

Hurstmere News

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Edition 6

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Our Core Values Assembly
Theme this week is:
Teamwork



"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



It was a real pleasure to have spent the start of my Easter break in Iceland with a fantastic group of pupils and staff. Lifelong memories were created on that school trip and it is my privilege to be a part of those memories. Thank you to Mr Waghorn, Mr Baston, Mr Maher, Mr Monksfield and Mr Dye for all your efforts in ensuring the smooth running of the trip.

In this edition of the Newsletter, we focus on our Year 10s and showcase some of the excellent lessons being delivered. The Year 10s are working hard in readiness for their Pre-public Examinations (PPEs) taking place next week, and below is an example of an after-school revision Maths workshop.



I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff who provided additional revision sessions and mentoring over the Easter break for our Year 11s ahead of the GCSE examinations this term. The sessions form part of our commitment to supporting our pupils as they make their final preparations ahead of the formal exams. Pupils have attended revision workshops provided by specialist practitioners as well as being provided with comprehensive period of in-class preparations and lunchtime and after school teacher-led sessions. I am proud to work alongside such dedicated and committed staff.

And finally, my personal message to our Year 11s:

You have all the necessary tools and knowledge to achieve your full potential .. you've got this! As always, our teachers, Pastoral Team and SEN team are available should you need any further support. So...

Imagine with all your mind,
Believe with all your heart, and
Achieve with all your might.

Lynn Bennett
Principal

Meet Our Staff



Mr Maher – Year 10 RSL: I was recently told that I have been working at Hurstmere for nearly 15 years and I was in disbelief. Time sure flies when you enjoy what you do. While I was at university in Canada, I developed an interest in exploring the world and Hurstmere has provided me with many opportunities to do so; opportunities that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I have been fortunate enough to be part of school trips to Zambia, Romania and Iceland. My family in Canada become very jealous when I start talking about these wonderful trips and experiences.

Growing up, I was very active and participated in a wide range of sports. I recently retired from playing basketball with my local club which has allowed me to focus on coaching and growing our junior program. This is a real passion of mine as I know the impact that playing sport and being part of a team had on me growing up. The last few years has seen my passion for playing golf turn almost into an obsession. Rain, snow and cold do not seem to stop me from trying to play golf; I view this as dedication to the game.

I continue to enjoy working alongside the pupils at Hurstmere school, celebrating in their successes and offering my support when it is needed. Hurstmere is a special place and I am honoured to work here.



Hello, I'm Mr Waghorn, the Curriculum Lead for Computing.

I've been at Hurstmere since completing my teacher training in 2009. Before training to be a teacher, I spent 14 years in the IT industry undertaking various roles such as IT Support, network management and project management. I bring this valuable experience into my role and use it to enthuse the boys about my subject.

Computing and Computer Science are incredibly important subjects in today's world of rapidly changing technology; it's important the boys understand how much technology has changed and what the future might bring. It's also important to create respectful, responsible, competent and confident users of that technology.

I enjoy reading, both fiction and non-fiction, and I've recently taken up golf. Most weekends you'll find me out on a golf course getting some fresh air and exercise whilst searching for my golf balls in the bushes, trees and rough! I'm currently trying to set up a Hurstmere Golf Society for my colleagues so that one evening during the week we can go and play a local 9-hole course. If anyone reading this works for a local golf course and is able to arrange some tee times and possibly a discount, then please let me know!



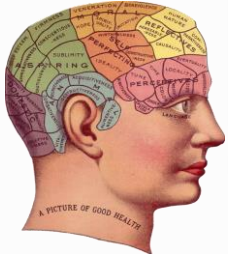
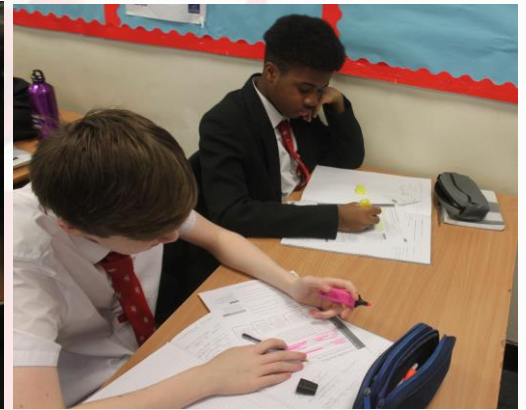
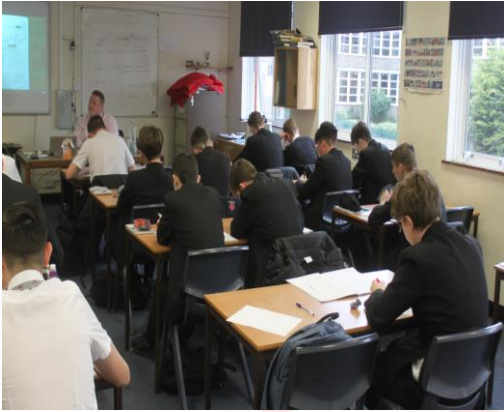
My name is Mr Page, and I teach History at Hurstmere School. I am also the Form Tutor of 10 Sidney Y, and I am proud of the young men that these pupils have become since I became their Form Tutor in Year 7. I was a pupil at Hurstmere from 2006-2011 and the school left a lasting impression on me. I was inspired by many teachers, and I was asked to come back and work for the school nearly 6 years ago, and I have been here ever since.

