

# HUTTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER APRIL 2025



Hutton Performing Arts  
Department introduces  
Little Shop of Horrors

Farewell to Mrs Parker and  
Mr Hacking

Over £1,000 raised for  
Francis House

# Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends of Hutton,

As we approach the Easter break, we take this opportunity to reflect on the themes of renewal, hope, and gratitude. For Christians, Easter is a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a message of faith and new beginnings. At the same time, many in our school community have recently celebrated Eid al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan—a time of reflection, generosity, and celebration. Both occasions remind us of the importance of kindness, togetherness, and gratitude.

This term has been filled with incredible hard work, achievements, and dedication from our students, not only in their studies but also in the wide range of extracurricular activities they have embraced. From sports teams and music performances to drama productions, theatre trips, and raising money for charities, it has been wonderful to see so many students engaging beyond the classroom and developing their gifts and talents. A huge thank you to the staff who make these opportunities possible!

In addition, our Year 9 students have been thoughtfully considering their GCSE Options for the next stage of their journey. Choosing the right subjects is an important decision, and we are proud of the maturity and careful reflection they have shown throughout this process. We thank staff, parents, and carers for their guidance and support, ensuring that students feel confident and excited about their choices for the future.

A special mention must go to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who are in the final stages of preparing for their exams. We recognise their hard work, resilience, and determination as they approach this important time in their education. Over the break, we encourage them to balance revision with rest, ensuring they return refreshed and ready for the final push. Our staff will continue to support them every step of the way, and we wish them every success.

At the heart of our school is the value of Koinonia, which represents fellowship, unity, and shared purpose. As Philippians 2:5-7 reminds us:

**“In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”**

This verse beautifully reflects the spirit of our school community—a place where we support, encourage, and uplift one another, following Christ’s example of humility, service, and love.

As we head into the break, may this season bring joy, rest, and quality time with loved ones. Whether you are celebrating Easter or simply taking time to recharge, I hope you find happiness and renewal.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter and a wonderful holiday.

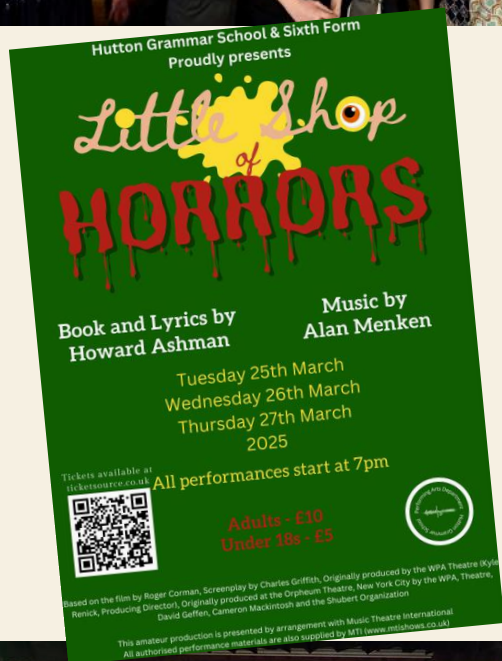
Mrs Nicola Moran







# Performing Arts Departments wow in Little Shop of Horrors



The cast and crew of Little Shop of Horrors delivered an incredible show that captivated audiences for three nights and one matinee performance. Our talented performers gave up their evenings and weekends to work on the show and their dedication and hard work truly shone through.

A special thank you must go to the team of staff who made the production possible: Mrs. Massey, Mr. Pemberton, Miss Macdiarmid, and Miss Thompson. Their efforts and support ensured that everything ran smoothly behind the scenes.

The success of this performance is a testament to the incredible effort of everyone involved. From the cast to the crew, and the supportive staff, Little Shop of Horrors was an experience that will be remembered for years to come. Congratulations to all involved on an outstanding achievement!





## Staff Farewells

This Easter, we bid a fond farewell to two valued members of our school community. Mr. Hacking, our Assistant Director of Sixth Form and dedicated Science teacher, who is moving on to new opportunities, and we thank him for his passion, commitment, and support of our students over the years.

We also say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs. Parker, our Catering Manager, who has been a part of our school for an incredible 28 years. Her warmth, dedication, and hard work have left a lasting impact, and she will be greatly missed by staff and students alike. We wish both Mr. Hacking and Mrs. Parker all the best in their next chapters.

