

NEWSLETTER

30th April 2026



The Hinckley
SCHOOL



This week it has been fantastic to see sixth form students actively chasing their ambitions, supported by our dedicated team. Highlights have included an inspiring De Montfort University Law workshop, alongside ongoing

student work placements, all helping to bring future pathways to life. We now look ahead to Futures Day in June, which will feature an impressive line-up of industry speakers to further motivate and inspire our students.

This week marked the start of our transition programme for new Year 7 students. We were delighted to host our first Virtual Coffee and Chat on Thursday, followed by a SEND Coffee Morning on Friday. These events play an important role in supporting a smooth transition to secondary school, and we are very much looking forward to meeting all new Year 7 families in person soon.

Next Tuesday, we will be welcoming Year 10 families to our Going for Success evening. With just 39 weeks remaining until their Year 11 summer examinations, this important event will not only give students the opportunity to collect their mock examination results, but will also bring us together as a community to support, inspire, and encourage our young people to reach their full potential.

Finally, I would like to wish all our families an enjoyable long bank holiday weekend. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 5th May.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

Inspiring Our Future Lawyers

Year 12 students welcomed the Law team from De Montfort University this week, for an engaging and informative session on pathways into a legal career.

The talk covered how to get into law, the importance of work experience, and opportunities for both in-person and virtual work experience. Students then took part in an interactive negotiation activity, working through a legal scenario to reach an agreement that met the needs of both clients.



The session gave the whole of Year 12 a valuable insight into studying law at university and helped develop key skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Thank you to our guest speakers for joining us and for Year 12 for their enthusiasm.

Exploring a Career in Law: My Work Experience Journey

I recently completed a work experience placement with Sills & Betteridge LLP, a national law firm specialising in areas such as family law, conveyancing, wills, trusts and probate, and personal injury. After applying back in October, I was really excited to gain an insight into what working in law is like day to day.

My first day started with an early tram into Nottingham, which was an earlier start than I'm usually used to, but definitely worth it! I spent the morning with the family law team, where I observed a client appointment relating to a witness statement and reviewed case materials beforehand, which made it especially interesting to see how these processes work in practice.

I also spent time in the wills, trusts and probate department where I carried out research tasks and worked through documents such as wills, including a task assessing their validity. This was an area I hadn't previously considered but it turned out to be

really interesting and showed me how varied a legal career can be.

On my second day, I explored residential conveyancing and learnt more about the work that goes on behind the scenes in property transactions. I also joined the personal injury team, where I worked on a modified case scenario and developed my legal research skills using professional resources. On my final day, I returned to the family department to build on what I had already learnt and gain a wider perspective of their work.

Overall, this experience has been incredibly valuable and has confirmed my interest in pursuing a career in law, particularly through a solicitor apprenticeship. I'm very grateful to my school for making this opportunity possible and I'm excited to keep in touch with Sills & Betteridge LLP regarding future opportunities.

- Eva, Year 12 Student


As you can see below, Eva has received some incredible feedback following her placement and we are incredibly proud of her passion and determination as she follows her ambition.

Family	Eve was very lovely, very engaged throughout and asked a lot of questions throughout!
Wills, Trust & Probate	I thought Eva was lovely honestly! She was very keen to learn and did well on the research task that we set her. As a person she was also very friendly.
Conveyancing	Eva was very polite, enthusiastic and inquisitive. Despite having no experience in conveyancing / land law she took the basic principles really well and started to understand how the process all fits together 😊
Claims	Eva was probably the best work experience I have ever had. You could tell she genuinely had a real interest in law and wanting to progress a career in law, even though she's still at school. She had clearly researched her options and asked lots of questions about a career at sills. She made a really good attempt of the PI task and again, asked lots of questions which showed she was engaged.

Year 10 - Going for Success!

Year 10 students and their parents/carers are invited to our 'Going for Success' event on Tuesday 5th May. This important event marks a key point in the Year 10 GCSE journey and is designed to provide clarity, guidance, and support as students move towards Year 11.

During this event, students will receive their mock examination results in the same format in which their official GCSE results will be issued in August. Results will be released when students attend the evening with a parent or carer. This provides an opportunity for families to discuss achievements and next steps together. [Click here to read more.](#)



YEAR 10 Hub

At The Hinckley School

GOING FOR SUCCESS EVENING

Tuesday 5th May 2026

A Population - 5:00pm -5:40pm
B Population - 5:40pm -6:20pm

Year 10 students and their parents and carers are invited to join us for an informative evening, focused on how we can work together to support student success. The event will feature guest speakers and the opportunity to collect mock exam results.



