and were hugely appreciative of this well-deserved treat!



Rewards Prize Draw

Our annual Rewards Prize Draw was a fantastic celebration of student achievement, attendance and positive contributions across the school. Students earned entries through excellent achievement points, Golden Tickets and outstanding attendance, with the top 25% in each year group qualifying alongside those who achieved 100% attendance.

The live draw, streamed across the school via Microsoft Teams, created a real sense of excitement as winners were selected using a live prize wheel. With fantastic prizes, including a GT Avalanche mountain bike, a Nintendo Switch 2 and Amazon vouchers, it was a memorable occasion that recognised and celebrated the hard work, commitment and success of our students throughout the year.

👏 Congratulations to all students who qualified, demonstrating impressive commitment, resilience and ambition throughout the term.

🏆 KS3 Winners

1st - Jack W (Y9)
2nd - Xander C (Y7)
3rd - Azaan K (Y7)

🏆 KS4 Winners

1st - Dillan P (Y10)
2nd - Rayan L (Y10)
3rd - Tunde O (Y10)



Well done to all our winners!

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 24.4.2026

Year 7 - Harrison H for Resilience
Kabeer N for Ambition

Year 8 - Thomas H for Self-Belief
Tommy S for Respect

Year 9 - Jack Y for Respect
Sonny K, Barnaby L & Senan W for Ambition

Year 10 - Lewis M for Ambition

Year 11 - Andrew S for Resilience
Daniel R for Self-Belief



Week Ending 1.5.2026

Year 7 - Oscar S for Respect and Ambition
Danial E for Resilience

Year 8 - Ben W, Louis D, Leo E and Oliver D for Ambition

Year 9 - Jacob N and Zach B for Self-Belief

Year 10 - Louie S for Ambition
Olly S for Integrity and Teamwork

Year 11 - Will M, Sam W and Harry B for Ambition



Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

Week Ending 8.5.2026

Year 7 - Aydin F for Respect
Fletcher B for Resilience
Oscar S for Respect and Ambition

Year 8 - Sami B for Integrity
Ellis G for Integrity
Oliver D for Ambition

Year 9 - Alfie H for Resilience

Year 10 - Harry M for Self-Belief
Louie S for Ambition



Week Ending 15.5.2026

Year 7 - Ronny B for Leadership
Denzel O and Freddie M for Integrity

Year 8 - Eric S for Integrity
Jonny L for Ambition

Year 9 - Alfie H for Resilience
Raffy G for Teamwork

Year 10 - George C and Evan B for Integrity

Year 11 - Will M and Memphis A for Ambition and Self-Belief
Zavier B for Self-Belief



Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

5th June 2026

Year 7 - Joe D for Ambition
Alex N for Teamwork
Ronny B for Leadership

Year 8 - Luca H, Freddie H, Jacob P and Leo E for all RTRAILS

Year 9 - Raffy G for Teamwork
Calum C and Anthony P for Teamwork

Year 10 - Will V and Sam G for Leadership



12th June 2026

Year 7 - Kurren V for Integrity
Aydin F for Leadership

Year 8 - Ethan H, Freddy M, Arthur W, Jude P and Charlie A for all the RTRAILS

Year 9 - Tristan M, Ollie K and Jack V for Ambition



Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

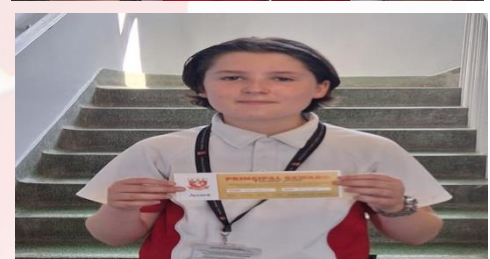
19th June 2026

Year 7 - Tobiah F and Teddy B for Ambition
Harry A for Respect and Resilience

Year 8 - Fraser C, Johnny L, Barney O and Max S for Teamwork

Year 9 - Lenny H for Leadership
James S for Ambition & Teamwork

Year 10 - Henry H for Ambition
Alvin O for Ambition



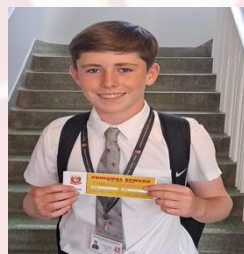
26th June 2026

Year 7 - Lucas B, Kabeer N, Edward L and Harry E for Ambition

Year 8 - Oliver C and Daniel P for Leadership

Year 9 - Max W for all RTRAILS

Year 10 - Archie C for Resilience



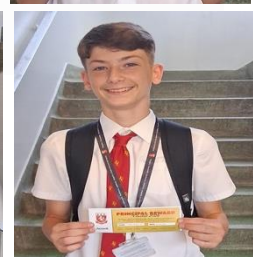
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Year 7 - Will A for Ambition

Year 8 - Sam S for Ambition and Self-Belief
Frankie C, Myles F and Jess B for all RTRAILS

Year 9 - Bobby D and Archie M for all RTRAILS
James S, Harry S, Charlie H and Felix W for Ambition
Fred B and Anthony P for all RTRAILS

Year 10 - Archie H for all RTRAILS
Charlie A for Integrity



Our Newly Appointed Student Leadership Team



The school is pleased to announce the newly appointed student leadership team for the upcoming year. We are incredibly proud of the elected group, who have demonstrated strong leadership qualities. The boys are excited to begin their new roles and make a positive impact across the school community.

The senior student leadership team includes Samuel G as Head Boy and George D as Vice Head Boy. Both students have shown outstanding dedication to school life and have proven themselves to be excellent role models for their peers.

This year's House Captains and Vice Captains are as follows:

Caxton House will be led by Joint Captains Matteo C and Jayden P, who have both demonstrated strong teamwork and commitment.

Chaucer House has appointed Evan B as Captain, supported by Vice Captain Dillon RM. Their positive attitude for house activities have made them excellent choices.

Cobham House will be represented by Captain Thomas J and Vice Captain Alfie S, both of whom have consistently shown leadership and school spirit.

Sidney House has selected James C as Captain, with Marcus H as Vice Captain. Their responsibility and dedication make them strong leaders for the house.

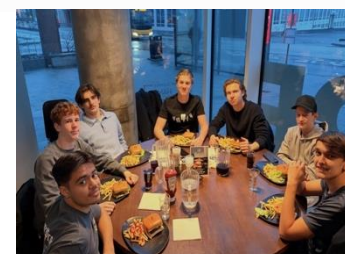
In addition, the school is proud to announce the appointment of prefects: Rhys K, Lucas N, Toby A, and Malachi P. These students have been recognised for their reliability, positive attitude, and willingness to contribute to school life.

At the heart of our school community are our core values: Respect, Teamwork, Resilience, Ambition, Integrity, Leadership, and Self-Belief. These values guide both learning and behaviour across the school, and we encourage all students to demonstrate them in their daily lives.

We congratulate all students on their appointments and look forward to seeing the positive contributions they will make throughout the year.

Year 11 Iceland Adventure - April 2026

Year 11 made the most of every moment during their incredible trip to Iceland, jumping straight into action on day one with a climb up the dramatic Grábrók Crater. From there, they ventured underground for an unforgettable lava caving experience at Viðgelmir Cave, before finishing the day at the breathtaking waterfalls of Hraunfossar and Barnafoss. Throughout the trip, students explored the picturesque coastal villages of Arnarstapi and Hellnar, taking in the striking basalt cliffs and dramatic sea stacks along the rugged shoreline. Their journey continued through the stunning Snæfellsjökull National Park, home to its famous stratovolcano and some of Iceland's most awe-inspiring landscapes. After the busy days of exploration, the group enjoyed a well-earned relaxation at the Krauma Geothermal Baths, soaking in naturally heated pools before heading out for dinner. Students also had the opportunity to experience Reykjavik, enjoying some free time in the city before attending an incredible Icelandic lava show – an exciting and memorable way to see volcanic processes up close and bring their learning to life.



