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# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

## THURSDAY 29TH FEBRUARY 2024

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**Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),**

Our students have made a great start back after half term, and have jumped straight into learning and daily life here at The Hinckley School with both feet once again. Many of our students took part in unforgettable school trips to New York and Austria last week. It has been incredible to hear the life long memories they have made and I am delighted that we can share insights into both trips with you all on the following pages.

This week, our Year 13 students have been sitting their mock exams and Year 11 have been receiving their mock feedback, as we focus on revision, support and progress in the lead up to their real examinations. In this newsletter we share some top tips to support their journey at home, as we work together to enable them to reach their full potential.

On Tuesday, we held our second Sixth Form interview evening and once again thoroughly enjoyed the event's supportive and excited atmosphere, as young people from across the local area planned the next phase of their education. In addition, shortly we will find out the names of the students who will be joining our Year 7 community next year in The Bridge. We are hard at work preparing 'Welcome Packs' and will be calling all of our new families to welcome them to The Hinckley School, ensuring that our new Year 7 students have the supportive transition they need to make a wonderful start to life at secondary school.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## NETWORKING AT THE NEW YORK FILM ACADEMY

Over half term, Year 13 Media students had the exciting opportunity to visit New York. Over the course of the trip, the group enjoyed exclusive tours of Maddison Square Garden and Radio City. Students also had an opportunity to learn from industry professionals at the New York Film Academy. Of course there were also lots of opportunities for sightseeing including visiting the Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, Empire State Building and Rockefeller Centre.

Miss Sargent, Head of Media and Trip Lead said, "We are incredibly proud of our students and we were told by the providers that our students were a credit to the school. It was an amazing experience and we hope the students will cherish these memories."



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*Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers*



# NEXT WEEK...WORLD BOOK DAY

Next week we will be marking World Book Day, the perfect opportunity to once again celebrate our love of the written word and how it can develop our imagination, vocabulary and knowledge. We have an action packed diary of events this year and Ms Crisp would like to share a little teaser of what's in store, including that best-selling author Jo Cotterill will once again be visiting us to speak to students in Year 7 and 8. During her visit she will also be taking part in a book signing! Bridge and Gateway students can purchase books ready for the signing on ParentPay, or bring in their own existing copies, should they have them.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH MARCH



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On Thursday 7th March 2024 The Hinckley School will be welcoming the best-selling author

### Jo Cotterill

To celebrate World Book Day, with years 7 and 8.

**Monday**

Lunchtime - scavenger hunt

After school - book tasting, 3pm-4pm

**Tuesday**

Lunchtime - quiz

After school - zine making workshop, 3pm-4pm

**Wednesday**

Lunchtime - dramatic reading with Ms Crisp

After school - Paddington movie night, 3pm-4.30pm

**Thursday**

Lunchtime - WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION

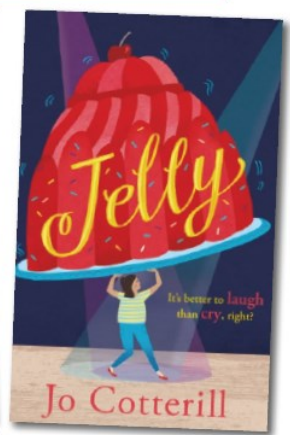
Afterschool - reading cafe, 3pm-4pm

**Friday**

Lunchtime - give us a clue

Sign up sheets will be available in the library from Monday 26th February.

Get them now before they're gone!



Books will be available at the reduced cost of £7 and will be signed.



All books will need to be pre-ordered and can be purchased via parent pay.

For more information see: [www.jocotterill.com](http://www.jocotterill.com)



## CREATIVE WRITING CLUB CELEBRATES PUBLISHED AUTHORS

On Wednesday lunchtime, Miss Hale's creative writing club hosted a celebration of our wonderful students who have been selected to be published in a Young Writers Anthology. Congratulations to Declan, Steven and Lewis (Y8) who all completed their own short story about 'a glitch' - a life changing event that alters the course of the universe. The book will be published in April and we cannot wait to share it with our students and parents.

Miss Hale said, "This is a fantastic achievement and we are looking forward to welcoming more students in joining the club on Wednesday lunchtime in H1. Come along and get creative!"



# NETBALL NEWS - RESULT ROUNDUP

A run down of our recent netball results and upcoming fixtures...

