

NEWSLETTER

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The Hinckley
SCHOOL



We now approach the end of a busy eight-week term, during which our students have made exceptional progress and contributed positively to our school and wider community. Whether it is the milestone of starting secondary school, settling into a new year group, completing mock exams, competing in sports fixtures, trying new hobbies, making new friends,

or showing PRIDE in lessons, each and every one of our students has something to be proud of.

This week, we communicated our Home School Agreement to families. This agreement simply outlines our existing expectations and promises in a more formalised document to strengthen our commitment to high expectations and family partnerships. Thank you to everyone who has already returned this document. If you have any queries about this agreement, please speak to your Year Team.

After a busy half term, I hope all our students, staff and families enjoy a well-earned break next week. We look forward to welcoming back our community on **Monday 27th October**.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kate Grocock | Head of School

Underwater Adventure

Year 7 explore the Sea Life Centre

All Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham this week, to get creative inspiration for their next art and design project.

Students spent the day exploring the underwater world and learning about the impact of plastic pollution on our oceans, as they took observational recordings to use in their upcoming art and design project. Through drawings and photographs, students impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm. Students will now be asked to consider how to reuse/recycle plastic-based synthetic materials in their future designs and look to take further inspiration from the incredibly popular 'Jellycat' soft toys.

Miss Webster, Miss Jones and Ms Beale worked with any Year 7 students who remained in school, using clay relief techniques to produce a seascape 'tile design' inspired by a print that included crashing waves and giant emerging octopus tentacles. Students utilised a variety of tools and moulds to help recreate the scene.



Students behaved impeccably, both on the trip and in school.

Well done, Year 7!

THS vs Higham Lane

First Bridge Football Fixture

Our Year 7 football team put in a spirited performance against tough opposition, Higham Lane, last week. From the first whistle to the last, the players demonstrated true PRIDE, showing outstanding grit, determination, and teamwork throughout the match.

While the scoreline didn't reflect their effort, the team's commitment and positive attitude were clear to see. Every player worked tirelessly, supporting each other and refusing to give up. It was a valuable learning experience, and the squad can hold their heads high knowing they represented the school with great sportsmanship and resilience.

Man of the Match: Theo — who never stopped running or tackling, standing out with his relentless effort and courage against really strong opposition.



Half Term Sports Message

Sic Parvis Magna — Greatness from Small Beginnings

As we reach the end of this half term, I am delighted to share the fantastic progress we have made in re-establishing sport at The Hinckley School. Our students have truly embodied our motto, Sic Parvis Magna, showing that greatness really does grow from small beginnings.

It has been inspiring to see the successful return of competitive fixtures across netball, football, and rugby from Year 7 through to Year 13, giving all our students the opportunity to represent the school and play the sports they love. This half term, our teams have proudly competed at local, regional, and national levels, demonstrating both the depth of talent across the school and the determination of our students to challenge themselves against the very best.

Our enrichment programme has also gone from strength to strength. With activities including netball, football, basketball, dance, cheer-leading, and rugby, students have been encouraged to try new sports, develop their skills, and enjoy being active. We have seen a significant rise in the number of students engaging in sport, which has been one of our key aims this year.

A special mention must go to our student community, whose enthusiasm and encouragement have been at the heart of this success. From those representing the school in fixtures to those cheering from the sidelines, our students have shown tremendous team spirit, leadership, and pride in supporting one another. Their positivity has helped create an environment where everyone feels confident to take part and celebrate each other's achievements. Equally, the incredible support from our wider community has been wonderful to see. The growing number of students, parents, and families attending fixtures has created a genuine sense of belonging and togetherness across the school. The encouragement from the sidelines has made a real difference and reflects the strong, community-focused spirit we continue to build together.

Looking ahead, we are excited for another busy and active half term, with upcoming fixtures in netball, football, and rugby, as well as the introduction of badminton, basketball, and table tennis competitions. We are also thrilled to announce the launch of our Sixth Form fixtures, as our senior students prepare to compete in the Leicestershire leagues for the first time.

Thank you for your continued support of sport at The Hinckley School. Together, we are creating a culture where every student has the opportunity to participate, compete, and take pride in representing their school. Have a wonderful half term.

Mr M Stocks | Director of Sport | The Hinckley School



Breast Cancer Awareness

Wear it Pink Day - 17th October
In addition to our awareness sessions, on **Friday 17th October**, we will be holding a **'Wear it Pink Day'** in support of the charity Breast Cancer Now, where students will be able to wear a pink adornment (shoe laces, earrings, headband, gloves, socks etc) alongside their normal uniform for the **suggested donation of £1** - available on Parent Pay. There will also be a bake sale, games and quizzes for students to get involved with during lunchtime; these fundraising activities will be cash only.

Thank you in advance for supporting this charity fundraising event.

