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As we bring the school year to a close, I am delighted to welcome you to the final edition of our school newsletter. This year has been filled with remarkable achievements, unforgettable experiences, and significant milestones that have showcased the true spirit of Hurstmere School.

Our pupils have excelled in various areas, from Year 7s and Year 8s securing medals at the Bexley Athletics Championships to Year 10s successfully completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Expedition. The Year 9 trip to Cologne offered a blend of educational and cultural enrichment, while the Year 11 leavers' assembly and BBQ provided a fitting farewell to our outgoing pupils, celebrating their journey with us.

We also enjoyed the vibrant Year 7 disco with Blackfen School, hosted by Friends of Hurstmere, which fostered community spirit and created lasting memories for our younger pupils. Each event and achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our pupils and staff.

This year, we proudly celebrated Hurstmere School's 75th anniversary. The Summer Jubilee was a resounding success, highlighting the rich history and traditions that have shaped our school community. This milestone allowed us to reflect on our journey and the values that continue to guide us.

As we look forward to the future, we are excited to embark on a new chapter with The Howard Academy Trust in September. This partnership promises to bring new opportunities for growth, enhanced learning experiences, and greater collaboration, furthering our mission to provide the best education possible for our pupils.

This time of year also brings mixed emotions as we bid farewell to Mr Brown, Mr Hadley-Piggin, Miss Geyevu, Mr Williams, Miss Netherwood, Mrs Bussey, Mme Notton, Ms Harbery and Mr Mangal who are moving on to new schools. Their contributions have been invaluable, and we wish them all the best in their new roles. Additionally, we celebrate the retirement of three dedicated staff members Mrs Bakewell, Mr Joyce and Mr Blower whose legacy will leave a lasting impact on our school community. We thank them for their many years of service and wish them a fulfilling and joyful retirement.

Reflecting on the year, I am filled with pride for the collective achievements of our school community. Our pupils have demonstrated our school values of Respect, Teamwork, Resilience, Ambition, Integrity, Leadership, Self Belief, and a commitment to their personal and academic growth. These qualities will undoubtedly serve them well in their future pursuits.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this year a success. Your support, hard work, and dedication have been instrumental in shaping the positive environment at Hurstmere School. I look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful summer break.

Lynn Bennett, Principal

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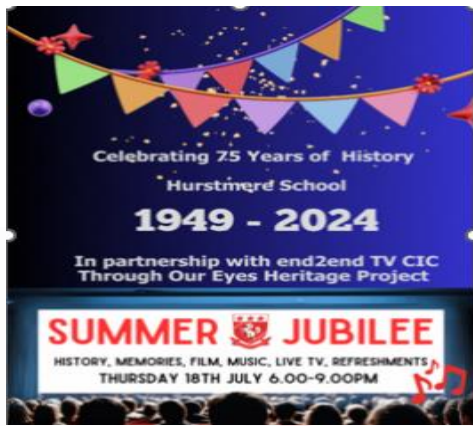
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Celebrating 75 Years of Hurstmere with a Summer Jubilee



Guests were delighted and amazed at Hurstmere's 75th Jubilee Celebration on Thursday evening, where they were treated to film, live interviews and music. The hall had been transformed into a cinema experience with a massive screen, surround sound and red uplighters. On display was a wide variety of banners, photographs and memorabilia.

The event was run by a confident group of Year 8 and Year 9 pupils who introduced the various segments throughout the evening. The celebration began with a film that was broadcast on Sky News over the weekend, showcasing the Through Our Eyes Heritage Project – for which Hurstmere was the hub school.

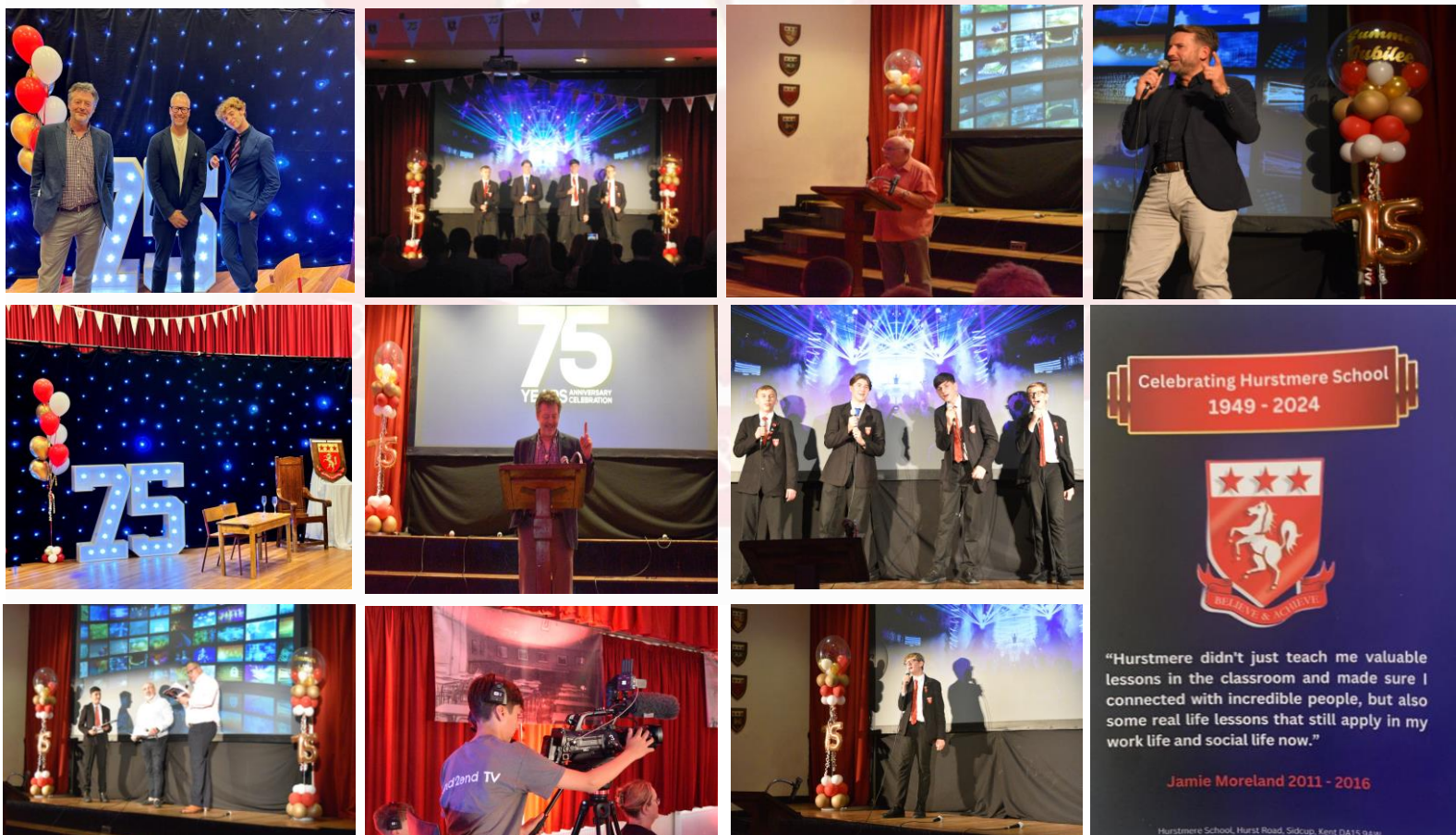
Pupils took turns to introduce the varied items, including live interviews with former pupils, as well as live music performed by a group from Studio Fix. The audience learned via the Hurstmere History Documentary that the foundations of the school were laid in 1949. Additionally, patrons of end2end TV CIC (Jay Clarke, Aardman Animations and Walt Disney Storyboard Artist and Mark Reid, former Head of Education at the British Film Institute) reflected on their own school experiences, adding another dimension to the evening.

