



The Hinckley  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## A WARM WELCOME BACK

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I hope you have all enjoyed a long and restful summer and have begun to settle back into a routine with the start of term. For the parents and carers of our new Year 7 students this will be your very first newsletter and I am delighted to welcome you as part of our school community, as we share student success, insights into school life and news and notices on a weekly basis.

We have very much enjoyed welcoming back our students who all look incredibly smart and are ready to learn. The commitment to learning in all year groups this week has been impressive and I have felt very proud of our students. Thank you all for your support in making sure students came to school ready to learn, with full equipment and uniform.

It was a pleasure to welcome our year 7s to The Bridge and to see students from all year groups enjoying and exploring our new internal signage which signposted our values and seven year journey, as well as inspiring students through subject displays. These reimagined areas have greatly improved our school environment and we look forward to showing them to parents and carers in person soon.

Over the summer the school remained quietly busy with ongoing site improvements and key events such as Summer School and of course GCSE and A Level results days. This year we once again celebrated as students secured the grades they needed to follow their dreams, we are incredibly proud of them all and look forward to celebrating again next year at the end of another seven year journey.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## A FANTASTIC START IN THE BRIDGE

Our new Year 7 students made a fantastic start to secondary school this week as they enjoyed welcome assemblies, making new friends and beginning their new timetable.

Mrs James, Director of The Bridge said, “ Our new Bridge students have made a fabulous start to their seven year journey at The Hinckley School this week. I was very impressed to see all of our students impeccably dressed and wearing their new uniforms with PRIDE. Students have taken the transition from primary to secondary school in their stride and are already feeling at home within The Bridge.”



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# A SCHOOL TO BE PROUD OF



We were proud to share the results of our internal signage work over the summer with students and staff this week as they returned to the classroom. This aspirational reimagining of our environment has allowed us to reflect our seven year journey and our academic and character development, creating a welcoming and inspiring home for our students.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school soon to see the improvements for themselves!



# SUMMER SCHOOL SUCCESS

120 of our new Year 7 students enjoyed an action packed week over the summer holidays as they participated in our Summer School programme to support their smooth transition to secondary school.

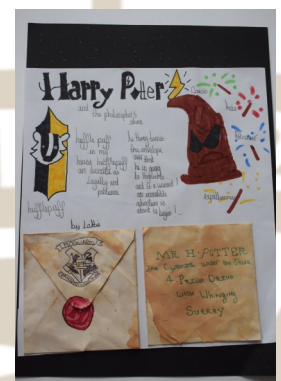
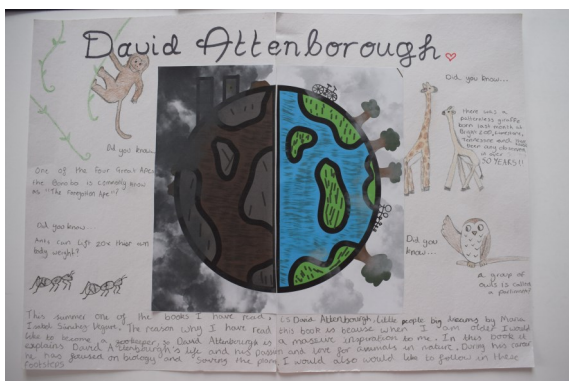
Mrs James, Director of The Bridge said, "The Summer School was a huge success with 120 students attending. Students participated in a range of team building activities including a Shakespeare production and designing and building windmills. Over the course of the four days new friendships and life long memories were made."



Students enjoyed activities including drama workshops, fossil making and creating stain glass panels.

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Over the summer our new Year 7 students took part in a Summer Reading Task as part of their transition work. They were asked to create a scrap book page for a book they have read and the final work is very impressive, with careful attention to detail and creativity. Students have now been challenged to keep this going, by creating a new scrap book page for each new book they read throughout the year, adding the new pages to their tutor group scrap book. We can't wait to see how the books develop!



# ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

The Hinckley School are proud to present our Autumn Term enrichment calendar. We have a fantastic array of activities on offer across break and lunch time sessions starting 4<sup>th</sup> September. This year our enrichment offer will be updated each half term to include new and exciting activities. We are more than happy to receive feedback from students with regard to sessions they would like to see running – if you have a passion why not share it with others?

Our challenge to students this academic year is to engage with at least 3 enrichment sessions a week! Are you up to the challenge? Students have a space in their planners this year to track attendance to enrichment and plan sessions they wish to attend. A smaller version of this timetable will also go into planners for you to explore with your child at home.