We are looking forward to Mrs Langfield taking on the role of Catering Manager after working as Assistant Catering Manager for many years.



## New PE kit

We are excited to announce updates to our school PE kit which will come into effect from September 2025. For new Y7 pupils (starting in September), a 'multi use games top' will be worn for all sports, replacing the PE vest and traditional rugby shirt. There will be no need to buy white shorts either - plain black shorts can be worn with plain black football socks or white short socks - there is no need to buy branded socks for PE.

If current pupils require new kit, they will also be able to buy the new style games top if they wish. Existing kit will still remain in place for Y8 - 11 pupils whilst we transition to the new style.



## Headboys for 2025-2026

We are delighted to have appointed our next headboys following interviews with Mrs Moran and Mr Massey. As year 11's head towards exams, it is time for year 10 pupils to take on leadership roles within the school. Well done to Oliver B, Luke F and Joseph L, who were chosen to be our 3 headboys in a group of strong applicants.

Mr Massey passed on the following message to all the boys involved - "Congratulations to Oliver, Luke and Joseph who overcame fierce competition for the role of headboy. We were so proud of all of our boys for putting themselves forward and showing how incredible they are in their own ways. We look forward to working with our headboys along with our new prefect team."



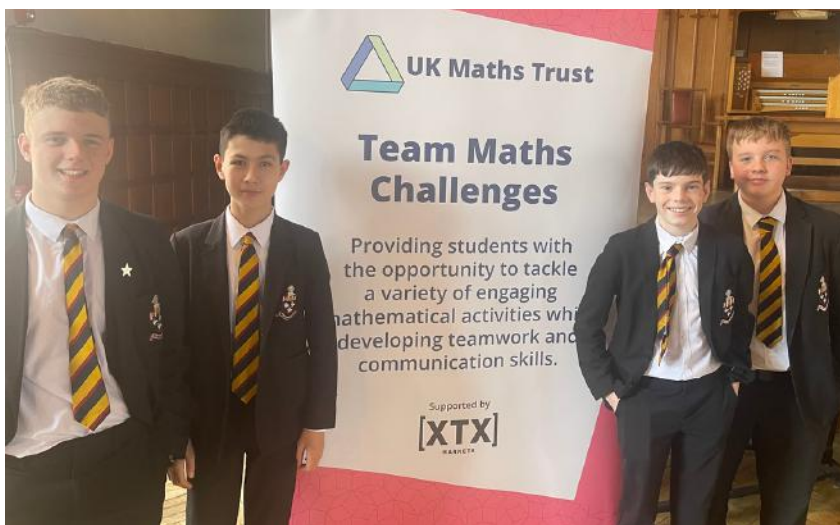


# UK Maths Trust Challenges

We've participated in 2 individual UKMT maths challenges so far this year. In the senior challenge, 89% of all participants achieved a certificate with Sam C achieving a Gold certificate and an invitation to complete the follow on round Kangaroo competition in which he was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

In January, it was the turn of year 10 and 11 with the Intermediate Maths Challenge. Out of the 63 pupils who sat the paper, we received 27 Bronze certificates, 13 Silver and 3 Gold. Well done to all involved but special congratulations to Adam H, Oliver C and Joseph L!

On 26th March, Mr Waddell took 4 boys to the UKMT team maths challenge at Bolton School. The boys enjoyed a day of challenges and puzzles and ended the day just missing out on the podium - a very impressive feat against tough competition. Well done to Ryan S, Rhys M, Murray S and Austin R! (photographed below)



# Rising Star in Cricket



Congratulations to Year 11 student Luke on being offered a place in the Lancashire Cricket Academy for 2025. Luke was the winner of the prestigious Gray-Nicolls Trophy in 2024 and has continued to work hard on his game and is very deserving of this opportunity with Lancashire.

We look forward to following Luke's career over the coming years.

# Blackburn Cathedral Visit

Members of Hutton Grammar Collective went to the Choir Church Celebration at Blackburn Cathedral. We joined with other schools, helped to lead the Evensong at the Cathedral and as it was Shrove Tuesday, we also got to partake in some pancakes. Our choir is going from strength to strength but more members are always welcome, even if you think you can't sing!