This unique event illustrated the warmth felt by many generations of pupils towards the school and how it had helped them with their confidence and future career choices. The evening was a great success and concluded with discussions over delicious food among multiple generations of alumni from the 1960s onwards, as well as past and present staff and pupils.

The pupils led the evening perfectly and were excellent role models for the school. We are so proud of everything they achieved individually and as a fantastic team. As one of the special guests commented, "The evening was a spectacular success!"

Many thanks to everyone who supported this wonderful evening.

Peter and Lorraine, end2end TV CIC



Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Mathematicians Compete at the Money Wise Challenge at the Excel Centre

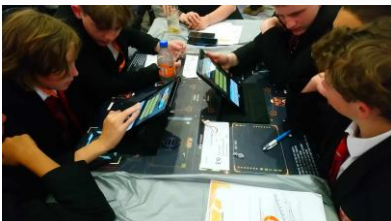
Last year's event was so popular that we decided to double the number of teams, opening up entry to Years 7, 8, and 9. In fact, the whole event has grown in size and now has to be accommodated in the largest suite at the Excel Centre.

The challenge is for teams of three to work together to play the interactive game presented on iPads. Points are awarded for correctly answering financial and maths-related questions whilst simultaneously completing navigational tasks. Our four teams were competing with schools from across London and the surrounding boroughs. We were situated close to Townley Grammar, and our boys insisted I keep an eye on their scores so we could track our progress.

In round two of the tournament, our teams were ahead, but then disaster struck! A computer malfunction meant Hurstmere's score of 3400 dropped to 50. This issue also affected other teams, so in the end, the organisers had to change the format, meaning that – unlike last year – there was no live scoreboard. This would definitely have shown Hurstmere periodically at the top, as our boys were eager to outperform others in the room.

In fact, in my humble opinion, our boys were the most enthusiastic in the room throughout. They certainly had a hugely enjoyable day. A special mention should also be made of Jack C, who was the star of the show when he answered the question, "What is AI?" The host was so impressed by his detailed answer that she suggested he should be on the stage with the panel of experts! So, next year, who knows, 8 teams?

Mr Parkinson, Maths



My favourite part about the trip was...

- Solving the equations as fast as possible.
- Competing against the other teams.
- Beating the other teams.
- Challenging myself.
- Being with friends.



What Maths skills did you use during the event ?

- Problem solving and Algebra.
- Being smart with money.
- Business skills.
- Fast mental maths.



An Unforgettable Film Project Experience at The Historic Chatham Dockyard



We have been teaching a group of Year 9 pupils who are working towards a Silver Arts Award (equivalent to a GCSE grade 4-9), which has involved them writing a film script about time-travelling pirates! They sought the support of the Year 9 Media Team, which led both groups to The Historic Dockyard Chatham, renowned for filming productions such as, 'Call the Midwife', 'Bridgerton', and various Marvel films. On 4th July, the teams put their amazing skills to good use on location, filming on HMS Gannet. It was a fantastic day, with producers, pirates, and crew being excellent media ambassadors for both the school and end2end TV. We would also like to extend our thanks to Mr Ebers for joining the team as a long-lost pirate and to Mrs Ebers for her support and care on the day. Such fantastic opportunities for our boys!

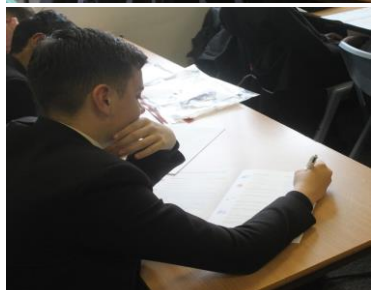
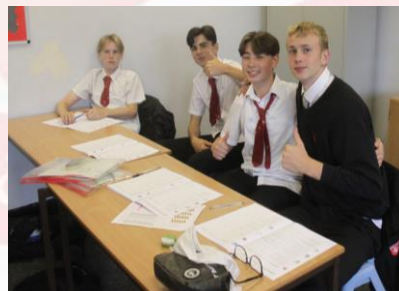
Watch a short film of the behind the scenes here: <https://vimeo.com/979838625?share=copy>



Year 9 Pupils Shine at the Young Enterprise Apprenticeship Event

We are thrilled to share the incredible experiences of our Year 9 pupils who recently took part in an exciting apprenticeship event. This event was designed to empower our young people to discover, develop, and celebrate their skills and potential. The apprenticeship event provided a unique opportunity for our pupils to learn vital skills and adopt an enterprising mindset necessary for their future success. Throughout the event, pupils engaged in various activities that helped them understand how to earn and manage money effectively, and how make positive contributions to their lives and communities.