## Monday 12th February Y9 Netball vs Lutterworth College

The girls took on Lutterworth College on Monday night in a well contested, physical battle. The girls were pushed all the way by the visitors, but the many turn overs by our strong defensive unit kept their shooter busy. With excellent linking play down the middle by half time we looked comfortable out in front. The Hinckley School took the win scoring 12 goals to 6. Player of the match went to Beth for her clinical shooting. Well done girls – Mrs Cheney

*Captain message – Tilly : "On Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February we played against Lutterworth College. I was captain and found it so fun. Part of being captain meant I had to do the toss to decide whether we had first centre or picked which side we shot, we lost the toss meaning we picked what side we shot. As captain I felt the match went really good all the girls played really well and displayed their skills perfectly. Everyone was supporting each other and the overall mood was great even when they felt discouraged. In the end we ended up winning the match with a score of 12-6"*

## Monday 26th February Y10 Netball vs Lutterworth College

The Hinckley School took on Lutterworth College again during a Year 10 fixture on Monday 26th February 2024, after a close fought game the team narrowly missed a win by one goal. A fantastic performance and everyone at The Hinckley School is incredibly proud!

## Wednesday 28th February Y8 County Cup Top Tier Competition

Our Year 8 team took part in their County Cup competition yesterday, and despite facing tier 1 competition in comparison to



the tier 3 the team were expecting, the girls put on a wonderful display of resilience and determination. Battling against the elements as well as very talented teams, our Year 8 netballers came away with their heads held high having tried their very best—all we can ever ask for. Well done for sticking with it and representing our school in such tough conditions.

**Looking ahead... Good luck to our Y9 Netball Team who will take part in their county cup competition next week!**

## YEAR 8 UNBOX THEIR FUTURE

**The Gateway**  
At The Hinckley School



Our Year 8 students will be participating in 'Unbox Your Future', a unique hybrid workplace experience that is spread over multiple weeks. Within groups, students will be supported by a group of businesses volunteers to deliver a real-life project in the workplace.

Through the 'Unbox Your Future' programme students will have the opportunity to explore different sectors and learn about job roles direct from an employer in that sector; and demonstrate

the knowledge, skills and behaviours identified as priorities by our Leicestershire businesses (LSIP). Students will meet employees, get hands-on experience in that industry, complete a real project and visit a workplace. Students will take part in assemblies, workshop projects and visits led by Highcross Leicester; The National Space Centre and Geosynthetics. This is an incredible opportunity and we can't wait to share more insights as the events begin to take place next week!

# SUPPORTING SUCCESS - MOCK EXAMS AND BEYOND



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## Supporting Success

Our top tips to support students at home  
in the run up to exams

This week, our Year 13 students have been sitting their mock exams, while Year 11 have been receiving their mock feedback. As we put a continued focus on knowledge recall in school, in the lead up to final examinations, we have also put together some top tips to support revision practices at home, supporting us in our shared goal of enabling our young people to reach their full potential. If you require any additional support please contact your year teams:

[Year11hub@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:Year11hub@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)

[sixthform@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)

- **BALANCE IS KEY:** It is important that students balance their time between revision, recreation and rest.
- **QUIET PLEASE:** Where possible, students should have a quiet place to work at home. If this is not possible, we can provide spaces in school.
- **SWITCH OFF:** Students should be supported in managing distractions, especially notifications from social media sites and mobile devices.
- **WELL RESOURCED:** Ensure students have all the resources they need, such as revision guides, flashcards, blank paper, different coloured pens etc.
- **TAKE A BREAK:** Students should take regular breaks during revision. Little and often is the best approach. Encourage them to get some fresh air during these breaks. Exercise, even something as simple as a short walk, is a great way to look after themselves.
- **CONTINUE WITH HOBBIES:** Ensure they do not give up extra-curricular activities that they enjoy. It is not effective to sit and revise all day every day.
- **HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND:** Students should eat healthily, fueling their body with nutritious foods to help their focus and energy. They should avoid energy drinks. (We understand that some students may currently be fasting.)
- **ZZZ:** Students should go to sleep at an appropriate time and try to maintain their normal school routine during exam periods.
- **COLLABORATION:** Get involved in their revision as much as possible, offer to test them using their revision guides to help you. Encourage them to revise collaboratively with their classmates, provided they are able to manage the distractions effectively!
- **TIMETABLING:** Help them to follow a revision timetable. Tutors will support them in creating these.

If you require any further support, or have a question about exams, please contact your Year Team: [Year11hub@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:Year11hub@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)

## HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?



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ROALD DAHL  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL  
JR.

