

Hurstmere News

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As we move through the first term of the academic year, I am thrilled to reflect on some of the incredible progress and achievements across our school community. I would like to begin by congratulating last year's Year 11 pupils who achieved excellent GCSE results this summer. Their hard work, along with the dedication of our staff, has truly paid off. This success has set a high standard for the year ahead as we continue to work to achieve excellence in all aspects of school life.

Thought for the day...

This year marks a new chapter for Hurstmere School as we join The Howard Academy Trust. This partnership will provide us with further opportunities to improve and grow, enhancing the educational experience for all our pupils. The collaboration is already proving to be a positive step, and we look forward to the exciting prospects it will bring.



In line with our commitment to raising the quality of teaching and learning, we have delivered a research-led training programme for staff this term on Friday afternoons, focusing on dual coding techniques. Dual coding is a proven method of enhancing teaching by combining visual and verbal information, helping pupils retain knowledge more effectively. Our teachers are embracing this approach, and we are confident that it will further boost engagement and learning outcomes.

I have also been pleased to hear from our pupils about the positive changes they have noticed around the school. The new structure of the school day, including line-ups and split lunch times, have been well-received. Pupils have commented that these changes help them feel more organised and prepared for their lessons. Their feedback has been invaluable in helping us shape a productive and supportive learning environment.

Thought for the week...

Our Personal Development programme is also going from strength to strength, ensuring that every pupil not only grows academically, but also gains the life skills needed to thrive. This holistic approach is integral to our mission at Hurstmere, and we are proud of the progress being made in this area.

In addition, the Year 11 intervention programme after school is now underway to support pupils as they prepare for their upcoming PPE exams. The sessions have been well-attended, and I am confident that this extra support will have a positive impact on their performance.

It has been a busy and productive term so far, and I am grateful to both our staff and pupils for their commitment and enthusiasm. I wish everyone a restful and well-deserved half-term break. We look forward to returning refreshed and ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Lynn Bennett
Principal



Farewell to our Outstanding Year 11s: Celebrating the Best Results in Hurstmere's History!



Welcome to Our Year 7s: Embracing New Beginnings at Hurstmere

Mr Maher, Raising Standards Leader for Year 7

It is my great privilege to serve as Raising Standards Lead for Year 7. This will be my eighth year as Raising Standards Lead at Hurstmere School, and after guiding the very successful Year 11s last year, I am excited to work with the new Year 7 students.

Being a Raising Standards Lead offers me the opportunity to engage closely with Year 7 students, fostering their passion and enthusiasm for school and encouraging them to contribute positively to our local community.

Our aim is not only to develop their academic abilities, but also to help them understand how to make a meaningful impact on the world around them. I look forward to the year ahead.



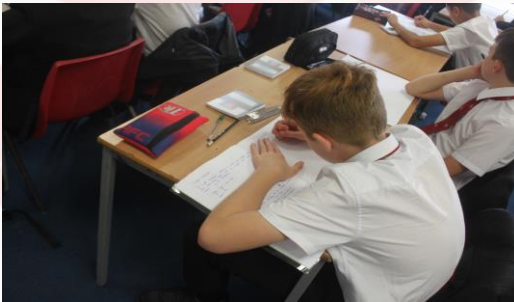
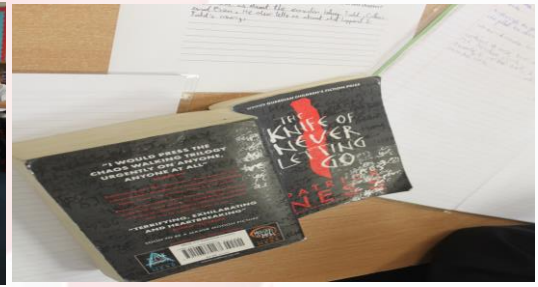
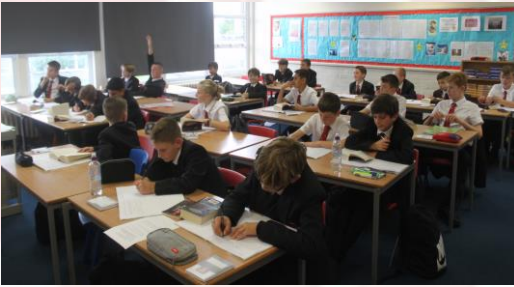
Year 7 Pupils Enjoying Their Break Times with New Friends

Our Year 7 students have quickly settled into life at Hurstmere, making the most of their break times to relax and socialise with friends. Whether enjoying a game of football, chatting in groups, or exploring our grounds, it is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and friendships grow as they embrace the Hurstmere community.



