



The Hinckley
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NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures 2023

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week has seen a continuation of our year7 university trips. I've enjoyed talking to students about their experiences at Warwick and Leicester universities and their plans for future careers. We talked about matching their skills to what motivates them in their daily lives . Big conversations for year seven! But important ones and exciting to hear them explore the world around them.

Other opportunities this week have come from a visit from Oxford University, where students were given information and support about Oxford courses and how to become an Oxbridge student. For our year 12 parents, please look out for a letter inviting you to a UCAS information evening in June to support with your child's university applications.

Again this week, I'd like to say a big well done to our exam students who have been brilliant again and done us and themselves proud. They certainly deserve a half term holiday

It is hard to believe that we are nearly in our last term of this academic year. Next term will see our end of year celebrations, rewards trips for year groups and good bye proms. We will keep you updated.

Have a lovely half term

Best wishes

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

MISS HALE ASKS 'WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT 'STARBOOKS?'



"I like helping out with the starbooks cafe because it is important to encourage the younger students to read to develop their social skills and understanding of the world around them" - Olivia, year 10

"I help out with the starbooks cafe because I enjoy being a helpful role model to the younger students and I am also the best hot chocolate maker!!" Ellie, year 10

Olivia assures us it is NOTHING to do with the luxury hot chocolate and sprinkles!



Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



Y10 ELITE SCHOLARS WORK WITH UNLOCK OXFORD PROJECT



The Year 10 Elite Scholar Programme students thoroughly enjoyed their presentation delivered from the Unlock Oxford Project that they are currently involved with. An ex-student from Oxford University who currently works there, came to delivered some excellent information to The Hinckley School Students.



Content involved all things University; subjects on offer, potential courses, types of Universities, Fees, Budgeting and Life as a University Student. The Year 10 Elite Scholars took part in activities and asked some insightful questions. Lots of information to go away and think about and feel inspired to work towards.

The students were incredibly engaged and respectful throughout. The next stage of this programme will be to visit Oxford University in the first half term of Year 11.

BRIDGE STUDENTS START EARLY AT UNIVERSITY

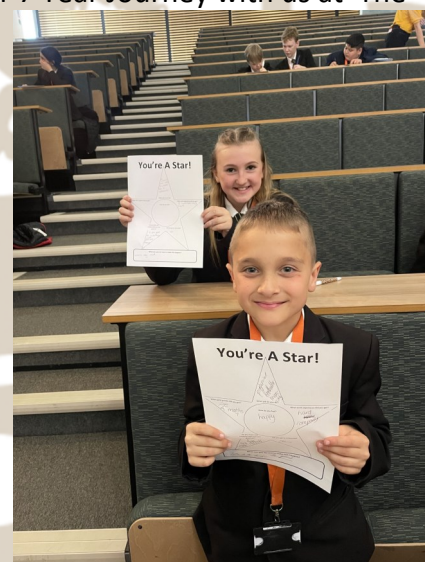


As part of our Bridge 'Experience' all Year 7 students experience an activity day at a university across the UK. The first was to Warwick University and this week we also see students of to DeMontfort, Cambridge, Leicester and Birmingham.

The students so far have been inspired to what they could be doing in the near future when they complete their 7 Year Journey with us at The Hinckley School.



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STAFF READING SPOTLIGHT

Reading Spotlight

This week, Chloe and Elizabeth interview Mrs. Wright our safeguarding officer.



Mrs. Wright

What is the first book you remember reading?

Beatrix Potter – The Tale of Mrs Tiddly-winkle. Also my first memory of going to the library.

What is your favourite book of all time?

The Road – Cormac MaCarthy. I read lots of books so this is a very difficult question, but this one was one that I just couldn't put down. It's a very dark brilliantly written post apocalyptic story.

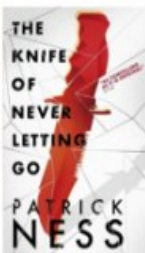
What are you currently Reading?

'light My Fire' by Ray Manzaret about the band 'The Doors'. Which was an old band before even I was born.