I studied History at the University of Queen Mary, with a focus on modern History and I specialised in American History. I enjoy teaching 'Superpower Relations and the Cold War' at GCSE, as well as the Vietnam War, as I have particularly strong subject knowledge in these areas. My dissertation at university was on the 'Cuban Missile Crisis' and teaching this topic to Year 10 always takes me back to my university studies.

Outside of school, I will likely be watching Football, Cricket, or American Football. My passion for American History has also led to an interest in American Sports. I also enjoy reading a lot of crime fiction and always make sure that I tell my form that I read nearly every single day.

Take a sneak peek into our Year 10 classrooms...

In Year 10 History we are learning about the Hungarian Uprising, as part of our exam studies on 'Superpower Relations and the Cold War'. Pupils create storyboards to help understand the narrative of causes, events and consequences of the Hungarian uprising.

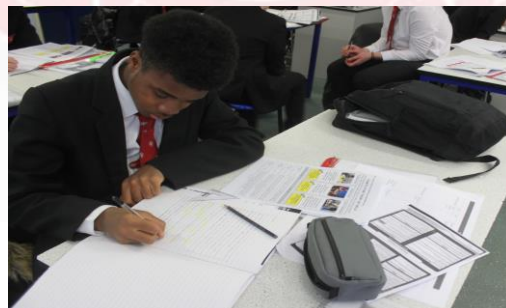


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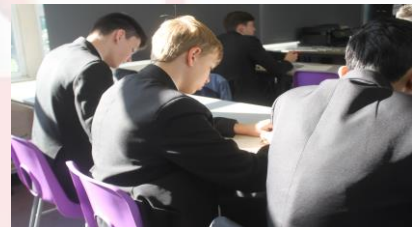
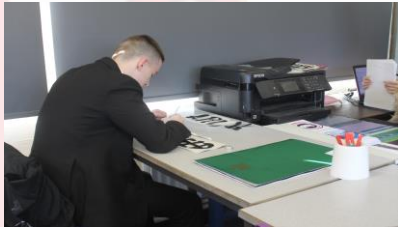
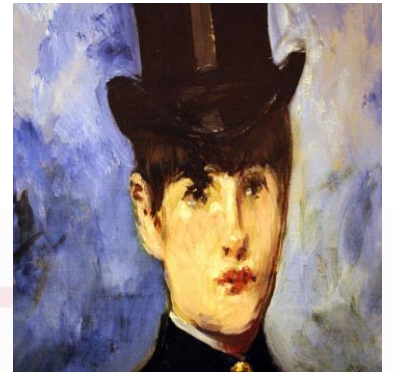
Year 10 pupils are currently completing retrieval work on the named studies and theories they have learnt since September in preparation for their PPE Exams in May.

In this lesson, the pupils were working in groups to complete an overview sheet, focusing on the outline of the psychological studies. This included the aim, method, study design, results and conclusion of the studies. Current topics being studied include memory, perception and development of learning. In the exam, these studies will be assessed by 9 mark essay style questions.



Take a sneak peek into our Year 10 classrooms...

Year 10 pupils are currently working hard on their GCSE coursework. They have been looking at the work of Karl Blossfeldt and have been using charcoal and chalk to recreate his artwork. In this particular lesson, they were using black markers to create bold lettering to present Karl Blossfeldt's name in their sketchbooks. In their Art lessons, pupils have been looking at a range of different artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe, Henry Moore and Arthur Dove, exploring many different drawing tools such as oil pastels, watercolours, acrylic paint and charcoal. The Year 10 pupils have also had a chance to explore their photography skills with End2End TV, where they have been capturing still life images of natural forms.