At the end of each term students will be awarded for their engagement in enrichment with a Ruby, Sapphire or Diamond award to commend their commitment to enrichment or the breadth of enrichment they have participated in.

Activity	Time	Available for	Staff	Location
<b>Monday</b>				
Colouring and Drawing	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
CSI – KS4 Science	Lunchtime	Years 9 and 10	G. Kendall	S2
Bridge Wildlife Club (Week 2)	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Mason	Cambridge
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Artists	K. Webster	D7
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Inclusion & Equality Group	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Lewis	MPR
Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Board Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8,9,10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Philosophy Discussion	Lunchtime	Years 12 and 13	T. Dutchman	A2
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Gadsby	L1
Origami	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D10
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Artists	K. Webster	D7
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Chess Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
KS3 Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 9	M. Smith	H6
Creative Writing	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Hale	TBC
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Artists	K. Webster	D7
<b>Thursday</b>				
Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Creative Writing	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	F. Carrigan	Library
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
X-Box	Lunchtime	Year 8	R. Byrne	Gateway
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Artists	K. Webster	D7
<b>Friday</b>				
9 for 9	Registration	Invited	R. Crisp	Library
Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9, 10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
X-Box (Invite Only)	Lunchtime	Year 8	R. Byrne	Gateway
Geo in the News (week1)	Lunchtime	Year 7-9	W. Hillier	L1
KS4 Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 10 and 11	Z. Owen	H6

*Engage with Enrichment – LUNCH TIME*

# Enrichment

Activity	Time	Available for	Staff	Location
Matilda Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	PA Dept	Dance Studio
Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 7	C. Froome	PE
Netball	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7, 8 and 9	S. Cheney	PE
Gardening Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	T. Pratt	S5
Book Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 10-13	R. Crisp	Library
KS4 Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 9, 10 and 11	F. Nichols	PE
Sixth Form Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Year 12 and 13	J. Elvidge D. Solly	PE

Bananagrams Tournament	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Global Cuisine (Monthly)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11 <a href="#">Sign Up</a>	J. Wilson	D20
School of Rock	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11 <a href="#">invite only</a>	D. Riley	MU1
D of E Bronze (12 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	5.30-7.00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	A9
D of E Silver (5 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	5.15-7.30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	Cube

Programming Challenge	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	C. Holmes	D14
CREST Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7, 8, 9	T. Pratt	S5
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 8	C. Froome	PE
Girls Netball	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10-13	S. Cheney	PE
Carnegie Book Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	E. Rayson	Library
Strategy Games	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	M. Pallett	TBC
Netball	3:00-4:15pm	10, 11 & 6th Form	S. Cheney	PE
D of E Gold (13 <sup>th</sup> Sept)	5.15-7.30pm	Year 12 and 13	A. Fennell	A9
Matilda Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	PA Dept	Dance Studio

Strategy Board Games	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	M. Pallett	Library
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 10	A. Barnacle	PE
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 11	M. Pallett	PE
Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7, 8, 9	F. Nichols	PE
Rugby	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7 and 8	L. Taylor/H. Toor	PE
Orchestra	3:00-4:00pm	Invitation	D. Riley	MU1
Artist Retreat	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Year 7&8	L. Taylor	PE
Read outside the box	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	E. Rayson	Library

Cricket	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	M. Stocks	PE
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# Friday

*Engage with Enrichment – AFTER SCHOOL*

# 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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PRIDE permeates through everything that we do at The Hinckley School. Students are encouraged to routinely reflect on how they are able to demonstrate this in their learning and as members of our school and local community.

This term we have made some changes to PRIDE to ensure it further embodies our values and high expectations, with the additions of Perseverance and Respect.

We are keen to hear about what our students do outside of school and to be able to celebrate PRIDE in our assemblies.

## THE BRIDGE FRIDAY DROP-IN

We were delighted to write to parents and carers of our new Year 7 students on Monday inviting them to our first 'Friday Drop-in'. This event will take place in The Bridge and will be the first of many Year 7 Friday Drop-in sessions to support our parent and carer partnerships and to celebrate student success.

Taking place tomorrow, the first event will be the perfect opportunity to mark the amazing start students have made to their secondary school journey and for staff to welcome parents and carers to our school community.

[To read the full invitation please click here.](#)

The Bridge  
At The Hinckley School

You are warmly invited to join us at our

# FRIDAY DROP-IN

**Friday 1st September 2023, 2:45pm**

Please join us for our 'Friday Drop In' to celebrate the fantastic start your child has made to secondary school and for us to welcome you as part of our school community.