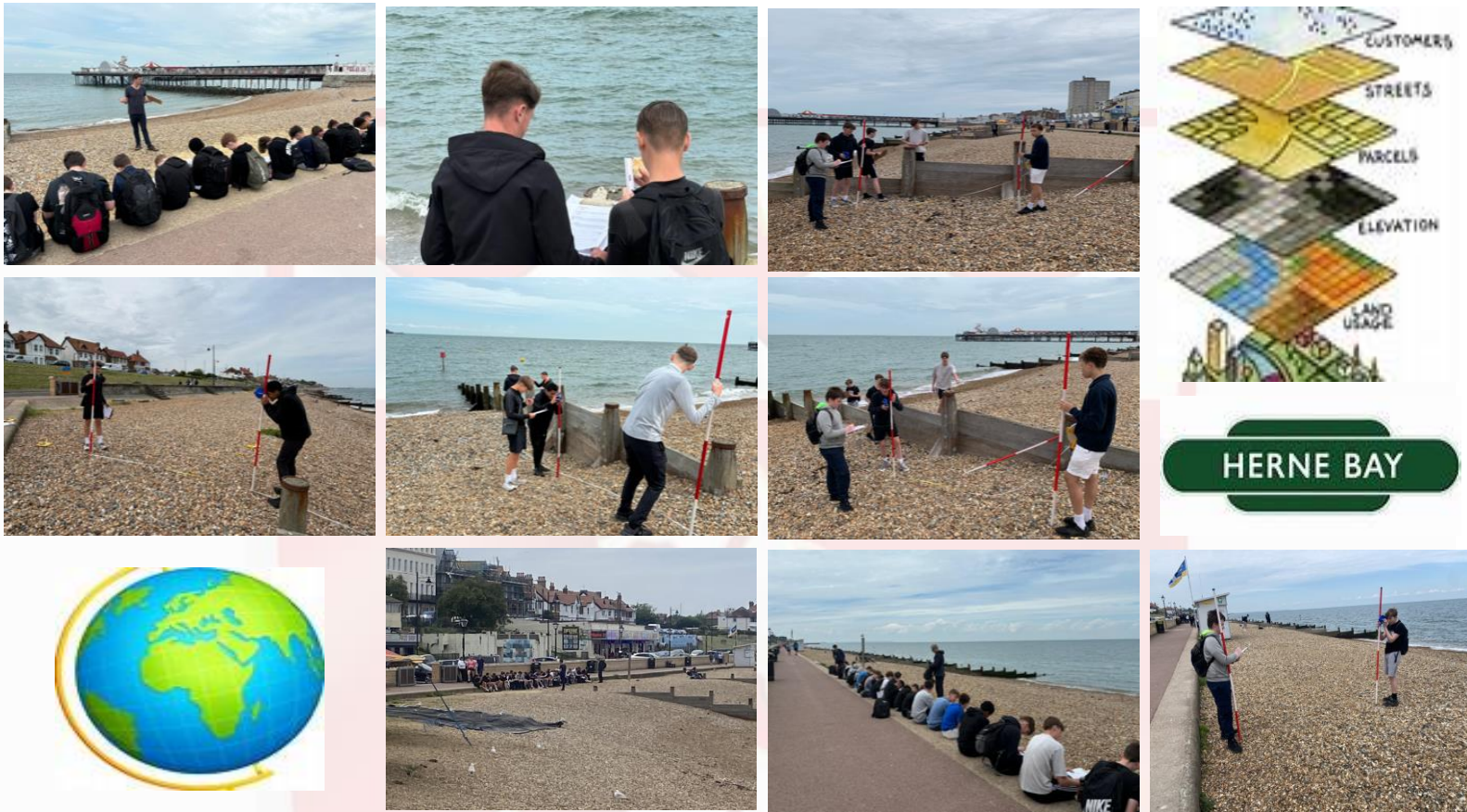
This event highlighted the importance of having an enterprising mindset and how it can change young people's futures for the better. We are proud of our Year 9 pupils for their enthusiastic participation and outstanding performance. Congratulations to all who took part!



Year 10 Geographers Explore Herne Bay: Field Trip Enhances Learning Experience

Year 10 Geographers went to Herne Bay to collect data for their fieldwork. They measured the beach profile, pebble size, and the groynes to investigate longshore drift and coastal management. They also completed field sketches and practice questions, all in preparation for their exams next year.

The pupils worked hard, which allowed time for an ice cream before we returned to school. Well done, boys!



Summer Music Concert – a Spectacular Evening

The talent among our Hurstmere pupils truly shone through at the Summer Music Concert, and it was an absolute joy to witness such a diverse and impressive range of performances. Our pupils' dedication and passion for music were evident in every note and rhythm. Events like these are essential, not just for showcasing talent, but also for bringing our community together and instilling a sense of pride and unity within our school. We must also give special recognition to our staff band. Their rendition of "Tainted Love" was nothing short of spectacular! Their performance brought the house down and added a delightful twist to the evening.



Year 7 Pupils Celebrated with Achievement Awards

We are delighted to announce that over 30 Year 7 pupils received Achievement Awards this year in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments. The awards were given across several categories, including Excellent Conduct, Bronze Achievement, Silver Achievement, and Gold Achievement.

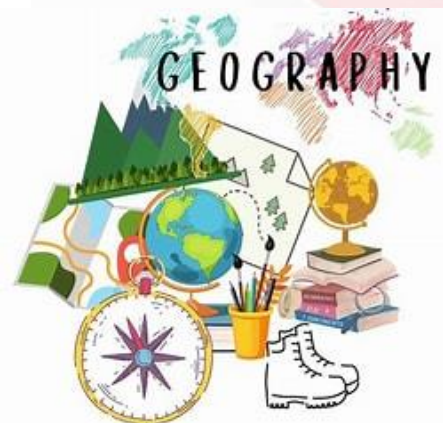
Pupils were selected based on staff nominations and a wide range of criteria, including excellent behaviour and conduct, good manners, outstanding personal progress, and serving as positive role models. While many more in Year 7 have shown commendable qualities, it was wonderful to celebrate those who have particularly stood out. We are incredibly proud of all our Year 7 pupils and their dedication to excellence. Congratulations to all award recipients!



