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# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter  
Futures*

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THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025



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

Our exceptional enrichment offer allows students to explore new passions, ignite interest and learn new skills, all while forging new friendships, building their confidence and for some clubs, offering the opportunity to proudly represent the school on a national stage. This week, I would like to congratulate our Dance Competition Team who have done just that, as they competed at The Great Big Dance Off on Monday. Their performance was incredibly impressive and conveyed a strong message about friendship and anti bullying and we are now exploring how we can support students to perform their fantastic choreography at our local primaries. In addition, our rugby teams continue to go from strength to strength, even when they don't come away with silverware, the strength of character, confidence and team work our rugby academy helps to build is evident and this week our teams once again did us proud

as they travelled to matches and tournaments across Leicestershire.

Students in Year 11 and 13 can now book their places on our Easter School programme, which allows them to capitalise on the additional classes our subject specialists are hosting on Tuesday 22nd April and Wednesday 23rd April, between 9am-1pm, as part of our extensive exam preparation. The uptake so far has been incredibly impressive and we would like to thank students for their enthusiasm to learn. Staff look forward to working with them during their dedicated revision sessions.

- Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

## HUNSTANTON GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK



Our Year 11 Geographers visited Hunstanton to complete the compulsory field work part of their course recently.

The 42 students who travelling to the Norfolk seaside town, looked at beach profiles, management and the importance of tourism on the area during their visit.

The group represented the school with pride throughout the trip and Mr Hillier would like to congratulate them on their behaviour and effort during the visit.



**YEAR 11 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School



## DANCE COMPETITION TEAM SHINES AT 'THE GREAT BIG DANCE OFF'



Our Dance Competition Team recently participated in the exciting regional heat of The Great Big Dance Off, where they went head-to-head with schools from all over the local area. Our talented dancers displayed exceptional professionalism and dedication throughout the event. Their performance was nothing short of outstanding, showcasing both their skill and teamwork.

Though the day was long and challenging, the team powered through, giving their best effort from start to finish. They made our school incredibly proud, representing us with grace, discipline, and undeniable talent. We are so proud of their hard work and determination, and we can't wait to see what they'll achieve next! Well done team!



## ANNUAL A LEVEL BUSINESS TUTOR2U CONFERENCE



Students in Year 13 A Level Business went on their annual visit to the Tutor2U revision conference at Star City last week.

Students took part in four sessions focussing on key exam skills and content, and engaged with a variety of interactive activities to showcase their knowledge of the subject. A number of the students were even fortunate enough to come away with the coveted prize of a Tutor2U pen!



# YEAR 7 RUGBY TOURNAMENT – BISHOP VESEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Our Year 7 rugby team put in a fantastic effort at the recent tournament hosted by Bishop Vesey Grammar School, facing strong opposition from Old Swinford, Bablake, Lutterworth High School, and Loughborough Grammar School.

Throughout the matches, the boys demonstrated great skill, determination, and teamwork, competing well against some highly talented teams. More importantly, they embodied the true spirit of rugby—showing resilience, respect, and sportsmanship in every game. They never backed down from a challenge, supporting each other and playing with enthusiasm and passion from start to finish.

Despite not coming away with any silverware, the tournament was a brilliant showcase of their commitment and the return of rugby at The Hinckley School. Their performances were a testament to the values of the game and the bright future ahead for this team.

Well done to all the players involved!

  
**TheBridge**  
*At The Hinckley School*





# ALUMNI DELIVERS LIGHTING AND SOUND WORKSHOPS

This week, the Drama department had an exciting three day visit from two alumni students Luke Winslade and Mark Williams.

When Luke was at The Hinckley School he chose a Lighting Designer Pathway for GCSE and assisted in the annual productions. He has now realised his dream of becoming a professional Lighting Designer and Technician and has his own business touring nationally and internationally, providing lighting for such events as the Eurovision Song Contest and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Luke and Mark were joined by their colleague Aliyah and inspired the Drama students across the exam groups with a masterclass in lighting and sound. Our visitors also hosted a lighting and sound workshop with our Year 7 Bridge Drama Club.

The team also installed a brand new rig of LED lighting in the drama studio and set up software that means all lighting can be controlled by a laptop and different effects, intensities and colours can be achieved at the touch of a button bringing students the opportunity to use industry level, high tech lighting in their exam work.

The workshops were truly inspiring to the students and we were delighted to spend some of the funds created by 'Matilda' on facilities and equipment for Performing Arts which will serve students for years to come in their Drama journey.

Mrs Cook, Head of Drama said, "I feel so proud of our students past and present in working together to create such a thriving, vibrant and inspiring space to work."

Thank you to our guests for joining us and helping to inspire our students!



