

NEWSLETTER

9th July 2026



The Hinckley
SCHOOL



As we reach the end of another successful term, our final week before the summer break has been yet again filled with celebrations and inspiring opportunities. Our community have enjoyed a series of Celebration Assemblies, recognising the achievements, progress and

positive contributions of our students throughout the year. We were also delighted to welcome families to our Bridge Graduation, a fantastic rite of passage that marks an important milestone for our students. It was a wonderful occasion, celebrating personal growth, achievement and readiness for the next stage of their journey. Thank you to all the families who joined us to make the event so special.

Students also had the opportunity to attend an inspiring Health Discover Fair, where they explored a range of future pathways and careers within the health sector and The Futures Trust Arts Festival, a celebration of creativity and opportunity within the arts.

As the term ends, I would like to thank our students, families and staff for their continued support, hard work and commitment throughout the year. I am incredibly proud of all that has been achieved.

A reminder that Friday 10th July is the last day of term. Students are invited to wear non-uniform, and school will close early at 12:30pm. I would like to wish everyone a restful, and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for a new academic year on Wednesday 26th August. Have a wonderful summer.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

A Prom Night to Remember

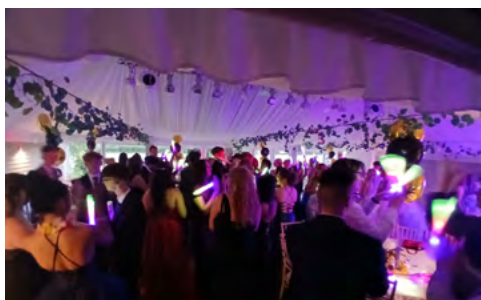
Our Year 11 students enjoyed a truly memorable evening at the beautiful Badgers Mount Hotel as they celebrated the end of their secondary school journey in style.

The venue provided the perfect setting for a fantastic night of celebration. Students arrived looking absolutely amazing, dressed to impress and ready to enjoy a well-deserved evening with their friends and teachers. Guests were welcomed with arrival drinks before enjoying a delicious meal, creating a wonderful atmosphere from the very start of the event.

There were plenty of opportunities to capture special memories throughout the evening. A professional photographer was on hand to take stunning photographs, while the elegant balloon arch provided the perfect backdrop for pictures. Students also had great fun visiting the photo booth, making the most of the props and creating lots of laughter-filled snapshots to remember the occasion.

The prom was a lovely opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements and reflect on the wonderful five years they have spent together. It was also a chance for staff to share in their success, congratulate them on all they have accomplished, and wish them every happiness and success in the future.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 cohort and hope they look back on this special evening with fond memories for many years to come. We wish them all the very best as they take their next steps and look forward to hearing about their future achievements.



"It was wonderful to see everyone looking so smart in their suits and dresses, and it was fantastic to celebrate this special milestone together. Prom was such a lovely way to finish your time at The Hinckley School. Mr Barrett and I both felt incredibly proud to see you all enjoying yourselves, making memories, and celebrating everything you have achieved during your time with us. It was a truly special night and we wish you all the best for your future. Stay in touch!" - Mrs Whittingham



Rock Climbing Adventure Inspires High Aspirations

A group of Year 10 students recently visited Warwick Sports Climbing Centre at Warwick University to participate in two hours of rock climbing at a Team GB training venue.

Students showed excellent perseverance and engagement for the duration of their session, making use of the autobelays, top ropes and bouldering facilities. Many students took on the challenge of the overhang boulder walls and the overhanging top rope walls also.

Following on from the climbing session, we took the students to the main campus area at the university, where students could experience what a higher education setting looks like. Students were discussing their higher aspirations and degrees of interest as we walked around the campus, articulating how they would combine their sporting interests with their academic goals. This was a great trip and the students thoroughly enjoyed their time at Warwick University.

Miss Quinn, Teacher of Geography





Health Discovery Fair Inspires Future Healthcare Professionals

A group of 48 students from Year 9, 10 and 12 attended the Health Discovery Fair at Coventry University on Wednesday, 8th July. This was an exciting opportunity to explore a wide range of careers within the healthcare sector.

The visit was open to students studying Triple Science and Health and Social Care, as well as those with a keen interest in medicine, nursing and other health related professions. Held in Coventry University's impressive £64 million Alison Gingell Building, students were able to access a variety of immersive workshops within state of the art simulation suites designed to replicate real hospital environments.

The simulation wards featured advanced medical manikins that could breathe, have their pulse checked and even talk and bleed, giving students a realistic insight into clinical practice. Throughout the morning, students took part in a range of hands-on activities, including Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Inside Pharmacy, Public Health, and Operating Department Practice.

One group prepared themselves for surgery by learning the importance of effective hand hygiene and how to correctly gown up before entering an operating theatre. Using UV light technology, students were able to see just how clean their hands really were after washing them – an eye-opening experience that highlighted the importance of infection control.

Students also had the opportunity to experience other aspects of healthcare. Orla in Year 9 assisted with the simulated delivery of a baby during the birth experience session, while Jayden in Year 10 learned how to assess a child by checking pulse and pupil dilation. He also had his own oxygen saturation levels and blood pressure measured, gaining first hand experience of routine clinical observations.

We were incredibly proud of our students throughout the morning with five members of Coventry University staff commented on how engaged our students were, praising both the quality of their questions and their enthusiasm for learning. Staff repeatedly remarked that the students were a real credit to the school.

The visit was a valuable experience, helping students to broaden their understanding of the many pathways available within health and care professions while developing their knowledge of the skills required to succeed in these careers.

