

# Hurstmere News

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## Thought for the day...



## Thought for the week...



As we approach the end of a successful and eventful term at Hurstmere, I am filled with pride reflecting on the achievements and highlights of our school community. From the inspiring Year 7 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church and the vibrant Year 7 Christmas Concert, to the Sports Colours Evening celebrating our students' dedication and talent, this term has been a true showcase of what makes Hurstmere special. Our students have showcased their creativity in the Key Stage 3 Christmas Card Competition, demonstrated their generosity by supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day, and shown a strong focus on their future aspirations through our comprehensive careers programme.

One particular highlight has been our recognition for strong academic performance. Hurstmere ranked 6th nationally among boys' non-selective schools in selective areas, and 5th among Bexley's non-selective schools when excluding grammar schools. These achievements reflect the collective effort of our students, staff, and families. Our validated Progress 8 score of -0.07, better than the borough average of -0.16, highlights the great strides we are making in driving student progress and success.

At this time of year, we also say goodbye to some of valued members of staff who are moving on to new opportunities: Mr Lyon, Mrs Bayar, Mr Wadsworth, Mr Sims and Mr Jackson. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to them for their service, dedication, and the positive impact they have made on our school. They leave with our best wishes for the future.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a joyful and restful break. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making Hurstmere a school we can all be proud of.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Lynn Bennett**  
Principal

# Hurstmere School Celebrates Remarkable Progress and Achievement

*“Our students continue to make us proud with their hard work and dedication,” says Mrs. Davis, Senior Vice Principal, reflecting on Hurstmere School’s recent performance. “These achievements highlight what we can accomplish when we work together as a community.”*

We are delighted to share the fantastic news about Hurstmere School’s results, showcasing the incredible progress and commitment of our students and staff. Nationally, Hurstmere ranks 6th among the 11 non-selective boys' schools surrounded by selective grammar schools—a remarkable accomplishment that highlights our success in a challenging educational landscape.

Looking closer to home, within Bexley, Hurstmere ranks 9th out of 16 schools overall and climbs to 5th place when the five grammar schools are excluded. These impressive standings reflect the strength of our school and the opportunities we provide for every student to thrive.

Our validated Progress 8 score, which measures how much progress students make from the end of primary school to their GCSEs, stands at -0.07. To put this into perspective, the average Progress 8 score across Bexley, including grammar schools, is -0.16. This means Hurstmere students are making good progress compared to their peers across the borough—a significant achievement.

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**WELL DONE!**

Furthermore, early data from the recent PPEs shows that performance in many areas is already ahead of where it was at this time last year. This strong start positions us for even greater success and underscores the incredible dedication of our students, staff, and families.

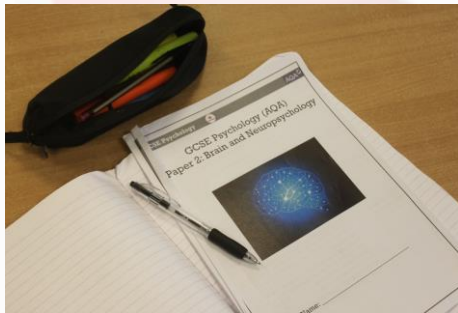
Congratulations to everyone—this is a collective achievement that we can all celebrate. Thank you for your continued support in helping our boys achieve their very best!



# Take a Sneak Peek Inside Our Classrooms

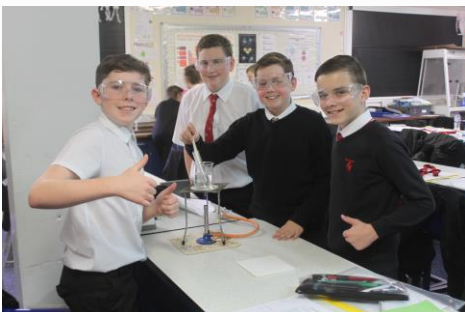
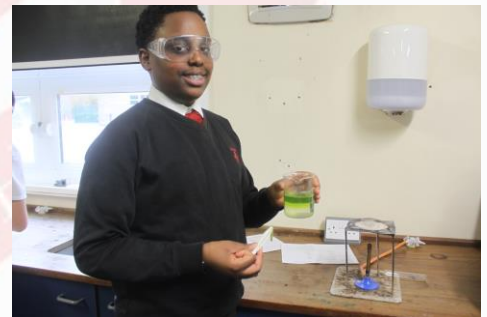
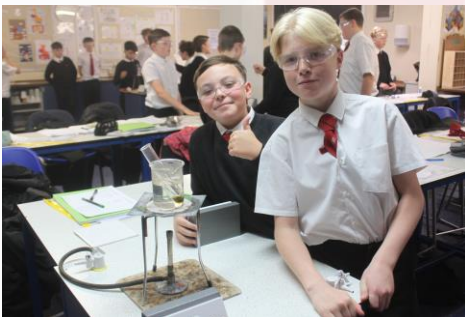
## Year 11 - Psychology