Take a Sneak Peek Inside Our Classrooms

Year 7 English: The boys are reading and writing about a fantastic novel called, 'The Knife of Never Letting Go' by Patrick Ness. It is very popular with the boys as every chapter ends with a cliffhanger (an idea stolen from Dickens). Set in a dystopian world, the novel, whilst being a cracking read, introduces the boys to all kinds of themes such as fear, loss, illiteracy, truth and lies, and whether adults can be trusted in the dystopian world.



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Year 7 Science: Miss Payne and her Year 7 scientists had an exciting introduction to microbiology, observing their own cheek cells under the microscope for the very first time. Having studied the structure of cells in class, the students were eager to see them up close. Under the microscope, they identified key cell components such as the nucleus, cell membrane, and cytoplasm—essential elements of every cell in the human body! This hands-on experience brought their learning to life and sparked their curiosity about the fascinating world of microbiology.

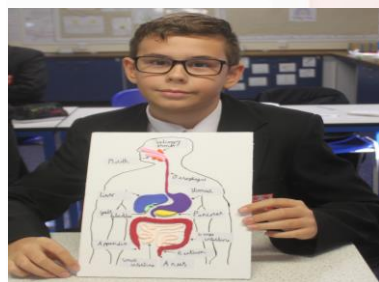
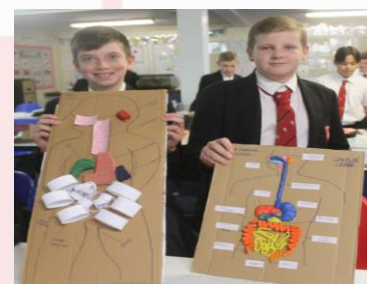


After observing their cheek cells under the microscope, the students used various materials to recreate what they saw, bringing to life the structures they had studied. By constructing models of the nucleus, cell membrane, and cytoplasm, the pupils deepened their understanding of cell structure and function.



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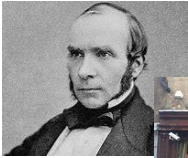
Year 8 Science: This term, Year 8 students have been studying the digestive system and learning about what happens to the food we eat. They explored the key organs involved and their roles in breaking down food. For homework, pupils were asked to create a model of the digestive system, representing important organs such as the mouth, oesophagus, stomach, intestines, and others. The purpose of this task was to visually demonstrate the journey food takes through the body, from ingestion to digestion. The students enjoyed the chance to showcase their impressive work to the class and discuss what they had learned.



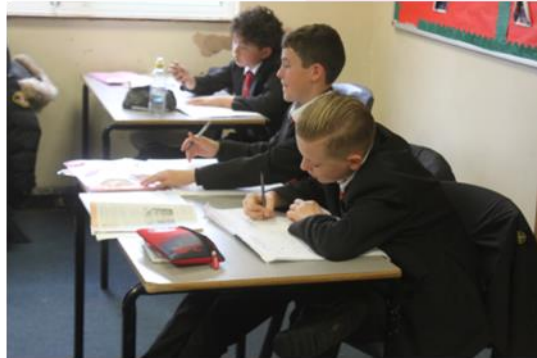
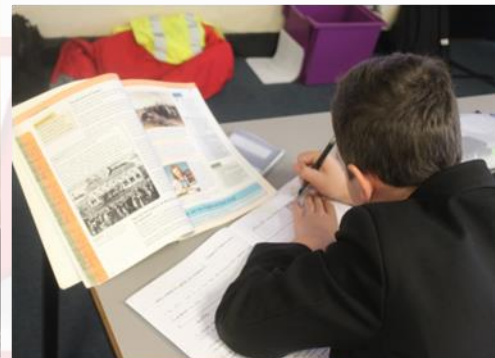
Year 7 Maths: When it comes to understanding directed numbers and working with negatives, many students can benefit from using manipulatives to make abstract concepts more concrete. Using manipulatives in this way allowed the boys to visualise the process, reinforcing the understanding that subtracting a negative is the same as adding. It made the concept of directed numbers more accessible and intuitive, helping to break down the confusion often associated with working with negatives.