REGISTER ONLINE TO ATTEND





Successful Silver Practice Weekend

Our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award group ventured to the Peak District to complete their Silver Practice expedition last weekend.

Leaving Hinckley on Friday, they travelled up to Wardlow Myres, Derbyshire where they camped for the night. The following day, after a very cold night, the teams were woken up and were ready to set off at 8am.

Saturday took them across Abney Moor seeing some beautiful scenery and finishing at Hardhurst farm campsite for the evening, tents were pitched and they cooked their tea on the Trangia and enjoyed a chill-out evening.

Sunday was another early start, and their routes varied, exploring the River Derwent, Hathersage moor and finishing at Grindleford train station.

Amy Fennell, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator said, "Well done to all, they coped well with the cold weather conditions at night and the sun throughout the day. Although at times they found it tough going, they were all positive and showed lots of determination and resilience throughout the two day experience."

Interested in joining the Duke of Edinburgh's Award? Email: afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Deadline for Year 7/8 to Collect Art Work

Students in Years 7 and 8 are kindly reminded to collect any completed Art, Textiles, or DT work from the Art Department by Monday 15th June.

Due to space limitations, any work that has not been collected by this date will unfortunately need to be disposed of.

We encourage students to check and collect their pieces as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.

- Mrs Bosworth - Head of Art

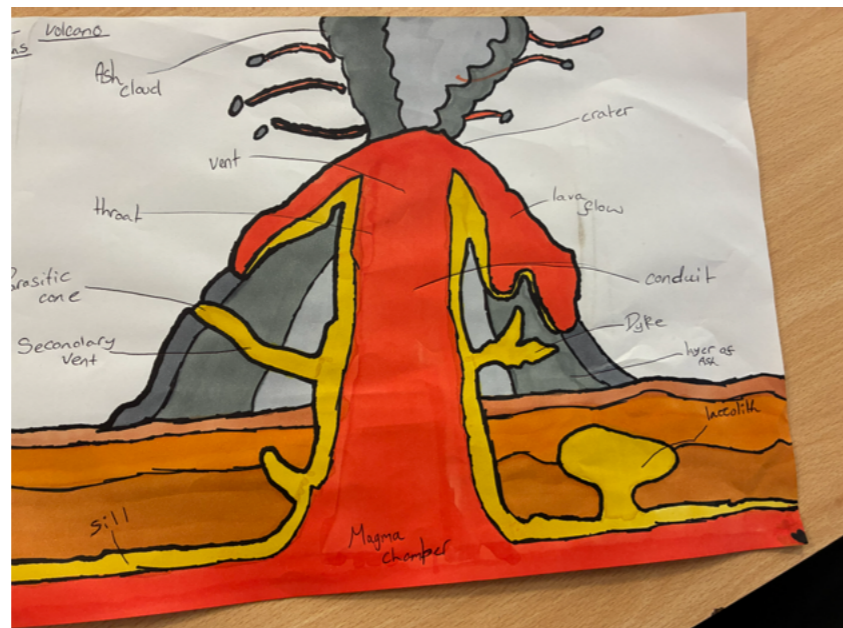


Homework That Erupted with Creativity

Year 7 Birmingham and Year 7 Cambridge have worked incredibly hard on their volcano projects over the Easter break.

Last week, students had the chance to showcase their work during their lessons, taking the opportunity to share with the class the key features of their composite volcanoes and to explain how they made their models. We had a variety of submissions, including 3D exploding models, layered cakes with magma oozing out of the centre, paintings, drawings, and even online computer-generated models.

Well done to everyone in Miss Quinn's class for showing PRIDE in this creative homework!



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Leicestershire
County Council

Picnic in the Park

An Inclusive Celebration Event

Thursday 28th May 2026 1.30-3pm

The Pavilion, Leicestershire County Council,
Leicester Road, Glenfield LE3 8RA

This is a FREE event with a range of fun 'have a go' activities together with the usual stallholders that attend Local Offer Roadshows. Please feel free to bring a picnic for you and your family. We can't wait to see you...

This event requires adult supervision at all times.

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to book tickets



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and Young People of Leicestershire.



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Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit:
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Together we are beating cancer

Dear Teachers & Students,

Thank you very much for your kind donation of £240.23. The money you've raised will help us to realise our vision for a better future – a world where everybody can lead longer, better lives, free from the fear of cancer.

