



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter
Futures*

#177

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week, our students have thrown themselves into learning across the curriculum, and I am delighted to share insights into some of the exciting opportunities they have enjoyed recently in History, Classics and Maths. It is our job to bring learning to life and spark a lifelong love of knowledge, and this newsletter shines a spotlight on only a few examples of the inspirational teaching and learning opportunities our team work hard to provide for our young people as they build their brighter futures.

We now look forward to hosting two author events, organised by Ms Crisp our Librarian. Telegraph Young Writer of the Year, Harriet Baker will be joining us to speak to some of our Year 10 and 12 students about her writing journey. As if this wasn't enough, on Wednesday we will be joined by one of the leading voices in UK teen fiction, Bali Rai, who will be holding talks for students in Year 9 and 10, hosting writing workshops with small groups and completing a book signing. It is set to be a real celebration of reading for pleasure and an inspirational two days for our talented writers, budding authors and passionate readers.

- Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

HANDS-ON HISTORY



In The Bridge, Cambridge and Loughborough have been learning about the ancient world. As part of this, they got their hands on some ancient coins and artefacts. The group started their coin study looking at modern coins from the UK and Euros, finding out what they could tell about countries from their coinage. They then used their historical skills to work out what they could learn from objects about societies who left no writing from the oldest objects. They also tried to work out what some Roman and Anglo-Saxon artefacts were, who would have used them and what that tells us about the lives of the peoples who made them. They got their hands on a 10,000 year old arrow head and a coin from the time of Alexander the Great amongst many other bits and pieces.

Well done Year 7 - we hope you enjoyed getting an insight into these ancient worlds!

Keep up the great work!

- Ms Beale



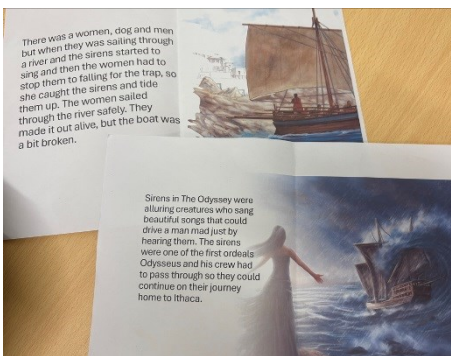
TheBridge
At The Hinckley School

CREATIVE CLASSICS!

Year 7 took part in the first Classics Challenge on Monday, using clues to figure out the meaning of lots of words with an -ology suffix. This is from the ancient Greek via Latin and means someone develops in-depth knowledge through studying the issue. They learnt that Cryptozoology is the study of 'hidden' animals like the yeti and Loch Ness Monster, as well as more recognisable terms like osteology (the study of bones) and microbiology (small life). Tutors identified the winners from each group – either those who finished the challenge first, or were the most enthusiastic. They all received a reward certificate and some chocolate.



Year 8 have been studying Homer's Odyssey in Classics this term and considering what makes someone heroic. As part of their lessons, Mrs Sargent's 8A3 were tasked with bringing in a creative response to the Sirens chapter of Odysseus' journey home. They were really creative, bringing in models, tasty biscuits, poems, raps and visual summaries. Well done all!



Brendan's fantastic model, Freddie's well-made presentation and some super biscuits made by Jess.

Lure of the Sirens.

In twilight's glow where waters gleam,
The siren sings a haunting dream.
With hair like waves and eyes so bright,
she lures the sailors in the night.

Her voice, a melody so sweet,
Calls for the brave, the bold, the fleet.
But hidden beneath her beauty fair,
Lies danger in the ocean's snare.

For those who hear her tempting call,

Will find themselves in darkness fall.
Yet still, the legends weave and spin,
Of Siren's songs where tales begin.

Poem by Orla, with Maisie's help.

ART SPOTLIGHT



Bella in Year 8 has shared with her year team a fantastic piece of artwork she has created at home and we couldn't resist featuring this wonderful piece of work in the newsletter for all to see. With amazing attention to detail, great use of colour and perspective, we would like to congratulate Bella on her hard work and creativity.

It is a pleasure to see and celebrate student's work outside of school and to learn more about the enrichment opportunities they enjoy at home and in the community.

**The Gateway**
At The Hinckley School

MATHS BUSINESS CHALLENGE



On Tuesday, Year 7 took part in a two hour 'Maths Business Challenge' in the hall. Organised by Mrs Clarke and Miss Hawkins, the event saw students compete in teams of 5 to make shapes using a compass, ruler and protractor, to the exact specification of our discerning 'Buying Team'. With surprising flash sales and exciting price boosts throughout the event, students were engaged throughout and enjoyed the healthy competitive atmosphere. After the event those involved called it, "purposeful, enjoyable and creative" and shared how there was a "real buzz" throughout.

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 pupils from Hinckley Parks Primary School next week, as they take on the same challenge with our Bridge Team and amazing student ambassadors.

