



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures 2023

7th July 2023



Dear parent / carer,

This week's issue contains just some of the events our students have been involved in this week. From educational fieldtrips to Prom, induction days, library experiences, Orchestra event, Robot Wars and other adventures, it is a very fun and filled end of term.

Next week we have our older girls traveling to Malta for their European netball tournament. We also have trips to Drayton Manor, Bradgate Park, the cinema and all of our celebration assemblies, including year 7 graduation. We also have year 5 visiting us and our Sports Day. We are looking forward to such a positive and fun end to the year! You will have also received this week communication from your child's new year leader. They experienced time in their new form groups on Thursday and settled really well into the new routines.

It was a delight to have our new year 7s on site this week too. They had lots of fun experiencing secondary school lessons and learning about PRIDE. They made their teachers very proud and we can't wait for them to join us in August. The same week we said goodbye to year 13 at their prom, a year group at the end of their seven year journey. They looked wonderful and we wish them all the best.

Next week we will make sure you have all the information you need for the new term. If you have any questions about the new academic year, please just let us know.

Have a lovely weekend

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

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Y13 PROM—CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CLASS OF '23



Year 13 students celebrated the end of their time here with us at the PROM held this week.

We wish them all the best on their new adventures and destinations and hope to see them later in the year to help inspire our Class of '24 to achieve their ambitions and dreams.

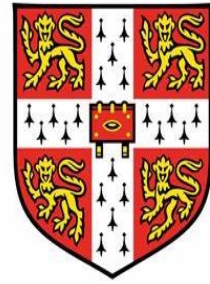
Pictured left, Mr Morris and Miss Pearce were keen to share the celebrations with their Maths Geeks
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HOLLY GOES TO CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Holly Evans, one of our highly motivated Year 11 student has been selected for Cambridge University Summer programme 2023 at Lucy Cavendish College. This is a competitive outreach programme that inspires and supports high- achieving GCSE students especially girls with substantive knowledge sessions and help them to acquire skills to improve their foundational knowledge, realise their full potential so they can hit the ground running when they start A levels and further prepare their next steps to top universities like Cambridge. We cannot wait to see students like Holly become role models to the younger generation of girls by being a part of a more diverse, proactive, progressive and effective community in an esteemed institute



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'GIRLS INTO ELECTRONICS' AT NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY



Students from The Hinckley Sixth Form plus 2 aspiring engineers from Y9 and Y10 recently took part in an exciting event as part of the Girls into Electronics series, which aims to empower and inspire young women in the field of Electronics, Computer Science, and Engineering.

This event, organized in collaboration with the University of Nottingham and the United Kingdom Electronics Skills Foundation ([UKESF](#)), provided a unique opportunity for ten talented girls to explore the world of electronics and experience first-hand the possibilities it holds for their future careers.

Throughout the day, the attendees engaged in a variety of activities designed to broaden their understanding of electronics and its applications. The event kicked off with a series of mini-lectures, where the girls were introduced to the fundamentals of the field. These captivating sessions not only provided a solid foundation but also ignited their curiosity to delve deeper into the subject.

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One of the highlights of the day was a captivating Q&A session with female electronics specialists. The girls had the privilege to interact with accomplished professionals who shared their insights, experiences, and invaluable advice. This interaction served as a powerful source of inspiration and motivation, showcasing the possibilities that lie ahead for aspiring young women in the field of electronics.



To give the attendees a glimpse into the world of practical application, the event included an exciting tour of the university's state-of-the-art laboratories, simulators and projects. The girls witnessed cutting-edge research and development projects in action, providing them with a real-world perspective and further igniting their passion for electronics.

However, the most thrilling part of the day was the practical session, where each girl was given an ArduinoUno kit. With guidance from expert mentors, they programmed this versatile device to carry out remarkable functions. Witnessing their creations come to life was truly a remarkable experience, showcasing the power of electronics and the infinite possibilities it offers for innovation.

Not only did the girls gain hands-on experience, but they were also allowed to keep the microcontroller kit for future projects. The University of Nottingham's commitment to their development extended beyond the event itself, as the girls were offered online support to complete a range of practical experiments. This ongoing assistance ensures that the girls can continue to explore and expand their skills long after the event concluded.



Events like Girls into Electronics play a vital role in breaking down gender barriers and encouraging young women to pursue their passions fearlessly. By providing a platform to learn from accomplished female professionals, fostering hands-on experiences, and offering ongoing support, such initiatives empower young women to explore careers in traditionally male-dominated fields.