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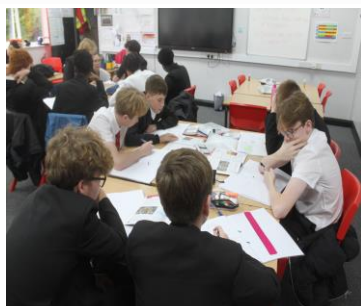
Year 8 historians have been studying public health issues in the 1800s, focusing on how John Snow discovered in 1854 that cholera was a waterborne disease. The students were especially intrigued to learn that the very site where he made this groundbreaking discovery, which saved countless lives in one area, is now home to a pub named after him in Soho!



In **Year 8 Music**, students are busy preparing their key pieces by practising the iconic James Bond theme on the keyboard. As they hone their skills, they are developing both their technique and understanding of rhythm and melody, bringing this classic tune to life. The focus and enthusiasm they are showing is truly impressive, and they are eager to showcase their progress in upcoming performances.



The **Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies** class is currently exploring Christian perspectives on the nature of God and engaging with the philosophical question of whether the 'Problem of Evil' can be used to challenge or disprove the existence of such a God. Through thought-provoking discussions and critical analysis, students are delving into complex theological debates, examining arguments for and against the existence of a benevolent, omnipotent God in light of the presence of suffering in the world. This study not only deepens their understanding of Christian beliefs, but also enhances their critical thinking and philosophical reasoning skills.



Celebrating Excellence: Prize Giving Event Shines a Spotlight on Pupil Achievement

We were honoured to welcome Councillor Lisa-Jane Moore, the Deputy Mayor of Bexley, to our recent prize-giving ceremony at Hurstmere School. Councillor Moore shared invaluable advice with our students on how to stand out and succeed in the world of employment. Her insights, drawn from her experience in both public service and her professional background, offered the boys practical tips on making a lasting impression and building a strong work ethic. The event was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate the boys' achievements, with each student receiving well-deserved recognition for their hard work and dedication. We are grateful to Councillor Moore for inspiring the next generation with her words of wisdom.



House Council Leadership: Captains and Prefects Receive Ties and Set the Tone for the Year



On Wednesday, 9th October, we held our first House Council meeting of the year. There was great excitement as Mrs Bennett presented the House Captains with their distinctive coloured ties. A huge 'well done' to all the House Captains and Vice Captains for showcasing outstanding leadership and teamwork.

Their commitment sets a positive example for their peers and promises to strengthen the sense of community within their houses.



Celebrating Cultures: Hurstmere's European Foreign Languages Week Sparks Global Curiosity



Students and staff at Hurstmere celebrated European Day of Languages in a week-long event. Dr Goodwin, our Curriculum Leader for Modern Foreign Languages, kicked off the festivities with a special assembly focused on idioms from across Europe.

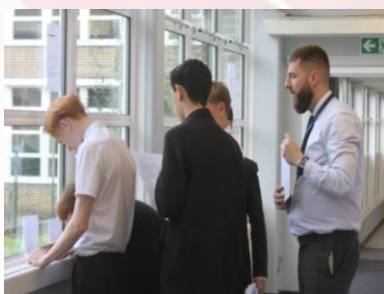
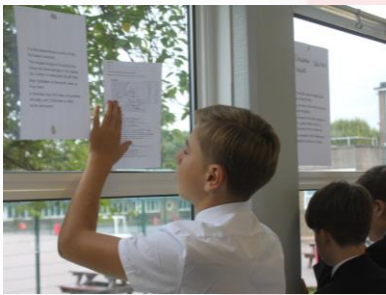


In French and Spanish lessons, students explored various aspects of European identities and cultures, and everyone had the opportunity to take part in a range of competitions, including those showcasing our multilingual staff!



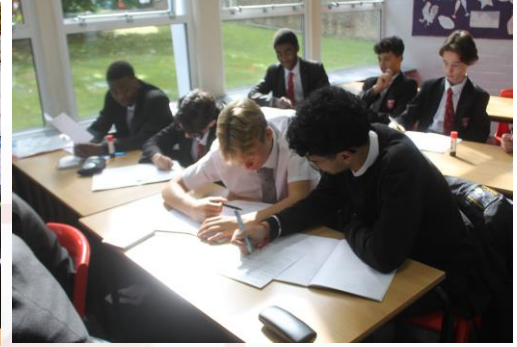
To cap off the week, the canteen served a selection of well-known European dishes, adding a delicious culinary touch to the celebrations.