'REVISION WRAPPED UP' FOR YEAR 13



All Year 13 students received a 'Revision Wrapped Up' goodie bag on Monday morning, containing a reusable weekly revision wall planner and pen, 'Good Luck' pen, highlighter and flash cards to help them make the most of the 40 days before exams start!

During this assembly, we also shared revision top tips and our masterclass calendar to support students every step of the way. We hope that the useful information shared and the equipment given out helps our community to hit the ground running with their revision. Remember, our team are always here to offer additional support around exams, revision and wellbeing.



★ *You've got this Year 13!* ★

DOUBLE WIN AT LEICESTER CITY COMMUNITY TOURNAMENT

Leicester City in the Community recently hosted a thrilling six-a-side mixed football tournament, with our school teams showcasing their talent across various categories.

The Year 9 Boys Team 1 triumphed in their tournament, playing with skill and determination to take home the trophy. Year 9 Boys Team 2 narrowly missed out on the semi-finals after a hard-fought match, but their effort was impressive. The Year 9 Girls team also shone, competing strongly against the boys' teams and earning well-deserved respect.

In the Year 7/8 tournament, the Year 8 Boys team claimed victory, showing great teamwork and resilience. The Year 7 Boys made it to the final, putting in an outstanding performance before finishing as runners-up. The Year 7 Girls reached the quarter-finals, showing great promise, while the Year 8 Girls played exceptionally well throughout.

It was a fantastic afternoon of football for all teams, and we are incredibly proud of everyone's effort.

Following the event, Sulayman Mughal, Community Engagement Coach for Leicester City in the Community, contacted OUR PE Team to share their thanks and congratulations, "I wanted to reach out to say a huge thank you to you and your staff team for pushing yesterday's tournament with your students so much and being there supporting them on the day. Also, a huge congratulations to both winning teams! That being said, all of your students who participated should be genuinely very proud of themselves for the way they carried themselves and their behaviour, they definitely did their school proud."



LEICESTER CITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Enrichment Lunchtime

Spring Term 2025



Engage with Enrichment

Monday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE
Tuesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Read and Relax	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	G. Mathieson	H2
LGBTQ+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Byrne	MPR
Strategy Boardgames	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Wednesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Music Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	D. Riley	MU1
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
Bridge Drama Society	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Library Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Thursday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Girls Football	Lunchtime	Years 7 & 8	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Scrapbooking	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	A. Garcia	L3
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	A. Gadsby	L1
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Friday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
THS Dance Company (Wk 1)	Lunchtime	Years 7 & 8	A. Bennett	Dance Studio
THS Dance Company (Wk 2)	Lunchtime	Years 9,10,11	A. Bennett	Dance Studio
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 10	R. Byrne	H9

Enrichment After School

Spring Term 2025

Monday				
Mixed Dodgeball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7	M. Pallett	PE
Music Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	P. Williams	D14
Tuesday				
Rock School	3:00-4:15pm	Invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Girls Rugby - Hinckley Rugby Club	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-13	M. Tallis	PE
Table Top Role Play Games	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	J. Hunter	Library
DoFE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	Cube
DoFE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	A9
Wednesday				
Girls Basket Ball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-9	F. Godfrey	PE
Boys Rugby (split age groups)	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-13	M. Stocks	PE
Choir	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
War Hammer	3:00-4:00pm	Year 9-13 Invite	C. Hoffman	D11
Electronics Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	P. Harrison	D1
DoFE Gold	5:15-7:30pm	Year 12 & 13	A. Fennell	A9
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:15-4:15pm	Year 9&10	C. Froome	PE
K53 Girls Indoor Futsal	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7, 8 & 9	C. Gillett	PE
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7	D. Riley	MU1
Sixth Form Biologists	3:00-4:00pm	Year 13	T. Pratt	SS
Maths Club	3:00-4:00pm	Year 10	E. Jones	Gateway
Friday				
Music Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1

Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. Challenge yourself to try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions

VISITING AUTHOR - BALI RAI

Bali Rai

Bali Rai has written over forty novels about teenagers and children. Born in Leicester, his writing is inspired by his working-class, multicultural background.

A leading voice in UK teen fiction, Bali is a passionate advocate of reading for pleasure and promoting literacy.

He has been nominated for and won numerous awards since 2001 and was awarded an honorary doctorate by De Montfort University in 2014. He has also featured on BBC's Rebel Writers show

The books that Bali will be talking about on his visit here are:

(un)arranged marriage
Web of Darkness
The Gun
Killing Honour
A Sudden Storm

These books are now available to buy via parent pay. Any purchase will include a signing with Bali on the day.

Bali will be signing books and meeting students throughout the day.



