

NEWSLETTER

14th May 2026



The Hinckley
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This week has been marked by a strong sense of determination, excellence, and pride. As public examinations continue in full swing, our students have shown focus and resilience, demonstrating the hard work required to ensure they reach their full potential.

Alongside this, we were honoured to welcome Deputy Lieutenant Libby Turnbull, who joined us to present a prestigious award recognising exceptional courage and achievement. This moment was a powerful reminder of the strength of character and perseverance we strive to nurture in all our young people.

Adding to an already inspiring week, our debate team represented the school with distinction at Warwick University. Their confidence, and enthusiasm showcased the very best of The Hinckley School against strong competition.

Whether in the examination hall, on the stage, or through their strength of character, our students continue to rise to opportunities with courage, integrity, and ambition.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

KMAT Great Debate

Three Year 7 students and two Year 8 students took part in the KMAT Great Debate event at Warwick University on Monday, competing against twenty three other schools.

The students took on seven rounds of debate boxing, discussing various topics such as "Britain should rejoin the European Union as soon as possible" and "The animal that man is most reliant on is the dog". Miss Jones, said, "All of the students represented themselves and the school brilliantly, showcasing excellent debating and oracy skills, as well as being excellent team members when supporting. All five students won at least one of their debates, with Fin going undefeated across all four of his debates, winning three and drawing one. We look forward to competing in the KMAT Great Debate next year and improving on our brilliant performance this year."

Our students demonstrated impressive confidence, critical thinking and the ability to consider a range of perspectives as they built and presented their arguments. It was a fantastic opportunity for them all to develop public speaking skills in a university setting and to engage with thought provoking and challenging topics.

We are incredibly proud of the way they represented The Hinckley School with maturity, enthusiasm and respect. Wonderful ambassadors for the school!

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Proudly Representing The Hinckley School with Excellence and Integrity



Award Celebrates Outstanding Achievement and Courage

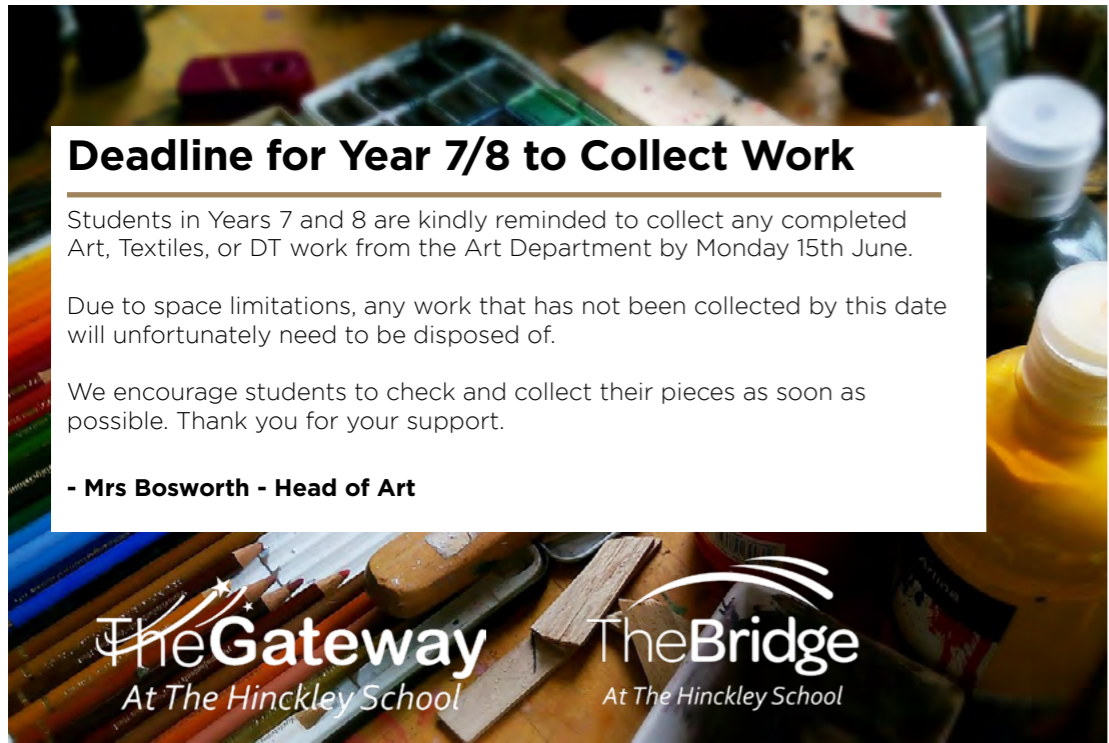
On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming Deputy Lieutenant Libby Turnbull to The Hinckley School to present a very special award on behalf of the Lord-Lieutenant.