We are grateful to Coventry University for hosting such an inspiring and informative event and are delighted to say that we hope to offer this opportunity again next year, giving another cohort of students the chance to explore the exciting world of healthcare careers.

- Mrs Sturgess, Miss Bartlett, Miss Deshi and Mrs Tompkins



The Big Music Event

Students from The Hinckley School spent a lovely summer's evening performing as part of the Big Music Event alongside other local schools at Hollycroft Park last Thursday evening.

Our talented musicians entertained the audience with a varied programme of Steel Pan, Orchestra and Choir music, showcasing the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm they have demonstrated throughout the year. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to perform in a community setting, celebrate music-making with other young performers, and gain valuable live performance experience.

Thank you to all the students, staff, families and organisers who helped make the evening such a success. We are incredibly proud of everyone who represented the school so brilliantly. - Mr Wright, Head of Music



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All kinds of families are welcome!



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Early Intervention Service

Emotional wellbeing and therapeutic support for children and young people, and their parents/carers, living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.



Flourish

Our Flourish groupwork programme is for children and young people aged 8-17. It aims to equip young people with a better understanding of mental and emotional health, coping strategies and emotional resilience through a range of creative and engaging interventions.

The programme runs for 6-8 weeks, groups are separated by age range and tailored to better fit the needs of each age group.

Prosper

Our Prosper programme is a 3-hour Zoom session for parents/carers of children experiencing anxiety. Our Prosper delivers support parents to understand anxiety and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

Children and Young People's Counselling

A safe space for children and young people aged 8-18 to talk about challenges they're facing one to one with a trained counsellor, and learn better ways of coping.

ADHD support

We offer support to young people and their families where there is diagnosed or suspected ADHD. Our practitioners work with young people to support them in understanding ADHD and how this can impact them in their daily lives, and explore better ways of regulating their emotions. We also offer workshops for parents/carers, supporting them to understand ADHD and how they can best support their children and young people to cope better.

Heads Up

The service is made up of two organisations: The Relationships Centre and Heads Up, and offers a range of support interventions for children, young people and parents/carers. You can find information on the services offered at Heads Up here:

www.headsupleicester.org.uk

To access this, you will need to be assessed and referred by your GP or you can complete a self-referral to see whether The Relationships Centre is the best fit for you: www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/

 **The Relationships Centre**

MENCAP'S SOCIAL STARS

A safe and friendly club for SEN children aged between 9 and 16

Runs every other Friday 5pm - 7pm

At Mencap Hinckley

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Mencap Social Stars is open over the summer holidays!

The dates we are open:

Friday 3rd July
Friday 17th July
Friday 31st July
Friday 14th August

Sign up or learn more: 01455 637312 or mencaphinckley@gmail.com

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Summer Holiday Wellbeing Pack

Mental Health Support Teams in Schools

NHS Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust

Summer Holiday Wellbeing Pack



Looking after yourself this summer

Please [click here](#) to view and download the 'NHS Mental Health Support Team in Schools' new Summer Holiday Wellbeing Pack.

This workbook has been designed for children and young people with fun activities and advice on how to look after their health during the summer, as well as helpful links and resources.

Child sexual abuse material generated by artificial intelligence



NCA CEOP IWF

for child sexual abuse. The guide has been produced by the National Crime Agency, CEOP and the IWF.

- Mrs Priestnall, our Director of Safeguarding and Wellbeing

AI Guidance for Parents

Please click here to read an essential guide for parents and carers on AI altered material and how this content could be used



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2026

GCSE RESULTS DAY

Thursday 20th August 2026, 9:00am-10:30am

We look forward to celebrating with you on **GCSE Exam Results Day** on **Thursday 20th August 2026**, when The Hinckley School will be open for students to collect their results between **9:00am-10:30am**.

Please arrive via our Main Reception and make your way over to the Sixth Form Centre, where you will be presented with your results. Family and friends are more than welcome to join you on this special occasion.

Enrolment for The Hinckley Sixth Form will take place at the same time and our KS5 specialists will be on hand to offer support and advice.

Good luck and see you soon!



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

CLASS OF 2026

A LEVEL RESULTS DAY

Thursday 13th August 2026, 8:30am-10:00am

We look forward to celebrating with you on **A Level Exam Results Day** on **Thursday 13th August 2026**, when The Hinckley Sixth Form will be open for students to collect their results between **8:30am-10:00am**.

Please arrive via our Main Reception and make your way over to the Sixth Form Centre, where you will be presented with your results. Family and friends are more than welcome to join you on this special occasion.

Our expert team will also be holding an 'A Level Results Clinic' until 12pm, to offer support and advice after you have received your results.

Good luck and see you soon!

Return to School Reminder - 26th August

All students will return to school after the summer holiday on **Wednesday 26th of August**, with the following arrival times:

- Year 7 and Year 12 students should arrive from 8.15am ready for a prompt start at 8.30am
- Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 students should arrive from 8.45am ready for a prompt start at 9am.

This arrangement allows our new students, who will be unfamiliar with the school, the opportunity to orientate themselves and settle in their areas, before the rest of the students arrive.

Kate Grocock, Head of School



S3 Muay Thai Area Title

Congratulations to Persephonie for winning the S3 Muay Thai area title!

Her coach shared, "The fight was a five round war between two very evenly matched girls with her opponent starting really strong. We had to weather the storm but Persephonie was able to finish strong in the clinch and keep pushing until the final bell which ultimately won her the fight. Super proud of her maturity to come back from a couple of tough rounds and turn the fight around. Very proud of her performance."

Well done on yet another win Persephonie!