

NEWSLETTER

27TH NOVEMBER 2025



The Hinckley
SCHOOL



Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys Rugby and Year 11 Boys Basketball Teams who were victorious in their recent matches. Thank you to all students who represented The Hinckley School with pride and displayed impressive teamwork and talent. Next week, will see further rugby, football and basketball fixtures, including a girls basketball

tournament at Hinckley Leisure Centre. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone competing the very best of luck.

We continue to receive an impressive number of applications to join our Sixth Form in 2026. This vibrant student community allows students to embark on the next stage of their education surrounded by young people from secondary schools across Leicestershire, while still benefitting from the familiarity and support of staff they have built strong working relationships with over the past five years. If your child is in Year 11 and you would like to learn more about our sixth form offer, please [click here](#) or call 01455 632183 to book a daytime tour.

A reminder that The Hinckley School will be closed on Friday 28th November for an INSET Day. Staff training events such as this are so important to ensure our teachers and support staff have the knowledge, resources and support to provide students with the best experience possible. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 1st December.

Like many, we are now beginning to make our Christmas preparations, with the hall tree being put up next week. I look forward to sharing details of our festive celebrations with you all soon.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

Year 11 Team Crowned Basketball Champions

Our Year 11 Basketball Team took part in the County Cup Basketball Tournament at Bosworth Academy on Thursday 20th November.

HBSSPAN, who are responsible for school sport and physical activity across schools in Hinckley and Bosworth said, "What a fantastic evening of basketball! Every match was fiercely contested." As they took to social media to congratulate our team.

The Hinckley School faced Redmoor Academy in a close-fought final, with our students putting on a true display of teamwork and talent to come out victorious.

Well done to all players who made the event such a success!

INSET DAY REMINDER - FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Please note that the school will be closed tomorrow to all students (including Sixth Form) due to staff training.



Mr Arnold's 'World Famous' Hot Chocolates

Last Friday, the Year 8 Team wanted to say thank you to our students for another fantastic week of learning in lessons. Mr Arnold, Year 8 Pastoral Leader, prepared his 'world famous' hot chocolate for the year group as they arrived in school on Friday morning.

Special thanks to Chloe, Sam, Jess, Kyra, Annie, Mrs Mellor and Mr Elvidge for being fantastic assistants on hand to add the squirry cream and sprinkles. Well done Year 8!

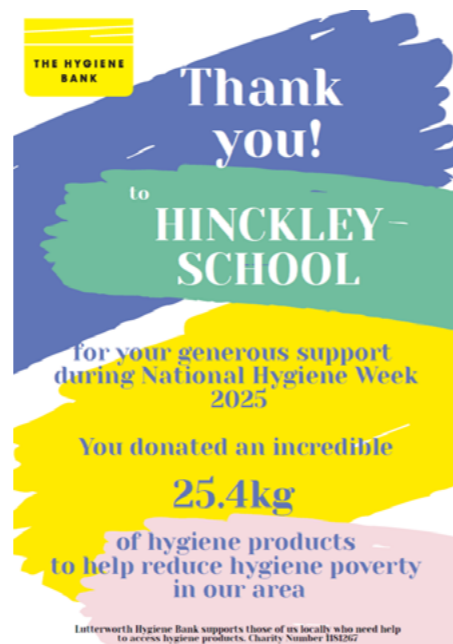
£5.9k Grants Secured

We are delighted to share that The Hinckley School has now secured three grants from Buttle UK to support our students and their families. Our third grant for a family in need was £2,400, the second grant was £2,400 and the first grant was £1,100 - totalling £5,900 worth of support.

If you know a family who could benefit from the support provided as part of the Buttle UK grant scheme, please contact our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team.

Thank You!

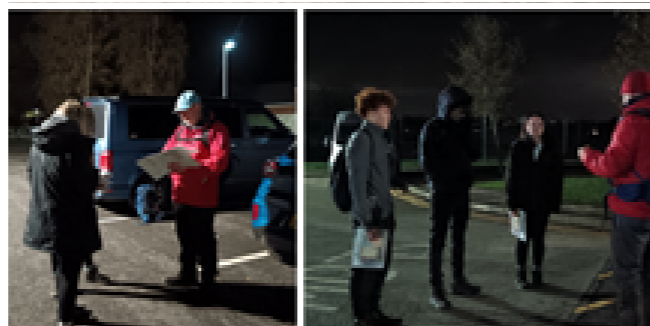
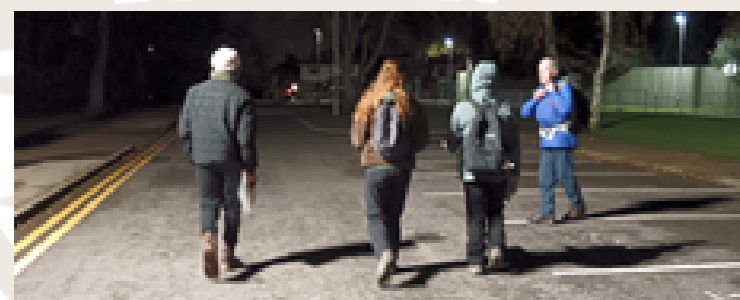
We would like to thank everyone who donated to The Hygiene Bank as part of National Hygiene Week. We donated an incredible 25.4kg of products to help reduce hygiene poverty in our area. These donations will make a real difference to members of our community and we would like to thank you for your generosity and kindness.



