



Huxlow Academy

Ambition • Respect • Pride





THRIVING THROUGH EXCELLENCE

Headteacher's Welcome

At Huxlow Academy we believe that school days are precious and form the foundations for our students' future lives.

We have a determination to ensure that our students are given the best possible opportunities to succeed both academically and as young people who are an asset to the communities in which they live. Our community is proud of our school, our students and their successes. We have a rich history of students of all abilities and backgrounds fulfilling their potential in all areas of their education. They are supported and challenged daily to gain the skills, confidence and qualifications they will need to be successful in an ever-changing world.

We pride ourselves on the levels of support and guidance we offer our students. Our students are challenged to aim for the highest personal and academic standards. You can rest assured that your child will be attending a school where we expect excellent attendance, punctuality and attitudes to learning and behaviour.

Pride is at the heart of our values as a school. I am hugely proud and honoured to lead this school as we build on recent developments, growth in student numbers and exam results. It is such a privilege to be entrusted with the lives of young people in our community, to shape their characters and enable their success. I am passionate about ensuring that staff and students work together every day to meet our vision and display our core values of ambition, respect and pride.

We look forward to welcoming all prospective students, parents and carers to experience all that is Huxlow in the very near future.

PAUL LETCH - HEADTEACHER





Our Vision and Mission

At Huxlow Academy we create the opportunities to enable everyone that walks through our doors to ultimately achieve our vision of “Thriving Through Excellence”.

Our mission is to achieve this by building an exceptional learning community of aspirational and responsible citizens.

Huxlow is an inclusive school where every student matters. Students come to Huxlow Academy from a variety of backgrounds and quickly become a part of the Huxlow family. Alongside high-quality teaching, we provide a wide variety of effective support. Our success is achieved by knowing every student as an individual and caring for them personally and academically. Students are prepared to successfully navigate the many opportunities and challenges that are presented by the modern world.





Our Values

To fulfil our mission we work, study and collaborate by placing a focus on three core values.

AMBITION - We strive hard to achieve the very best in all that we do, and we celebrate achievement and excellence. We enable our students to fulfil their academic and personal purpose.

RESPECT - We pride ourselves on being a school that fosters relationships in an atmosphere built upon empathy, mutual respect, dignity, equity, diversity and fairness.

PRIDE - Pride in all we do, both from within school and across the wider community, is at the core of our actions. Our students go on to become successful adults and we enable our students to develop the pride and character we need them to have in the future.

Our Partners

Huxlow Academy is proud to be a part of the Tove Learning Trust.

Tove Learning Trust comprises of a range of primary, secondary and special schools sharing best practice with one another in order to strengthen their skill set, deliver outstanding teaching and to enhance the outcomes of students.

Tove Learning Trust champions the unique differences and identities of all their students, seeing this as a positive attribute to build upon. Their aim is to make each school a safe environment for the students, equipping them with the confidence they need to be successful and respectful members of society. Tove Learning Trust recognises that each of their schools are unique with their own personality, values and ethos. As a trust they support and nurture this, ensuring that their core individuality and beliefs remain the same.



Our Curriculum

Our ambitious curriculum is designed to deliver our vision of “Thriving Through Excellence”. This means we offer a perfect balance of academic learning, personal development and enrichment.

All teaching and learning is designed to meet our high expectations and aspirations with a clear focus on sharing knowledge and developing lifelong skills. Every child is pushed to do the very best they can do, whilst taking account of every individual's needs.

Our Key Stage 4 programme is extended over 3 years to develop deeper understanding and mastery of subjects at GCSE, in order to achieve the highest outcomes and to aspire for every student to reach their potential.

- All students study English, Mathematics, Science, Religious Studies, Physical Education and French.
- At Key Stage 3 (Years 7 & 8) students also study Technology, Geography, History, Music and Drama.
- At Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 & 11) alongside our core subjects students make a number of option choices from the range of other subjects including Psychology, iMedia, Sociology, Photography, Dance and Business Studies.

