



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

Thursday 23rd November 2023

CHARITY & COMMUNITY

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Last week, we raised awareness for Children in Need with Just Dance in the Drama Studio and an energetic 'Bearpees' competition in the Main Hall. It was a pleasure to see students from across our community getting involved for such a great cause. Our students empathy and compassion for charitable causes such as this is always truly heart warming and I would like to thank them all. In addition, I have been amazed by the amount of donations we have had so far as part for our [Christmas Gift Appeal](#), and I would like to thank families for once again showing such a charitable nature during what, for many, is quite a challenging time. As well as donating, please also remember that families can refer themselves to the appeal by using the information on our [website](#).

This week, we launched our 'Tea & Toast' Breakfast Club. A completely free club open to all our students from 8:15am each morning in the Main Hall Foyer. I am delighted that so many of our students are utilising the opportunity to enjoy tea and toast as they arrive in school, giving them all a warm and positive start to the day. The Foyer has a lovely atmosphere as students settle in with their friends and get ready for a great day of learning ahead. I would like to thank parents and carers, staff and our wider community for their support around this initiative and for such positive feedback.

Tonight, we look forward to welcoming back our Class of 2023 and their families as we celebrate their journey and success as a year group. Our community extends way beyond our current students and our long list of esteemed alumni is something we are incredibly proud of. The Class of 2023 will always remain part of our ever growing community and this event is just a continuation of our school community supporting and celebrating their achievements.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

YEAR 10 ENJOY THEIR NEW HEART SPACE

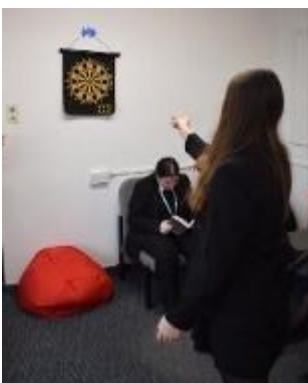
YEAR 10 Hub *At The Hinckley School*

and seating area. The heartspace gives Year 10 students a space of their own to take pride in, building belonging and further strengthening their sense of community.

Ms Whittingham, Year 10 Pastoral Leader, said, "The Year 10 social space opened last week, giving students a sense of belonging, an area where they can relax and giving them the opportunity to develop the area to be their own. The students are given a golden ticket on a Monday that is their pass to come with a plus one for the week. They are nominated by a member of the year team for showing pride within school and are rewarded with hot chocolate, enjoying a game of pool or darts and relaxing with their friends."

We are delighted that our students are enjoying their new area and would like to thank them for such great input in developing their space.

Students in our Year 10 Hub are settling in well to their new heartspace. The space was designed by the Year 10 Student Leadership Team and features table football, magnetic darts, a mini pool table



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SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED



A big thank you to everyone who took part in our activities for Children in Need on Friday! Students enjoyed wearing spotty accessories and taking part in two lively and energetic sessions - Just Dance in the Drama Studio (a very popular choice) and 'Bearpees' in the Main Hall.

It was great to see staff getting involved too, supporting Children in Need's 2023 theme of 'positive relationships'.

We were very impressed by the enthusiasm, competitiveness and sporting natures on show at the 'Bearpees' competition! Congratulations to our winners.



BUSY BREAKFAST CLUB



FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

TEA & TOAST

MAIN FOYER

8:15AM | EVERYONE WELCOME

It has been wonderful to see students from all year groups enjoying our new FREE 'Tea & Toast' Breakfast Club. The club launched on Monday 20th November and will now run until February half term, allowing our students to set themselves up for a successful day of learning with a warm breakfast and helping to support families within our local community, especially during the winter months.

The foyer area has become a real hub in the morning thanks to the Breakfast Club, with a lovely atmosphere as students and staff make a fantastic start to their day. **Students can grab their breakfast from 8:15am in the Main Hall Foyer, Monday-Friday.**



INTRODUCING... OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Miss Pawley

Mrs Priestnall

Miss Pawley, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL), is a Criminology graduate and has significant experience of youth work, working 1-1 and organising specialist group work.

Miss Pawley works as one of our full time DDSLs focussing on mental health support triage and intervention and awareness work around key issues that may affect our community.

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Full time Director of Safeguarding and Well Being and our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs Priestnall joined The Hinckley School in October 2023 having spent the last 20 years working in safeguarding in education, primarily as the DSL in various busy secondary schools and more recently as the Director of Safeguarding for a 7 school Academy Trust.

A Law graduate and qualified NSPCC trainer, Mrs Priestnall brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to support our most vulnerable students with.

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In addition to Mrs Priestnall and Miss Pawley, The Hinckley School has a number of other trained DDSL's who have other roles within the school. These are:

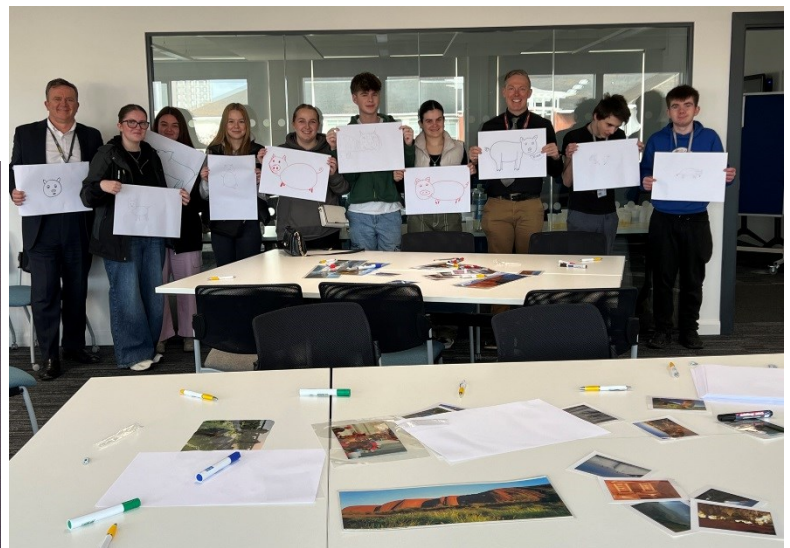
Mrs Thomas: Deputy Head Teacher | **Mr Arnold: Year 11 Pastoral Lead** | **Mrs Birks: Senco**
Mr Boast: 6th Form Year Leader | **Mrs Pathan: Year 11 Year Leader**

COVENTRY UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAY

A small group of Year 13 students were offered the opportunity to visit Coventry University and CU Coventry last week as part of their UCAS decision process. These kind of events are useful in helping students decide on whether to apply to university or finalise their choices. Coventry University and CU Coventry are 2 of our local providers who offer us a huge amount of support. We are part of their Phoenix Partnership which is designed to increase engagement between schools and universities.

As part of the day, students participated in lectures on Business and futures planning, as well as Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism. They then went on a campus tour, seeing the amazing facilities such as their Health and Lifesciences block which includes hospital wards and an ambulance for training, as well as court rooms and prison cells! At the Hinckley Sixth Form we give impartial advice to all students regarding careers and progression, however, it is important for them to realise the amazing universities and providers we have on our doorstep.

We are now looking forward to April when all of Year 12 will visit Coventry University as part of the partnership for a full experience day. —Mr Boast



IMMERSED IN WONDER AT THE NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM

After successfully collecting 120 Year 9 students early on Tuesday morning, we embarked to the Natural History Museum in London, passing some great sites including Wembley Stadium.

During the visit to the Natural History Museum, the Year 9 students had an exciting and educational experience. They were immersed in the wonders of nature as they explored various exhibits and displays. The students had the opportunity to discover ancient fossils and learn about the evolution of different species, including dinosaurs and early humans. While interactive activities, such as hands-on experiments and live demonstrations, enhanced their understanding and engagement.

The visit sparked curiosity and encouraged the students to appreciate and respect the natural world around them, allowing some of them to ask further questions about the exhibits and focus their attention on understanding more about the natural world. Even though the usual London traffic caused us to be a bit delayed, this didn't prevent the students wanting more out of the museum experience.

- Mr Hillier, Head of Geography



Well done Year 9 for conducting yourselves so impeccably throughout the trip. Well done!

YEAR 9 Hub
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HARRY POTTER WORLD - STEM CAREERS TRIP

As part of our 2024 Careers Week, we will be offering all our students in The Bridge the opportunity to visit Harry Potter World. The trip will run for half of the year group on the 5th of March 2024 and the other half of the year group on the 7th March 2024. During the trip students will have a guided tour of Harry Potter World, where the career opportunities involved in the production of the films will be explored. Students will also take part in a STEM lesson where they will either delve into the mathematical skills including scale factor, percentages and fractions to discover how the half-giant Hagrid was brought to life on screen. Or, they will take part in a lesson focusing on the Art of Foley, where students will discover the importance of sound in film and experience one of the most intriguing jobs in film, the Foley artist.

This is a truly unique opportunity and we can't wait to enjoy learning about the real life magic behind the scenes!
To read the full letter to parents/carers please [click here](#).



TheBridge
At The Hinckley School



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INSET DAY

Friday 24th November 2023



THE FINAL RESULTS

We thoroughly enjoyed seeing our students in Year 7 and 8 engage so positively with our Times Tables Rock Stars competition and are delighted to share that The Hinckley School finished an impressive...

49th out of 165 secondary schools for average score!

12th out of 165 schools for engagement in terms of total score!

We were so impressed by the high levels of engagement and would like to say well done to everyone who took part.

GO FOR READING

We work tirelessly to prioritise reading here at The Hinckley School and to promote the importance of strong literacy skills to build oracy.

We couldn't do this without the support of our Reading Mentors. This includes sixth form students who play a valuable role by leading guided reading sessions and industry volunteers from the community, who having worked with us for over two years, support students across the school with their reading.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our mentors and volunteers for their time and commitment.



APPLY NOW

Applications to join The Hinckley Sixth Form in 2024 are now open. Apply via our website or PS16 today!

www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk

Email: sixthform@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Call: 01455 632183



DRAMA SPOTLIGHT



Our Year 11 Drama students excelled in their devised Drama exam recently providing their Year 10 audiences with poignant, thought-provoking and highly imaginative pieces of drama. It was a great opportunity for Year 10 students to experience what they will be doing next year and to see how the pieces evolve from a stimulus such as a song or a poem/ prose. Mr Arnold, Year 11 Pastoral Leader, watched the performances and said this about his students:

“It was lovely to see the Year 11 Drama students performing during their assessment. It allowed me to see the students who I would normally see within classrooms, demonstrating their creativity and natural talent in a totally different learning environment. The students’ ability to work as a theatrical team led to a genuinely outstanding showpiece. Excellent work by the students led by Mrs Cook, Head of Drama and Performing Arts.”

Mrs Cook shared how incredibly proud she was of all her Year 11 class, performers and design students. They have showed real perseverance, resilience and hard work. Well done!