CoppaFeel!
breast cancer awareness



Buttle UK

Grants for families

We have been made aware of a charity that offers grants to families living in hardship and dealing with challenging issues. These grants can provide items for education such as laptops, but also help with items for the home, and wellbeing items. We are required to complete an application form and send in proof of low income such as a Universal Credit statement. Please get in touch if you feel this is something your family would qualify for. Alternatively, take a look yourself at the offer here to find out if you're eligible [Buttle UK](#)





Spanish Speaking Practice

Celebrity Interviews

After working hard for their mock exam, our Spanish students in Year 11 started practising their speaking skills ready for their next mock. They prepared a set of 34 questions in Spanish, which they are currently memorising. To help with nerves, students worked in pairs and role-played an interaction between a celebrity (wearing a garland and fancy sunglasses) and a journalist (using an inflatable microphone). It was wonderful to see their commitment to becoming fluent in Spanish!

Ms Garcia | Head of MFL

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that student flu vaccinations will take place on 11th November for students in Year 7-11

The SAIS team will contact you directly to request consent for vaccinations. This new approach will make it quicker for you to give or refuse consent. If consent is not received the service will allow the young person to self-consent if aged over 13 years and competent.



YEAR 11 Hub
At The Hinckley School

Christmas Hampers for Families

This year, we are once again being supported by the Lutterworth Hygiene Bank and our local Morrisons to be able to provide families in need with Christmas hampers. Please let us know if your family would like a hamper by emailing kpriestnall@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Last year, we gave away over 50 hampers to families within our community thanks to our supporting partners.



Sixth Form Safety Event

Supporting safe milestones

Our Sixth Form Safety Event took place on Thursday 16th October, with a series of talks, activities and demonstrations taking place throughout the day. This important annual event supports our students to keep themselves and others safe as they reach key milestones, such as passing their driving test and turning 18.

Students listened to a powerful talk about driver and passenger safety and visited fair stalls where they took part in VR simulations, tried out mock 'beer-goggles' and created mock-tails, as well as discussing personal safety, consent and fire safety. Students really engaged with our visitors from Leicestershire Police Service, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and approached the sometimes hard-hitting topics with real maturity.

In the last session of the day, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service staged a demonstration to show how they would rescue a casualty following a road traffic collision. This powerful demonstration really brought into focus the messages throughout the event and highlighted once again to our students the importance of making safe, well-considered choices.



History Stars

Monthly recognition awards

In the History department, staff are encouraged to nominate students who they think have completed exceptional work in their lessons, have taken part in a History-based extra-curricular activity or are consistently committed and motivated in the subject. The winning student receives a certificate and small prize which is given to them by their subject teacher.

In September, the winning student was Evie. This was for working exceptionally hard in every lesson and having outstanding subject knowledge and detail in her answers.

In October, the winning student was Lois - for working hard in her mock exams and acting on feedback from her teacher.

Congratulations to both of them from everyone in the History Department!

Hygiene Boxes

Hygiene Boxes are also available to families all year round, as a result of very generous donations from the Lutterworth hygiene bank. These are full of useful products from shampoo to soap and cleaning products. Please email kpriestnall@thehinckleyschool.co.uk to let us know if you would like one and we can leave a box in reception for you to collect.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

NEW October Creative Challenge

Miss Webster has now launched our next school creative challenge! This month's competition is based around photography and is an opportunity for all students to get creative and have a go! More details below. We can't wait to see your entries!

October Creative Challenge:

Forced Perspective and Unusual Viewpoint Photography

Launch: Monday 6th October Deadline: Friday 31st October

Forced perspective photography manipulates human perception with the use of optical illusions to make objects appear larger, smaller, further in the distance etc.

Forced perspective photography explores the scale of objects and the correlation between them

Challenge:
Use the camera on your mobile phone to capture a creative forced perspective photograph (that requires no post-editing to create an optical illusion)

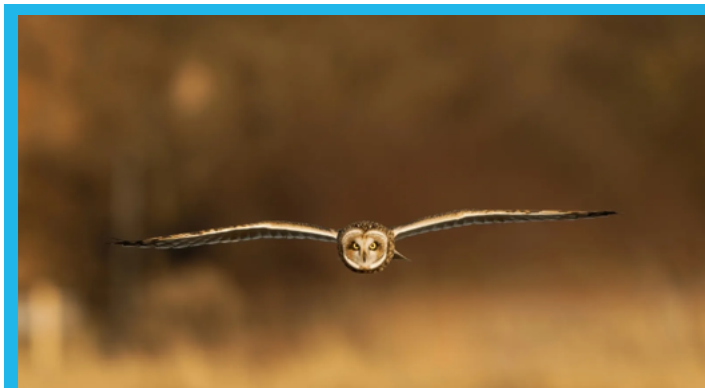
Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk



Mock Exam Outcomes

Miss Webster would like to share a selection of Year 11 mock exam outcomes this week. Many students have also taken their work home to continue to work on, which shows great commitment.