Arrive promptly at Main Reception | No need to pre-register | Refreshments available

**We look forward to welcoming you!**



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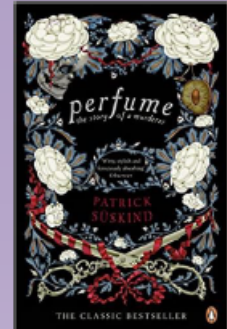
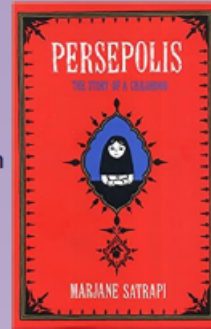
# 20 books to read before you're 20

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2-3pm Year 12,13

3-4pm Years 11,12,13

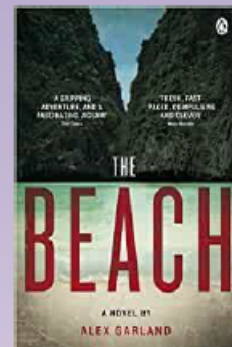
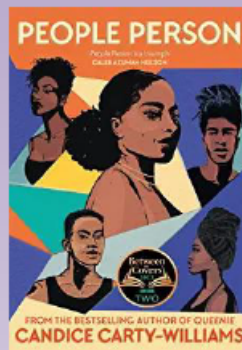
## Modern classics

- Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
- One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
- Perfume by Patrick Suskind
- Trainspotting by Irvine Welsh



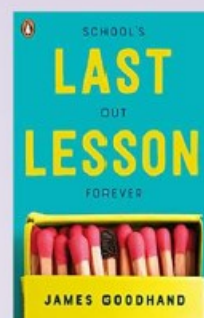
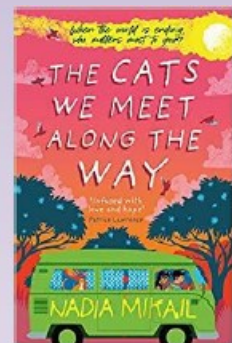
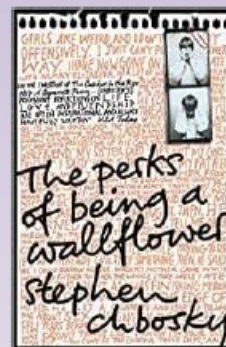
## Contemporary adult publications

- People person by Candice Carty-Williams
- The devil and Miss Prym by Paulo Coelho
- Mayflies by Andrew O'Hagan
- The reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida
- The beach by Alex Garland
- Where the crawdads sing by Delia Owens
- Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid



## YA

- Perks of being a wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- Clean by Juno Dawson
- Truth be told by Sue Divin
- Gilded ones by Namina Forna
- Confessions of an alleged good girl by Joya Goffney
- Last Lesson by James Goodhand
- The cats we meet along the way by Nadia Mikail
- Activist by Louise Reid
- Camp by L C Rosen



Creative Learning Services

Event will be held in the library with refreshments available

[www.creativelearningservices.org.uk](http://www.creativelearningservices.org.uk)

All Welcome

For more information please speak to Ms Crisp in the Library

# GCSE RESULTS DAY - CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Our students celebrated on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August as they secured the grades they needed to take their next step towards their bright futures.

Student destinations this year included apprenticeships, rugby scholarships and sixth form study, with a high percentage of students once again applying to stay and study at The Hinckley Sixth Form. Students also looked further ahead and proudly shared their ambitions for the future, with many dreaming of working in fields such as law, neuroscience, AI, teaching and leisure and tourism.



Ms Hickman, Headteacher said, "We are so proud of our year 11 students. To see them achieve the results they need to go on to fulfil their potential is wonderful for them and so rewarding for us. Whilst we will miss them, we look forward to welcoming many of them back to The Hinckley Sixth Form next week and hearing about all of their achievements in the future."

**Rachel celebrated achieving an impressive 10 GCSEs at grades 9, putting her alongside with the top achievers in the country.** Now planning to study Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Biology at college, before looking to enter a career in computer science and AI or neuroscience, Rachel is leaving with 'many good memories' and shared how happy she was that she chose The Hinckley School five years ago. Alongside her academic successes, Rachel also capitalised on the wide variety of extracurricular opportunities available by, in her words, 'playing in every sports team available!' Calling her subject teachers amazing, Rachel shared how supportive she has found staff and how extra revision sessions and after school classes proved helpful.

**Onyx is just one of the many students who has decided to continue their studies in the school's sixth form centre, The Hinckley Sixth Form. His impressive results included grades 9 in English Literature and Spanish and grades 8 in English Language and History, meaning that he can now follow his ambition to study History at university.** Excited for the next step, Onyx will now study English Literature, History and Sociology at A Level. Onyx said, "the teachers were very supportive and especially caring and encouraging in Spanish. I am now excited for a new mature environment in sixth form and to study subjects I'm really interested in." He went on to add, "I have enjoyed being part of the Inclusion and Equality Team here and I am looking forward to continuing my involvement next year."

