



The Hinckley  
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# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Alongside this newsletter you will notice that we have also shared the second edition of our [Safeguarding & Well-Being Newsletter](#). This separate document allows our Safeguarding Team, led by Mrs Priestnall, to share important messages regarding immunisations, safety and community support for our students and their families. We are committed to building brighter futures for not only our students, but our local community as a whole, and thanks to our increasingly strong links with local community partners through our Community Well-Being Hub, we are now in a place to signpost and offer support more than ever before. From contact details for foodbanks and GP surveys, to immunisation information and free adult learning courses, this additional newsletter which will be shared every half term, is designed to support not only student well-being, but parents, carers and families as a whole.

We currently have some exciting work taking place on site to take our well-being offer one step further, by creating a physical hub for our external community partners to meet and work with our families. I look forward to sharing more information about this after half term. In the meantime, if you have any feedback regarding the Safeguarding & Well-Being Newsletter, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with our Safeguarding Team.

As we approach the Year 11 mock exam window, this week we launched a new silent study room for Year 11 students to use during lunch times. Students are able to sign up with their tutor or year team to use H8 if they wish to use a quiet environment to revise or complete coursework. We are impressed with the amount of students who have already made use of this room and encourage all our Year 11 students to engage with this opportunity.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## SAVE THE DATES

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS - 5TH-16TH FEBRUARY  
U16/U18 SOUTH LEICS NETBALL TOURNAMENT - 6TH FEBRUARY  
YEAR 9 'WILMOTT DIXON' INSIGHT DAY - 6TH FEBRUARY  
YEAR 7 (U12) SOUTH LEICS NETBALL TOURNAMENT - 9TH FEBRUARY  
YEAR 9 KS4 OPTIONS TASTERS - 9TH FEBRUARY  
YEAR 9 KS4 OPTIONS EVENING - 13TH FEBRUARY

## ELITE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME



Some of our high attaining Year 10 students were invited to take part in an 'Elite Scholars' programme this week in our sixth form building.

The sessions, led by Mr Dutchman gave students a taste of higher education and an insight into different post-18 pathways to help them begin to plan their brighter futures. Students shared how informative they found the presentation and how the un-bias pathway information shared will allow them to make an informed choice.

Year 10 student Eva who attended the first session said, "I really liked how it wasn't just sugar coated pros for each post-18 pathway, we didn't just find out the positives, we got a realistic view, which is really useful."



*Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers*



# SILVER DOFE TRAINING DAY



Our first outing for 2024 took place on Saturday, as our Silver group headed to Fineshade Woods near Corby. The day consisted of learning how to micro navigate through the wood using pacing, timings and bearings. In the afternoon, the group were given a set route to navigate and make their way through Wakeley woods to Seaton.

All of the young people were fantastic, really engaged and coped very well with the cold and icy weather.

**Well done all!**

*A Fennell—DofE Co-Ordinator*



## MASTERCLASSES INTRODUCE 'CYANOTYPE PRINTING'

This week Year 12 and Year 11 masterclass students have been introduced to 'Cyanotype Printing', a process that uses a light sensitive solution to enable students to expose their images by creating areas of resist. In their masterclasses they began looking at image inversion and exposure time and here are some of the final results. As you can see the technique gives a really effective 'ghost like' quality which proves very effective.



Next up in their masterclasses is... creative exploration of resist, exposure and surfaces.

We can't wait to see more fantastic results!



**YEAR 11 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School





# RISE AWARDS 2024

## For Schools

Leeds Beckett University are hosting the International SEEDS Conference. SEEDS stands for Sustainable Ecological Engineering Design for Society. As part of the conference we invite students to submit posters for our Research, Innovation, Sustainability and Enterprise (RISE) awards. The RISE awards for Schools showcases examples of new and innovative products, technologies, processes, projects, schemes or just great ideas for ways we can make our environment healthier and more sustainable.

For the third year, we are engaging younger people in creating solutions for a sustainable future. The RISE Awards for Schools competition encourages school students to make their voices heard about their research and ideas on how to make a more sustainable world, whether tackling climate change, developing new materials for construction, saving water, reducing our ecological impact or designing new ways to live and work.

**Submissions are encouraged from any aspect to do with the way we can build and live sustainably, and poster entries are FREE.**

**There are prizes for the best entries including trophies and book vouchers**

The closing date for entries is Friday **2nd February 2024**.

### HOW TO ENTER

Entries can be made for a project, process, product or an idea for sustainable living, and can be linked to a project you have been doing for a school assignment. Submissions can be from an individual or from a group, team or class. In order to enter please produce an A3 sized poster outlining your idea. Your poster should include text, images and where possible, facts and figures that support your ideas.

#### Key Points you can think about for your poster submission:

- What is your key idea?
- What aspect or issues of sustainability does your poster address?
- Why is it important to address that issue?
- What are the current and future benefits?
- How can your ideas be realised?