We're the largest charitable funder of cancer research in the world and we rely on donations to fund our pioneering work. That's why we're so grateful to people like you who generously support our life-saving research and help make breakthroughs happen.

Your donation of £240.23 could buy DNA nucleotides. These chemical building blocks make up a strand of DNA. Scientists use them to make copies of important genes, giving us clues about how things go wrong in cancer.

If you've chosen to hear from us, we'll keep you updated about the progress we are making and the ways you can support our work in the future. If you'd prefer not to hear from us, and haven't told us this already, you can contact us using the details at the top of this letter.

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Yours sincerely,



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SUMMER ENRICHMENT

MONDAY

LUNCHTIME

- **Craft Club** -Y7-13, R Crisp, Library
- **Open Studio** - Y7-13, A Bennett, Dance
- **Y7,8,11 Astro** - I.Ratheram
- **Board Games** - Y7, Heartspace
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym
- **The Bridge Drama Society** - Y7, K Cook / N Smith, Drama Studio

AFTER SCHOOL

- **Astronomy** - Y8/9, Dr Raj/Dr Newbold, S2, Summer Half Term 1 only
- **Robot Wars** - Y7 & 10, P.Harrison / P.Williams, D1

THURSDAY

LUNCHTIME

- **Dance Team** - Y7/8, A.Bennett, Dance
- **Geology & Palaeontology** - Y7-13, A.Gadsby, L1
- **Y7-11 Girls & Y10&11 Astro** - I.Ratheram
- **Girls Basketball** - Y9-11, C.Gillett
- **Scrabble Club** - Y7-13, R.Crisp, Library
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym
- **Board Games** - Y7, Heartspace

AFTER SCHOOL

- **Eco Club** - Y7-13, L.Sturgess, D14
- **Girls Badminton** - Y7-13, C.Gillett, Sportshall
- **Music Club** - Y7-13, P.Wright, MU1
- **Science Buskers** - Y9&10, Dr Smith, S11
- **Cinema Club** - Y11-13, Once a month, Z.Owen, (Days confirmed by teacher)
- **Cricket** - Y7-11, M Stocks, 3:15-4:30pm

TUESDAY

LUNCHTIME

- **Jewellery Making** - Y7, Wk 1 Only, Mrs Wilson, D15
- **Girls Basketball** - Y7/8, C.Gillett
- **Y8,9,10 Astro** - I.Ratheram
- **Choir** - P.Wright, MU1
- **LGBTQIA** - Y7-13, R.Byrne, MPR
- **Board Games** - Y7, Heartspace
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym

AFTER SCHOOL

- **Robot Wars** - Y8 & 9, P.Harrison / P.Williams, D1
- **Carnegie Book Awards Shadowing Group** - Y7-13, R Crisp, Library

FRIDAY

LUNCHTIME

- **Open Studio** - Y7-13 Dance Studio, A.Bennett
- **Disco Club** - Year 8 H.Bailey, Y8 | G2
- **Y8,9,10 Astro** - Mr Ratheram
- **Choir** - P.Wright, MU1
- **Xbox Club** - Year 11 R.Byrne, Y11, H9
- **Board Games** - Year 7 Bridge Heartspace
- **Cross Country** - M.Stocks Outside, (Wk 2) Starts after May half term
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym

WEDNESDAY

Lunchtime

- **Dance Team** - Y9-13, A.Bennett, Dance
- **Y7,9,11 Astro** - I.Ratheram
- **Chess Club** - Y7-13, R.Crisp, Library
- **Board Games** - Y7, Heartspace
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym
- **The Gateway Drama Club** - Y8, N Smith, Drama Studio

AFTER SCHOOL

- **Warhammer Club** -Y9-13, D11 C.Hoffman & B.J.Britchford, 3-4:30pm
- **Debate Club**- Y7-13, H8, R Byrne
- **Electronics Club** -Y7-13, P.Harrison / P.Williams, D1
- **Rugby** (boys)- Y7-13, M Stocks, J Elvidge, M Swann, S Randle, M Tallis, Outside
- **Girls Football** - Y7-11, I Pawley / E Jones
- **Silent Book Club** - Last Wednesday of the month, Y7-13, R Crisp, Library



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Don't be afraid to try new things!

Students receive enrichment points for participating in activities. Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond Enrichment Awards are then awarded in Celebration Assemblies.