Year 7 Geography Golden Globe Awards

We are thrilled to announce the first round of Year 7 Geography Golden Globe badge winners! These pupils have demonstrated exceptional effort and commitment to their Geography studies throughout the year, earning them this prestigious accolade.

The Geography Golden Globe badges are awarded to pupils who go above and beyond in their learning and enthusiasm for the subject. This recognition is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and passion for Geography. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the example they set for their peers. Keep up the excellent work and striving for excellence. Well done, boys!



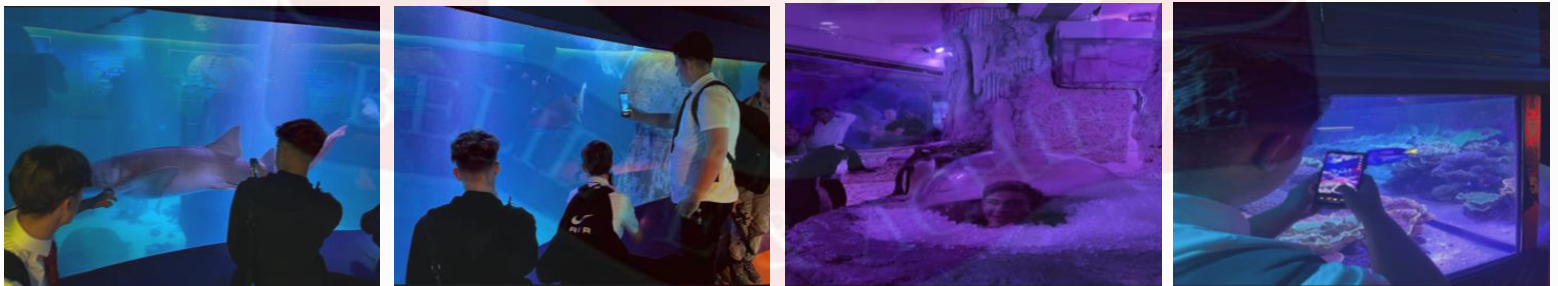
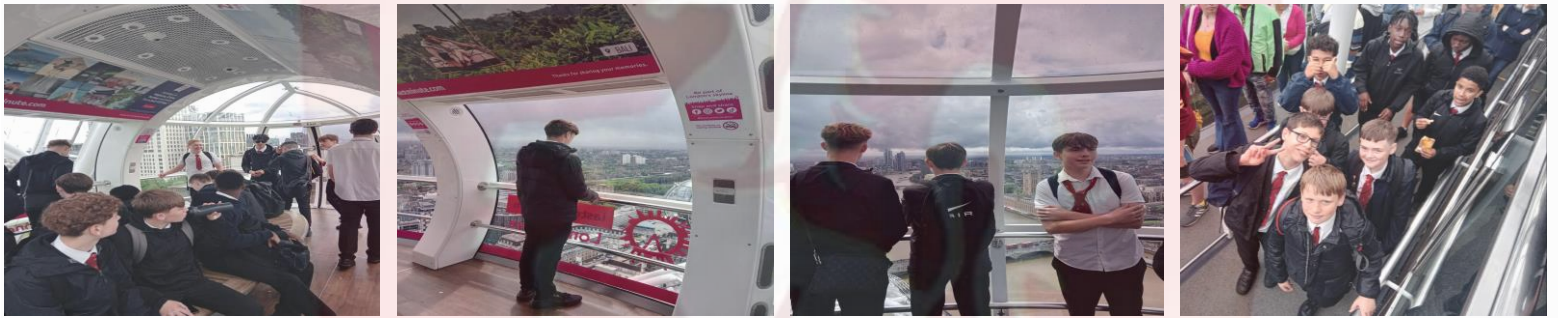
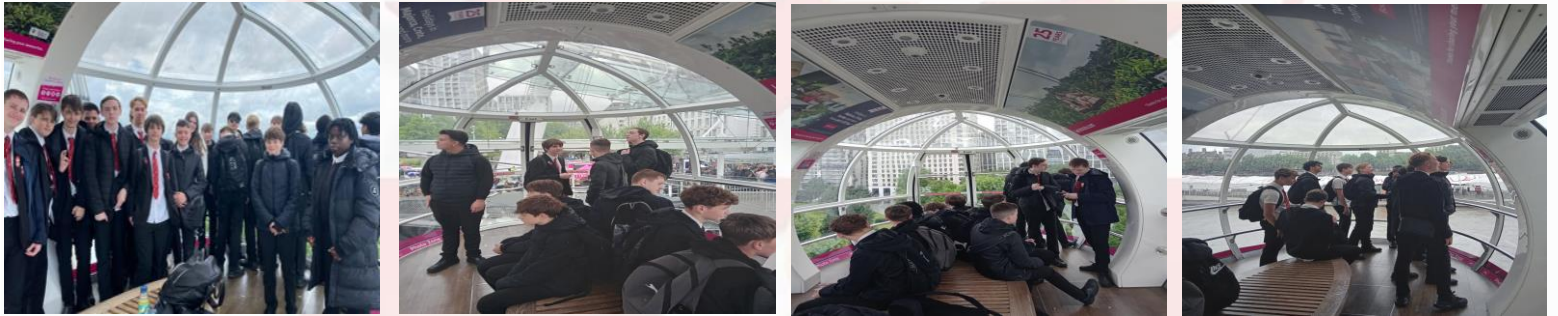
Exciting Adventure: Year 7, 8 and 9 Pupils Explore the London Eye and Sea Life Aquarium

Our Year 7, 8, and 9 pupils, who have shown an exceptional attitude towards their learning in Science were rewarded with a thrilling trip to two of London's iconic attractions: the London Eye and the Sea Life Aquarium.

The adventure began with a scenic walk along the South Bank, where pupils had the chance to see key landmarks. The excitement heightened as they witnessed a historic moment, watching Rishi Sunak leave Downing Street for the last time. The next highlight was a ride on the London Eye. From the top, pupils were treated to breathtaking views of the city, spotting famous landmarks such as Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament. The experience offered a unique perspective on the sprawling metropolis, sparking curiosity and awe among our pupils.