## Knit and Natter reach their fundraising target!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Knit and Natter Club's efforts in raising over £1,000 for Francis House Children's Hospice. Our handmade chicks, hens, and bunnies were available to all pupils for just £2.50, and we are thrilled to announce a complete sell-out. Pupils generosity and support is sure to make a real difference!



## Kooth support

Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people in Lancashire & South Cumbria. With no threshold, waiting list or referral process, young people can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing.

Visit the Kooth Parent and Carer resources [here](#).



## English Theatre Trips

GCSE English students have enjoyed trips to the theatre to watch their set text plays during this term. We've enjoyed watching both An Inspector Calls and Blood Brothers ... both performances were brilliant... we hope to be back at the theatre soon with Year 9!



## Year 5 Maths Challenge

On Thursday 13th February we had 5 primary schools join us for the year 5 maths challenge. This involved teams of 4 completing a series of logic and mathematical puzzles over the course of the afternoon. Competition was very close with last year's winners, Howick, narrowly missing out on back to back wins to St Stephens by just 3 points!

All of the pupils were absolutely fantastic and the maths department would like to thank the staff who took the time to bring them, as well as our sixth form Further Maths students who helped make the afternoon run so smoothly.



# Celebrating Student Success

As we do at the end of every term, we celebrated our students' successes with a series of Year Group Celebration Assemblies. Congratulations to all the boys who received awards for positive points, attendance, academic achievements, and house contributions. Additionally, pupils were presented with their full or half-colours ties in recognition of their outstanding participation in rugby matches.

Well done Thomas O (yr 7), Ed Hill (yr 8) Oliver O (yr 9) Aran A (yr 10) and Sammy W (yr 11) who were each presented with the learning coordinator award by their head of year.



Year 9 subject prize winners



Year 11, 50 positive points award winners



Year 11, attendance award winners

## Fairtrade Theme of the week

Pupils have been actively engaging with our theme of the week. In 7F, students used recycled materials to recreate the Fairtrade logo, showcasing their creativity and commitment to sustainability. Meanwhile, 8W had a delicious Fairtrade chocolate tasting session, where they rated it an impressive 10 out of 10! We hope these activities spark meaningful conversations about the importance of choosing Fairtrade products and how making small changes in our purchasing decisions can create a significant impact.



## Year 9 Options

Our yr9 pupils have engaged with impressive maturity, thoughtfulness and energy during their GCSE Options process. They have enjoyed a morning of GCSE taster sessions and a series of 'GCSE Ready' Study Skills sessions.

We now encourage pupils to continue working hard in all of their lessons until the end of year 9 and hope that they can begin to see and comport themselves as the GCSE students that they will be very soon!



# Easter Services

Our Easter period commenced with Reverend Phillip leading the Ash Wednesday Service for our Year 7 students. We were lucky to have Reverend Sam and Reverend Meeson join us for this meaningful service, which highlighted the sacrifices made by Christians during Lent and Muslims during Ramadan.

For our Easter Service at St Andrew's, all year groups headed to church with their form tutors and heads of year. For Mrs Moran these services provide a special time to reflect on the meaning of Easter, to come together in worship, and to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives.



Easter Service



Lent Service



## Easter Cookies and Milkshakes

As always the HGSA were on hand to provide the refreshments for pupils once they returned from church. Pupils were able to enjoy a cookie and milkshake in the sun!

## HGSA Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who supported the HGSA Easter Bingo. We hope you all enjoyed it! Approximately £400 was raised for the school.





# HGS Sports News

## Football

The Year 10 football team have reached the Quarter Final of the Lancashire Cup following an excellent 2-0 win over St Christopher's C of E School. They have also reached the Semi Final of the South Ribble Cup following a superb 6-0 win over Browndedge St Mary's.

The Year 7 football team have progressed to the Semi Final of the South Ribble Cup following a hard fought 4-3 victory against All Hallows.

The First Team made up of Sixth Form Students and a handful of Year 11 students put up a very strong fight against Rossall in the Semi Final of the Lancashire Cup. With the score 0-0 at half time Hutton had every chance of causing an upset against Rossall who boast a strong link with Manchester City Football Club. However it wasn't to be with Rossall pulling ahead in the second half with Hutton unable to respond. An excellent effort yet again though from the First Team reaching the Lancashire Cup Semi Final.

