

NEWSLETTER

11th June 2026



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This week has been filled with opportunities for our students to learn beyond the classroom. Highlights have included the Year 8 STEM trip to the Big Bang Fair, where students explored innovation and discovery first-hand, alongside

a reflective visit to our local church. These experiences continue to broaden horizons and deepen our pupils' understanding of the world around them.

As we look ahead to next week, we are excited to celebrate our vibrant and diverse community through Culture Week. Including a visit from a published author and MasterChef finalist, a cultural food fair showcasing cuisines from around the world, and a range of activities in the library that celebrate the richness of our school community.

We will also be marking important milestones for our exam year groups. Year 11 will take part in their much-anticipated shirt signing (fingers crossed for some sunshine) and Year 13 will celebrate the end of their school journey at their prom. These are special moments that recognise both achievement and the friendships made along the way. We look forward to celebrating with our students.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

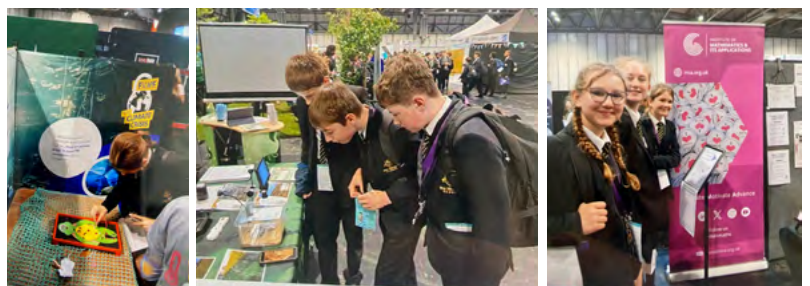
The Big Bang Fair

On Wednesday 10th June, a group of our Year 8 students had the exciting opportunity to visit The Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. The fair is one of the UK's largest celebrations of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Throughout the morning, students explored a number of interactive exhibits and stands with their friends and were able to engage directly with staff from a wide variety of organisations. The event showcased a broad range of STEM topics, including cutting-edge technology, environmental sustainability, engineering innovations and future career pathways. Students particularly enjoyed the hands-on activities and the chance to speak with experts about real-world applications of what they learn in school.

Following the visit to the Big Bang Fair last year, all students in Year 8 and Year 9 participated in the Nature Park Project, which enabled students to explore environmental science in a practical context and developed their understanding of ecosystems, conservation and sustainability.

We are incredibly proud of how our students represented The Hinckley School and look forward to building on this experience with further STEM related projects and initiatives.



Visit to St Mary's Church

This week, students in the Year 10 Religious Studies group visited St Mary's Church in the centre of Hinckley town. This was an important visit to consolidate the knowledge of students, enable them to ask questions and get an up-close view of a Christian Church. We were welcomed by the Vicar Ian Hill, who spoke to us about the role of the Church for the Christian faith, the inclusivity St Mary's promotes, welcoming people from all walks of life, and how the Church helps in the local community. Students were also given the opportunity to have a look around the Church, ask questions and even try on some of the attire! It was an exceptional visit that has given both staff and students an extension of knowledge outside of the classroom. We would like to thank St Mary's and Ian Hill for welcoming us. We will be looking to organise an opportunity to collect some items for the food-bank in the Church before the end of term and would welcome any donations from parents and families, or alternatively you can donate directly to the Church.

- Miss Burton and Miss Pointer



News from our Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's award programme finished this week, to celebrate we played games and enjoyed an ice-cream in the sun. Our young people were all presented with their first aid certificates and those that had completed their full bronze award received their certificate and pin badge. Congratulations and well done to all.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Congratulations to the following young people in Year 10 who have completed their full Bronze awards:

- Fallon
- Gracie
- Anna
- Krish
- Ella



- Amy Fennell, Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-Ordinator

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OPEN EVENING

**Wednesday 16th September
5pm-8pm**

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

The Bridge
At The Hinckley School

Adventure, fun with friends, enjoy the outdoors, personal challenge, learn a new skill, enhance your CV, create memories and much more.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Registration for Bronze and Silver now Open

BRONZE	Volunteering 3 months	PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.
Physical 3 months		
Skills 3 months		
Expedition 2 days 1 night		

Current Year 9s can enrol onto the Bronze DofE award. (Completing their expedition in Year 10)

*Expedition training will start in September

BECAUSE THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO...

- Try new things
- Meet new people
- Discover new talents
- Learn new skills
- See what you're made of

BECAUSE THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO...

- Give back to your community
- Feel more confident
- Make a difference
- Recognise your potential
- Boost your wellbeing

SILVER	Volunteering 6 months	Direct entrants must do a further 6 months in the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.
Physical	one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months	
Skills	one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months	
Expedition 3 days 2 nights		

Current Year 10s can enrol onto the Silver DofE award. (Completing their expedition in Year 11)

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YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS

Pick up a form from Mrs Hall or email afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Cultural Food Fair

On Friday 19th June, we are delighted to be hosting a Cultural Food Fair in the Main Hall, bringing students and staff together to celebrate culture, community, and a shared love of food.

Community lies at the heart of this event, and we warmly invite volunteers to contribute by donating sweet or savoury treats they would like to be sold on the day. These can be either shop-bought or homemade, offering a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to share a taste of their culture with others across our school. To ensure this celebration also supports those beyond our school, all proceeds will be donated to the Hinckley Area Food Bank, helping our wider local community while strengthening our inclusive sense of belonging.

If your child would like to be involved and lead a food stall - whether it's for a treasured family recipe or a favourite food that represents their culture - we would love them to get involved. Please ask students to speak to their Year Team, letting them know the name of their dish and the culture it represents. Further details for students wishing to purchase items will be shared in due course.

Alongside the Cultural Food Fair, students will also have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and events in the library, celebrating the richness and diversity of our wonderful school community.

INSET DAY

A reminder that there will be an INSET Day on **Monday 29th June 2026**.

The school will be closed to all students (Year 7-13) on this day for staff training. Thank you.

SPORTS DAY

We are pleased to announce that our annual Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 25th June 2026**.

On this day, students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 should arrive at school wearing their full PE kit, ready to participate in the day's activities. They will wear their PE kit for the full day.

As events will be held outdoors, please ensure your child wears suitable footwear, and brings a water bottle, sun cream, and a hat.



Hinckley & Bosworth
Borough Council

CHILDREN'S STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Have your winning story read out by a storyteller and author at Snap dragon festival!

Write your best story the top 7 stories will be read out by a story teller and author at Snap Dragon Festival on Wednesday 5 August.

Winners will also receive a book voucher and have their stories will be showcased in Hinckley Library.

How to enter
Email: Story.Competition@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk
to receive the brief

GOOD LUCK!

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.