



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Our Year 11 students have made a great start to their mock exams this week.

Their conduct and positive attitude has been very impressive and I would like to thank our students for their maturity and dedication.

Tomorrow, our Year 9 students will take part in their 'Option Taster Day', a chance for them to spend time sampling courses of interest from our KS4 curriculum and learning more about how their next two years may look. Year 10 and 11 is a challenging, but exciting stage in a student's education and we want to empower our Year 9 students to make an informed and personal choice about what subjects are best for them and their bright future. Alongside our '[KS4 Options Evening](#)' next Tuesday, our 'KS4 Options Guide', will ensure that families have all the information required to feel supported in their decision making process. If you have any questions about the Year 9 options process, please do not hesitate to contact the

Year 9 Hub Team: Year9Hub@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Our community has been participating in a wide range of events and activities to mark National Apprenticeship Week, with our Year 9 Willmott Dixon Experience Day and the Mira TeenTech Festival being particular highlights. These events are designed to expose our students to different careers, raising their aspirations and supporting them to build a brighter future. Thank you to our external business and careers links for supporting these opportunities.

Yesterday I had the privilege, alongside twenty other members of staff, to interview students from our surrounding high schools who have applying to study at The Hinckley Sixth Form in 2024. It was a pleasure to meet with applicants and their families as we reviewed their applications, discussed their aspirations and learnt more about their interests. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of applications we have received so far this year and to meet some of the wonderful young people behind these applications was a delight. Our sixth form is a welcoming, vibrant and dynamic place to study and the atmosphere at this event really showcased the support, community and celebration we pride ourselves on. Applicants from our own Year 11 community who have not yet received a decision on their application, will be contacted next week, as our team review the remaining internal applications.

Best wishes,
Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

5-11
FEB
2024

To mark Children's Mental Health Week and to support the children's mental health charity, Place2Be, students in The Bridge held a bake sale for Year 7, 8 and 9 on Thursday. Students donated shop bought or home made sweet treats for their classmate to purchase, including a woodland themed showstopper decorated by Year 7 student Malise!

Thank you to everyone who supported this community fundraising event and we look forward to sharing the total raised next week.



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HEADTEACHER UNVEILS ADA LOVELACE STATUE

On Monday night, our headteacher, Ms Hickman, was asked to unveil a prototype statue of one of our most famous local heroes - Ada Lovelace.

Ada, born in 1815 and the daughter of Lord and Lady Byron, is renowned as being the world's first computer programmer, her work being used by Alan Turing and his team to crack the Enigma Code in the second world war. She lived local to Hinckley, often visiting the town and spending many happy hours here.

In memory of her significant impact on computer programming, fundraising has begun to place a statue in Hinckley town centre to celebrate her life, whilst also raising the profile of STEM and particularly women in STEM.

We will share more information in the following weeks, as we work closely with the project and our new STEM building begins to take shape.



SIXTH FORM NETBALL - CELEBRATING A SEVEN-YEAR JOURNEY



OUR SEVEN YEAR JOURNEY

The annual south Leicestershire netball tournament sees three tiers of competition and we are delighted to share that, after their top tier match, our sixth form team secured a third place spot. For some players this was their last tournament after playing for the team for seven years. Mrs Cheney has shared a full match report to celebrate their journey and commitment:

'It was an action packed afternoon of netball with the girls showing epic fitness having all their matches back to back. Captained by Lucy and Hannah, the team put on some fantastic passages of netball, securing wins against a number of teams, including Leicester Grammar and Wigston Mat.

For some, this was the last tournament after playing for the team for seven years. Olivia, Hannah and Lucy have remained committed to the school teams since they were 11 years old! They have enjoyed, over the years, watching local super league matches, touring Malta in the summer and representing the school in around 60 appearances during their seven-year journey at The Hinckley School.

It has been a real pleasure watching the Year 13 netballers grow into wonderful, bright young women, ready to take the next steps beyond our school. I feel really grateful to have been a part of that journey and I look forward to the last game with these girls in a few weeks and, hopefully, finish on a high with another win.

The entire team are such positive role models in our netball club and have dedicated their time to developing younger players in Year 7, 8 and 9 each week at training. They have all had key roles from coaching and organising drills to umpiring. Thank you for having such a positive impact. Well done girls.'

FIXTURES NEXT WEEK - COME AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS!



Following the incredible support shown to players and coaches by our community during recent fixtures, we are thrilled to invite all students, parents, carers and teachers to come and cheer on our Gateway Rugby Team and Gateway Football Team at their matches next week.