As the saying goes, it's been "all fun and games"!

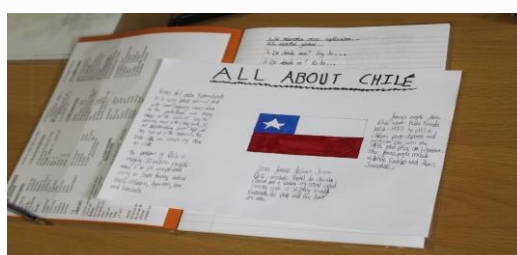


Language Learning Comes to Life: MFL Department Sparks Joy and Engagement in the Classroom

GCSE French students enjoyed a fun and engaging session exploring jokes and humour across different languages. It was fascinating to see how humour varies between countries, cultures, and languages. We may have discovered a few budding comedians among the boys!

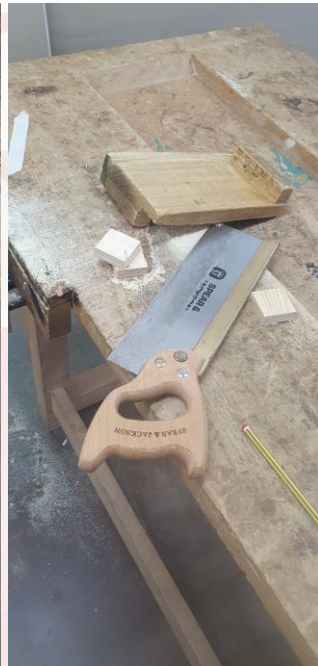


This year marks an exciting milestone for Hurstmere, as we introduce Spanish from Year 7 for the first time! To ignite pupils' enthusiasm, they were tasked with researching and designing a poster on one of the many Spanish-speaking countries (there are over 20!). Pupils were asked to include information on: Population; Famous landmarks; Traditional dishes and drinks; Notable people born there. The students produced an outstanding amount of work, and many eagerly volunteered to give presentations on their chosen city or country. It was a truly wonderful lesson, celebrating the rich diversity of Spanish-speaking cultures from around the world.

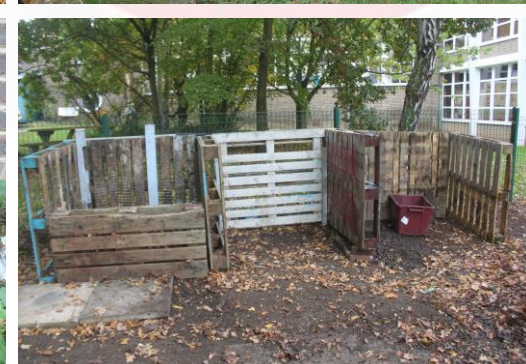


Broadening Horizons: Hurstmere's Curriculum Supports KS4 Students Taking Multi-Trade Courses at College

The KS4 College Programme has continued this year, with several Year 10 and 11 students attending Shooters Hill College one day per week. Students are participating in a Multi-Skills Construction course, where they are currently crafting various wooden joints using a range of hand tools. This has been a fantastic opportunity for them to enhance their ability to follow instructions and apply their Maths skills in practical situations. In addition to this, students are painting doors, learning how to properly prepare surfaces, and following the correct procedures to achieve a professional finish.



We are always looking to expand our equipment and would greatly appreciate any donations of gardening tools or resources that could be used in this area. Our goal is to create a sustainable garden, making use of materials such as wooden pallets, reclaimed timber like railway sleepers, and timber framing. We will also explore innovative ways to repurpose plastic to better understand its environmental impact and how we can reduce that impact.



Smash into Fun: Join Hurstmere's After-School Badminton Club!

This term saw the launch of Hurstmere's Badminton Club, open to all boys in Years 7 and 8, led by Dr Goodwin. The club welcomes boys of all abilities, with the focus on developing skills, improving fitness, and having fun. The aim is for the squad to grow into teams that can compete against other schools in the coming months. Whether you are an experienced player or a complete beginner, if you are keen to play badminton, just come along in your sports kit on Tuesdays from 3.00 to 4.00pm in the Sports Hall.



