



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week is our 'Inspire Week', and even though this newsletter only gives a brief initial snap shot of the wealth of events and experiences our community has enjoyed over the past few days, it is clear to see why we give it this name. An action packed programme of work experience, alumni talks, author workshops, medical careers experience events, taster days, world of work sessions and exciting trips to create life long memories, all knit together to build a week of unforgettable experiences for our young people. Learning is about more than what happens inside the classroom and we hope that this week has given our students a chance to get up out of their seats to try something new. I look forward to sharing more about our trips and today's annual Sports Day in next week's newsletter.

Thank you to parents and carers for helping students to maintain high standards in their uniform during our current hot weather, as the forecast suggests, this will continue until the end of the school year so therefore, we will allow students to leave their blazers at home for the last two weeks. As much as we enjoy the glorious sunshine, it can challenge the normal routine and your support in helping students continue their studies focused, dressed smartly and well equipped is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Grocock — Head of School**

## BEN DAVIS INSPIRED BUDDING AUTHORS



The Hinckley School was thrilled to welcome author Ben Davis for a special visit that left a lasting impression on students and staff alike. Author of funny books for older children and teenagers including the Joe Cowley series, *My Embarrassing Dad's Gone Viral* and *Make Me Awesome*, Ben has been praised for accurately representing the awkwardness of adolescence with funny and moving stories.

During his time with us, Ben delivered an engaging talk about his journey as a writer, sharing valuable insights into the world of publishing, creativity, and storytelling.

Following the talk, smaller groups of students had the unique opportunity to take part in hands-on writing workshops led by Ben himself. These interactive sessions, which took place in the Library, encouraged our budding authors to explore their own voices, develop new ideas, and gain confidence in their writing abilities.

The visit was part of our ongoing commitment to promoting reading for pleasure and fostering a love for writing among students. We are incredibly grateful to Ben Davis for taking the time to inspire the next generation of storytellers.

We would also like to thank Ms Crisp for once again showing her commitment to organising outstanding opportunities for our young people.





## WORLD OF WORK - ALUMNI ASSEMBLY

This week, we welcomed former student, Hannah McReynolds, as part of the World of Work offer for Year 10. Hannah spoke to students about her career pathway and the twists and turns which saw her arrive where she is today.

Hannah started off as a carer, before returning to education in her early 20's in an Access to Nursing course, developing strategies to help her Dyslexia along the way. Hannah went on to gain a first in her nursing Degree. She has since completed two Masters and a Diploma in Tropical Nursing. Students heard about how Hannah took a "sabbatical" from her job as an ED nurse at Leicester Royal Infirmary to work in an Ebola Treatment Center in Sierra Leone, working in incredibly difficult circumstances nursing children and adults from the community with Ebola, in incredible heat. Hannah stayed on in Sierra Leone to support other nurses in setting up systems around infection prevention control in the other hospitals in Freetown. Hannah received a medal from the late Queen for her services to West Africa.

Thank you to Hannah for visiting us to help inspire our students and to share her unique story.



**YEAR 10** Hub  
*At The Hinckley School*

## STUDENTS ROCK 'BOSFEST'

Last weekend, our talented young musicians delivered spectacular performances at BOSFEST, turning a warm, rainy day into a celebration of music and community. Rock School, our Tuesday enrichment programme, had our KS3 students rehearse pop and rock songs throughout the year before taking to the main stage on Saturday. They performed with confidence, showcasing their dedication and skill.

The festival came alive with our handful of young musicians, featuring piano, guitar, bass, and drums. Our students, who have rehearsed consistently all year, showing their energy and talent, earning cheers from family, friends and the local public. The vast majority of our students were brand-new to playing an instrument, so being able to perform at a large event in front of the public is a phenomenal undertaking. A huge thank you goes to Wayne, Tom and Rachel at JAM music for organising the enrichment activity and the event at BOSFEST. A special thank you also goes to Katie in Year 11 for her support for the young guitarists and bassists.

Following the main stage acts, our Year 11 rock band, joined by a talented former pupil, delivered an electrifying set that rivalled professional standards. Their high-energy performance left the crowd buzzing and showed their talent on the main stage. We are also incredibly proud of Oakleigh, Anya, and Josh, who performed brilliantly with other ensembles during BOSFEST. Our students were everywhere!

Despite occasional showers and gust of wind, the atmosphere at BOSFEST was one of community, family and appreciation for good music. This wonderful occasion could not have been possible without our excellent musicians, JAM Music, our helpers, and everyone who attended for making this event a triumph.