All of this is supplemented by a rich programme of enrichment, curriculum themes and extra-curricular activities

Our excellent Key Stage 5 provision is delivered alongside our fellow Tove Learning Trust partner, Rushden Academy, as part of The East Northamptonshire College (TENC). Our joint provision has one of the most comprehensive choice of subjects in the county, consisting of over 20 A Level courses and additional BTEC Level 3 courses. Please visit **www.tenonline.co.uk** for more details.





Quality Teaching for Learning

At Huxlow Academy we aim to create a learning environment that supports excellence, risk taking and innovation, stretching student understanding and ensuring that lessons are interesting and inspiring.

Our teachers engage in regular professional development, keeping up to date with the latest evidence-informed research to help students learn effectively. Our teaching and learning programmes enable teachers to develop their individual strengths. Staff are encouraged to plan together, developing schemes of learning that keep students engaged. We have a well-developed online learning platform using Office 365, Google and Go4Schools which allows students to emerge as independent learners and parents to support their child's learning from home.

Collaborating with schools across the Tove Learning Trust and beyond ensures our staff are at the forefront of educational thinking and practice.





Supporting our Students

We believe that both pastoral and academic support are fundamental to the wellbeing and overall success of each of our students.

Our pastoral system is a key part of our strong Huxlow community where every individual matters. Form Tutors know their tutees well and a range of support systems are available at every stage of their school life.

We are committed to providing the highest standards of care and support for all through our excellent teachers, SENDCo, a wide team of learning and behaviour support assistants, family support workers and in-school counsellor. We work with the aim of assisting our students to become aspirational, happy, confident and well-rounded young people. For those with learning needs, we have a highly qualified Special Educational Needs and Disabilities team who ensure they are supported and encouraged to achieve personal excellence.

Student leadership, including our Prefects, Transition Ambassadors and House System provide a range of opportunities for students to experience as we work together on the continuous improvement of our school.

Huxlow is a true community and our ethos is founded on mutual respect where the contribution of each individual is valued. The personal development curriculum, careers and student voice programmes are important aspect of creating and reinforcing this ethos.





SEND and Wellbeing

It is important that the additional needs of each student are catered for within and beyond the academic and PSHE curricula.

Every student is treated as an individual. Huxlow Academy will support students with a wide range of needs and particularly through Quality First teaching in the classroom. Student wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do and we are proud to have been a pilot school for the Mental Health Support Teams who have been supporting student wellbeing. This mental health and wellbeing support is now embedded into the school offer to students.

The school has a Wellbeing Hub that is staffed during the school day to be able to support those students in need. As well as working with outside agencies and external counselling support services, Huxlow Academy employs its own school counsellor. Students are able to join the Talk Out Loud team to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing.

Moving from Primary

Working with our feeder schools we place a high importance on making sure the transition from primary to secondary school is handled sensitively and effectively.

We pride ourselves on the level of care we take for each child, making sure that everyone settles quickly and happily in their new surroundings. As part of the preparations for secondary school life, primary school students have the opportunity to participate in two taster days, as well as meet key staff and student Transition Ambassadors in their own primary schools. They will have lots of opportunities to ask questions. Our aim is to make sure our new Year 7 students know their new school and tutor by the time they join us in September and that they are looking forward to joining our school community.

Extra-Curricular and Enrichment

At Huxlow Academy there is a strong commitment from staff to offer our students an inclusive and enriching educational experience, both within the curriculum and through a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.

An exciting array of clubs, activities and trips provide a springboard for developing key life skills. There really is something for everyone! Inspiration is achieved through our many day and residential trips. Post Covid we are once again offering highly popular and enriching residential trips and experiences. These include:

- Duke of Edinburgh expeditions
- Normandy/ Paris/ Holland – Cultural trips
- Austria Ski Trip
- Uganda - International Youth Conference.

Students have the opportunity to visit places of interest in the UK, including theatres, university campuses, science conventions and careers establishments. They are able to experience visiting speakers, authors and theatre groups during their time at Huxlow. We are also extremely proud of our sporting achievements. Huxlow students have repeatedly achieved excellent results at District, County and National level. Many team and individual sports are run as clubs and activities by our motivated and competitive Physical Education team.





How to apply

Visit - <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/secondary-school-places/apply-secondary-school-place>



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