

# NEWS LETTER

26th June 2026



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This week has reminded us of the importance of adaptability as we adjusted plans to ensure students could continue to enjoy Inspire Week safely and comfortably during the recent heatwave. I am incredibly proud of how our students

and staff embraced these changes. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to parents and carers for your continued support, particularly in helping students remain ready to learn despite some adjustments to our usual routines. Your partnership is greatly appreciated.

Inspire Week has provided something truly different for our students. From exciting trips and collaborative team activities to careers workshops, year group challenges and Sports Day, the week has been filled with memorable experiences designed to broaden horizons. Each activity has helped to create lasting memories while encouraging students to discover new interests, passions and ambitions for the future.

We are now looking ahead with excitement to next week, when we are delighted to welcome Helen Sharman OBE, the first British astronaut. Her visit promises to further inspire our students as they continue to think big and aim high.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

## Cornhole Championship

This year's Sports Day looked a little different as we adapted to the ongoing heatwave, ensuring that all students could take part safely and comfortably. While traditional outdoor events were limited, we brought the excitement indoors with a series of Cornhole Championships held in the cool of the gym.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 embraced this change with enthusiasm, quickly getting into the spirit of the game. Cornhole is a fantastic inclusive sport, which allowed everyone to participate regardless of experience or ability. It was wonderful to see students fully engaged, cheering each other on and celebrating successes as a team.

The atmosphere in the gym was lively and supportive, with plenty of encouragement shared between peers. A big well done to all students who took part and made the day such a success!



## Inspiring Activities

Thursday's Sports Day proved to be much more than a celebration of physical activity – it was a vibrant day packed full of tutor challenges, team games and inspiring activities for all.

Students threw themselves into a wide range of events, from dodgeball matches to testing their knowledge in The Big Hinckley School Quiz. The hall buzzed with excitement during sessions of The 1% Club, while others showcased their confidence and talent during lively karaoke performances. These were just a few of the many activities on offer throughout the day.

It was truly wonderful to see students so engaged, supporting one another and embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm. The sense of teamwork, fun and positivity was evident throughout, as friendships were strengthened and lasting memories were made.

A fantastic day that will be remembered for a long time to come!



## Prom Proves a Night to Remember

The Year 13 Prom for the Class of 2026 was a fantastic success, held in style at Hinckley Rugby Football Club. Students arrived dressed to impress, ready to celebrate the end of their journey with friends and staff.

The evening was filled with laughter, music and plenty of dancing, creating a truly memorable atmosphere. It was wonderful to see everyone come together to mark this special milestone and reflect on their time at The Hinckley Sixth Form.

A huge congratulations to our Year 13 students – we wish you all the very best for the future!



Mental Health Support Teams in Schools | Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

### Summer Holiday Wellbeing Pack

### Looking after yourself this summer

### Summer Holiday Wellbeing Pack

Please [click here](#) to view and download the 'NHS Mental Health Support Team in Schools' new Summer Holiday Wellbeing Pack.

This workbook has been designed for children and young people with fun activities and advice on how to look after their health during the summer, as well as helpful links and resources.



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PROUDLY WELCOMES

# HELEN SHARMAN

THE FIRST BRITISH  
ASTRONAUT

30<sup>th</sup> June 2026

INSPIRATIONAL  
TALK AND  
GROUP  
Q&A SESSION



## We Prepare to Welcome the First British Astronaut to THS!

At The Hinckley School we pride ourselves on offering exceptional experiences to our students. On Tuesday 30th June we are excited to be welcoming Helen Sharman OBE – the first Briton in space – to talk to our students about her journey from a comprehensive school in Sheffield to life in space with Soviet cosmonauts.

Helen will be delivering a keynote talk to selected students, followed by an interactive Q&A session. In addition to discussing the wonders of Science, Helen will explore the opportunities in STEM that are available for all young people as well as the ethical issues involved in space travel. Students will also hear about what it is like to live and work in space and how weightlessness feels, from someone who has really been there!

## Hijaz Expo

This week, Year 9s and 10s had the exciting opportunity to visit the Hijaz Expo just outside of Hinckley.

“We were greeted on arrival by our hosts for the day and taken into the area used for prayer. Students were shown a number of videos and demonstrations that supported their current learning and knowledge of the Islamic faith and were even given the chance to try out some of the clothes! All of the students took part in a short meditation whilst listening to traditional Islamic recitations. Students then visited the mausoleum of the first Muslim Saint buried in Europe His Eminence Murshid Muhammad Abdul Wahab Siddiq and smelled some wonderful perfumes and incense to get an understanding of how the faith uses all of the senses to form a connection to Allah. Students were then given a delicious lunch and spent some time reading and reflecting on their visit. We are incredibly grateful to the Hijaz Expo for hosting us and we look forward to returning again soon!” - Ms Burton.