In a recent GCSE Psychology lesson, Mrs. Davis delivered an engaging session exploring the distinction between medicines and drugs, with a focus on how recreational drugs affect the nervous system and the body. Going beyond the syllabus, she created a safe space to discuss why some young people turn to drugs, examining factors like peer pressure, curiosity, and stress. The lesson combined scientific understanding with real-life context, encouraging students to reflect on the consequences of drug use and empowering them to make informed, positive decisions. Pupils described the session as thought-provoking and impactful, highlighting its relevance to their lives beyond the classroom. One Year 11 pupil commented: *"It was really interesting to learn how drugs work in the body, but the discussion about why some boys take them was the most helpful part. It made me think about how important it is to make good decisions."*



## Year 8 - Science

This term, Year 8 students have looked at photosynthesis and the incredible way plants can make their own food using sunlight. During this topic, students conducted an experiment to see if plants contained starch. This is done by first putting the leaf in boiling water and then soaking it in ethanol. Once completed, they added iodine to the leaf to see if there was any colour change. If starch is present the leaf would turn blue. They enjoyed the opportunity to put their new knowledge into practice and all preformed the practical successfully.





## Take a Sneak Peek Inside Our Classrooms

### Year 7 - Art

Year 7 students received their grades from the baseline test completed in the previous lesson—their first-ever grade in Art. There were some outstanding results, with several students achieving well above their target grades. Following this, they worked in their sketchbooks, exploring the Formal Elements of Art and designing a double-page spread on each element. The lesson also focused on developing their bubble writing skills and learning techniques to make their letters appear 3D.



### Year 8 – French

Students have been studying and analysing the French film *Les Choristes*, which delves into powerful themes such as childhood, school life, teamwork, music, and self-belief. This thought-provoking exploration offers valuable insights into the importance of resilience and collaboration.



### Year 11 - Geography

Year 11 students have been studying energy in the UK, exploring the country's lack of energy security and the importance of reducing reliance on fossil fuels to combat global warming and climate change. As part of this, they have been watching clips from the Channel 4 programme *Guy Martin's Great British Power Trip*.

Over the Christmas break, it is highly recommended to watch some of this programme with your son. It provides an excellent insight into how the UK generates its energy- it is fascinating to watch, and has strong links to the curriculum.



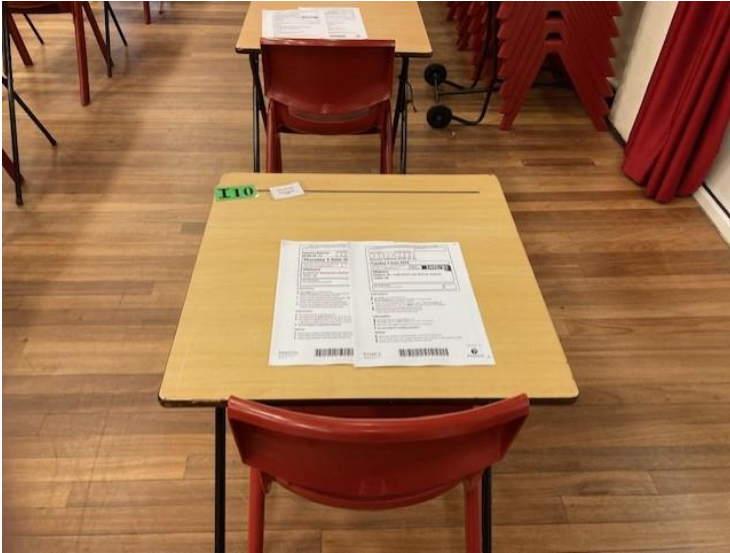
### Year 8 - Drama

In this lesson, students worked collaboratively in groups to create and rehearse their performances, incorporating invisible props, freeze frames, and captions. They focused on using exaggerated body movements and facial expressions to bring their ideas to life, developing engaging stories and performing through mime without speaking. Their work spanned various genres, including comedy, action, and horror. Some of the imaginative titles for their stories included *The Runaway*, *A Ruined Christmas*, and *The Killer Clown*.





## Year 11 Students Take Control of Their Learning: PPE Results Day and Beyond



As part of our commitment to preparing Year 11 students for their upcoming final exams, a series of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) was organised to play a crucial role in their educational journey. These exams provided a realistic preview of exam conditions, helping students acclimatise to the timing, pressure, and atmosphere they will face during their final assessments.