Following the London Eye, pupils delved into the wonders of the Sea Life Aquarium. They marvelled at a wide array of marine creatures, from majestic sharks to playful penguins. Interactive exhibits, like the rockpool experience, allowed pupils to get hands-on, touching starfish and learning about the importance of marine conservation.

This memorable trip not only rewarded our pupils for their hard work but also enriched their understanding of the natural world and the significance of protecting our environment.



Hurstmere Sports Leaders Shine in Summer Term Activities



Throughout the summer term, Hurstmere's dedicated sports leaders have provided young people from across Bexley with numerous opportunities to stay active and engage in competitions as part of the Bexley School Games programme.

Our team of Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders organised a Primary School Year 3 Change4Life festival, aimed at helping children understand the importance of being active for 60 minutes every day. The children participated in a variety of games that also supported skill development. The teachers were highly impressed, with one remarking that we have a group of future PE teachers in the making!

The Year 9 Cricket Leaders showcased their skills by running two Dynamos cricket competitions. They first welcomed five primary schools to Hurstmere for practice games before the schools competed in the Bexley Finals. The boys also attended the finals held at Sidcup Cricket Club, where they umpired and scored the matches. All the leaders handled the pressure exceptionally well and maintained a high level of professionalism throughout.

Our Year 10 Sports Leaders delivered a Teambuilding Festival for Year 6 children to support their transition to secondary school. Teams participated in various teambuilding and problem-solving challenges, helping them to build social connections, make new friends, and boost their confidence. The festival was also attended by some of our Year 7 pupils and sports leaders who acted as 'Transition Ambassadors', helping the Year 6 pupils feel at ease and answering any questions they had about moving to secondary school.

The Year 7 Sports Leaders have also been working hard to enhance their leadership skills through PE lessons and training sessions. Although the Year 2 Rapid Fire Cricket Festival they were supposed to deliver was cancelled due to the great British weather, their hard work will not go to waste as they will be able to transfer these skills to events next year.

The Hurstmere Sports Leaders programme offers pupils the opportunity to enhance their personal development and extend their employability skills. Throughout the academic year, they attend training sessions and deliver events both in school and in the wider community. Many of our older sports leaders are now volunteering at their community sports clubs, gaining further experience.

Opportunities to join the sports leader team will be available in September, so please listen for announcements in assemblies and see Miss Allsop for an application form when the time arises.

Sue Allsop, School Games Organiser

Thrilling Track Triumphs at Hurstmere School Sports Day!



Inspiring Workshops with 'Fitter Stronger' Founder, Paula Kerr

Paula Kerr, the founder of 'Fitter Stronger,' recently visited Hurstmere to empower our KS3 pupils with the tools they need to thrive. During her visit, Paula helped pupils set achievable goals and offered valuable coping strategies for managing stress. These workshops were designed to build confidence and resilience, enabling our pupils to look beyond current challenges and envision a healthy, positive future.

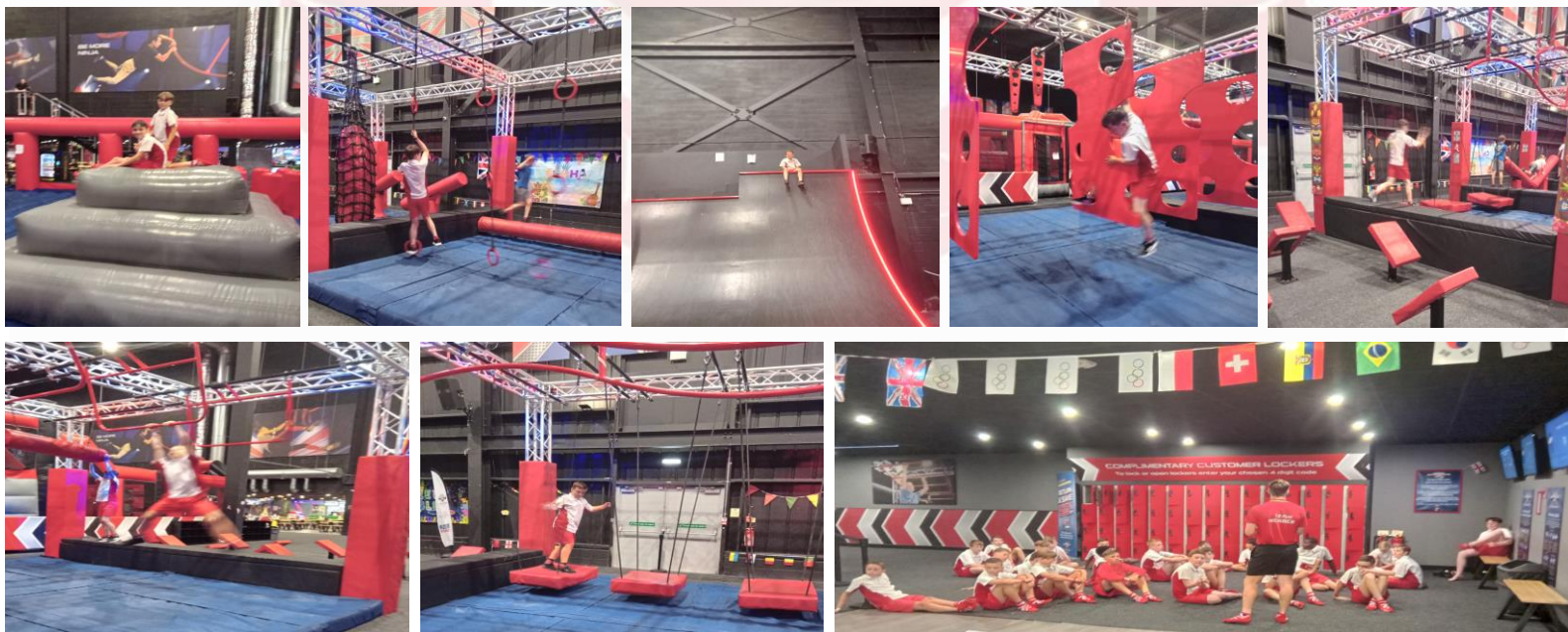
Paula's engaging sessions have equipped our pupils with practical skills for overcoming difficulties and achieving success both in school and in life.