Felicity was nominated by Mrs Priestnall for her incredible achievements, resilience, and determination in the Young Person of Courage of the Year category at the Lord-Lieutenant's Awards for Young People. The judging panel recognised that her accomplishments were of particular merit and honoured her with a Highly Commended award.

During the presentation ceremony, Felicity was joined by family, friends and school staff to celebrate this wonderful achievement. In addition to the official recognition, the school presented her with flowers and an Amazon voucher as a further token of our pride in her success.

This prestigious award marks just the beginning, and we look forward to celebrating all that she continues to achieve in the future. Congratulations from everyone at The Hinckley School!





Deadline for Year 7/8 to Collect 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

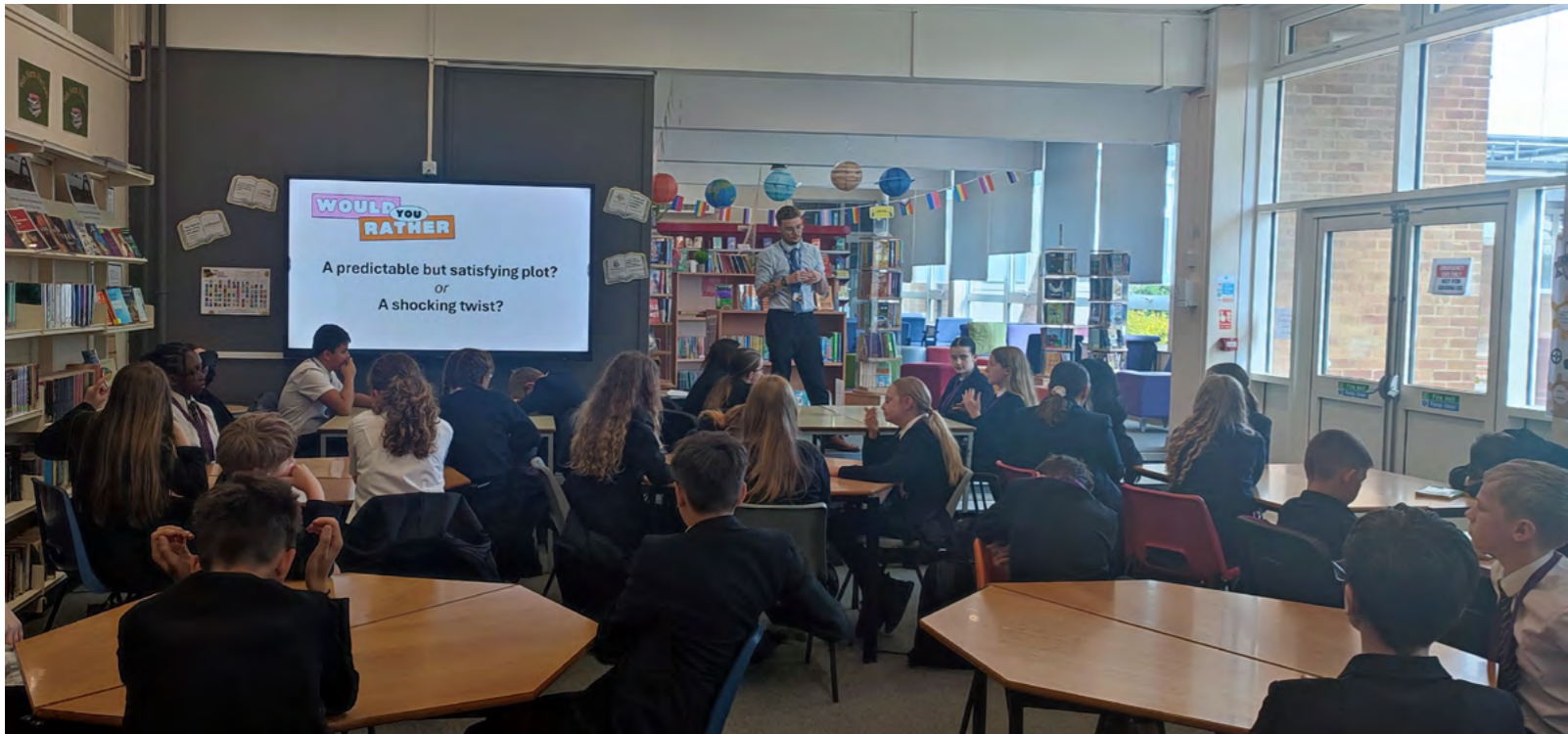


The Gateway
At The Hinckley School

The Bridge
At The Hinckley School

‘Would You Rather?’ - Book Edition

As part of the National Year of Reading, students have been taking part in engaging activities during their library lessons with Mr Smith. One highlight has been the popular “Would You Rather?” (Book Edition) sessions, designed to encourage students to explore different elements of fiction while developing their oracy skills through discussion and debate.