## Basketball

We have enjoyed some home and away Basketball fixtures against All Hallows this half term. Excellent wins for our Y8 team and Y10/11 team. The Y9 team have had 3 games this half term with two close narrow defeats to All Hallows and an excellent win against Balshaws. We had two Y7 teams compete in the South Ribble 4v4 tournament against Lostock Hall Academy and All Hallows. With both teams scoring lots of points and winning games.

## Year 11 Rugby Tour

Wishing our Year 11 Rugby Team an amazing trip as they head out to Italy for the first few days of the Easter break!



# Hutton Sixth Form News



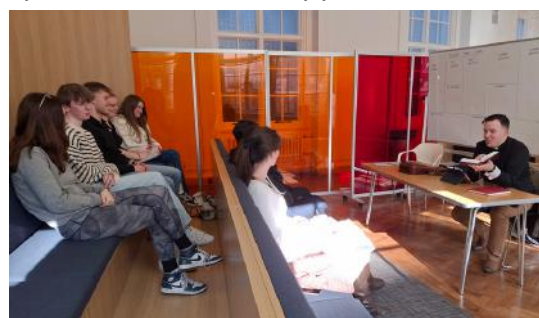
## Welcoming Miss Yule as Assistant Director of Sixth Form

As Mr. Hacking moves on to a new role at another school, we are delighted to welcome Miss Yule into the position. Since joining us in September as a Sixth Form tutor, Miss Yule has made a fantastic impact, teaching Psychology, Sociology, and Personal Development. We look forward to seeing her ideas come to life, including a greater focus on mental health and well-being, as well as exciting extracurricular activities.



## A level Religious Studies Trip

Religious Studies A Level students visited Manchester in February. We went to John Rylands Library to see the oldest known fragment of John's Gospel and have a look around. After a spot of lunch and shopping they then attended a lecture from Doctor Reverend Tom Woolford on the authorship and purpose of the Gospel. This was to support their New Testament Studies. A good time was had by all and Mrs Watson was especially grateful to Alfie, who magnificently guided us through Manchester.



## Cambridge University Student Conference

Another great trip for our Year 12 Aspire Plus students to the Cambridge University student conference at Haydock Park last Monday. Lots of essential information and resources on offer to support our students with their UCAS applications from September.





## University Challenge

We have had an amazing year with University Challenge and we would like to thank all students who have taken part in the competition as well as those who came to watch and support their peers.

To see three different houses win in each year group has shown the strength of all pupils and the effort that they have put in to try to win.

The event has culminated with the "champion" events which saw U6 Rawstorne take on L6 Pearson to find our overall sixth form champions with U6R coming out on top. They then went on to play the Y11 champions Fleetwood and again running away with victory and the ultimate prize - to take on the staff!

The last event saw this happen with a Science heavy team of captain Mr Young, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Watson and late stand in Mr Roberts. The students took an early lead but in the end, even considering points deductions for buzzing in incorrectly, the staff ran out winners with a score of 155 - 100.

One final thank you is to Mr Hill for coming up with all of the questions and Mrs Brown for helping with the picture and music rounds.

## Sixth Form Prom 2025

Our annual Sixth Form Prom was held at Bartle Hall this week, and it was an unforgettable evening for all! The prom serves as a fantastic celebration for Year 12 and 13 students before the start of their end of year and A level exams.



## Year 13 study leave

Year 13 will begin their study leave on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, we are looking forward to celebrating with the year group on 9<sup>th</sup> May in their celebration assembly.

# Uniform Donations

If you're having a clear-out over Easter, we would greatly appreciate any donations of uniform that could be passed on to students in need. We accept uniform items for all year groups, so any contributions are warmly welcomed and highly valued. Thank you for your support!

Items can be dropped off at the main office. If anyone is in need of some uniform for their son, please get in touch and we will organise this.



## Summer Exams 2025

The full timetable for this years external A level and GCSE exams is available via our website - [here](#)

### **Contingency Date - 25th June**

Pupils sitting exams must be available up to and including this date which will be used by the exam boards in the event of national or significant local disruption to exams.

## Hines House Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the 3v3 football competition. Each year group had their own 3v3 tournament after school and there were some excellent skills on show. In total over £300 was raised this money will be split between Hines two House Charities The HGSA and Cancer Research UK.