Night Navigation

Tuesday evening saw our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's award group taking part in a night hike, a circular route starting and finishing at school, that took them through Burbage common. The exercise helped them to learn earning to navigate in the dark and saw the group pick up some vital skills. This will help them be prepared, should the weather bring poor visibility on their expedition. Well done all!

We would also like to congratulate the following young people who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's awards recently. Well done!



Bronze Bethany		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
Silver Zuzanna		SILVER Direct entrants need to do a further 4 months in the Volunteering or the kinder of the Physical or Skills sections. Volunteering 6 months Physical one session for 6 months, the other for 3 months Skills one session for 6 months, the other for 3 months Expedition 3 days 2 nights



SEND Friendly Christmas Celebrations

Leicestershire Local Offer have compiled a long list of local Christmas activities and events which are tailored to young people with SEND and their families. It's a simple way for families to see what inclusive festive activities are on offer this season in their local area. To view the list of 'SEND friendly' Christmas 2025 celebrations, please [click here](#) to visit our website.



Lost Property

We have recently had an influx of lost property handed in to our Main Reception.

Parents, carers, and students are reminded that the lost property box is kept in the Main Reception, and families are welcome to come into school during our normal opening hours to look for any items students may have misplaced recently. Please note that all items currently in the lost property box will be donated to charity over the Christmas break if left unclaimed.

Christmas Hampers

Our Christmas hampers are now ready for families, after being packed by the Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team. Each box is full of sweet treats, toiletries, books, jewellery and more! The hampers are made from donations we kindly receive from community groups and businesses. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Emma Phillips - Morrisons Community Champion - Hinckley, The Lutterworth Hygiene Bank and The Food Bank Hinckley for their kind donations and for helping us spread some festive cheer.



Festive Sing Off

Families of Year 7 students are invited to join us at our annual 'Bridgemas Sing Off', an annual Christmas celebration filled with festive cheer!

The event will take place in the Main Hall on Friday 12th December, 1:30pm-3pm with two tickets available per family. During the event, tutor groups will compete in a festive Christmas song battle to gain your votes to be crowned the sing off champions! Students are busy rehearsing and we can't wait to celebrate a fantastic first term with you during this fun community event.

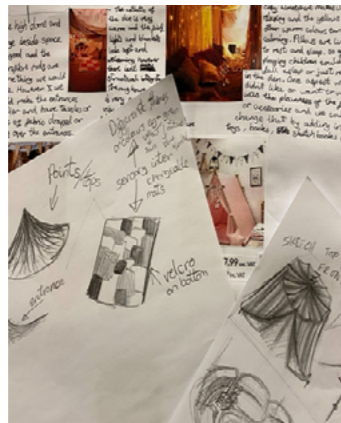
To attend, please complete the online registration form by [clicking here](#).

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

STEM Innovation Competition

As part of the V&A STEM Innovate Competition, Evie-Lou and Persephonie have begun developing their own children's tent-style structure after researching and analysing existing designs.

Using their new knowledge, they are generating thoughtful concepts that promote rest and relaxation for young people—particularly those with sensory needs. The pair will now be consulting with their target audience to gather valuable feedback, which will help them refine and strengthen their design ideas moving forward.



Keep up the great work!

All Star Advent

To celebrate the final All Star Advent campaign, we're once again partnering with Spark UK to bring you All Star- a craft competition that invites you to share your joy with others, no matter your age or where you are in the world.

Use any medium you like to create a star themed artwork. Your submission will be shared on the gallery page and entered for a chance to win a prize! The deadline for entries is midnight December 23.

[Click here](#) to find out more about how to enter!

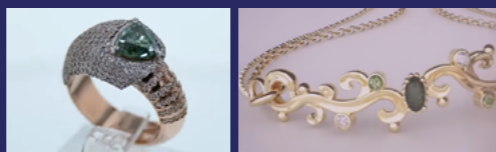
- All Star Advent Calendar



COMPETITION CORNER

Do you know what a Metallurgist does?

Metallurgists specialise in extracting raw materials and processing metal and alloys. They work in a wide range of industries including design, manufacture, production and quality assurance. Starting salaries tend to be between £22,000 and £28,000. To find out more about this career [click here](#).



Step Inside the School of Jewellery

Explore the school of jewellery in Birmingham by watching this video - [click here!](#)

CAREERS CORNER

Cooking Up a Storm!

Our Year 10 & 11 Hospitality & Catering students have been practising the complex preparation, cooking and presentation skills needed for the requirements of 'Unit 2: Hospitality & catering in Action'. Students were fully engaged in the lesson, making BBQ chicken wings, seasoned potato wedges and homemade coleslaw. All produced in under 2 hours - with fabulous results!



Line Drawings

After completing tonal animal drawings, Year 7 Fine Art students reflected on the strengths and limitations of shading with pencil before moving on to controlled studies using ballpoint pen. This is a demanding technique, but 7 Oxford have shown real resilience in their sampling—experimenting confidently with colour palettes and combinations. Their emerging highland cow studies demonstrate fantastic attention to the direction and length of each line, as well as careful preservation of white highlights to capture the glossy texture of the fur. We can't wait to see their final outcomes!



DSLR Photography

Year 9 Fine Art students explored DSLR photography this week, learning key exposure, composition and lighting techniques. They staged objects connected to their chosen public figure or celebrity, using visual components to communicate identity and meaning. After reviewing their initial shots, students completed a follow-up shoot and some experimented with digital editing to further refine their work. This project offered an exciting introduction to the endorsement areas available at GCSE Art, Craft & Design at The Hinckley School. In the coming weeks, students will begin translating their photographs into fine art outcomes, informed by their observations and sampling.