## Students Enjoy Naples

Students and staff are having an incredible time on their Geography trip in Naples!

After enjoying a delicious meal at a local restaurant on Monday night, they spent Tuesday morning exploring the Colosseum and Roman Forum. The group then travelled to Sorrento this afternoon - but not before a well-deserved ice cream stop in the way!

We can't wait to share a full trip article when the return!



## Bronze Award Success

Congratulations to the following young people in Year 10 who have completed their full Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award this week:

Declan  
Aiden



# Early Intervention Service

Emotional wellbeing and therapeutic support for children and young people, and their parents/carers, living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.



## Flourish

Our Flourish groupwork programme is for children and young people aged 8-17. It aims to equip young people with a better understanding of mental and emotional health, coping strategies and emotional resilience through a range of creative and engaging interventions.

The programme runs for 6-8 weeks, groups are separated by age range and tailored to better fit the needs of each age group.

## Prosper

Our Prosper programme is a 3-hour Zoom session for parents/ carers of children experiencing anxiety. Our Prosper deliverers support parents to understand anxiety and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

## Children and Young People's Counselling

A safe space for children and young people aged 8-18 to talk about challenges they're facing one to one with a trained counsellor, and learn better ways of coping.

## ADHD support

We offer support to young people and their families where there is diagnosed or suspected ADHD. Our practitioners work with young people to support them in understanding ADHD and how this can impact them in their daily lives, and explore better ways of regulating their emotions. We also offer workshops for parents/ carers, supporting them to understand ADHD and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

## Heads Up

The service is made up of two organisations: The Relationships Centre and Heads Up, and offers a range of support interventions for children, young people and parents/carers. You can find information on the services offered at Heads Up here:

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

To access this, you will need to be assessed and referred by your GP or you can complete a self-referral to see whether The Relationships Centre is the best fit for you:

[www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/](http://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/)



# MENCAP'S SOCIAL STARS

A safe and friendly club for SEN children aged between 9 and 16  
Runs every other Friday 5pm - 7pm  
At Mencap Hinckley  
Follow our facebook page for more details  
Mencap Hinckley Social Stars



Mencap Social Stars is open over the summer holidays!

The dates we are open:

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Sign up or learn more: 01455 637312 or [mencaphinckley@gmail.com](mailto:mencaphinckley@gmail.com)

## Gold and Silver Medals in Judo

We would like to congratulate Katrina and Kayleigh who represented England at the Venray International Judo Tournament in the Netherlands last weekend.

The event was held during an extreme heatwave, with outside temperatures exceeding 36°C. The competition venue itself was a large sports hall without air conditioning, where temperatures were reported to be well in excess of 40°C throughout the day. Despite these incredibly challenging conditions, both girls demonstrated outstanding determination, resilience, and sportsmanship.

The England squad consisted of 36 of the best young judoka in the country. Out of the entire squad, only three medals were won by England competitors:

Katrina - Gold Medal | Kayleigh - Silver Medal | One other England fighter - Bronze Medal

To achieve two of England's three medals at such a prestigious international tournament is a remarkable accomplishment and reflects the dedication, discipline, and hard work both girls put into their training and competition.

We are incredibly proud of their achievements on the international stage!



## New Build Update

The latest newsletter from Reds10 can be found below. This contains details of the installation of our temporary teaching block next month. Reds10 can be contacted if you have any queries by using the QR code below:

### NEWSLETTER



#### The Hinckley School



#### Brief Description of Works

Demolition of five school buildings and the construction of a new three-storey STEAM building with associated landscaping, external canopies and external play area, including the construction and siting of a temporary teaching block and temporary staff car park during construction.

#### Monthly Update

We are pleased to confirm that the temporary teaching block is scheduled to be installed this month. To minimise disruption, we are planning for all modules to be delivered to site over a two-day period.

The crane to lift the modules into place is going to arrive on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and will leave on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Installation is currently scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, with 10 units due to be installed, with the remaining 4 units due to be installed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. As the temporary block is of modular construction, the units will arrive on lorries throughout each day.

We are committed to keeping disruption to the school and wider community to a minimum throughout the project. Keeping you informed is an important part of this, and we will continue to provide updates as the works progress. Please look out for our next newsletter for further information.

#### Site Contact

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#### Feedback Form

Your feedback is important to us - please feel free to scan the QR code provided to share your thoughts directly with our team.



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[www.reds10.com](http://www.reds10.com)

# 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

## 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

## 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

## 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

## 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



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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.