## Sixth Form Interviews

Mr Hill, Mr Hacking and Miss Yule have been busy interviewing students looking to join Hutton Sixth Form from Spetember. They have visited school across the area, as well as speaking with many of our own boys in school.

If your son has not yet applied for his place, please ensure he speaks with Mr Hill to be considered.

## Axia Learning Speaking Competition

We were fortunate to host the Axia Learning Speaking Competition in our Main Hall, where pupils from local primary schools showcased their speaking skills. The challenge was to answer the question: "What is the greatest invention?" With impressive responses like Vaccines, the Aeroplane, and Electricity, it was no easy task for Mrs. Moran and the other judges to select the winner!



# Old Huttonian Association



The 'Old Huttonian Association' (OHA) has been around since March 1921 and is effectively the 'alumni' of the school. It was introduced by the then Headmaster, Major the Reverend C.P. Hines, one of the most influential leaders the school has seen. He was a visionary and created the role of prefects, the house structure, and led the way in the development of the school and supervised a building programme resulting in much of the school estate as it exists today.

It is worth noting that the objectives of the OHA, as recorded in the constitution of 1921, are;

- (a) To provide a link between past and present members of HGS, whether the same are or have been pupils or masters.
- (b) To provide and assist opportunities for personal intercourse between the members as amongst themselves, and between members and the school.
- (c) To do all such things as are possible, in the interests of the school, or for the advantage of members.

All of this was under the watchful eye of the association's inaugural President – Sir Henry F. Hibbert and there has been a President every year since – the current one being Mr. John Settle who was at the school between 1967 and 1974.

Membership 'shall be confined to past pupils of HGS, and past and present members of the teaching staff of the school', eligibility criteria which still holds good today. So, if you are reading this, and you meet the requirements, and you are not already a member, then [click here](#), or email the Secretary at [oha@huttongrammar.org](mailto:oha@huttongrammar.org) and sign up - it's free, not like 1921 when it was an annual subscription of 5 shillings!!

Once a member, you can then help support the school and the association whilst enjoying the company of other like-minded people, particularly by attending the 'Annual Reunion Dinner'. This year's event promises to be even more popular than ever and will take place at the school on Saturday 27th September 2025. So save the date!! More details will be published quite soon – please watch this space.

If you have any relevant news or would like further information about the OHA please contact the Secretary, Bob Helm, by email at the address given.



*Current President  
Mr. John Settle*



*Rev CP Hines  
the Headmaster who  
introduced the OHA*

## "Continuing the History"

# UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

## April

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Year 11 Rugby Tour return
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Pupils return after Easter break
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Year 10 Preston College Assembly
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Year 10 Runshaw College Assembly
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April - GCSE French Speaking Exams
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Year 7 Parents Evening
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April - GCSE Drama Exam
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April - A level PE Practical Exam
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Duke of Edinburgh Practise Walk (year 9)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 12 Internal Exams
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April - A level Art and Photography Exam
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Year 9 Tempest Trip

## May

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Year 11 Garden Party
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May - Year 13 Leavers Celebration
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Duke of Edinburgh Expedition (year 10)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 13 study leave begins
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May - HGSA Plant Sale
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 10 Food Technology Practicals Mock
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 11 Leavers Service
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

We have lots of exciting things planned for our pupils in June and July in this year's final half term!