Year 7 Pupils Conquer Ninja Warrior Course in Celebration of Hard Work



To celebrate the tremendous hard work and efforts of our Year 7 pupils in their interventions this year, the AEN department took 24 boys to Ninja Warrior. Pupils climbed, balanced, jumped, and swung across various obstacles, showcasing their inner ninja skills. Many of the pupils even outperformed the staff, demonstrating their impressive agility and determination!



Celebrating Excellence: Hurstmere School's Jack Petchy Award Winners

A massive well done to all of our Jack Petchy Award winners who received their medallions at the awards ceremony. These pupils are outstanding Hurstmere role models, and as a school, we are very fortunate to have them represent us. The Jack Petchy Award recognises young people aged 11-25 who have gone above and beyond to achieve greatness. It celebrates their hard work, dedication, and positive impact on their community. Our award winners exemplify these qualities, making us incredibly proud of their achievements.



Honours Programme Pupils Celebrate Successful Graduation

This year marked the successful graduation of Year 7 and 8 pupils participating in the Honours Programme. Throughout the course of the year, pupils engaged in a variety of activities across diverse subjects, typically not offered in the regular curriculum.

The programme concluded with pupils delivering presentations on the topics they found most interesting, showcasing their learning to an audience of 100 guests. Each pupil was also gifted a selection of books of their choice. Congratulations to all involved, and a huge thank you to the staff at Hurstmere who make this programme possible.



Celebrating Excellence: Principal Rewards Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the Principal Rewards. Presented every Friday morning by Mrs Bennett, these awards honour pupils who have been nominated by staff for outstanding achievements or for exemplifying our school values. Well done to all our deserving recipients!

Principal Rewards nominations for week ending 14th June '24 are as follows:

Year 7

Arthur C, Riley H, Toby M, and Talvin M - for Self Belief

Archie B - for Integrity

Ethan H - for Self-Belief

Maxwell H and Archie G - for Ambition and Self-Belief

Year 8

Charlie D, Samuel G, Will V, and Harry J - for Integrity and Respect

Olly S - for Integrity

Jacob F and Dillon M - for Ambition and Self-Belief

Archie H - for Integrity

Year 10

Johnny T - for Ambition and Self-Belief

Thomas D - for Ambition and Self-Belief

Kian B and Will H - for Ambition and Self-Belief



Principal Rewards nominations for week ending 14th June 2024 are as follows :



Year 7

*Beau P - for Respect and Integrity,
Tommy R and Riley L - for Ambition,*

Year 8

Charlie D – for Integrity

Year 9

*Harvey C - for Integrity,
Taylor R and Jonny P - for showing Resilience*

Year 10

*Casper F - for Ambition and Respect,
Frankie B - for Integrity,*

Principal Rewards nominations for week ending 21st June 2024 are as follows :



Year 9

Harry B, , Austin E, , William M, Louie S for Leadership.

Year 10

James W, Rhys A, Charlie P for Self-Belief and 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).

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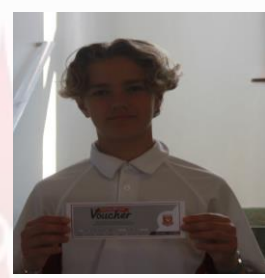
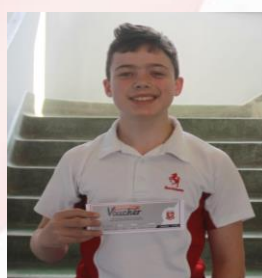
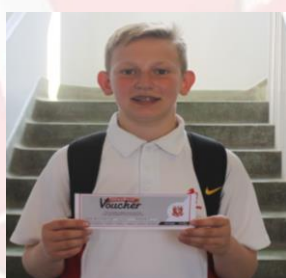
Year 7 – Sonny K, Adam M, Toby M, Hugo V and Jonah W for Ambition and Self-Belief.
Year 8 – Will V, Harry P for Teamwork.
Year 8 – Oliver R for Self-Belief and Ambition.
Year 9 – Luca G, Henry D for Ambition.
Year 9 – Seb D, Bobby L and Jasper W for Leadership.
Year 10 – Oliver C and Lars L for Respect and Teamwork.
Year 10 – Finlay C for Integrity.



Principal Rewards nominations for week ending 12th July 2024 are as follows :



Year 8 – Charlie A and Lewis M for Ambition and Self Belief.
Year 8 – Gustaw N and Harry J for Ambition.
Year 8 – George C for Respect.
Year 9 – Jenson B, Xavier B, Leon W, Austin E, Max E and Joshua L – for Teamwork.
Year 9 – Jamie G , Henry D for Ambition.
Year 9 – Max B for Ambition
Year 9 – Henry D for Integrity and Respect
Year 9 – Max G for Respect
Year 10 – Aston L or Integrity



Principal Rewards nominations for week ending 19th July 2024 are as follows :

Year 7 – Anthony P for Self Belief
Year 8 – Mohammed K for Resilience
Year 9 – Jenson B, Zac E, Louie F, Jasper W, am M, Henry W, Memphis A, Louis R, Teddy W, George B, Gabriel H, Ronnie R – for being a helpful young ambassador for the school.

Year 7 Disco Delight: A Night to Remember!



On Friday, 5th July, Friends of Hurstmere hosted a fantastic Year 7 disco, joined by the Year 7 pupils from Blackfen Girls' School.

A lively crowd of 280 children had an amazing time in the hall, dancing to the DJ's tunes, including crowd favourites like "Sweet Caroline" and "Mr. Brightside." The night was a roaring success, and we eagerly look forward to hosting another disco next year!

The boys and girls behaved impeccably and were a credit to both schools. All pupils left with a hot chocolate and marshmallow cone to cap off the evening. A big thank you to all the teachers and parents who volunteered their time to help run the event smoothly. A special thank you to 'Light Up Bexley' for the stunning large LED number lights and balloon displays, which transformed the hall into a dazzling venue!