To mark the importance of their efforts, students took part in a special PPE Results Day event where they received their results, followed by an assembly. The assembly congratulated them on their achievements so far and emphasised how much is still within their control to shape their learning and secure the grades they aspire to achieve.

We look forward to meeting parents at the January Parents' Evening to discuss clear plans for improvement and how students can maximise their potential in the months ahead, ensuring they achieve the grades they need and deserve.



## Exploring Post-16 Opportunities: Blackfen Sixth Form Visits Year 11



**Blackfen School for Girls**

**Join our Sixth Form**

As part of our careers education programme, Year 11 students recently welcomed representatives from Blackfen Sixth Form for an informative and engaging session. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to learn about the wide range of post-16 courses and opportunities available at our sister school, helping them to consider their next steps after GCSEs.

The Blackfen team highlighted their diverse curriculum, which includes A-levels, vocational courses, and tailored pathways to suit a variety of aspirations and career goals. They shared inspiring success stories from former students and explained how Blackfen's supportive environment enable students to achieve both academically and personally.

The session also included practical advice to encourage students to start planning early, empowering them to make informed choices about their education and career paths.

We are delighted to work closely with Blackfen Sixth Form to ensure our students receive the guidance and opportunities they need to confidently transition to the next stage of their education.



Students were also reminded to make the most of Unifrog, an excellent platform that supports them in exploring post-16 options, researching career pathways, and organising their plans for the future.



## Honouring Sacrifice: Remembrance Day Assembly Reflects on History and Service

On 11th November 2024, our school community came together to observe two minutes of silence at 11am, paying respect to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country. This poignant moment of reflection was part of a day dedicated to remembrance and understanding the significance of this important tradition.

To mark the occasion, Mr. Page, our Curriculum Lead for History, designed a bespoke Remembrance Assembly for the entire school. The assembly was rich in historical context, offering students an opportunity to learn about the individuals and events that have shaped our shared past. Through this thoughtful and moving presentation, the school reflected on the enduring importance of honouring those who served and sacrificed for the freedoms we enjoy today.



*'I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who gave generously. It might seem like a small gesture, but by buying a poppy, you've helped to say 'thank you' to the brave men and women who give so much for our country.'* - Poppy Appeal Rep.



## Wider learning opportunities : Year 9 Trip to the London Stadium – Green Careers

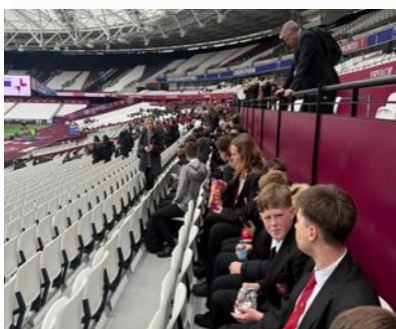
On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December a group of students visited the London Stadium to participate in a Green Careers Event. They had a great day joining in the activities and speaking with professionals working in the sustainability sector including finance, food, conservation, consultancy, energy and biotechnology.

### Feedback from the boys...



I really enjoyed the event- the presentations were informative and interesting.

I especially liked the interesting facts about pollution... we need to look after our world.





# Mrs Bennett Hosts Weekly Pupils' Forum: Sharing Ideas Over Hot Chocolate

22.11.2024



This week, Year 7s sat down with the Principal to share their experiences of life at Hurstmere. These sessions are a valuable opportunity for students to reflect on their journey so far, providing insights into what they enjoy about school, what they find challenging, and what they believe could enhance their learning and overall experience.



06.12.2024

This week, it was the turn of some exceptionally articulate Year 8 students to share their thoughts, and it was an absolute pleasure to spend time in their company. They were fully engaged throughout the discussion, demonstrating maturity and thoughtfulness in their responses.

The students spoke highly of their experience at Hurstmere, highlighting the excellent support they receive from staff, the quality of lessons, and the progress they are making in their studies. They also agreed that the school offers plenty of opportunities to get involved in various activities, with sport being a particular highlight for many of them.

It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback and to see how much they are embracing all that Hurstmere has to offer. Their enthusiasm and pride in being part of the school community were truly inspiring.



13.12.2024

This week, Year 9 students had the opportunity to meet with Mrs. Bennett to share their experiences of life at Hurstmere. They were an absolute delight, expressing their thoughts and views with clarity and confidence.

Like many other year groups, they spoke positively about the introduction of line-ups, golden tickets, and the strong, supportive relationships they have built with staff. The students highlighted the excellent support they receive, not only from teachers but also from services such as Place2Be, which they greatly value.