Please send in your A3 posters to  
[lsiconference@leedsbeckett.ac.uk](mailto:lsiconference@leedsbeckett.ac.uk)

**Internal deadline of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January –**

**Entries to be handed in to Mrs Wilson in D20. Good Luck!**



# BLOOD BROTHERS WORKSHOP

Drama students had a real treat last week when they took part in a Blood Brothers masterclass with Mike and Steve from 'Stage Ed' theatre company, who played Sammy and Mickey in the west end production of Blood Brothers for over ten years.

They shared their expertise, passion and knowledge of the play with the students and navigated the workshop to help the GCSE students with their written paper.



The drama studio was buzzing with excitement all day as the students looked at different scenes, the context and themes of the play and watched a fantastic performance from Steve the masterclass host.

Mrs Cook, Head of Drama and Performing Arts was thrilled with the feedback from Stage Ed, who said that students from The Hinckley School were amongst the best they had worked with. What an enjoyable and valuable enrichment experience for all who took part! Well done!



**YEAR 9 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School

**YEAR 10 Hub**  
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**YEAR 11 Hub**  
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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 soon!



# NETBALL TEAMS PRAISED FOR 'BRILLIANT' PERFORMANCE



## **Monday 22nd January - The Hinckley School vs St Martins, Year 7 and Year 8**

Year 7 played really well in their match on Monday winning 4-2. They showed a massive improvement from previous games, I was very impressed with everyone's performance. They all showed real determination and resilience to keep going after drawing at half time, with Violet being crowned the oppositions 'Player of the Match'. This was very well deserved due to her not letting any ball get past her, always keeping us in the game. Coaches 'Player of the Match' was Amber due to her 100% shooting accuracy. The team knew they could rely on her, to score after all their hard work. Very well done to everyone, I am really impressed.

Year 8 played brilliantly in their game too and although it turned out not to be a successful outcome, they showed great perseverance and teamwork to keep their heads up and continue playing. They had great sportsmanship, well done!

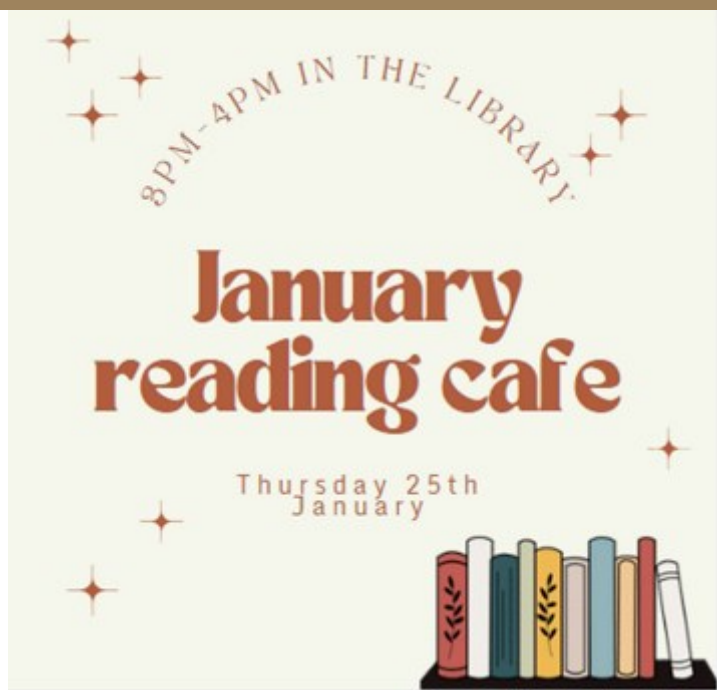
—*Report written by Year 12 Student Coach Sophie (Game umpired by Year 12 coach Isla.)*



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SIXTH FORM

*Mrs Cheney would like to say a special thank you to our sixth form Student Coaches, they are fantastic role models and are wonderful at working with our younger students during training and in games. Thank you, you are a credit to the school!*

## COMING UP IN THE LIBRARY...





# 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](http://www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/dropin2024)



Your Brighter Future Starts Here

The Hinckley School, Butt Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1LE

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## Interested in joining our team?

Due to an increase in numbers in September, we are currently recruiting for a number of exciting opportunities within our school community:

### Current Vacancies:

- Director of Science
- Teacher of MFL
- Casual Invigilator

To find out more about these vacancies and for details on how to apply, please visit our website:

[www.thehinckleyschool.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.thehinckleyschool.co.uk/vacancies)



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# CURRENT VACANCIES



# JUNIOR DRAGSTER DRIVER IS SPORTS 'RISING STAR'



**Ada - Junior Dragster Driver,  
Part of LFR Racing Team.**

We love to encourage our students hobbies and interests and take great pride in celebrating their achievements both in and outside of school as a community. Our students are passionate about a diverse range of activities and we love to hear their stories and successes. This week we would like to shine a spotlight on Ada in Year 7, The Bridge's resident Dragster Driver!