Our students have been putting in tremendous effort, and your enthusiastic support from the side-lines will undoubtedly elevate their spirits. I am asking for as many staff, students, parents and carers as possible to attend these fixtures to create an unforgettable atmosphere and as a show of community spirit. These fixtures aim to offer a thrilling showcase of teamwork and sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing you there, celebrating our school spirit together! - *Mr Stocks*

- **Thursday 15th February: Year 7/8s Rugby Fixture (15:30 start) vs Lutterworth College at The Hinckley School.**
- **Friday 16th February: Year 8 vs Year 9 Girl's Football Fixture (15:30 start) at The Hinckley School.**

DOFE - STUDENTS COMPLETE FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE



Our Bronze and Gold participants have completed a one day First Aid training course in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh's award expeditions.

The course covered a variety of topics including primary and secondary survey, CPR and the use of an AED, the recovery position, the effects of heat and cold, choking, burns and bleeds, strains and sprains, bites and stings and much more.

The practical course was hands on, encouraging our young people to get fully involved. The afternoon saw them looking for casualties outside and treating them as if it was a live situation. *Well Done All!*

- A Fennell - Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-Ordinator



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS!

Submissions have now closed for the Year 9 Art Bytes Competition and Miss Webster would like to say a big thank you to all entrants and their parents/ carers for their consent.

The Art Bytes website has shared more information on what happens next...

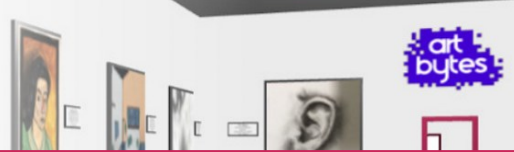
This year's school submissions will appear in March 2024.

Following each schools submission of artworks a judging panel of arts professionals then shortlist the top three entries from each school. A public online vote is held in April and the pupil with the most votes for their school wins a place in the virtual exhibition.

The top three placed artworks in the gallery will be marked with a 1st, 2nd or 3rd trophy on each school's portfolio page.

We will let everyone in our community know when voting opens!

CELEBRATE CREATIVITY!



The Hinckley SCHOOL
FREE BREAKFAST CLUB
TEA & TOAST
MAIN FOYER
8:15AM | EVERYONE WELCOME

BULLETIN BOARD
NEWS & NOTICES...

DROP IN EVENING
The Hinckley Sixth Form
Tuesday 13th February 2024, 4pm - 5pm
Meet our expert team, ask questions and apply to join us in 2024.
Open to existing applicants and those considering their post-16 destination.

Register online to attend : www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/dropin2024

The Hinckley SIXTH FORM
Your Brighter Future Starts Here | The Hinckley School, Butt Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1LE | 01455 632183

February Reading Cafe
Thursday 15th
February
3pm - 4pm
in the library

WILLMOTT DIXON EXPERIENCE DAY

Willmott Dixon Returned to The Hinckley School during National Apprenticeships Week for an Exciting Eco Village Project!

We are thrilled to report that Willmott Dixon, a renowned national construction firm, has once again partnered with The Hinckley School for an extraordinary educational experience. A team of 4 professionals spent a full day working with our talented Year 9 students on a comprehensive project: the development of an Eco Village. This engaging collaboration saw our students taking on the roles of project managers, designers, and estimators as they tackled the challenges of pricing, designing, and overseeing the construction of an environmentally sustainable community. This hands-on experience will not only enhance their academic knowledge, but also provide invaluable insights into the practical aspects of the construction industry.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Willmott Dixon for their continued commitment to education and community engagement. Their support allows our students to connect with real-world professionals, fostering a passion for learning that extends beyond the classroom. They shared insights into the world of work and pathways including apprenticeships.

Several teams of students presented their project and will be automatically awarded the nationally recognised Industrial Cadets Bronze Award for their participation in a STEM project. Other students will have the opportunity to present in front of a smaller audience in the next week. [Industrial Cadets Bronze project | EDT \(etrust.org.uk\)](#)

For more information about Willmott Dixon and their contributions to sustainable construction, please visit their [website](#).

- Mr Boast, Assistant Headteacher, Careers and PSHE



YEAR 9 Hub
At The Hinckley School


WILLMOTT DIXON



[Click here to read](#)
our 'KS4 Options
Evening & Parents'
Evening Letter'



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KS4 OPTIONS EVENING

Tuesday 13th February 2024
5-6:30pm

Year 9 students and their parent/carers are invited to join us at our KS4 Options Evening, as they look ahead to the next exciting stage of their education. During the event families will be able to listen to a talk about the options process and visit subject stalls to learn more about our broad and exciting KS4 curriculum from our subject specialists.