In this English lesson, Year 10 pupils were preparing for their Year 10 English Literature Exam. The focus of the lesson was to explore the themes in "An Inspector Calls".



Year 10 PPE Exam Schedule

Yr 10 PPE Schedule

Week A

Date	Session	Time	Extra time		ROOM(S)
Tuesday 2nd May					
	105 Mins	08:30-10:15	10:42	English	Hall, gym, 62, 23
	75 Mins	11:10-12:25	12:44	Com Sci Bio	Hall, gym, 62, 23
	105 Mins	11:10-12:55	13:22	Biology	Hall, gym, 62, 23
Wednesday 3rd May					
	90 Mins	08:30-10:00	10:23	Computing	Hall, 62
	75 Mins	11:10-12:25	12:44	PE	Hall, 62
	45 Mins	13.50-14.35	14.47	French (Reading) F	Hall
	60 Mins	13.50-14.50	15.05	French (Reading) H	Hall
Thursday 4th May					
	75 Mins	08:30-09:45	10:04	History (Medicine)	Hall, 62, 23
	90 Mins	11:10-12:40	13:03	Maths Non/Calc	Hall, gym, 62, 23
Friday 5th May					
	75 Mins	08:30-09:45	10:04	Com Sci Chem	Hall, gym, 62, 23
	105 Mins	08:30-10:15	10:42	Chemistry	Hall, gym, 62, 23
	90 Mins	11:10-12:40	13:03	Media	Hall, 62
Week B					
Monday 8th May					
Bank Holiday					
Tuesday 9th May					
	75 Mins	08:30-09:45	10:04	Com Sci Physics	Hall, gym, 62, 23
	105 Mins	08:30-10:15	10:42	Physics	Hall, gym, 62, 23
	90 Mins	11:10-12:40	13:03	Maths Calc	Hall, gym, 62, 23
Wednesday 10th May					
	90 mins	08:30-10:00	10:42	Psychology	Hall, 62
	90 Mins	11:10-12:40	13:03	Geography	Hall, 62
Thursday 11th May					
	105 Mins	08:30-10:15	10:42	Business	Hall, 62
	60 Mins	11.10-12.10	12.25	French (Writing)F	Hall
	75 Mins	11.10-12.25	12.44	French (Writing)H	Hall
	55 Mins	13:50-14:45	12:19	History (Superpowers)	Hall, 62, 23
Friday 12th May					
	120 Mins	08:30 - 10:30	11:00	D & T	Hall, 62
	60 Mins	11:10 - 12:10	12:25	Music	Hall, 62

Year 10 Trip to Danson Water Sports

A stellar group of Year 10s were rewarded for all their efforts throughout the last year and a half on Tuesday 25th April. Year 10 pupils enjoyed taking part in a range of water sports on Danson Lake to celebrate their achievements and their hard work. The sun was out (for most of the day) and the pupils were enjoying themselves and showing off some impressive kayaking, canoeing and teamwork skills.

A massive thank you to all the pupils involved on Tuesday for continuing to set a great example on what it means to be a member of the Hurstmere community.



What the boys said about their trip to Iceland...

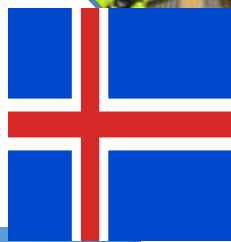
My favourite memory was visiting the hot pools and walking on top of the volcanoes. Spending time away with my mates was a great experience.
W. Payne



Visiting the spa pools for a dip and hiking up the volcanoes are my favourite memories- the views were unreal. Having a laugh with my mates in the room was 'jokes'- the quiz on the last night was also a good laugh!
S.Watson



The springs were amazing (going from hot to cold in the salt baths in spring water) and I especially liked the saunas! At the end of the trip, we went to the Burger Factory for a meal which was 'munch' and we had time to explore town afterwards. Iceland was a really enjoyable trip.
M.Lawrence



The hot and cold springs were the best part, although I really enjoyed Whale Watching (even though we didn't see any whales). I made memories that I will never forget with my mates- so glad I had the opportunity to do this before leaving school. The meal in the Burger Factory was delicious. Our time in the hotel was a good laugh too.
A.Toombs



My favourite part was climbing up the volcanoes- it was a 'mental' experience because the views of Iceland from the top were spectacular. We had a laugh on the coach journey- it was great being all together. We had lots of fun in the hotel and even had a fun game of footy on the last day.
A.Wareham



And the Principal Reward goes to...