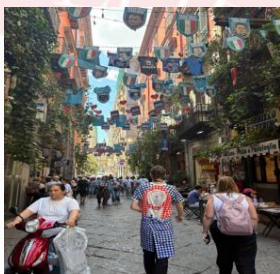
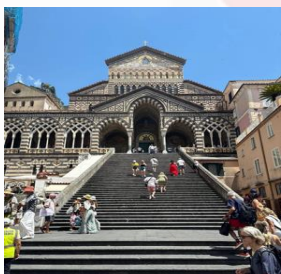
Year 7s Discovering Madrid

Our students had an exciting trip to Madrid, experiencing so much in their first few days! From exploring the stunning Plaza Mayor to visiting one of the city's most famous landmarks, El Oso y el Madroño, students have fully embraced the culture and atmosphere of the Spanish capital. They enjoyed time in the vibrant Puerta del Sol, soaking up the energy of the city and practising their Spanish with local people. A particular highlight was visiting the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, where students had the incredible opportunity to see Picasso's Guernica in person—one of the world's most renowned works of art. Our students have also taken part in days rich in culture, history and football. A visit to the famous Las Ventas bullring gave them an insight into its history and traditions before continuing their exploration of the city.



Naples Adventures for Year 8

Our Year 8 students enjoyed a truly unforgettable trip to Naples, packed with incredible experiences from start to finish. The adventure began with a fascinating guided underground tour, exploring the historic tunnels and passageways beneath the city. The group then stepped back in time with a visit to the remarkable ancient city of Pompeii, where they explored the streets and ruins of this once-thriving civilisation. After a lunch stop at the Cuomo Gragnano Factory, the boys took on the challenge of climbing Mount Vesuvius. Reaching the summit, they were rewarded with breathtaking views across Naples and the coastline, and even had the opportunity to stand at the crater while learning about the eruption that devastated Pompeii nearly 2,000 years ago. The trip continued along the stunning Amalfi Coast, with a visit to Capri for a scenic boat tour through crystal-clear waters and caves, followed by a chairlift ride to the top of Monte Solaro for even more spectacular views. In Sorrento, students enjoyed making their own ice cream at Gelateria David, before rounding off the visit with a stop at the beautiful Giardini Cataldo lemon grove. A truly memorable trip filled with culture, history and unforgettable sights!



Year 7 Mersea Island Trip 🌟🚴🏹🛶

Our Year 7 boys got straight into the action on their first day at Mersea Island, making the most of an exciting programme of activities including mountain biking, archery and paddleboarding. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and new experiences as the boys embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. With an action-packed week, filled with adventurous activities and team-building challenges, the trip provides a fantastic opportunity for students to have fun, build friendships and grow in confidence. It has been a brilliant start, and everyone is looking forward to what the rest of the week will bring!



Year 9 Explore Cologne

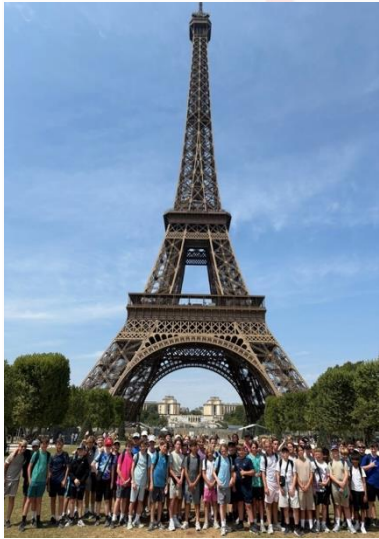
Year 9 students have been enjoying an exciting adventure in Cologne! Their first day was packed with sightseeing as they explored the city's historic Old Town, strolled along the picturesque banks of the River Rhine, and immersed themselves in Cologne's rich culture and history. The day ended on a high with pizza and bowling, giving everyone a chance to relax and have fun together. Day 2 began with a visit to Cologne Zoo, where students had the opportunity to see a wide variety of fascinating animals. This was followed by some free time in the city, allowing students to further explore Cologne, experience its vibrant atmosphere, and create lasting memories with friends.