Also choosing to continue their seven-year journey and study A Levels at The Hinckley Sixth Form are students Jack and Elliot. Both shared that their decision to stay is due to feeling settled and 'brilliant' and 'supportive teaching'. **Jack's grades included grades 9 in Maths, French and Chemistry, while Elliot also achieved a grade 9 in Maths, alongside grades 8 in Chemistry, Physics and Business.** Jack hopes to go into law or teaching following his A Levels and is looking forward to continuing to play and coach rugby in year 12. Elliot would like to begin a degree apprenticeship with Rolls Royce or MIRA in two years' time and said that next year he is, "looking forward to socialising with new people and having a fresh start."



**Jake shared how proud he was of his results on Thursday, especially his grade 9 in Maths.** Still with some disbelief, Jake now plans to accept a place at The Hinckley Sixth Form to study Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Computer Science. He shared how choosing The Hinckley Sixth Form was an easy decision thanks to the familiarity and great course combinations available.

Echoing the sentiments of all staff, Ms Hickman concluded, "The hard work of the class of 2023 has resulted in exam results they should be very proud of. This coupled with the way they have contributed to school life and become mature and positive citizens, makes us confident that the future is very bright for the young people of Hinckley. We wish them all the best for the future."



# A LEVEL RESULTS DAY - OUTSTANDING DESTINATIONS

The Hinckley Sixth Form's Class of 2023 celebrated on Thursday as they collected their A Level and BTEC exam results. Year 13 students once again secured outstanding destinations, with many now going onto study degree courses including Medicine and Law at leading universities across the country. Students in the Class of 2023 also secured the results required to take up roles within industry, start competitive degree apprenticeships and join the armed forces.

One student now preparing for university life is Erin, after celebrating an impressive 3 A\*s in Maths, Chemistry and Biology. After being inspired during the pandemic, Erin is now excited to studying Medicine at The University of Liverpool. As well as an impressive set of exam results, Erin is also leaving with wonderful memories, after enjoying a seven-year journey at The Hinckley School.

Anna shared how proud she was of her results - especially Maths, after achieving 2 As in Business and Maths and a B in Geography, meaning that she can now accept a place at Loughborough University, her first choice, to study Business Analytics. Anna credits her time at The Hinckley Sixth Form for inspiring her future plans after enjoying the mix of studying both Business and Maths. A former St Martins student, Anna shared how much she has enjoyed her last two years and said, 'it has not sunk in that I am now off to university!'



Classmates Emily and Ollie both credited the extensive support they received from staff for helping them to succeed and have both been inspired to study courses at university following their subject experience over the past two years. Emily achieved 2 As in Maths and Criminology and a grade B in Business, and is now following her dreams by studying Law at The University of Leeds. Meanwhile, fellow Maths student Ollie achieved a grade A in Maths and 2 Bs in Geography and Physics and now plans to study Mechanical Engineering at The University of Birmingham.



Following her lifelong ambition, Year 13 student Melissa now intends to chase her dream of working within the Royal Marine Band Service or Police after achieving a Distinction in Music, A in Criminology and B in Psychology. After collecting her results, Melissa said she was very proud and that 'staff always believed in students and helped a lot.'



Another student who has now reached the end of an unforgettable seven-year journey is Aiden, who secured an A in Business and 2 Bs in Psychology and Criminology. 'Now ready for the next challenge', Aiden shared that it felt strange to be coming to the end of his time at The Hinckley Sixth Form after making life long friends and enjoying strong subject leader support. Now planning to spend a gap year working in industry, Aiden then intends to apply for an apprenticeship with Rolls Royce after Christmas. Another of the many students following an apprenticeship route is Ed, who shared on results day that he will now be starting a Level 3 Degree Apprenticeship in Engineering with the company Voestalpine. Ed shared that it has always been something he has wanted to do and after an amazing experience at The Hinckley Sixth Form he is now excited and ready to begin working in industry.



After celebrating and supporting students on results day, Headteacher Lisa Hickman said, "We feel incredibly proud of the achievements of the Class of 2023. To see our students achieve results that have secured such exciting and positive future destinations is a true privilege. From high level apprenticeships to university courses across the country including Law, Medicine and so many other subjects, our young people should be incredibly proud of themselves. We thank them for their commitment to learning and incredible memories and wish them all the best for their future."