Sports Leaders Inspire Success at Year 4 Tri-Golf Festival

In October, our Year 9, 10, and 11 Sports Leaders organised a fantastic Year 4 Tri-Golf School Games Festival for nine local primary schools. Students rotated through a series of golf challenges, focusing on their chipping and putting skills. The Sports Leaders demonstrated the activities, coached the children to help improve their techniques, and awarded each school a score out of 10 for how well they embodied one of the School Games values: Determination, Honesty, Respect, Self-Belief, and Teamwork. The event was full of excitement, with both children and teachers praising the experience, all thanks to the dedication and hard work of our Sports Leaders, who went above and beyond to ensure that everyone left with a positive and memorable experience.



Excitement Builds for Hurstmere's Annual Year 7 Christmas Concert

Preparations for this year's Christmas concert have been in full swing throughout the half term. Our new Year 7 students have been attending regular singing sessions with Mr Gilbert, learning the songs for the show. We have already discovered some very promising musical talent!

The concert will feature a massed Year 7 choir with every student participating, alongside performances from our school record label, Studio Fix, and our school choir, Harmony Army. Now in its fourth year, this concert promises to be a spectacular event, and we look forward to seeing you all there!



Hurstmere School Earns the Bronze Level in the Rail Safe Friendly Scheme



Congratulations to Hurstmere School for achieving Bronze level recognition through the Rail Safe Friendly Scheme. We all understand how crucial it is to promote rail safety and to educate both ourselves and young people on staying safe around railways. This campaign provides an excellent opportunity to raise awareness and encourage rail safety practices.

From:
The Rail Safe Friendly Team



Police Safer Schools Team Visits Hurstmere to Discuss Personal and Community Safety

On 9th October, Hurstmere School welcomed the Police Safer Schools Team for an important session with our students. The officers engaged students in discussions on personal safety and staying safe within the community.

The session covered various aspects of daily life, including how to remain aware of surroundings, avoid potential dangers, and make safe choices both in school and out in the community. This visit is part of our ongoing efforts to equip our students with essential life skills, promoting their well-being and confidence when faced with real-world situations. We are grateful to the Safer Schools Team for taking the time to support our students in becoming more safety-conscious members of society.



Inspiring Futures: Capel Manor College Visit to Showcase Career Opportunities

We were thrilled to welcome a representative from Capel Manor College for an assembly, where students learned about the diverse range of courses available. These included exciting fields such as Agriculture, Wildlife and Environmental Conservation, Animal Management and Dog Grooming, Arboriculture and Forestry, Art and Design, Business and Digital Skills, Floristry and Event Styling, Garden and Landscape Design, Horticulture, Landscaping and Viticulture, as well as Saddlery and Shoemaking.

These courses are incredibly valuable as they offer students practical, hands-on experience in specialist fields, giving them the skills needed to succeed in their chosen careers. Capel Manor College provides not only an excellent learning environment but also the opportunity to gain real-world industry insights and work placements, preparing pupils for the future. The Principal of Capel Manor College shared, "We are very proud of the work that we do to help our students reach their desired destinations and achieve their goals. We have a professional team of tutors and course leaders, all experts in their specialist fields. We work with hundreds of employers across London, providing direct access to real-world industry know-how, experiences, and placements."



Capel
Manor
College

Calling All Local Businesses: Support Hurstmere's Year 10 Students with Work Experience Placements



Work Experience Dates : 14th to 18th July 2025

Work experience is a government-backed scheme offered to Year 10 students, providing them with the opportunity to undertake a placement at an employer's premises. During the placement, pupils carry out tasks and duties similar to those of regular employees, giving them valuable insights into the world of work and preparing them for life beyond school. If your business can offer a placement to one of our students between 14th and 18th July 2025, we would be extremely grateful to hear from you. Please contact our Work Experience Co-ordinator at C.Watson@hurstmere.org.uk to discuss how you can support this important initiative.



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



Mrs Bennett had the pleasure of meeting a delightful group of Year 7 students on Friday 20th September, for an informal chat over hot chocolate and a giant cookie. The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas, and Mrs Bennett took extensive notes throughout. She was especially interested in hearing the pupils' views on what they enjoy about school and areas where they feel improvements could be made. The students shared a number of insightful suggestions on how Hurstmere could become an even better place for everyone. Stay tuned for updates on the changes and ideas discussed!