Their feedback reflects the positive environment we work hard to create at Hurstmere and reinforces the importance of listening to our students' voices.



# 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 are as follows:

## Week Ending 15.11.2024

### Year 7

G. Wickham - for Ambition  
J. Hutchings – for Leadership

### Year 8

A. Blisey and A. McAlpine – Resilience

### Year 9

J. Lynch – for Teamwork  
T. Jackson – for Self-Belief

### Year 10

W. Morgan – for Respect and Ambition  
C. Wells – for Integrity and Leadership

### Year 11

J. Tutton and J. Wall – for Ambition



## Week Ending 22.11.2024

**Year 7** – Adam M for Ambition and Self-Belief  
Arthur C and Zach B for Ambition and Self-Belief

**Year 10** – Bertie B for Ambition and Self-Belief  
Memphis A for Ambition  
Bobby L and Louie S for Leadership  
Seb D for Self-Belief

**Year 11** - Jake B for Resilience



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).





# Celebrating Excellence: The Principal Rewards Winners Announced

Week Ending 29.11.2024



Year 7 – Ryan B, Rocco B, Frankie C and James N – for Teamwork and Ambition.

Year 8 – Mason C and Efe R – for Ambition.

Year 9 – Jacob F – for Self-Belief and Ambition.

Year 11 – Jack B, Daniel F and Louis H – for Ambition and Self-Belief.

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Week Ending 05.12.2024



Year 7 – Freddie H - for Teamwork and Ambition.

Oscar R - for Teamwork

Alfie A – for Self-Belief

Bobby L – for Teamwork

Owen W – for Respect and Resilience.

Year 8 – Tristan M – for Ambition.

Year 9 – Lorenzo M - for Integrity.

Malachi P – for Integrity.

Year 11 – Cameron A – for Leadership

Ralph F – for Resilience.



Week Ending 13.12.2024

Year 7 - Charlie G – for Teamwork  
Louie C – for Resilience

Year 9 – Louie S – for Respect and Ambition

Year 10 – Thomas S, Travis S, Liam R – for Self-Belief and Ambition  
Nicolas J – for Ambition





# Celebrating Sporting Excellence at Hurstmere's Sports Colours Evening

We recently celebrated our annual Sports Colours Evening, recognising the incredible sporting achievements of our students across various disciplines. We were honoured to welcome Mark Hammond, a former Hurstmere student and now CEO at Bromley FC, who shared his inspiring journey in football and emphasised the values of perseverance and teamwork.



## Year 9 Sports Colours Winners



It was a pleasure to welcome back last year's Year 11 football squad, the ESFA National Cup Final winners, to this year's Sports Colours Evening.

Thank you for joining us, boys—it was fantastic to celebrate your achievements once again!





# Empowering Our Sports Leaders

## Bexley School Games

Hurstmere School is proud to host the Bexley School Games programme which supports all schools to embed physical activity and competition into school life. Each term, Miss Allsop provides a programme of events across the borough from festivals, development sports, high level competitions, sports leaders training and delivering a range of workshops from the Green Leaders Award to parent workshops. The impact of this work has seen over 1,000 young people participate in 10 different sports during the Autumn Term. There have also been 75 volunteering opportunities taken up by young people from across the borough, ensuring the Bexley School Games programme provides positive experiences that are delivered by young people for young people.

## Hurstmere Sports Leaders

Hurstmere Sports Leaders continue to inspire children from Bexley primary schools to try new sports and engage in physical activity. In November we hosted two School Games events which were planned and delivered by our amazing team of sports leaders.

First, was the Year 4 Badminton Festival where Year 9 sports leaders, supported by our Year 10 sports ambassadors, introduced new skills to the children, teaching them how to serve, perform an overhead shot and the importance of being quick on your feet. The event was attended by 8 Primary Schools who rotated around 8 different activity stations such as 'Catch the Bird', 'Ladders' and 'Badminton Golf'. There were smiles all round and after the event, we received some fabulous feedback from the school who attended.

*"Brilliant festival! My kids loved trying a new sport and really enjoyed the fun games. My children have been asking whether they can play badminton back at school in PE. The sports leaders were fantastic, they led the fun activities well with fantastic organisation."* PE Coach Upland Primary

*"Amazing event. Miss Allsop had clearly worked hard with her sports leaders to deliver such a fun event for our children. The impact this had on our children is clear to see, it was such a confidence booster for a couple of our children in particular. We would 100% attend this event again well done!"* PE Coach Upton Primary



The Year 8 Sports Leaders worked with the Year 3 C4L 60 Active Minutes festival which supports children to achieve the chief medical officers' guidelines of doing 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

The leaders started the event by teaching children how to 'Speed Stack', a task that not only supports physical activity but also aids hand-eye coordination, right and left-brain activation, bilateral coordination and fitness. To ensure everyone had fun the 7 schools then rotated around different speed stacking games such as 'Connect 4, Up Stack Down Stack, Tower Challenge and relay races.