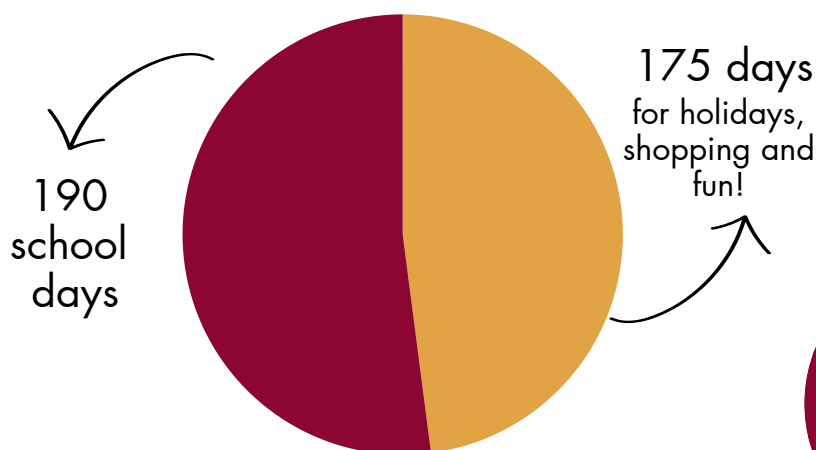


# Attendance Matters

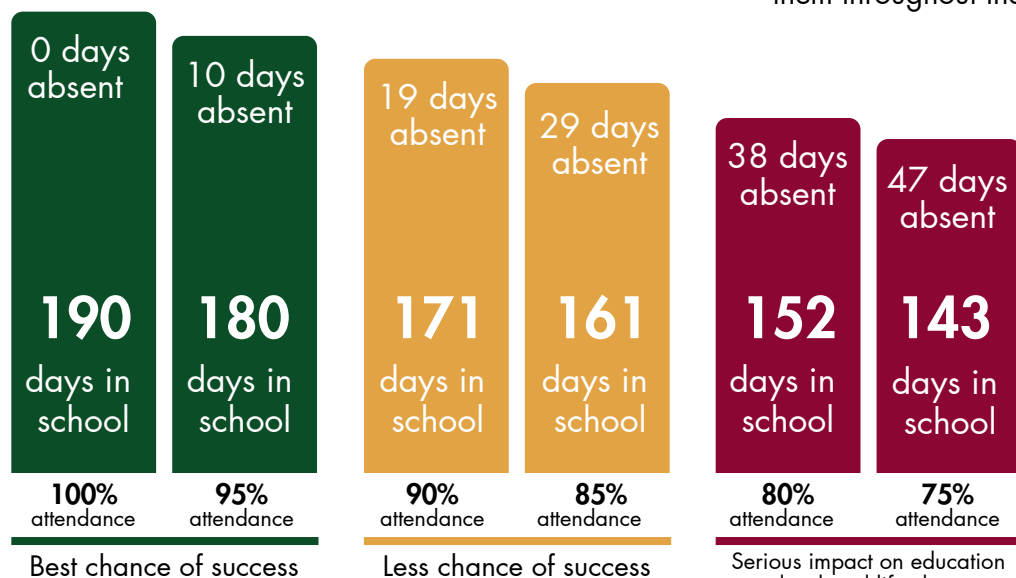
Attending school every day and being on time gives pupils the best chance of success

**As a school our attendance target for all pupils is 97%**

## In one year



- 95% attendance means 10 days absent and 50 lessons missed
- 90% attendance or less can reduce your chances of a good outcome by half



### Medical Appointments



When possible, please book them outside of school hours

### Illness



Unless it's serious, bring your child to school and we will keep an eye on them throughout the day

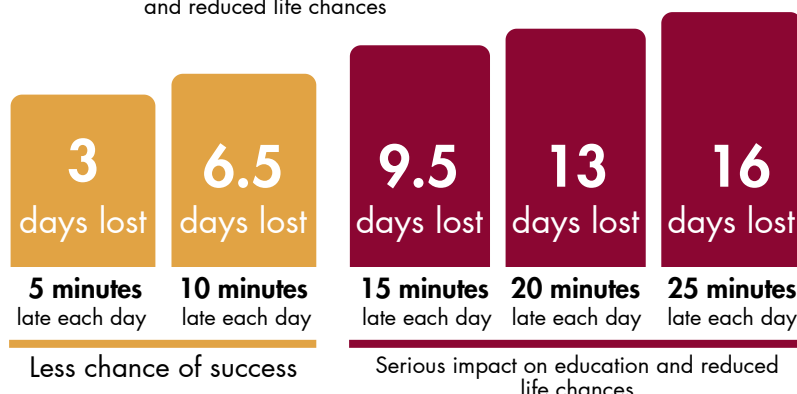
### Family Holidays



There are 175 days a year when students aren't in school and can go on holiday

## Every student on time, every day

If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 weeks of school in one year





Hutton Grammar School Association

# Plant Sale

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025

12 noon - 3pm

Hutton Grammar School,  
Liverpool Road, Hutton, PR4 5SN

Refreshments  
Available







Hutton Grammar School Association

# Jigsaw Festival

12 noon –  
3pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
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Refreshments  
Available