The Hinckley Sixth Form takes great pride in being a part of this incredible movement, shaping the future of electronics by nurturing and inspiring the next generation of female engineers, scientists, and innovators. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the University of Nottingham and all those involved in making this event a resounding success.

NO BARRIERS

MILLIONAIRE TEA PARTY



Our millionaire readers enjoyed cakes and luxury hot chocolates followed by a very funny game of book charades. The students were also awarded a special book pin badge each.

Congratulations to you all—we look forward to hearing about your book adventures over the summer holidays

'BRILLIANTS' GRADUATE AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

On Monday 3rd July, our year 9 scholars attended the University of Oxford to celebrate their successes on The Brilliant Club programme. They attended a graduation ceremony, and also looked around some of the university.

Throughout the programme, students had to write a university style essay which was marked according to university guidelines. Our pupils have shown resilience and pride - some even achieving a 1st class or a 2:1 grade! This is an amazing achievement for our students, who have gained knowledge surrounding university life.

Well done to all our scholars and well done to Eva who delivered a speech at the ceremony. You are all brilliant!



COMMUNITY PRIDE CHALLENGE FOR SUMMER '23

PRIDE

Character Education

I have PRIDE in everything I do. I am proud of my achievements and celebrate the achievements of others.



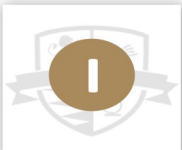
PERSEVERANCE

To be resilient and courageous in my endeavours, tackling any challenges I may face both in my learning and in my life.



RESPECT

To treat others as I wish to be treated. To embrace diversity and to be tolerant and thoughtful in how my behaviour and language represents me as an individual, my school and my wider community.



INDEPENDENCE

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



DISCIPLINE

To demonstrate self-control in school and in the community. To always be the best I can be.



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.

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Get ahead and beat the boredom of the Summer holidays by getting your child to take part in our

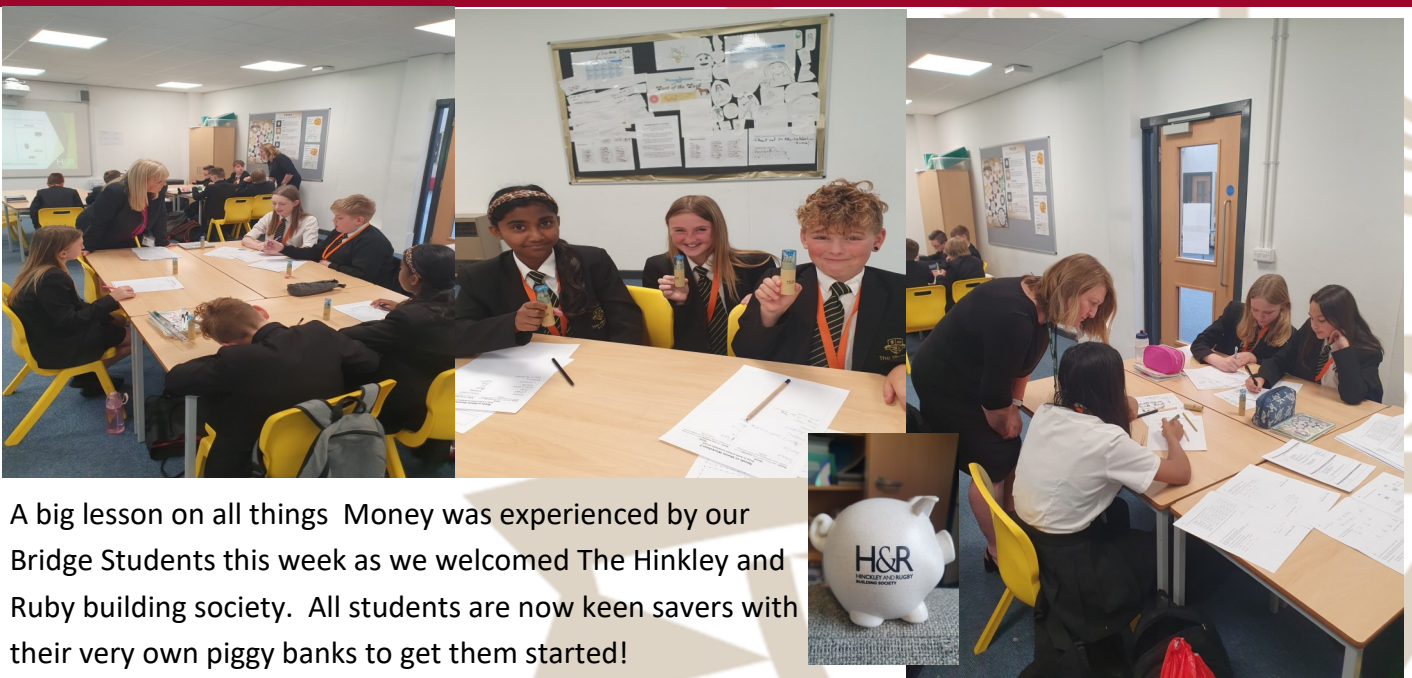
2023 Summer PRIDE Community Challenge

Our PRIDE values look slightly different next year to this year. We invite all our students to complete a challenge for each of these PRIDE values over the summer—provide photographic evidence or a 'report' to show how they have completed activities for each of the 5 values.