What a fantastic trip!



Year 8 Paris Adventure

Our Year 8 boys had an unforgettable time on their fantastic trip to Paris, enjoying a packed programme of exciting experiences and cultural discoveries. Highlights have included a tour of the iconic PSG Stadium, a visit to the vibrant Rue Mouffetard Market where students confidently ordered their lunch in French, and trips to some of the city's most famous landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, and the stunning Sacré-Cœur Basilica in Montmartre. The group also enjoyed a relaxing cruise along the River Seine and a fun-filled day at Parc Astérix. Another adventurous moment of the trip came at dinner, when many of the boys sampled traditional French escargots (snails), embracing the opportunity to experience authentic French cuisine!



Year 7 Disco Delight!

Our Year 7 students enjoyed an unforgettable evening at the school disco, joined by students from Blackfen School. With great music, plenty of dancing, and lots of laughter, it was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to socialise, make new friends, and celebrate a successful first year of secondary school. The energy on the dance floor was infectious, the dance moves were impressive, and the smiles said it all! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success.

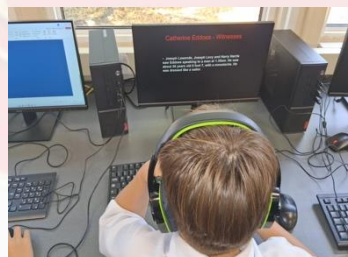
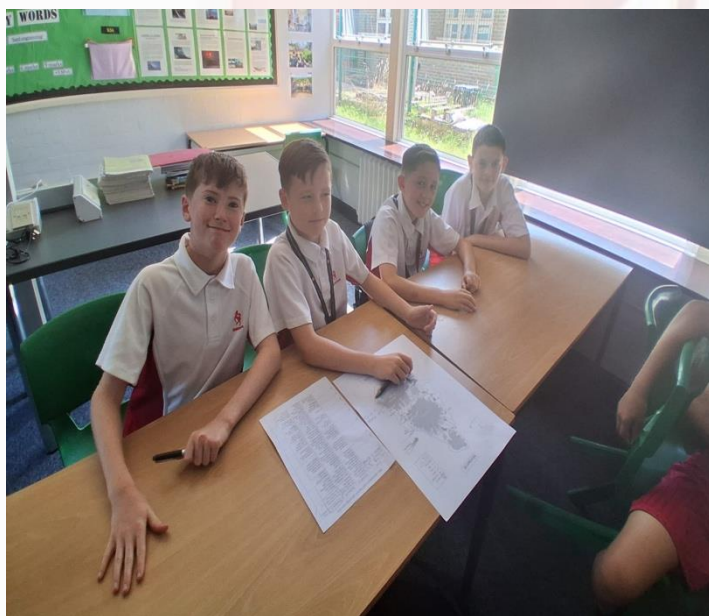


Activities Week 13th - 17th June: Learning Through Adventure and Discovery

Whilst our Year 10 students were out on their work experience placements and many of our Year 8 and 9 students enjoyed residential trips to Cologne and Paris, the majority of our Year 7 students spent the week at Mersea Island.

Back at school, we hosted an exciting Activities Week programme, giving students the chance to learn in a fun and engaging way. Throughout the week, students challenged themselves through a range of creative and interactive activities, including building volcano models, taking part in Minecraft disaster simulations, exploring globalisation through fieldwork, investigating volcano risk management, solving historical mysteries, playing a Place Farm geography game, and immersing themselves in a range of science investigations.