If you would like to join our 'Friends of Hurstmere' and support the school at future events, your help would be greatly appreciated. You don't need to have a pupil at the school - just some spare time and a willingness to assist.

Mersea Island Magic: Year 7's Unforgettable Adventure

This summer, our Year 7 pupils had an incredible time on their trip to Mersea Island, a highlight of the school year. Over the four-day adventure, the pupils engaged in a variety of activities that tested their limits and fostered teamwork. From tackling the petrifying giant swing to enjoying serene moments watching the sunset, each day was filled with excitement and personal growth.

The pupils were a credit to Hurstmere School, demonstrating impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the trip. Their participation in the activities not only built their confidence but also created lasting memories.

A special thanks to all the staff who organised and supervised the trip, ensuring it was a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. We look forward to many more such adventures in the future!



Cologne Chronicles: Year 9 Pupils' Remarkable Journey

Eighty-two pupils embarked on an exciting journey to Cologne for the Year 9 residential trip, and despite the extensive travel, it was a roaring success.

The adventure kicked off with perfect weather on our first day, allowing us to explore Cologne Zoo, home to over 10,000 animals spread across 20 hectares. This was followed by a relaxing boat tour on the River Rhine, offering breathtaking views of the city. Pupils also had the opportunity to stroll around Cologne, admiring its stunning architecture, including the magnificent Cologne Cathedral.

Although the first night brought heavy storms, they cleared by morning, giving way to blue skies for our day at 'Phantasialand'. This incredible theme park boasts world-class rides that thrilled everyone.

On the journey home, we visited Tyne Cot Cemetery. The boys respectfully toured the memorial grounds, paying tribute to over 10,000 soldiers who lost their lives in World War I.

Speaking with the boys, it is clear they had an amazing time. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the staff involved in making this trip possible and to the boys for their excellent behaviour. Their conduct was exemplary, and they should be incredibly proud of how they represented themselves and the school. We hope they have gained wonderful memories from this experience.

Mr McDonald, Year 9 Raising Standards Leader



Cologne Trip: Feedback from Parents

I just wanted to say thanks for such an amazing trip to Cologne. William had a great time and really enjoyed himself – he was buzzing when he got back yesterday.

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to all the staff who gave up their time this week to take the boys to Cologne. Ben had an amazing time.

I just wanted to send a quick message to THANK YOU and the team who took the boys away this week. Teddy had a brilliant time and was full of stories that I know will be life long and happy memories.

I would like to thank you and all your fantastic colleagues who made the Year 9 trip to Cologne so successful. I appreciate that a trip adds to your workload and I'm grateful for all the extra hours you have given up to take the boys away. Austin had a fantastic time on his first school trip and is now even more excited about skiing with Hurstmere in February. Many thanks for all you.

I just wanted to say 'Thank You' as Max really enjoyed the trip. I know it's a lot of work for the teachers, but I hope they enjoyed the trip too.

We would just like to express our huge thanks to you and the staff team who took the time out of your own lives to take Louie to Cologne. He really did have the best experience and although exhausted, came home full of energy and stories to tell us.

We know how much hard work goes into organising and facilitating such trips, and the hard work and time given up by staff is truly appreciated.

Sam had such a wonderful time on the trip to Germany. I just wanted to pass on my gratitude and appreciation to you and the other teachers.

Sam enjoyed the trip very much and definitely has made some amazing memories!

I'd like to end on a positive note and thank the team of staff who went on the Cologne trip. Oliver's words when I picked him up were "It was epic" and he hasn't stopped talking about it since his return.

Year 10 Conquer the Great Outdoors: DofE Bronze Expedition Success

Year 10 embarked on an unforgettable adventure with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Bronze Expedition! This thrilling journey challenged the boys to plan, train for, and complete a two-day, one-night expedition in the great outdoors. Working as a team, the boys navigated the stunning landscapes of Meopham, camped under the stars, and honed essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, and resilience.

The Bronze Expedition is more than just a hike; it's an opportunity to push your boundaries, forge lasting friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Well done, boys! We are incredibly proud of how you faced all the challenges and represented both Hurstmere and yourselves with distinction.



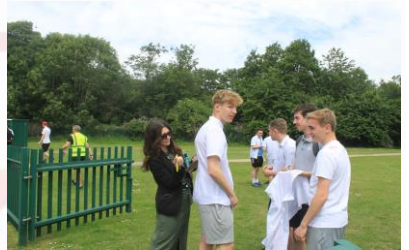
Year 11 Farewell: Assembly and BBQ Celebration

Hurstmere School bid a heartfelt farewell to our Year 11 pupils with a leavers assembly followed by a fantastic BBQ celebration. The assembly was filled with reflections on the pupils' journey through the school - it was a time to celebrate their achievements, share cherished memories, and look forward to the bright futures ahead. The festivities continued with a lively BBQ where staff and pupils enjoyed delicious food, creating a joyful atmosphere to mark the end of an era.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 pupils and wish them all the best for the future.



A Fond Farewell to our Year 11s



Sports Page



Hurstmere were victorious in our first Tennis fixture of the year against our friends at Gravesend Grammar. The final overall score was 89-64.



Year 7 and 8 Tennis

The boys competed against Bexley Grammar in what was a great evening of tennis.

The score finished 16-15 to Bexley Grammar.



Congratulations to both the Year 7s and the Year 10s on winning their respective North Kent Cup Competitions. The Year 10s were also Kent Cup Plate semi-finalists and the Year 7s were, for the first time in Hurstmere's history, Kent Cup Finalists.



Year 7 Cricket

For the first time ever in Hurstmere's history, we made it to the cricket Kent Cup Final. Unfortunately, the result did not go our way, but in a close match, we lost by 3 wickets only. The following day the team were crowned North Kent Champion in an impressive win!

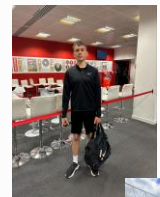
Well done on a great season!