25.09.2024

Mrs Bennett had the pleasure of meeting a group of Year 8 students to discuss their experiences at school. It was wonderful to hear how much they are enjoying their time at Hurstmere. The boys expressed their appreciation for having "proper" teachers in all their classes—staff who are knowledgeable and passionate about their subjects. They also shared how much they like the 3Rs in ensuring good behaviour for learning in the classrooms. In addition, the students spoke about who they would approach if they had any concerns, demonstrating their awareness of the school's safeguarding team.



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This week, Mrs Bennett had the pleasure of meeting a group of Year 9 students over hot chocolate and cookies to discuss their experiences at Hurstmere. The consensus was overwhelmingly positive, with many students commenting that the school has improved significantly. They particularly enjoy finishing early on Fridays and agreed that the morning line-ups help them feel organised and prepared for the day ahead. Pupils also expressed that their lessons are challenging, and they spoke highly of their teachers.

04.10.2024



11.10.2024

Mrs Bennett met with a selected group of Year 10 students to discuss their experiences at Hurstmere. Collectively, they feel the school is a much better place now compared to when they were in Year 7. They appreciate the early finish on Fridays and find the line-ups helpful in starting the day well-prepared. Students also mentioned that their lessons are challenging, and they particularly like the 3Rs approach and the use of mini whiteboards by teachers. They find the Knowledge Organisers extremely useful in supporting their learning. One point they raised was the lack of clocks in some classrooms, which we will look into addressing.



18.10.2024

Mrs Bennett had the absolute pleasure of meeting with a group of Year 11 students to discuss their experiences at Hurstmere. These young men are truly a credit to the school – articulate, reflective, and perceptive. They spoke about the improvements in uniform standards, expressed their appreciation for the split lunch breaks, and understood the purpose behind the line-ups. The students find their lessons challenging and value the 3Rs approach, as well as the Golden Ticket reward scheme. They suggested that an accumulation of tickets could lead to a larger reward, which is an idea worth considering!



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 20th September 2024 are as follows:

Year 7

D. Lupu - for Ambition

Year 8

J. Henry Smith, V Chapman, A. Berry – for Respect and Ambition

J. Henry Smith and J. Wright – for Ambition

Year 9

S. Griffin – for Ambition

Year 10

J. Frankis – for Ambition

Year 11

J. Walker – for Ambition



Week Ending 27.09.2024

Year 7

T. Enright, O. Craggs, L. Gibbens – for Integrity, Respect, Leadership, Teamwork and Self-Belief

Year 8

S. Philby – for Ambition and Integrity

Year 9

M. Kutafin, M. Parkes – for Ambition

Year 10

B. Mayes, A. Evans, R. Taylor – for Resilience, Ambition, Self-belief and Respect

Year 11

O. Snowball – for Ambition



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



Year 7 – Arthur B for Resilience
Daniel L for Leadership

Year 8 – Albert L & Harry S for Respect & Integrity

Year 9 – Farris K for Respect

Year 10 – Jackson C for Ambition

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Year 7 - Buddy P – for Teamwork
Harrison F – for Leadership

Year 8 – Ethan H – for Ambition
Scott C – for Respect & Leadership

Year 9 – Zac H & George D – Leadership & Self-Belief

Year 10 – Rowan M & Andrew H – for Ambition

Year 11 – Casper F & Jake B – for Ambition and Self-Belief



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Week Ending 18.10.2024

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Year 7 – Jack Q for Leadership
George B for Integrity

Year 8 – Alex C & Felix W for Integrity

Year 9 – Vasian S & Thomas J for Ambition
Charlie D for Leadership

Year 10 – Joseph P for Leadership and Self-Belief
Alex A for Ambition and Self-Belief

Year 11 – Vincent D V for Ambition and Self-Belief



Hurstmere's Talented Media Team Shine

Since Year 7, members of the Media Team have played a key role in supporting, filming, and photographing events at Hurstmere School. They have also excelled in utilising the school's studio facilities, creating impressive promotional TV and film content for the school. Their dedication and technical skills have been invaluable.

Project Partners' Outstanding Contribution

These students have also made significant contributions to the success of the 'Through Our Eyes' project, funded by the National Heritage Lottery. As Hurstmere served as the Hub School for this £153,682 project, the students were actively involved in interviewing, filming, and presenting, helping to bring this important initiative to life.



A Successful Coffee Morning in Support of Macmillan Cancer

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended our recent coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, enjoying a warm, friendly atmosphere while raising funds for such a worthy cause. We were also treated to an array of delicious cakes generously donated by parents, which added an extra touch of sweetness to the event. Your support is greatly appreciated, and together we have made a positive contribution to Macmillan's vital work. We look forward to welcoming you at future events!