This is a chance for parents to set tasks around the house or for extended family, or for students to decide to embark on a new hobby or skill over the holiday period.

We are really excited to see what they can achieve.

MONEY TALKS TO YEAR 7



A big lesson on all things Money was experienced by our Bridge Students this week as we welcomed The Hinkley and Ruby building society. All students are now keen savers with their very own piggy banks to get them started!

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GEOGRAPHERS EXPLORE BRADGATE PARK



The GCSE geography trip to Bradgate Park focused on exploring the management practices employed within the park to maintain its

ecological and recreational value. The trip aimed to provide students with a practical understanding of the sustainable management strategies implemented by the park authorities.



The students were led on a guided walk through various zones of the park with a member of staff from the school, observing different management techniques in action. They recorded the different management techniques on a land use map along with completing field sketches of key areas.

Furthermore, the students were able to witness the responsible management of visitor access and recreational activities in the park. They observed well-maintained footpaths, signage, and visitor facilities designed to minimize environmental impact while ensuring a positive experience for visitors. The effectiveness of these strategies were discussed at length with members of the public to understand their views on the management.

During the trip, the students also had the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities. They engaged in a practical session on river studies including velocity, depth and wetted perimeter.

HISTORIANS INVADE KENILWORTH CASTLE



We took our year 10 historians to Kenilworth Castle earlier this week as they study it for their GCSE. We toured the buildings and museum and had a picnic lunch. As usual, the students were a credit to the school. They enjoyed seeing the castle close up and they showed us that their knowledge is superb. They walked in the footsteps of Elizabeth I and saw first-hand how difficult the fortress would have been to attack with its 4 metre-thick walls. We managed to avoid the rain for most of the trip too!

ROBOT WARS

The Hinckley School Robot Wars Club have spent the year building and refining their robots in preparation for the finals that took place on 4th July. We had a 10 robots competing and 14 competitors from The Hinckley School, which was much more than the other 6 schools had been able to produce!

The students performed amazingly, and our skill level of robot production and driving really proved the deciding factors as our students won both of the trophies on offer! Thomas Young and his robot "Stanley" won the overall 1 v 1 cup competition, while William Bellerby and his robot "Flippertron" managed to defeat all robots in the final Battle Royale, being the last robot standing!

Very honourable and outstanding performances by Josh Jeavons for his brilliant driving skills that took his robot "Quad Destroyer" very far into the competition, Hugh Gilbert and his robot "Scooper Trouper" for reaching the 1 v 1 final, as well as Oliver Hammond and his robot "Massacre" who managed to defeat a huge metal robot with spinning blade (questions were asked about how this robot met the weight and size limits...) through outstanding driving and ultimately catching the enemy robot in its grooves to flip the metal monstrosity on its head totally incapacitating it!

Amazing day out, even better to win all the accolades on offer, and our roboteers will return to defend their titles next year!

Many thanks to Mr P Harrision for his brilliant robotic building knowledge, and Mrs L Duffy for her engineering expertise which all resulted in our students amazing success!

Mr C Holmes, Head of Computer Science, Joint Roboteer Grand Leader.



Y9 TREETOP GOLF



I think the photos say it all!!

A great day out to reward those students who consistently demonstrate PRIDE.

Congratulations in making it such an enjoyable experience.



LIBRARY UPDATES:



The Library hosted a live streaming of an Interview with author Angie Thomas (The Hate You Give and On The Come Up) in the library this week with some of our year 7 students.

The library Twitter page is also now up and running @LibraryatHS



Year 7 Diverse voices book group received their certificates and prizes today from 'Creative Learning Services' for their competition entries.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13TH JULY—BRIDGE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY FROM 1PM

LAST DAY OF TERM - 14TH JULY 12.20PM

TERM DATES FOR 23-24 ARE UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING BACK OUR STUDENTS AS FOLLOWS:

YEARS 7, 11 AND 12 ON WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST

YEARS 8,9,10 & 13 ON THURSDAY 31ST AUGUST