**Ada drives a methanol fuel Junior Dragster as part of her family run 3 car team. Her car covers the 1/8th mile course in 9 seconds at a quick 65MPH!**

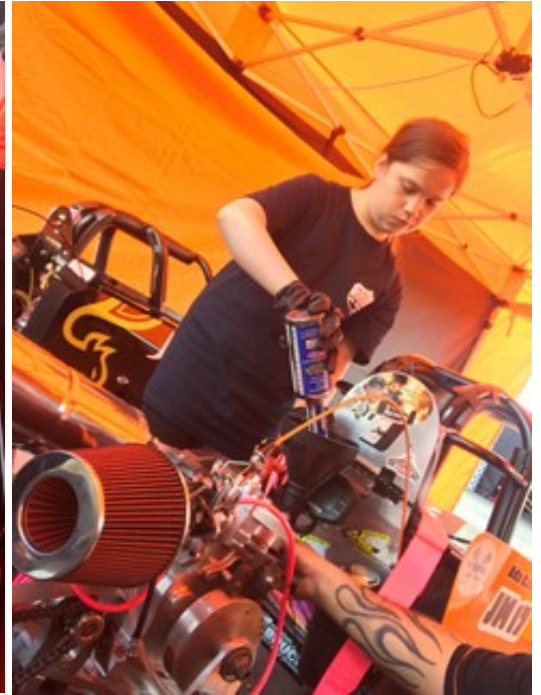
She enjoyed a very successful season in 2023, driving her dragster to 2 finals where she was runner up, racing against peers of up to 18 years old. She also had the opportunity to race in Germany at the

Hockenheimring circuit and be part of the biggest ever European Junior Dragster field at the FIA European Finals at Santa Pod Raceway UK. Ada managed to secure a very respectable P7 (7th Place) in a very close MSUK Lucas Oil SPRC Junior Dragster Championship.

**Ada is also the highest point scoring female from the 2023 national championship!**

Ada was voted for and received the 2023 Rising Star Award in recognition of her achievements during the season. The team are very proud of Ada's hard work and focus last season. Ada has also done some work to promote females in motorsport with the MSUK Girls on Track, where her car was shown at the 'Women in Motorsport' exhibition at Coventry Transport Museum, Ada gave talks to almost 100 school children about being involving in a race team and was interviewed for the local radio.

**Keep up the good work Ada!**



## ENDEAVOUR - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ASSEMBLY



On Thursday, we welcomed members of Leicestershire Community Policing and the Local Authority who delivered an assembly on their Endeavour programme, a partnership to protect our community.

The assembly discussed anti social behaviour and the importance of acting respectfully as role models within our community, something we take great pride in teaching our students about within our character education programme so that they can positively shape their local area. Thank you to the team for joining us and speaking to our students.



# 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 <u>invite only</u>	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

## 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





This academic year, The Hinckley School will be entering and competing in the Art Bytes competition; Raising aspirations for better futures by championing the creativity of the nation's next generation, using art and virtual technology. Art Bytes is a national EdTech programme that utilises a bespoke, immersive, virtual gallery incorporating augmented reality elements, to give young participants the opportunity

to see their art exhibited online and engage with new technology from the safety and convenience of their own home or school. After a shortlisting panel and an online public vote, the winning artist from each school sees their work displayed in our virtual gallery. Art Bytes culminates every June with a celebration event at a high-profile cultural venue in each of the nine regions of England, which is also available to schools to stream in the classroom or assembly. Regional winners are announced, certificates and prizes are presented, and the virtual gallery goes live. Miss Webster is looking for submissions of artwork from 30 of our fantastically creative and innovative students to enter into the national competition. The deadline is February half-term 2024.

### When submitting work, key things to note:

- **Artwork created by Year 9 students in this academic year, whether at home or in school, is eligible.**
- **One entry per student.**
- **No set theme, allowing students to express themselves as they wish through their artwork**
- **Artwork in any fine art medium or technique is acceptable, rather than textiles/design.**
- **2D or 3D artwork (please note all 3D work entries will be exhibited as a photograph).**
- **Artworks created at home should be made without parents or guardians help.**

We will of course keep you up to date with entries submitted (with photographs of artwork in our newsletter) and will provide information regarding the vote once the submission window is closed. For further information please speak to Miss Webster.



FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

# TEA & TOAST

MAIN FOYER

8:15AM | EVERYONE WELCOME

Don't forget that students in all year groups can enjoy a hot or cold drink and a slice of toast from 8:15am in the Main Foyer!

This FREE breakfast club runs until February half term to help students make a great start to the day on these cold winter mornings.

See you  
there!