The week provided a fantastic opportunity for students to learn through hands-on activities, developing their teamwork, problem-solving and critical thinking skills in a relaxed and enjoyable environment. It was wonderful to see students so engaged and enthusiastic as they explored new ideas beyond the traditional classroom setting.



Hurstmere Shines at the Bexley Athletics Senior Championships

Our students proudly represented Hurstmere School at the Bexley Athletics' Senior Championships, held at Erith Athletics Stadium on 20th May 2026. Competing across a range of track and field events, they demonstrated outstanding determination, sportsmanship, and team spirit throughout the day. We are incredibly proud of each and every student who took part—whether achieving personal bests, supporting their teammates, or simply giving their all in every event. Their commitment and effort are a true reflection of the values we promote at Hurstmere, and they represented the school with real pride.



Pizza and Pride for Year 9 Cricket Team



A well-deserved pizza reward was enjoyed by our Year 9 Cricket Team in recognition of their commitment, teamwork and outstanding representation of Hurstmere throughout the season. Their dedication, positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship have been a credit to both themselves and the school. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Well done, boys, and thank you for doing Hurstmere proud!

Mr Monksfield



Year 8s lost in the Kent Cup final to a strong Oakwood Park side. An excellent effort from the boys who were a credit to Hurstmere.



Year 8 took to the field in the North Kent Cricket Competition against Bexley Grammar School, showing determination and teamwork throughout. While the result didn't go our way this time, the boys' performance was nothing short of outstanding. Their sportsmanship, effort and attitude made them a true credit to Hurstmere—well done lads!



Hurstmere swung into success at the inaugural North Kent Schools Golf Competition on Tuesday, 16th June! Six of our talented pupils competed against strong teams from schools across the region, securing an impressive first-place team victory. A special mention goes to Harvey C, who delivered an exceptional performance to claim the individual title, finishing an incredible four under par—a truly outstanding achievement!



North Kent Cup Champions - Three Years Running!

 Congratulations to our Year 9 cricket team on an outstanding achievement, winning the North Kent Cup for the third consecutive year! The team produced an excellent batting performance to post a total of 151 runs before backing it up with disciplined bowling and sharp fielding. Their all-round display secured a convincing 48-run victory and another well-deserved trophy.



KS3 Tennis vs Bexley Grammar School

Our KS3 tennis team recently took on Bexley Grammar School in an exciting doubles competition. While BGS were the overall winners on the day, Hurstmere put in a fantastic performance and secured several impressive victories along the way. The students demonstrated great determination, sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the matches. Well done to all those who took part and represented the school so positively!

Another fantastic Sports Day at Hurstmere!

With the sun shining, the cheers ringing out across the field, and every student taking part, it was a day to remember. From the first race to the final event, our students showed outstanding school spirit. Well done to everyone who gave it their best shot - that's exactly what we ask for here at Hurstmere. We are incredibly proud of your effort, enthusiasm, and willingness to get involved. What a brilliant day of sport, achievement, and celebration!



Sporting Stars

Italy Futsal Tour Success for Brodie!

Congratulations to Brodie B, who recently represented his club on an exciting Futsal tour in Italy. The team competed against some of the strongest futsal clubs from Portugal, Ukraine and Spain, gaining invaluable experience at an international level. Despite the high standard of competition, the team achieved an impressive 14th-place finish out of 20 teams in their age group. Well done to Brodie and his teammates on a fantastic achievement and for proudly representing their club on the international stage!



Sporting Stars



Football Success for Bayranne! ⚽

Congratulations to Bayranne, who recently represented his Kent School team in a competitive football tournament in France. After an intense weekend of matches, his team achieved an impressive 9th place out of 25 teams.

A fantastic accomplishment—well done, Bayranne!



Golden Glory for Hart in Portugal!

A huge well done to Hart, who travelled to Portugal to compete in the Portimão Box Cup. Demonstrating incredible skill and determination, Hart won all three of his bouts—securing stoppage victories in both the quarter-finals and semi-finals before going on to claim a fantastic Gold medal. An outstanding achievement we are incredibly proud of!