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th &  
Saturday 16th March 2024, 7:30pm

Adults: £10 Under 18s: £8

Tickets on sale NOW from Main Reception and ParentPay



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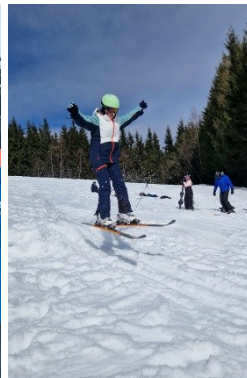
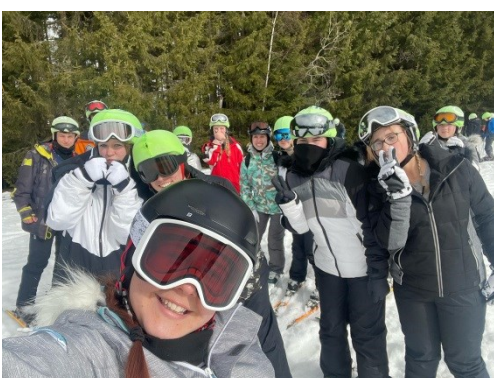


From 17<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> February, students from Year 8 to Year 13 embarked on the journey to the ski resort of Alpendorf, in Austria to experience the thrill of skiing and admire the beautiful mountain scenery.

Mr Holmes, Trip Leader shared, “We were lucky with the weather, and skied in fabulous sunshine for the first 3 days over on the Alpendorf ski area. Every student, no matter what their starting ability, took to the skiing so well and drastically improved during the trip! Students began on the nursery slopes and by the end of the week all students were good enough to tackle multiple blue runs across the ski area! It was very exciting to witness the top group experience their first black run (the steepest slopes on the piste!) and tackle it amazingly, all getting down it with no problems at all! On the final day the snow came down very heavily which made skiing so much easier and exciting for those that have never seen thick mountain snow before. This made the last day so memorable for all and made perfect conditions to practice the techniques they learnt throughout the week.”

As well as skiing, the trip gave students the chance to experience the Austrian après ski lifestyle, with daily shopping trips around the town of Bischofshofen, bowling, pizza night and ice cream night, and the ever-popular Mountain Rollercoaster at Flachau. Families received regular updates on the Ski Trip 24 Telegram group, and the feedback from the students has been incredible! This once in a lifetime positive experience of skiing will stick with the students forever and the staff were thrilled to be part of that.

“I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work during their week off, and all the students for being such fantastic participants! We really enjoyed it and look forward to the next trip!” - Mr Holmes, Trip Leader.



# THE START OF SOMETHING SPECIAL

**Girls' Football Match Year 8 vs Year 9:** Our Girl's Gateway football team made their long-awaited debut against our Year 9 girls football team. Both sides ignited the pitch with their passion and prowess throughout this match. The atmosphere was electric as supporters cheered on both teams, creating an atmosphere of unity and enthusiasm. Our players displayed exceptional skill and determination, weaving intricate passes, and executing stunning goals. It was a thrilling sight to witness, and the energy radiating from the side-lines fuelled both teams on, despite some heavy rain. The match saw Year 9 come away with a 2-1 win. However, The Gateway girls are already planning their new strategy for when the two sides meet again in the coming half term. Star Centre Back Alara said after the game "Today was amazing having all the parents here cheering us on was brilliant! We have waited so long to have a fixture now we have had one we just want to keep on playing. Please can as many girls as possible come and join in with our training and fixtures as we want girls football to be the sport this school is known for."

**The Gateway**  
*At The Hinckley School*



**Boys' Rugby Fixture against Lutterworth College:**

Our Year 8 boys' rugby team set the field ablaze with their sheer determination and athleticism in their fixture against Lutterworth College. The excitement was palpable as supporters rallied behind our team, chanting and cheering with unwavering enthusiasm. Our players demonstrated strategic prowess and unwavering commitment, tackling opponents with precision and scoring breath-taking tries. It was a riveting display of sportsmanship and skill that left spectators on the edge of their seats until the final whistle blew. Sadly, the boys were unable to overcome a second half surge from Lutterworth that saw them take the win in a 7-6 show down. However, team captain Tayio stated "This is the start of something special. Even though we didn't win today we are all committed to bringing rugby back to The Hinckley School. The support of parents, students and staff today was amazing and we will do our best to win the Inter-Trust cup here in March and make them all proud"



**The Start of something special?** These events were more than just sports matches; they were vibrant celebrations of teamwork, resilience, and determination. The sense of camaraderie and unity among our students, parents, and staff members created an electric atmosphere that resonated throughout the stadium. It was a testament to the spirit of our school community, united in support of our young athletes and their endeavours. As we reflect on the success of these sporting triumphs, let us remember that this is just the beginning of an exciting journey ahead. The energy and excitement generated by these events serve as a catalyst for future success and growth within our sports programs. By nurturing the passion and talent of our students, we can continue to build a legacy of excellence that inspires generations to come. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and staff who attended the fixtures, contributing to the vibrant atmosphere and showing unwavering support for our students. Your presence made a significant difference and added to the magic of the occasion.