Exciting Football Trials Set the Stage for Upcoming A/B Team Cup Matches

Over the past few weeks, football trials have been in full swing as we prepare for the first A/B team cup games of the season. The turnout has been fantastic, with a large number of boys showcasing their skills and passion for the game.

It was especially encouraging to see a noticeable improvement in the overall standard of play. We are confident that this season will be an exciting one, with plenty of talent to watch out for on the field.

Good luck to all the players as they get ready for the upcoming matches—let's bring home some victories!



Hurstmere Sports Spotlight



Year 11 secured a brilliant 7-1 victory in their first match of the season in the Kent Invicta Round 2 against Bullerswood. Despite the pouring rain, the boys delivered an outstanding performance. Well done to the entire team!



Our Year 8A team kicked off the football season with an emphatic victory in Round 1 of the Kent Cup. Well done, boys!

The Year 7B team celebrated their first football victory for Hurstmere with a 3-1 win away against Northfleet. They now progress to Round 2 of the Kent Cup. Well done!



Congratulations to our Year 7 Rugby team on making their school debuts! It was a strong team performance, resulting in a 4-4 draw. We are excited for the next fixture!



An excellent result from the Year 11 A team tonight against St Paul's, with a 4-2 victory. On to the next stage of the nationals. A tense game to watch but a much deserved win - well done boys!!



The Year 11B team secured a 3-0 victory against Thorpe Hall School in the ESFA Cup. After taking an early lead in the first half, we controlled the game and finished with a convincing win, advancing to the 3rd round of the National Competition! Well done to everyone involved, including a couple of debut players!



Well done to our Year 8 Rugby team for an outstanding performance in their first game of the season!

Congratulations to Bobby B for representing Ipswich Town FC in the National U16's tournament. Best of luck!



Congratulations to Rudi, who competed in the British Indoor Karting Championships (BIKC) Regional Finals on Saturday, 12th October, and secured 1st place out of 23 strong competitors!

He will now progress to the British Finals in Warrington next month, where he aims to claim the title of Champion!

Best of luck, Rudi – Go for it!

Accent Catering: Serving Delicious Meals at Hurstmere

Accent Catering prepared a delicious selection of paella and pizza for staff and students in celebration of European Languages Day



Accent Catering - Autumn Menus

MAINS From £0.00

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Spanish Style Pork with Chorizo Chicken and New Potatoes (M) £5.50	Quarter Pounder Beef Burger in a Bun with Chips (M) £5.50	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy (M) £5.50	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy (M) £5.50	Roast Chicken with Potatoes and Gravy (M) £5.50

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Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 20th December 2024 at Hurstmere School
£1.00 cash contribution per person

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BEXLEY MUSIC

Instrument Try Out Day
Saturday 9 November 2024 13.00-16.00
Bexley Music, Belmont Academy, Belmont Road, DA8 1LE

Come and discover what it's like to play a musical instrument!
There will be the full range of instruments available including:

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Guitar
- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bassoon
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Baritone/Euphonium
- Tuba
- Percussion (drum kit, timpani, xylophone and much more!)
- Piano and keyboard

Our friendly and knowledgeable staff and students will be on hand to help you choose the perfect instrument for you!

We can advise you on:

- The best instrument(s) for you
- Instrument hire
- Lessons
- Instrument maintenance
- Sheet music
- Grade exams
- Joining an orchestra, band or choir

This event is likely to be very popular so please scan this code to book your slot in advance.

For further details, contact: info@bexley-music.co.uk

Diary Dates

Subject Parents Evenings

7 th November 2024	Year 10 Subjects Parents Evening
9 th January 2025	Year 11 Subjects Parents Evening
13 th March 2025	Year 9 Subject Parents Evening
27 th March 2025	Year 8 Subject Parents Evening
24 th April 2025	Year 7 Subject Parents Evening
16 th July '25	Years 7, 8 & 9 Honours Graduation

Term Dates

Autumn Term

Thursday 5th September 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

Half Term

Monday 28th October 2024 to Monday 1st November 2024

Spring Term

Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 4th April 2025

Half Term

Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term

Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 26th May 2025

INSET DAYS (Pupils not in school)

Friday 25th October 2024
Monday 4th November 2024
Friday 6th December 2024
Monday 24th February 2025