Rewards for Week Ending 21st April 2023



Year 7
J.Hart
M.Cerisier
W.Vandenbergh
H.Johnson



Year 8
L. Recardo
A.Oza
R.Webb
M.Azah
J.Pereira
S.Deville
D.Venizelou
A.Sampson
J.Sampson

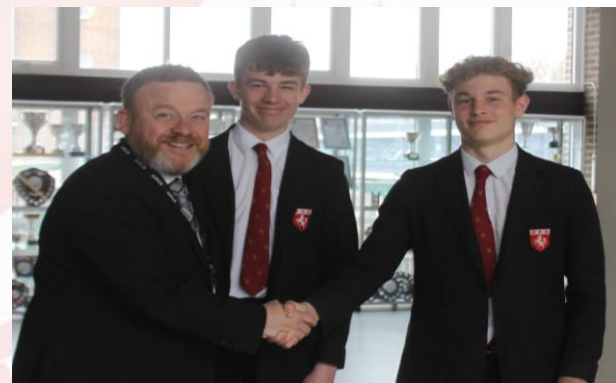


Year 9
O.Campkin
H.Weston
T.Dyer



Year 10
L.Kiely
A.Dicken
A.Naik
D. Hernandez
I.Lewis
F.Frampton
S.O'Connor
G.Coles
G.Bentley
L.Hughes
L.Houston
S.Zgiep
L.Collett
S.Schwab

Rewards for Week Ending 28th April 2023



Year 11
R.Meredith
S.Longuet
L.Cassem
F.Chapman
H.Barton



First Give Grand Final and Sports Colours Awards



Every year in PSHE lessons, Year 7 partake in the First Give Project, supporting 10 charities and hoping to secure £1000 as a prize for the winning presentation and through social action. This year, the winning team was T. Wood, H. Juchau, C. Dunn, J. Hart and R. Laggounne on behalf of The Forward Trust (a charity that support those who struggle with substance abuse). The video of the highlights will be available shortly on the school website.



First Give supports all pupils to learn about social issues in their community. Through the programme, pupils identify local social issues that they care about and learn about how charities support them.

Sports Colours Awards

Year 9 and Year 11 were presented with their Sports Colours to celebrate all of their hard work and achievements while representing Hurstmere School. Well done on achieving this prestigious award !



Work Experience for our Year 10 pupils



Work experience is a government scheme offered to pupils in Year 10, involving a placement at an employer's premises. Pupils carry out particular tasks or duties, just like other employees of the establishment. The experience involves taking on the role of a young worker to provide them an insight of the workplace in preparation for when they leave school.

The deadline for Work Experience forms to be handed in is **5th May 2023**, please submit your forms back as soon as possible, if you already have a placement arranged.

If you are a business and can offer a placement to one of our pupils between 10th – 21st July 2023, we would be very grateful and would love to hear from you. Please email our school office on info@hurstmere.org.uk



Springpod is a careers platform where pupils can experience the world of work and university before they apply. Every Hurstmere pupil has access to this platform and have already set up an account.

Year 11 Raising Aspirations Programme (Intervention Lessons)

French – Tuesdays
History – Fridays
English – Tuesdays
Geography – Tuesdays/Fridays
Computing – Thursdays
Media – Thursdays
Maths – Mondays
Art – Thursdays
DT – Thursdays
PE – Thursdays
Science – Wednesdays
Psychology – Thursdays/Fridays

"Don't say you don't have enough time. You have the same amount of hours per day that were given to Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci and Albert Einstein."

Year 10 Maths Clinics

With their upcoming Y10 PPEs (end of year exams), both Year 10 higher and foundation Maths pupils have been proactive with their learning and are continuously working hard during the "Maths Clinics" after school.

Pupils have been addressing any misconceptions they may have and have been looking at the application to multi-step word problems. Such efforts will certainly pay dividends in the forthcoming Year 10 exams.

If you would like your son to attend any of the Year 10 Maths Clinic, please contact Miss Bernarte. Maths Clinic run from 3:00-3:50pm in either room 17 (foundation) or room 26 (higher). Upcoming sessions are on the following dates:

- Wednesday 3rd May
- Tuesday 9th May
- Tuesday 16th May
- Tuesday 23rd May

So far, we have had an outstanding turnout - well done boys and best of luck to all!