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## EASTER SCHOOL

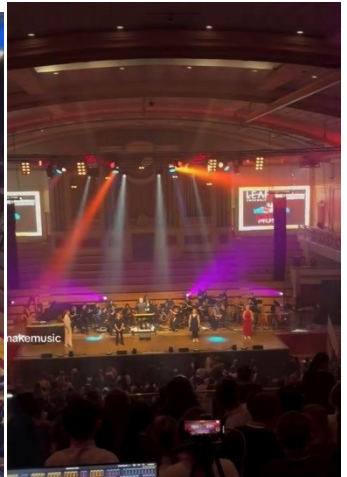
**YEAR 11** - [Click here](#) to read more and book your place

**YEAR 13** - [Click here](#) to read more and book your place

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 9am-1pm**



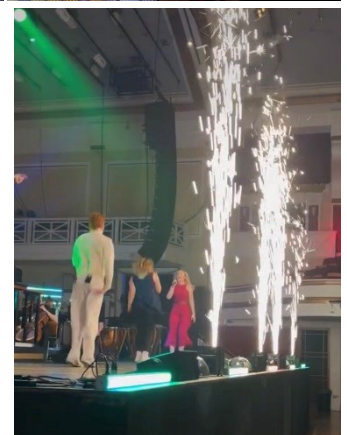
## GCSE MUSIC STUDENTS EXPERIENCE A MUSICAL LEAP



Our enthusiastic GCSE music students recently enjoyed a memorable trip to De Montfort Hall to watch the LEAP Orchestra, featuring musicians from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. This unique experience was not only fun and exciting but also highly educational, showcasing a variety of musical genres, including rock, opera, and pop.

The event encouraged student participation, inviting them to engage in body percussion and to sing along. Attending the LEAP Orchestra was a fantastic opportunity for our students to witness a live performance from an orchestra. We were incredibly proud of how well our students behaved and conducted themselves throughout the event, demonstrating respect and enthusiasm adding to the vibrant atmosphere at De Montfort Hall.

We extend our thanks to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire for their excellent musicians and to Leicestershire Music Service for hosting such a fun event. We look forward to more enriching experiences in the future! - **Mr Riley, Head of Music**

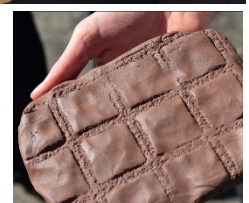


## PROFESSIONAL ARTIST KICKS OFF FUTURE HINCKLEY PROJECT

Today, we welcomed professional artist Kate Ellis to The Bridge, as she kicked off a six-week program that will use the process of making sculpture to explore STEM, urban mining and the past, present and future of Hinckley, as well as students' own past, present and future. The program will culminate in the development of designs and maquettes for a public sculpture for our school grounds.

Today's session was titled 'Consultation and Engaging with Site' and saw students introduced to field-work, as they used clay to capture unique textures and intersections. After just two hours with our Bridge students, Kate shared how 'articulate' and 'forthcoming' the group were and how much she was looking forward to working closely with them all.

Their next session is titled 'Patterns and Problem Solving on the Production Line' and we can't wait to see what our talented artists create!





# YEAR 9 Hub

*At The Hinckley School*

# YEAR 10 Hub

*At The Hinckley School*

## 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**

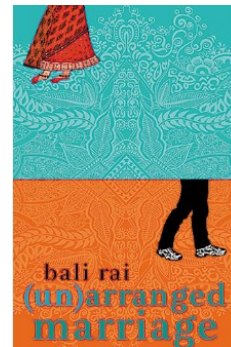
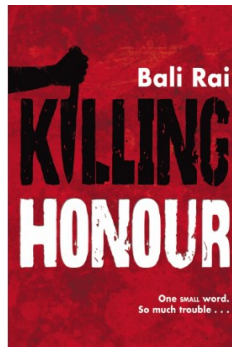
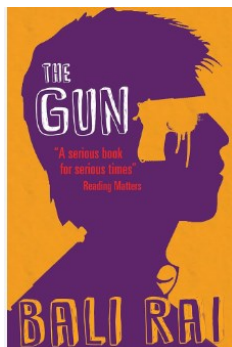
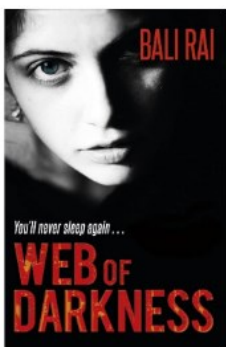
**YEAR 9 AND 10 YEAR GROUP TALKS**

**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.





**YEAR 11**



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You are cordially invited to attend the

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# *2025 Leavers Prom*

## *A Night to Remember*

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*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*



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# Enrichment Lunchtime

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## Spring Term 2025



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## 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           |
| LGBTQI+                        | 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           |



**\*NEW\***

# Enrichment After School

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## 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      |
| KS3 Girls Indoor Futsal           | 3:15-4:15pm | Years 7, 8 & 9   | C. Gillett  | PE      |
| Music Tech                        | 3:00-4:00pm | Year 7-13        | D. Riley    | MU1     |
| Sixth Form Biologists             | 3:00-4:00pm | Year 13          | T. Pratt    | S5      |
| 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



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