As you can see their work is very impressive and we would like to congratulate all our Year 11 artists on how they approached their art mock. The art team looks forward to sharing mock exams grades with students during our **Year 11 and 13 Mock Results and Revision Evening on Tuesday 4th November.**



RSPB Photography Competition

The RSPB are searching for 12 photographs, captured by the public- to feature in their Inspiring Nature Calendar 2027. Whether it's a picture of a bird, bug, plant, animal or a landscape, if it was taken by you in the UK, they would love to see it! As well as the honour of your work featuring in the calendar, winners will receive Viking Optical binoculars, spotting scopes and accessories for wildlife observation and Osprey backpacks and accessories!

Entries to be submitted by midnight on 31st October 2025, to find out more, [click here.](#)



Considering a T Level?

Meet the Careers Team

Mrs Sturgess | Subject Leader for Computer Science and Leader of STEM and Careers

Mrs Sturgess leads our careers programme across all key stages, ensuring students are informed, inspired, and supported in their future pathways.

Mrs Thompson| Schools Careers Advisor

Mrs Thompson brings a wealth of experience in guiding students through their post-16 and post-18 options, offering personalised advice and support.

What Are T Levels?

Last academic year we sent out a survey to parents and carers about the careers offer at The Hinckley School. While 41% of respondents reported being extremely familiar with the A Level pathway, only 10% indicated they were somewhat familiar with T Levels.

T Levels are two-year technical qualifications for students aged 16-19, designed as an alternative to A Levels and apprenticeships. They combine:

- Classroom learning (80%) focused on core knowledge and occupational specialisms.
- Industry placements (20%) – around 45 days in a real work environment.

Each T Level is equivalent to three A Levels and is developed in collaboration with employers to ensure students gain the skills needed for the workplace. T Levels are ideal for students who want a hands-on learning experience while keeping options open for university, apprenticeships, or employment. To help you understand T Levels a guide for parents can be found at: [T Levels: A Guide for Parents and Carers - Amazing Apprenticeships](#). You can also use the [T Levels Finder Tool](#) to explore colleges offering T Levels.

Why T Levels Matter

T Levels are a fantastic option for students who want to gain real-world experience while studying, keep doors open to university, apprenticeships, or employment, and learn in a structured and supportive environment.

If your child would like to discuss T Levels or any other career pathways, please encourage them to speak to their form tutor or with Mrs Sturgess directly.

Ever considering being an Upholsterer?

[Click here to watch](#) a video about this creative career.



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM



OPEN EVENT

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

**THE FUTURE
STARTS WITH US**

www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk



Our Open Event also includes a Year 11 Careers and Destinations Fair in the Main Hall, to help our young people make the best and most informed decision for them.



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Gold Training for our New Cohort

Exploration and adventure

On Saturday, our Gold team started their walk from Barber Booth and explored the Brown Knoll hill, one of the highest hills in the Peak District, just south of Kinder Scout. They travelled along the Chapel gate track taking bearings, leapfrogging, aiming off and pacing, learning navigation techniques that they will be able to put into practise on their expeditions in the future.

It was a pleasure to be out with a very positive group of young people who showed enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, and tackled all the tasks that they were given. Well done to everyone!



Congratulations on Completed Awards

Commitment and success

Congratulations to the following young people who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Awards recently.

Completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, whether it be Bronze, Silver, or Gold, is a fantastic achievement, and we would like to congratulate our young people on their commitment, effort and resilience.

Bronze Megan Emily		BRONZE Volunteering 3 months Physical 3 months Skills 3 months Expedition 2 days 1 night
Silver Ava		SILVER Volunteering 6 months Physical one session for 4 months, the other for 3 months Skills one session for 4 months, the other for 3 months Expedition 3 days 2 nights
Gold Jessie		GOLD Volunteering 12 months Physical one session for 12 months, the other for 6 months Skills one session for 12 months, the other for 6 months Expedition 4 days 3 nights Residential 5 days 4 nights



£1 Leicester Tigers Tickets!

Community Opportunity

We're excited to invite your school community to a spook-tacular day out at the Mattioli Woods Welford Road Stadium as Leicester Tigers take on Sale Sharks on Saturday 25th October at 5:30pm - and it's going to be a game to remember! As part of our special 'Kids for a Quid' offer, we're giving families the chance to experience top-flight rugby for just £1 per child ticket*, making it a perfect half-term treat that's both fun and affordable.

But that's not all...Halloween Costume Challenge!

To get into the spooky spirit, we're encouraging all children to come in their best Halloween costumes - from creepy creatures to spooky superheroes! The best-dressed little monster will win a special prize on the day. It's a fantastic opportunity for your students and their families to enjoy an unforgettable evening of sport, community, and Halloween fun.

For more information, please visit our website, where you will be able to purchase your tickets. The child ticket price will apply as you proceed to checkout - [Buy Tickets: Leicester Tigers Ticketing](#). If you have any questions email groupsales@tigers.co.uk.

Best regards, Leicester Tigers Group Sales Team | Josh Fox

With at least one full paying Adult