Wednesday 9th April

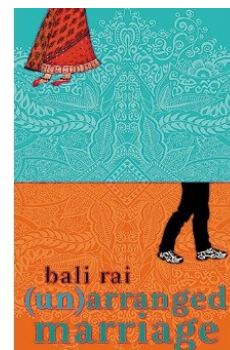
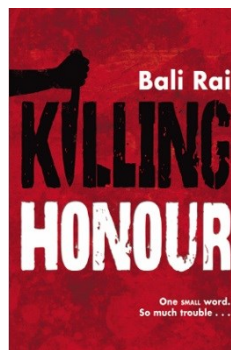
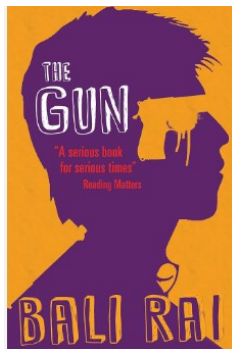
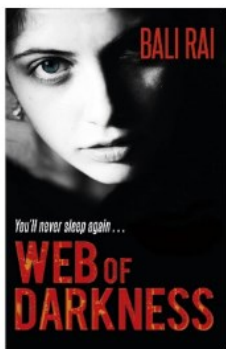
YEAR 9 AND 10 YEAR GROUP TALKS

Writing workshop -20 spaces



We are looking forward to welcoming inspirational author, Bali Rai, to The Hinckley School on **Wednesday 9th April** as part of a series of author talks organised by our Librarian Ms Crisp. Students in Years 9 and 10 will participate in the talks with a writing workshop for a smaller group. This incredible opportunity will also see Bali Rai participate in a book signing, with titles now available for students to purchase on Parent Pay, should they wish to.

We look forward to sharing photos and details of this wonderful library event in due course. If you have any questions please contact Ms Crisp.



LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION



We have now launched a new lost property system in our Main Reception. If your child has lost an item of uniform or equipment recently, they can visit Reception to check the lost property box themselves during break and lunch time.

Alternatively, next week, between **7th -11th April**, **parents and carers may visit our Main Reception to look through the lost property box** for their children's items during normal school hours.

Non-School Uniform Day

As part of our student-led fundraising for the Year 11 Prom, we will be holding a Non-Uniform Day for all students on Friday 11th April. To participate, we kindly ask for a £2 suggested donation per child, to be paid in advance via Parent Pay. All funds raised will go towards our 2025 Year 11 Prom.

In addition to the non-school uniform day, there will be a series of fundraising activities and events running throughout next week to support our Year 11 community. Tickets to these events can now be purchased on Parent Pay and additional information can be found below.



The poster for 'The Masked Teacher' event features a purple background with a large, stylized mask in the center. The text includes the school's name, the event title, a list of potential teachers, the dates and time, and ticket information.

The Hinckley School
ESTD 1629

THE MASKED TEACHER

WHO'S THAT BEHIND THE MASK?
MR WOOD?... MS PATHAN?... MR MATHARU?...

7TH - 11TH APRIL 2025
MAIN HALL | LUNCHTIME
Daily performances leading to the highly anticipated final!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW VIA PARENT PAY
- £3.00 FOR ALL SHOWS
Admission strictly by pre paid ticket only

PROM FUNDRAISER
With your help we can ensure
our Class of 2025 have...
A Night to Remember



The poster for 'Roll Up, Roll Up!' features a red and white striped circus tent on a green field. Various fundraising activities are listed in colorful circles, along with ticket information and a prom fundraiser notice.

ROLL UP, ROLL UP!

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LUNCHTIME | OUTSIDE DRAMA

11th APRIL 2025

Pre-buy game tickets on Parent Pay
£1 = 5 tickets

BAKE SALE

PENALTY SHOOT OUT

HOOK A DUCK

SPONGE THROWING

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YEAR 8 & 9 ALL STARS GAME



Last week, we held our Year 8 & 9 All-Star match which was a fiercely competitive game, filled with powerful running, big tackles, and determined play as players vied for future 1st team spots. Both teams showed great skill and commitment, with the game being decided by a late surge in the final moments. The match highlighted the growing rugby spirit within the school and community with players from all years being part of this fixture.

Following this mixed fixture we are now looking forward to our final few games of this season:

Yr8 Futures Trust Cup - 07/04/25
Yr9/10 vs Ashby School - 09/04/25
Yr8/9 A and B vs Stoke Park - 30/04/25

We would also like to say a special thank you to Hinckley Rugby Football Club for hosting this fixture, as well as BL, AD and GB for managing Team A and TF and OR for managing Team B.

YEAR 11



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

You are cordially invited to attend the

2025 Leavers Prom

A Night to Remember

*Join us for a truly
Unforgettable Evening*

Venue:

Badgers Mount Hotel,
Elmesthorpe, LE9 7SG

Date:

Friday 4th July 2025

Time:

5:45pm - 11:00pm

Dress Code:

Prom Wear/Formal
Attire

Cost:

£25 deposit to be paid
via Parent Pay by 24th
March

YEAR 11 Hub
At The Hinckley School

5:45pm

Arrival with Red Carpet Photos

6:15pm

Welcome Drinks

7:00pm-8:00pm

Live Band

7:00pm-7:30pm

Dinner Served

9:00pm-9:30pm

Group photos and photobooth

9:30pm-11:00pm

Disco

11:00pm

Farewells

Celebrate as the Class of 2025