Join an 'Options Talk' at 5:15pm, 5:45pm or 6:15pm



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AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

As part of their work on Ancient Greece, some Year 7 History students put together and performed short plays on the Greek thinkers Pythagoras, Draco, Archimedes, Aesop and Socrates. They learnt that Draco made harsh laws and punishments, leading to his name giving us the word Draconian. In one play, one poor student found this out to his cost when he lost his life for touching the grass! We saw hares and tortoises race to show Aesop's moral fables, and far too much of Archimedes in his bath! Overall, it's clear the Greek leaders (Tyrants) didn't like people with new ideas who challenged their rule. As a result, there were arrests, fights and many gruesome deaths. Needless to say, our talented Year 7s threw themselves into their roles, and onto the floor to die, with gusto and enthusiasm. Well done! - Ms Beale, Head of History



TheBridge
At The Hinckley School

STUDENTS SHOWCASED:



INDEPENDENCE

To be self-motivated in my learning, to be curious in my thinking and able to solve problems that are presented to me.



ENGAGEMENT

To be motivated and enthusiastic about my learning and to collaborate successfully with others to reach my goals. To show empathy and compassion in my dealings with others at all times.



The Hinckley
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Proudly Presents



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL
JR.

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th &
Saturday 16th March 2024, 7:30pm

Adults: £10

Under 18s: £8

Tickets on sale NOW from Main Reception and ParentPay

The Hinckley School, Butt Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1LE | 01455 632183

SPRING 1 ENRICHMENT

A brand new enrichment timetable is now available for students to enjoy! Please take a look through the afterschool and lunchtime timetables on the following pages to see the amazing new opportunities students can enjoy.

Enrichment – Afterschool

Monday

Matilda Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	PA Dept	Main Hall
Netball	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7, 8 and 9	S. Cheney	PE
Senior Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10-13	J. Elvidge	PE
Robot Wars Design	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Holmes	D1
Sewing Project	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11 (sign up)	L. Wills	D12

Tuesday

Sixth Form Book Club (2)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 12-13	R. Crisp	Library
Rock School	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11 invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars Construction	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-11	P. Harrison	D1
D of E Bronze	5.30-7.00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	A9
D of E Silver	5.15-7.30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	Cube

Wednesday

Programming Challenge	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	C. Holmes	D14
Netball	3:00-4:15pm	10, 11 & 6th Form	S. Cheney	PE
D of E Gold	5.15-7.30pm	Year 12 and 13	A. Fennell	A9
Matilda Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	PA Dept	Main Hall

Thursday

Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 8	C. Froome	PE
Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-11	F. Nichols	PE
KS3 Rugby	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	M. Stocks	PE
Music & Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Artist Retreat	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Read outside the box	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	E. Rayson	Library

Friday

Indoor Cricket	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-11	M. Stocks	PE
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 9	C. Froome	PE

Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. As we enter 2024 why not try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions

Enrichment - Lunchtime

Monday

Zines Crafting	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club		Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Maths Challenge		Years 7&8	M. Swann	G3
Football		Years 7, 8, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Bridge Wildlife Club (WK 2)		Year 7	K. Mason	Cambridge
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12
Latin for Beginners		Year 10-13	H. Foers	H6

Tuesday

LGBTQ+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Lewis	MPR
Music		Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Board Games		Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football		Years 8,9,10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Boys Basketball		Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
Girls Football		Years 7-11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Geology & Palaeontology		Years 7-11	A. Gadsby	L1
Origami		Years 7-13	N. Vora	D10
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12
Sustainability Council (1)		Years 7-11 invite only	G. Malin	L2

Wednesday

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
KS3 Electronics Club		Years 7-9	P. Harrison	
Chess Club		Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football		Years 7, 9, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
KS3 Film Club		Years 7, 8 & 9	M. Smith	H6
Creative Writing		Years 7-11	A. Hale	TBC
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12

Thursday

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Card Games		Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football		Years 7, 10, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
X-Box		Year 8	R. Byrne	G2
Crochet for Beginners		Year 7-13	L. Wills	D12
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12

Friday

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Scrabble		Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football		Years 8, 9, 10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
X-Box		Year 9	R. Byrne	G2
KS4 Film Club		Years 10 and 11	Z. Owen	H6
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12