It was great to see the Year 8 sports leaders grow in confidence as the event went on and the praise they received from teachers and parents was exceptional.

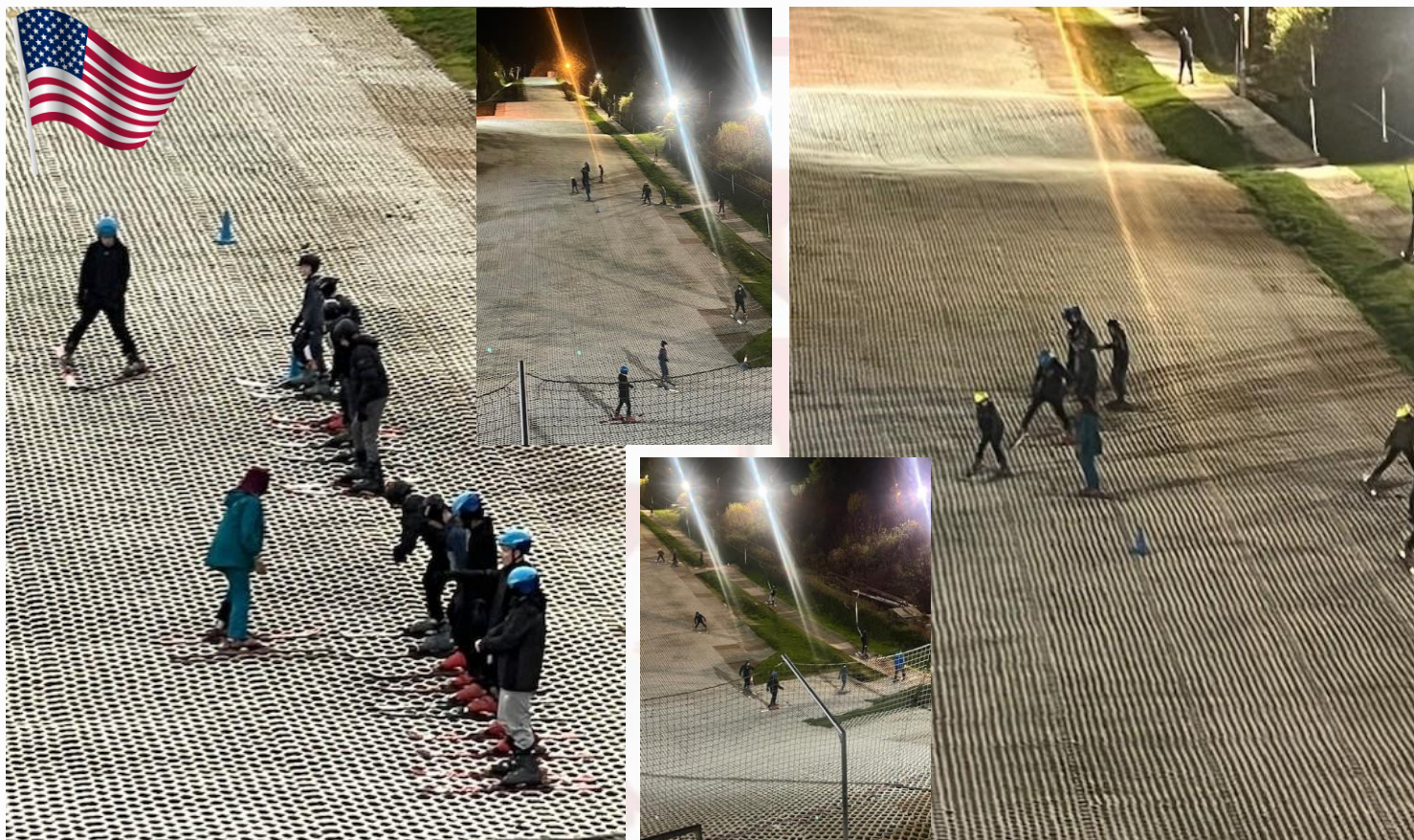




## Slopes of Success: Preparing for Our American Ski Adventure

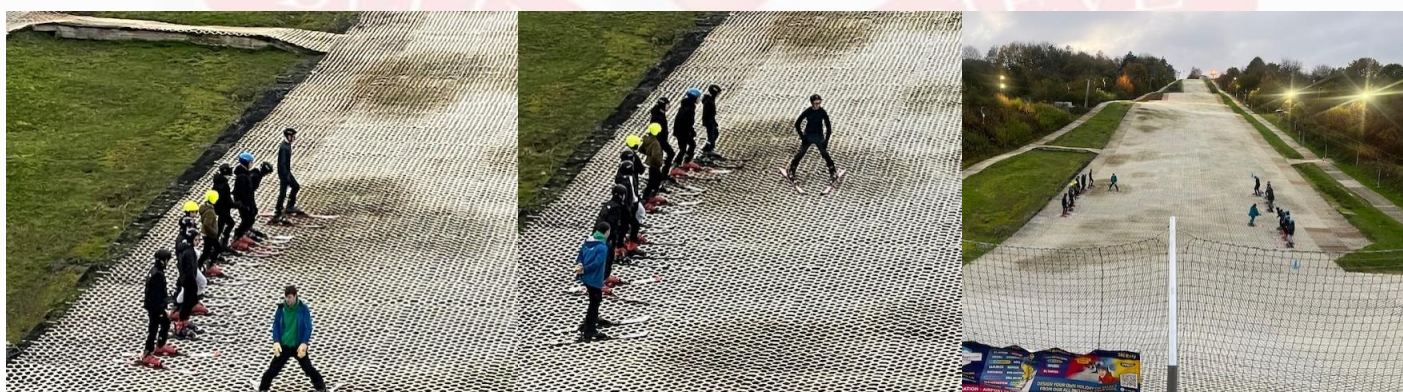
The students have been thoroughly enjoying themselves as they hone their skills on the dry slopes in preparation for the highly anticipated February ski trip to America. This exciting opportunity allows them to build confidence and improve their skiing techniques ahead of their adventure on the slopes overseas.

Practising on the dry slopes not only ensures the boys are physically ready, but also helps them familiarise themselves with the basics of skiing, from balance and control to perfecting turns. The sessions have been filled with energy and enthusiasm, as the students eagerly prepare for what promises to be an unforgettable experience.



This trip will not only offer them the chance to ski on some of America's finest slopes, but also to create lasting memories, build friendships, and immerse themselves in an exciting new environment. We look forward to seeing them put their skills into action in February!

Thank you to all parents who attended the information event evening, if you have any further questions please email – [a.jones@hurstmere.org.uk](mailto:a.jones@hurstmere.org.uk)





## Festive Creativity: Hurstmere's Christmas Card Competition



Key Stage 3 students were challenged to design the official Hurstmere Christmas card, allowing them to unleash their creativity and showcase their artistic talents. The competition was a huge success, with the Art department overwhelmed by the number of fantastic entries received! Congratulations to Alfie, whose outstanding design was chosen as the overall winner. Alfie's creativity earned him a prize of art equipment and vouchers. A big well done also to the runners-up, who received Art Reward Badges and Principal Reward Vouchers in recognition of their brilliant designs. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this competition such a festive success!



## Year 7 Carol Service Brings Festive Spirit to Holy Trinity Church

Year 7 students brought the festive spirit to life during their carol service at Holy Trinity Church. Staff and parents were treated to a wonderful selection of Christmas songs, beautifully sung under the guidance of Mr. Monks. A highlight of the afternoon was an angelic solo performance of *Christmas Hallelujah* by Eliot, which captivated everyone present. Mrs. Knight, RE Curriculum Leader, arranged the heartfelt readings that complemented the musical performances perfectly, creating a truly magical and reflective atmosphere. It was a memorable event that showcased the talent and spirit of our Year 7 students.





## Showcasing talent : Year 7 Christmas Concert 2024

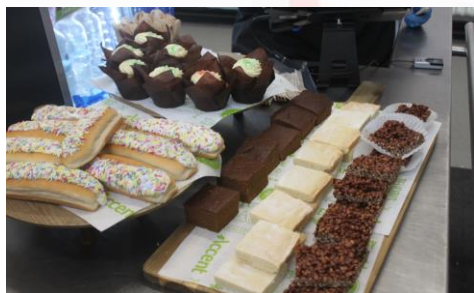
Not many schools can pull off a whole Year 7 Christmas concert—but Hurstmere certainly can! The event featured a fantastic selection of songs performed by the entire year group, accompanied by our talented Harmony Army and musicians. The concert also included outstanding solo performances by Oliver and Flynn, adding a special touch to an already magical evening. It was a wonderful celebration of music and festive cheer, highlighting the talent and enthusiasm of our Year 7 students.

A huge thank you to the Music Department for their hard work, dedication, and exceptional preparation in making this event such a resounding success. Your efforts ensured a memorable evening for students, staff, and families alike!