Oscar's Emirates Debut: Year 10 Goalkeeper Impresses at Showcase Event

Year 10 pupil, Oscar, made a remarkable debut at Arsenal's home ground, The Emirates Stadium, on 6 June 2024. Oscar, who currently plays for Dartford Youth Academy U16s, was invited to participate in a prestigious showcase event sponsored by StatSports, Arsenal Talent ID, and The Junior Premier League. The event brought together 22 young male and female footballers aged 11 to 15. The day began with a briefing in the Arsenal Press Room, followed by preparations in the stadium's changing rooms.

After some intense training drills, the talented group took part in an 11-a-side match. Oscar's exceptional goalkeeping skills were on full display as he made crucial saves, ensuring the game ended in a 1-1 draw. After the match, the players spent time with the team from Top Baller and enjoyed well-deserved refreshments in the luxurious Diamond Club Suite.

Well done, Oscar! We hope this is the first of many appearances at The Emirates!



Year 7 and 8 Outstanding Performance at the Bexley Junior Championships

On Tuesday, 25th June, our Year 7 and 8 teams competed in the Bexley Athletics Championships with great success. The boys delivered outstanding performances, securing numerous medals and showcasing their athletic prowess. Their hard work and dedication were evident in every event, making Hurstmere School proud. Congratulations to all the participants and medal winners for their remarkable achievements!



1st place - George L – Discus

1st place - Thomas B – Javelin

1st place - Sonny G - 800 m

2nd place- Sam G - High Jump

2nd place - Aydean G - 100m

2nd place - Adam B – Discus



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Local Events

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AGE GROUP 13-16 YEARS

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ADDRESS: LEIGH ACADEMY BEXLEY, AVENUE RD, ERITH DA8 3BN

CONTACT US: LOVELAND@EMAIL.COM +44 7473 689448

LOVELAND BASKETBALL CAMP

5-8 AUGUST

REGISTRATION

Please get your E-voucher to book the free training course or visit our website to sign up for paid places. <https://lovelandchildcare.co.uk/>

Address: Avenue Road, Erith, Kent, DA8 3BN

More Information Sponsored by Bexley Council

BEXLEY MUSIC

Guitar and Ukulele Madness

Bexley Music invites musicians who are going into Years 3-8 in September 2024 to come and make music and friends this Summer. The course is suitable for students who currently play the Guitar and/or Ukulele, at beginner level to Grade 3.

Please bring your instrument with you.

Two Day Course
Wednesday 28 August 2024
Thursday 29 August 2024
£20

Bexley Music
Belmont Academy
Belmont Road
DA8 1LE

BEXLEY MUSIC

Summer 2024 Orchestral Course

Bexley Music invites musicians who are going into Years 3-8 in September 2024 to come and make music and friends this Summer. The course is suitable for students who currently play at beginner level to Grade 2 in the following instruments:

Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass, Harp, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Baritone, Trombone, Tuba, Percussion, Piano (3 spaces)

Two Day Course
Wednesday 28 August 2024
Thursday 29 August 2024
£20

With the exception of percussion and piano, please bring your instrument with you.

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Our friendly IT Buddies are here to assist. Just ask at reception.

Blackfen
Community Library

7-8 Blackfen Parks, Blackfen, DA18 3LJ
020 82271422
help@blackfencommunitylibrary.org

for 12-18 year olds!

2024 Summer Programme

elop LGBTQ+ Youth

- thurs 28th July: school's out! meet-up
- fri 26th July: Hollow Ponds boat outing
- wed 31st July: Queer Britain visit
- fri 2nd August: icebreakers & ice cream
- EVERY TUESDAY EVENING: LGBTQ+ Youth Groups
- mon 19th August: queer walk
- thu 22nd August: zine-making workshop
- wed 28th August: elop day trip: Brighton!
- fri 30th August: pizza in the park

All activities are FREE for young people & new members are always welcome

For further details & to sign up contact youth@elop.org / 07720 461158

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25th - 29th July Sidcup Place 2024

Free Event

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LITP 2024
25th - 29th July

Afternoons

- Afternoon Fun: 10am - 1.30pm
- Sparkles Teddy Bears Picnic: 11am - 12pm
- Free60 Youth: 1.30pm - 3.30pm
- Inspiration: 1.30 - 3pm

Health and Wellbeing Afternoon: 1.30 - 3pm

Freedom: 1.30 - 3pm

Church in the Park: 10am

Park Life & Picnic: 12pm

Spirit Body Soul: 1.30pm

Evenings

- Outdoor Cinema: 7pm
- Sidcup Gol Talent: 7pm
- Family Fun Night: 7pm

Rooted Coffee House: 10am - 3pm

Park Pals: 10am

Church in the Park: 7pm

Quiz Night: 7pm

Free60 Youth: 7pm - 9pm

We are excited to be with you for Lark 2024!

Come and enjoy this free event on your own, with friends or as a family.

Please note: For every event we encourage you to bring picnic baskets or guests should be able to order and enjoy it!

Afternoon Events	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00
Thursday 25th		Teddy Bears Picnic	Rooted Coffee House	Inspiration	Freedom		
Friday 26th		Teddy Bears Picnic	Rooted Coffee House	Inspiration	Afternoon Fun	Free 60 Youth	
Saturday 27th			Rooted Coffee House	Inspiration	Family Fun Night	Health and Wellbeing Afternoon	Free 60 Youth
Sunday 28th			Church in the Park	Park Life & Picnic	Rooted Coffee House	Free 60 Youth	
Monday 29th			Teddy Bears Picnic	Rooted Coffee House	Inspiration	Free 60 Youth	
Evening Events	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30
Thursday 25th			Outdoor Cinema (Free 60)	Rooted Coffee House			
Friday 26th			Sidcup Gol Talent & Football	Rooted Coffee House			
Saturday 27th			Family Fun Night	Rooted Coffee House			
Sunday 28th			Church in the Park & Football	Rooted Coffee House			
Monday 29th				Quiz Night & Football			

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Diary Dates

22nd August 2024 : Year 11 GCSE Results Day (9.30am – 11am)

5th September 2024 : Back to School

13th September 2024 : Year 7 Macmillan Coffee Morning (9am – 10.30am)

Term Dates

Autumn Term

Thursday 5th September 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

Half Term

Friday 25th October 2024 to Monday 4th 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 Tuesday 22nd 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)

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Friday 6th December 2024

Monday 24th February 2024



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