Using fun, thought-provoking questions, students were invited to compare characters, plots, settings, and themes, sparking animated conversations and thoughtful reasoning. The sessions gave reading a fresh and interactive focus, helping students to think more deeply about books while enjoying the opportunity to share and justify their opinions. The enthusiasm in the room was clear, with students fully engaged and keen to contribute. Activities like this not only support a love of reading, but also build confidence in speaking, listening, and critical thinking - key skills that extend well beyond the library.

COVENTRY RUGBY
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RUGBY ACADEMY
OPEN DAY
TUESDAY 26TH MAY 2026

Find out how you can ignite your potential and combine high-quality post-16 study with an elite rugby programme delivered by Coventry Rugby.

Current Year 11 Students & THSF Year 12 Students
(Applicants for 2026)
Time: 8:30am-10:15am

A high-level session mirroring our pre-preseason programme, designed for students currently considering their Post-16 destination, including baseline physical testing, rugby and athletic development delivered by Coventry Rugby Academy staff, and a Q&A session.

Current Year 10 Students (Future Applicants)
Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

An introductory session to the pathway, including a programme overview, insight into balancing rugby and academic development, practical rugby activities, and a Q&A session.



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ONLINE TO ATTEND

www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/rugbyacademy



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Student Wins Winvic Work Experience

We are delighted to share that our Year 12 student, Dan, has successfully secured one week work experience with Winvic Construction Ltd (a tier one construction contractor) after they contacted the sixth form to advertise this exciting opportunity.

The work placement will see Dan support their Hinckley fit out project and provide a real insight into either a career in Quantity Surveying or Site Management. Dan will learn how Quantity Surveyors manage costs, budgets and subcontractor packages, while Site Managers coordinate day to day site activities, oversee trades, and ensure works are delivered safely, on time and to the required quality.

This real world insight into careers is invaluable and we are delighted to have been able to support this opportunity, we wish Dan all the best on his placement! Thank you to Winvic for providing our students with the opportunity to apply for this exciting opportunity.

MONTHLY SILENT BOOK CLUB

3pm-4pm

Wednesday 20th May
In the library
All staff and students welcome



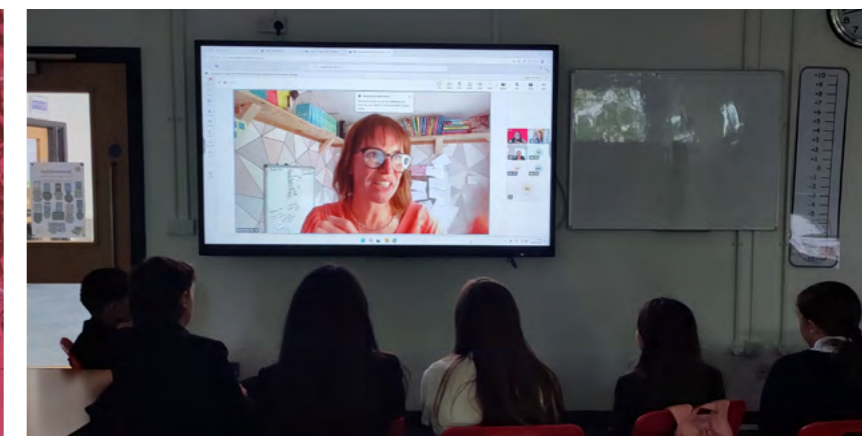
Could You Donate Pre-loved PE Kit?



We are currently looking for donations of pre-loved PE kit that is still in good condition, including **PE shorts, jumpers and t shirts, as well as trainers and football/ rugby boots.** These items will help support students who may need access to spare or replacement kit.

If you have any clean, wearable PE items you are happy to donate, please bring them directly to the PE office. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps ensure all students can take part confidently in PE.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



7 for 7 Book Club Meets a Best Selling Author

On Tuesday, our 7 for 7 Book Club took part in a virtual author talk with Helen Rutter, author of *The Boy With Big Decisions*. The session gave students a behind-the-scenes insight into the book, its characters, and the inspiration behind the story.

Helen spoke openly about her writing journey, and her inspirations and students were fully engaged throughout. The group listened carefully and asked thoughtful questions about her book *The Boy with the Big Decisions*. Questions included, "Can you tell us more about Marco and Marie. What is their back story?", "What inspired you to write a 'choose your own story' book?" and "Where did you get the idea of Fred's parents being so obsessed with contact sports?"

Ms Crisp, Librarian said, "Helen also gave us tips on how to write our own 'choose your own story' (branch narrative) story. Which we're looking forward to trying out."

The event was an inspiring experience for our book club members, encouraging lively discussion and deepening their appreciation of reading for pleasure. It was a wonderful way to celebrate reading, spark curiosity, and bring the story to life beyond the page. Well done to our 7 for 7 readers for their enthusiasm and fantastic engagement.

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.