## Festive Feast: Christmas Lunch in the Canteen



The canteen was filled with festive cheer as students enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch to celebrate the holiday season. The catering team pulled out all the stops, serving up a traditional feast complete with turkey, all the trimmings, and a selection of desserts. The atmosphere was made even more special with Christmas decorations, creating a warm and joyful setting for everyone to come together and enjoy the festivities. A big thank you to the catering staff for their hard work in making this event such an enjoyable experience for our students!

## Spreading Festive Cheer: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children



Hurstmere was awash with festive colours and creativity as students and staff took part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. From traditional knits adorned with reindeer and snowflakes to imaginative, humorous designs featuring jingling bells and twinkling lights, the school took part in the event with generosity. This annual fundraiser not only brings festive fun to the school community but also supports a vital cause, helping children around the world gain access to education, healthcare, and opportunities to thrive.

Students and staff contributed donations in exchange for wearing their festive jumpers, and the collective effort raised money for Save the Children. Today was a fantastic opportunity to combine holiday cheer with compassion, reminding us all of the importance of giving back during this special time of year. A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who took part and donated—you've truly helped to make a difference!



## Tub2Pub Appeal

### TUB 2 PUB IS BACK FOR 2024!



**Make sure your tubs don't go to waste and bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to Hurstmere school from January 6<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> to be recycled. All proceeds from the recycled plastic tubs are donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.**

**Over 5,000kg of plastic, almost 50,000 tubs were collected through Tub2Pub over the past two years and the money raised for Greene King's charity partner, Macmillan Cancer Support, totalled £11,308.00.**

## Exciting TV & Film Workshop

We are thrilled to announce an exciting TV & Film Workshop for young people aged 7-14, taking place in January 2025. As a special offer for Hurstmere families, parents have the opportunity to SAVE 25% on this incredible experience!

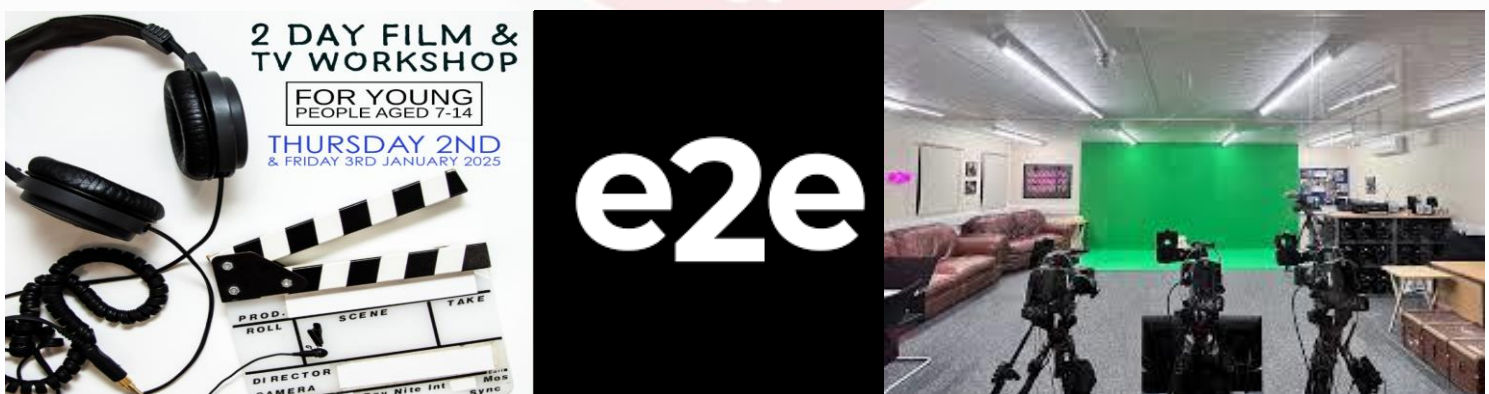
The workshops provide a fantastic opportunity for young people to explore digital content creation in a professional broadcast studio. Designed to be hands-on and accessible, these sessions allow participants to engage with TV and film production in a creative and dynamic way. We would be delighted to welcome students from Hurstmere to join our upcoming course and develop their media skills in this unique environment.

As a community interest company, End2End TV is deeply grateful for the support we receive across the borough. Through our workshops, activities, and projects, we aim to inspire young people and foster their creative potential. We greatly appreciate Hurstmere School for helping in promoting E2E initiatives and supporting our work with young talent.

For a glimpse of what we do, take a look at our showreel celebrating some of the amazing young people we've had the pleasure of working with: <https://vimeo.com/958395258>

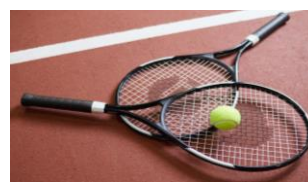
We hope to see some of the boys at our next workshop for a truly unforgettable experience!