Which book character are you most like?

Probably Sybil Vimes – she is a character in Terry Pratchett's Diskworld novels. Vimes can be bossy, gets things done, a quirky dresser (at home) and likes dragons.

HALF TERM 'RECOMMENDED READS':



The Knife of Never Letting Go (Chaos Walking #1), Patrick Ness

Prentisstown isn't like other towns. Everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Then Todd Hewitt unexpectedly stumbles on a spot of complete silence. Which is impossible. And now he's going to have to run...

Recommended for: fans of the dystopian, sci-fi lovers, readers looking for something different



Skulduggery Pleasant, Derek Landy

Stephanie's uncle Gordon is a writer of horror fiction. But when he dies and leaves her his estate, Stephanie learns that while he may have written horror, it certainly wasn't fiction. Pursued by evil forces intent on recovering a mysterious key, Stephanie finds help from an unusual source -- the wisecracking skeleton of a dead wizard. When all hell breaks loose, it's lucky for Skulduggery that he's already dead. Though he's about to discover that being a skeleton doesn't stop you from being tortured, if the torturer is determined enough. And if there's anything Skulduggery hates, it's torture! Will evil win the day? Will Stephanie and Skulduggery stop bickering long enough to stop it? One thing's for sure: evil won't know what's hit it.

Recommended for: fans of mystery, sci-fi and fantasy readers



Heartstopper, Alice Oseman

Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met ... until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised.

Recommended for: fans of romance, graphic novel readers



To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina of one man's struggle for justice. But the weight of history will only tolerate so much. To Kill a Mockingbird is a coming-of-age story, an anti-racist novel, a historical drama of the Great Depression and a sublime example of the Southern writing tradition.

Recommended for: older readers, fans of history, readers looking for a challenge



CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY COMPETITION

WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY

21ST MAY 2023

Congratulations goes to Princess H who won the whole school quiz and a £10 Amazon voucher



DUKE OF EDINBURGH FINALLY FIND SOME SUNSHINE

Our Bronze assessed expedition took place over the weekend, starting at Burrough on the Hill, Leicestershire, the participants walked 12-15k each day carrying their personal and group equipment for the 6 hours of their planned journey time. Once they reached the campsite at Tilton on Hill, they put up their tents, cooked their tea on trangias and then enjoyed the evening sun playing ball games. On day 2, they continued their walk finishing at Laude Abbey.



Congratulations to all of our young people who took part in

the Bronze assessed expedition on their fantastic achievement. Although they found it tough at times due to the hot weather and the early morning start, they all showed positive attitudes, determination and teamwork throughout.

NO BARRIERS

HALF TERM CAREERS EVENT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

May 31

Leicester Employability Day

An inspirational opportunity for young people to interact with Black role models in a variety of professions.

By University of Leicester and FFRS
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[Leicester Employability Day Tickets, Wed 31 May 2023 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

When and where



Date and time

Wed, 31 May 2023 10:30 - 15:30 BST



Location

University of Leicester Sports Hall, Charles
Wilson Building University Road Leicester LE1
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UNIFORM UPDATE AND REMINDERS

Hole in the Wall, one of our Uniform suppliers informs us that they are fully stocked with larger sized blazers in particular and taking orders for uniform ready for next year.

Could we please take this opportunity to remind parents how valuable their support in maintaining our standard of uniform and appearance towards the end of the school year. We have many of our induction and transition days coming up so now more than ever it is imperative that we set a good example to all of our community.

Blazers should be brought to school even in hot weather. In particular we expect students to present themselves according to our guidelines in their personal appearance, including a reminder that in particular, false lashes, nails, excessive make up and piercings other than ear studs are not permitted.

We have been so very impressed with all our students so far this year who represent The Hinckley School with PRIDE, and trust that parents will support us during the final term with this too.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY WB 29TH MAY
SUMMER TERM RESUMES MONDAY 5TH JUNE

PARENT FORUMS WB 5TH JUNE
YOU WILL BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL FOR JOINING INFORMATION

13TH JUNE—Y7 PARENT EVENING