Thank you for supporting our young musicians and making BOSFEST 2025 a day to remember! - Mr Riley





## REDMOOR GET A TASTE OF OUR SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE

Today, we were delighted to welcome the Year 10 community from Redmoor Academy, to our sixth form centre for an experience event. During the day students samples three a level or alternative level 3 courses of their choice and enjoyed learning more about our sixth form from students in a Q&A and music quiz.

The atmosphere was exciting and energetic and we would like to thank Redmoor students and staff for such a fantastic day. We look forward to hosting our THS Year 10 Taster Day next week and seeing everyone at our Open Evening in November!



The Hinckley  
SIXTH FORM

### OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 12th November  
5:00pm-8:00pm

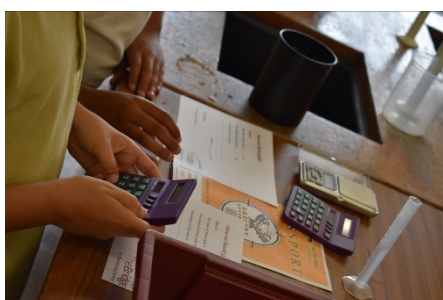
*The Future Starts With Us*



## LOST PROPERTY - DEADLINE 27TH JUNE 2025

PARENTS AND CARERS ARE INVITED TO VISIT RECEPTION TO CHECK OUR LOST PROPERTY BOX. ANY ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY 27TH JUNE 2025 WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY. THANK YOU.

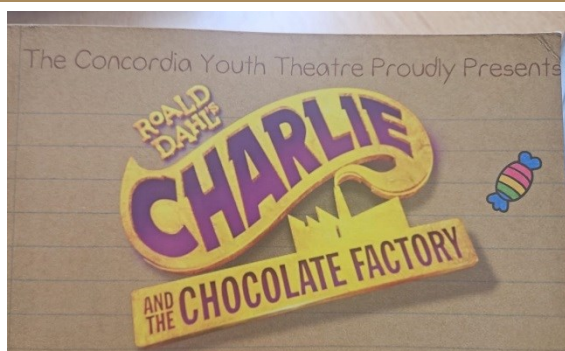
## ANCIENT ADVENTURES



On Thursday, we welcomed Year 5 pupils from St Mary's CofE Primary School to take part in an 'Ancient Adventure'. Pupils explored our Classics curriculum while participating in 'Roman School', Science experiments to find gold and exciting Egyptian challenges! Thank you to our sixth form student helpers and to pupils and staff from St Mary's for such a wonderful day! We can't wait to see everyone again soon at our Open Evening.



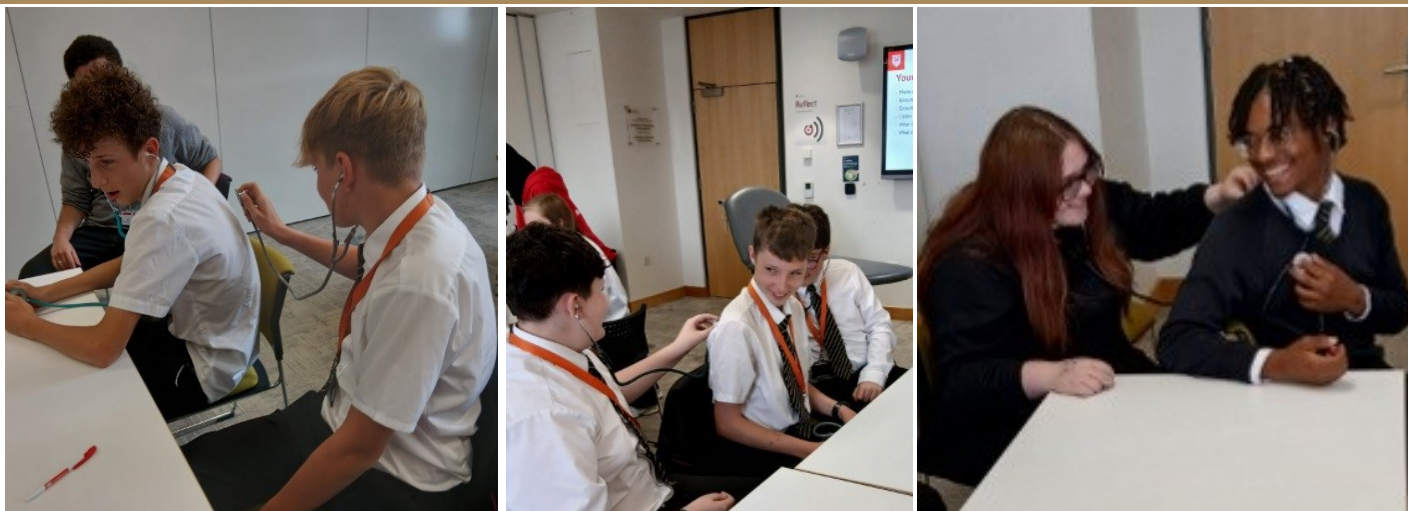
## CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY



Mrs Cook and Mr Riley went to the theatre last week to see Hinckley Concordia's Youth theatre in action in the west end spectacular 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. Students, past and present were in the show and the singing, dancing and acting was a credit to them! Mrs Cook and Mr Riley took their programme to the stage door to get autographs from all the stars of the show and felt very proud that our very own THS students have so much talent and energy – well done to everyone involved!



# SO YOU WANT TO BE A DOCTOR? - LEICESTER UNIVERSITY



Mr Tallis and Mrs Sturgess took fifteen Year 9 students to an event at Leicester University to gain an understanding of the training and career pathways students might take across a career in medicine. The students were able to talk to and ask questions with the student ambassadors, Fatimah a final year medicine student and Natalie, a first year medicine student.

The day started with a talk from local GP and GP Trainer, Dr Sam Adcock who talked about overcoming difficulties to pursue his education in medicine and what being a GP means.

The first workshop was an opportunity for students to learn about finding out a patient's history and techniques used. Watching Junior Doctors first, they were able to work out what illness the patient had come to the GP through open questioning techniques and find out their individual medical and lifestyle history – it was an appendicitis!

In the second session, students had the opportunity to learn about triaging, being given a number of different patients with a variety of needs working out what the issues could be and which patient they should see as a priority.

After lunch the students had an opportunity to have a tour of the campus, they were able to go to the communal and social areas of the University and visit the library which houses 1.3 million books. They also saw the house where the Attenborough children were brought up.

The students were engaged in the activities and were great ambassadors for The Hinckley School. By the end of the day, we had a few more students contemplating a career in medicine.

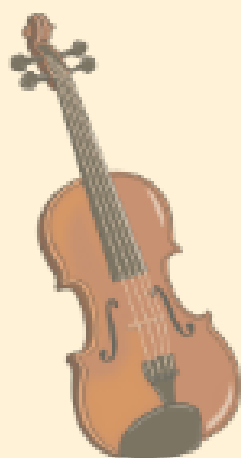
**- Mrs Sturgess and Mr Tallis**



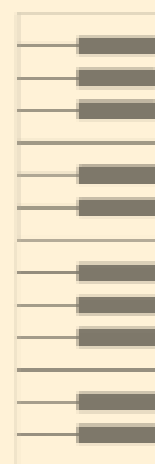


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# Performing Arts Summer Showcase



AN EVENING OF  
DANCE AND MUSIC



THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY FROM 6:00PM-7:30PM

IN THE MAIN HALL

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

£1 ADULT ENTRY  
STUDENTS AND CHILDREN GO FREE





COME ALONG TO OUR UPCOMING CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT THE  
HINCKLEY SCHOOLS MUSIC EVENT!  
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW ON PARENT PAY! MORE DETAILS BELOW...



CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF THE BEATLES,  
QUEEN, AND MORE WITH THE  
ORCHESTRA, MASS CHOIR AND STEEL PANS

**Tuesday**  
**1<sup>st</sup> July**

**5.00-7.00PM**  
**AT REDMOOR ACADEMY**

Tickets are £4 each - Available from your school

# LGBTQ+ Youth Clubs

SOCIAL SPACES, WITH PLANNED ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS AND GAMES. AGES 13-17.

FREE TO ATTEND.

**Mondays 6pm-7.30pm**  
Voluntary Action Leicester

**Every Other Thursday 5pm-7pm**  
Melton Venture House Family Hub

**Fridays 5pm-7pm**  
Hinckley Children and Family Centre

OUR YOUTH CLUB STAFF ARE LGBTQ+ AND TRAINED TO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A MINIMUM OF TWO MEMBERS OF STAFF AT THE GROUP.

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Do you have a child that loves to dance, wants to make friends and most importantly have fun??

**!!** SCT Dance is looking for dancers to join our brand new competitive hip hop dance teams!

Weekly  
training  
in Sapcote

SIGN UP NOW  
for the  
2025/26  
season

Beginners  
welcome!

👉 The 2025/2026 season will start in September so we are currently looking for dancers who would love to progress in hip hop dance and compete as a team against other competitive dance teams in the UK.

**No previous training or dance background required**