Thank you once again for your steadfast commitment to our school's sports program. Together, we can achieve greatness and empower our students to reach new heights of success.

Warm regards, Mr Stocks, Miss Nichols, Mr Elvidge, Mr Wincote

## THINKING OF TRAINING TO TEACH?



### Thinking about Training to Teach?

#### Join us for a **Get into Teaching Experience Morning**

14th March  
The Hinckley School  
9.00am - 11.30am\*



\*Booking required via email:  
[itt@futuresteachingalliance.org.uk](mailto:itt@futuresteachingalliance.org.uk)



We are delighted to share with our community that on Thursday 14th March 2024, we will be hosting the next Futures Teaching Alliance 'Get into Teaching Experience Morning'.

This free session will allow guests to speak to professionals about a career in teaching and get an insight into how rewarding it is to be building brighter futures. We invite any parents, carers or member of the local community who are interested in a career in teaching to come along to find out more.

This is a completely free experience session and booking is required to attend.

To register, please email:  
[itt@futuresteachingalliance.org.uk](mailto:itt@futuresteachingalliance.org.uk)

*We look forward to meeting you and supporting your first steps into teaching!*

## NEW ENRICHMENT —TOUCH RUGBY TRAINING

Starting this **Friday**, Friday 1st March 2024, Mr Stocks will be launching 'Touch Rugby' after school between **3:15pm and 4:30pm**. This new enrichment activity is **open to everyone**, all years and all genders are welcome - experience doesn't matter!

A fantastic way to stay healthy and have fun! See you there!



## PARENT/CARER CAREERS QUESTIONNAIRE

### Careers at The Hinckley School:

The Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership Careers Hub is working with The Hinckley School to understand your experience of their careers education programme. They have shared a survey for us to communicate to our parents and carers. This survey asks some questions about you, your careers knowledge, and experiences.

This survey is voluntary. Where data is used for the purpose of reporting this will be anonymous and there will be no identifiable data available to third parties.

There are no right or wrong answers. It will take 5 minutes. To complete the survey please use the link below.

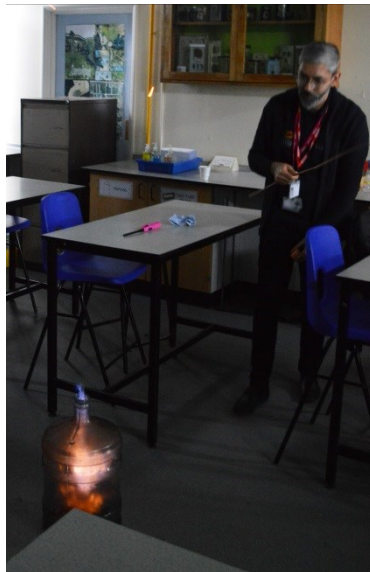
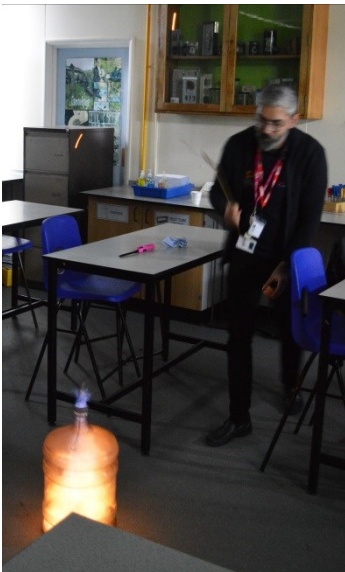
Many thanks

**[The Hinckley School Parents Survey 2023-24 \(onlinesurveys.ac.uk\)](https://onlinesurveys.ac.uk)**

# INSPIRING CAREERS IN THE SPACE INDUSTRY

Year 10 Triple Science students took part in a 'Space to Learn' masterclass with [The National Space Academy](#) on Wednesday. Students learnt about asteroids, generating thrust, the effects of mass and exothermic reactions and enjoyed taking part in whoosh bottle and impactor demonstrations and working with Hydrogen Oxygen rockets. The masterclass was designed to inspire young people to consider a career in the space industry and we would like to thank the team for such an engaging and exciting day.

**YEAR 10** Hub  
At The Hinckley School



## SAVE THE DATE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Year 10 Tutor Evening - 5th March 2024**
- **Year 11 Tutor Evening - 12th March 2024**
- **Post 18 Destinations Evening (Year 11,12 and 13) - 12th March 2024**
- **Matilda—Have you got your tickets yet? - 14th, 15th and 16th March, 7:30pm**