Motocross Success for Joseph!

Congratulations to Year 7 student Joseph N, who had an exciting and successful weekend competing with his motocross club. Joseph demonstrated great determination and skill on the track, representing both himself and the school brilliantly. We are very proud of his commitment to his sport and wish him continued success in future competitions!

Rugby Tour Champions! 🏉

Congratulations to Dartfordians U13, who were crowned winners of the Isle of Wight Rugby Tour for their age group – an outstanding achievement! We are especially proud of our Hurstmere students who were part of this fantastic team, including Luca P, Jimmy K, Lucas W and Henry S. The team delivered an exceptional performance across the weekend, winning all six matches and conceding just two tries – a truly remarkable effort. Well done to all involved – you are a credit to both your club and our school. We are incredibly proud of you!



Louie Triumphs in Belgium!

Louie recently travelled to Belgium to compete in the Antwerp Open, where he delivered an outstanding performance. Taking part in several fights, Louie showed great determination and skill, winning every match.

A fantastic achievement—well done, Louie!

Promoting Personal Safety and Positive Choices

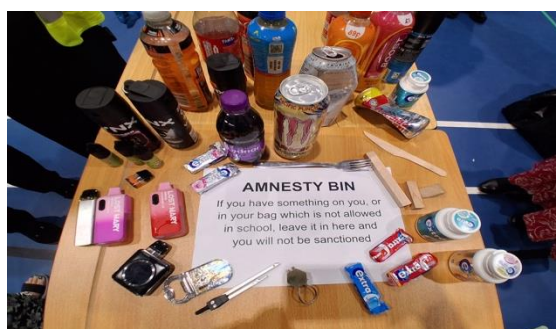
Earlier this term, Hurstmere School successfully carried out a knife arch screening initiative in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, involving students in Years 7-9.

The process included students passing through a metal detection arch followed by bag checks conducted by staff, as part of our continued commitment to student safety and wellbeing.

Students also attended assemblies which focussed on personal safety and making positive choices. We are pleased to report that students conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout, demonstrating maturity and respect, which was commended by the police.

An amnesty bin was also available, allowing students to safely dispose of any prohibited items without consequence. This provided a valuable opportunity to reinforce expectations around banned items, including energy drinks, chewing gum, aerosols, and vaping-related products.

We will continue to carry out similar routine checks from time to time as part of our commitment to ensuring Hurstmere remains a safe and welcoming environment where every student can thrive.



Celebrating Staff Success



*We are so
Proud of you*

A huge congratulations to our fantastic Premises Manager, Mr Hendrie, on winning THAT Secondary Support Member of the Year.

This award is a well-deserved recognition of his unwavering dedication to Hurstmere School. From supporting our extensive lettings programme to assisting staff and students every day, Mr Hendrie consistently goes above and beyond with his positive attitude, strong work ethic, and 'can-do' approach. We are incredibly grateful for everything he does and are all immensely proud of this outstanding achievement.

We would also like to congratulate Mr Page, who was recognised for his exceptional commitment to ensuring that every student in his care receives the very best education and opportunities to succeed. Through his dedication and passion, he inspires students to become the very best versions of themselves. This was an extremely competitive category, making his recognition even more impressive.

Well done, Mr Hendrie and Mr Page - two thoroughly deserving members of the Hurstmere community!



Diary Dates



Term Dates

Back to School

Tuesday 1st September - Year 7 Students @ 8.20am

Tuesday 1st September - Year 11 Students @ 9.40am

Wednesday 2nd September - All Students to school @ 8.20am

2026-2027 Term Dates are available on the School website



Important Safety Notice

For the safety of our students, please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines or the area marked 'Keep Clear' outside the school entrance when dropping off or collecting students.

This area must remain clear at all times.

We ask all parents to park safely and legally.

Children's safety must come first.