Sporting News

After a very successful Spring Term, we are looking forward to more opportunities this term in PE

We still have 6 North Kent Cup finals to play, scheduled on the following dates:

Year 7A vs Wilmington Grammar School: being played at Hurstmere on Wednesday 3rd May

Year 8A vs Beths: being played at Glebe on Friday 5th May

Year 8B vs Beths: being played at Glebe on Friday 5th May

Year 9A vs Stone Lodge: being played at Ebbsfleet on Friday 5th May

Year 10 vs Wilmington Grammar: date and venue TBC

Year 11 vs Bexley Grammar: being played on Thursday 4th May



Please see our new extra-curricular timetable which focuses on our summer sports:

Day	Lunchtime	Afterschool
Monday	KS3 SPH Tennis	Sport Leaders (selected pupils only)
Tuesday	Year 10 Cricket	All Years Tennin & Year 8 Cricket
Wednesday	Year 9 Cricket	Week A: KS3 Basketball Week B: KS4 Basketball
Thursday	Year 7 Cricket	GCSE PE Revision
Friday	All Years Basketball	



Local News

Access Creative College London

Access Creative College London (<https://www.accesscreative.ac.uk/campuses/london/>) are holding two Open Day events for pupils in Years 10 and 11 who are interested in creative courses. The college cover subjects such as E-sports, Games, Computing, Music and Media.

The events will take place on Tuesday 30th May from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. and on Tuesday 11th July from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. If your son is interested in booking a space, this can be done via this [link](#).



Burnt Ash (Bexley) Hockey Club

Burnt Ash Hockey Club are committed to sport in the community and they welcome new players of all ages and abilities. If any parents or pupils would like to try hockey or wish to develop their existing skills, the club is always open to new members. If you are interested, please contact Mr Mark Plowright, Youth Section Chair, at yschair@burntashhockeyclub.com. More information about the club can be found on their website – <https://www.burntashhockeyclub.com/>.



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TUESDAY 30TH MAY UNTIL FRIDAY 2ND JUNE 2023
9.00AM UNTIL 3.00PM EACH DAY

VENUE 1: HAYDEN YOUTH FC - DA2 7AN
VENUE 2: HURSTMERE SCHOOL - DA15 9AW

ALL 4 DAYS = £65.00 OR £20.00 PER DAY
(SAVING OF £15.00 WHEN BOOKING FULL COURSE)

WHAT WILL I NEED TO BRING EACH DAY?

- CLOTHES SUITABLE FOR WEATHER CONDITIONS
- A PACKED LUNCH EACH DAY (NO NUTS)
- PLENTY OF DRINKS (NON FIZZY)
- ANY VITAL MEDICATION (PLEASE HAND TO MEMBER OF STAFF)

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TUESDAY 30TH MAY @ HAYDEN YOUTH FC
WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY @ LONG LANE JFC
10.00AM UNTIL 3.00PM EACH DAY

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E: revnatapbc@gmail.com

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HOSPICE MINI MARATHON FOR KIDS

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SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023 ROYAL GREENWICH PARK

Just can't cope?

The Bexley Crisis Cafe is open every evening for support in a crisis.

Open 6-10pm, seven days a week at 2a Devonshire Road, Bexleyheath DA6 8DS

We are here to help, every single day. Mind in Bexley

Information for Parents

Diary Dates

2nd – 12th May 2023 :	Year 10 PPEs
Friday 5 th May 2023:	Year 10 Work Experience Forms - NEW DEADLINE
16th May – 21st June 2023:	Year 11 GCSEs
29th June 2023 :	Year 11 Leavers Day Celebration
Thursday 6 th July 2023:	New Year 7 Parents Welcome Evening 5.30 – 7pm
Thursday 13 th July 2023:	Year 7 Parents Evening 4 – 7pm
Friday 21st July 2023:	Last Day (Early Closure)
24th August 2023:	GCSE Results Day (10 – 12am)

Year 7 – Honours Graduation Evening Date to be confirmed – July 2023

Term Dates

Bank Holidays – 1st, 8th & 29th May 2023

Half Term – Last day is Friday 26th May 2023

Back to school - Monday 5th June 2023

Last day of Summer is Friday 21st July 2023 (Early Closure)

Autumn Term starts Tuesday 5th September 2023

INSET Days– 4th Sept, 20th Oct, 30th Oct, 1st Dec 2023, 19th Feb 2024

Half Term – Our last day is Thursday 19th October 2023

Back to school on Tuesday 31st October 2023

Last day of Autumn Term is Thursday 21st December 2023

Term Date for 2024 are available on our school website