Click here for more information - [End2end - January 2025 Workshop](#)





## Afterschool Badminton Club



Year 7 boys have improved their skills week after week at Badminton Club.

Here we can see some of this term's star players:

Jack, Lewis, James and Tommy

BRAND NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR YEARS 4-10

# FILMMAKING CLUB

STARTS ON TUES  
21ST JANUARY 2025  
17:00-18:00

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2ND & 4TH  
SATURDAYS OF EVERY MONTH  
Term-Time Only

Bishop Ridley Church  
The Green  
DA16 2PG

School Yrs  
6-11

# 2-4 PM

# THE HUB

## christmas party

FRIDAY 20TH  
DECEMBER  
7PM TO 8:30PM

SCHOOL YEARS 7-11

EMAIL: [SIMON@BLACKFENCOMMUNITYLIBRARY.ORG](mailto:SIMON@BLACKFENCOMMUNITYLIBRARY.ORG)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

## Tenpin Bowling

A group of Year 7 boys represented Hurstmere at the South East London School Games Tenpin competition (run by the Panathlon Challenge and funded by the Jack Petchey Foundation) to provide new opportunities for young people.

The event was attended by 14 teams from 8 secondary schools.

During the event the boys demonstrated our RTRAILS school values and were excellent role models for the school.

Well done boys!

# SCHOOL GAMES







We are delighted to share that Hurstmere is collaborating with Place2Be, a children and young people's mental health charity with nearly 30 years of experience supporting students, families, and staff in UK schools. Place2Be provides tailored mental health support through one-to-one and group counselling, aiming to enhance emotional wellbeing and deliver mental health services across the entire school community.

Place2Be also offers therapy sessions that utilise conversation, creative activities, and play to improve communication skills and foster emotional development. Students are initially offered up to ten 45-minute sessions.

Place2Talk, a lunchtime counselling service, is open to all students through self-referral. This service allows students to book a 15-minute session with Shannon, the Mental Health Practitioner, either alone or with a friend, to discuss any concerns they may have. The programme equips students with the tools and strategies to address their challenges in a positive and constructive manner. The support provided is both issue-based and solution-focused. At Hurstmere, our Place2Be Mental Health Practitioner (MHP) is Shannon Harvey.

## Year 7 Transition Workshop

This term, a selected group of Year 7 students participated in a 'Transition to Secondary School' workshop facilitated by the Place2Be practitioner. The workshop was designed to support students in adapting to secondary school life and addressing any concerns or difficulties they faced. The students engaged in various activities aimed at normalising their worries and equipping them with strategies to seek support and find solutions. At the end of the workshop, each student received a resource pack containing additional activities and helpful tips.





## Sporting Updates and Results



Year 8B Team through to round 3 of ESPA following a 2-1 victory against Ravenswood.



Congratulations Year 8B team who have made it to the Kent Schools FA semi final following a great win!



Year 11 Won against St. Columbus in the North Kent Cup with a hard fought 3 – 0 victory! Good preparation for the upcoming ESFA game vs Ravenswood



Yr 10s vs Kingsdale in ESPA Cup: 1-1 at the end of extra time, resulting in Hurstmere winning 5-3 on penalties! Great resilience!



Year 11 vs Stonelodge in KSFA cup. Another close game with a Hurstmere 2-1 win after coming from behind. Hard fought game from both teams! Well done, boys!

Our Year 8b team have made an unbeaten start to the year winning 4 out of 4. The team are into the Kent Cup semi finals and National cup round 4! Well done on a great start!



Year 11 vs Ravenswood in the ESFA RD4. Hurstmere dictated possession in the first half, limiting chances for Ravenswood. Ravenswood came back into the game late in the second half with Hurstmere winning 2-1 to go into RD5! Well done, boys!



Year 11B team ESFA RD3 vs Ravenswood! Excellent results from an outstanding group of B team players. Hurstmere dominated the game with a thumping 5-0 victory!





# Diary Dates

## Subject Parents Evenings

9 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Year 11 Subjects Parents Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 9 Subject Parents Evening
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 8 Subject Parents Evening
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Year 7 Subject Parents Evening
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Years 7, 8 & 9 Honours Graduation

## Term Dates

### **Autumn Term**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024 to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### **Term 3**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### **February Break**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

### **Term 4**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### **Spring Break**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

### **Term 5**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

### **May Break**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Bank Holidays**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 & Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### **Term 6**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### **Summer Holidays**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### **INSET DAYS (Pupils not in school)**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

