

THURSDAY 12TH JUNE 2025

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received since officially joining the school last week. Students, staff, and the wider community have welcomed me with open arms, and I have now experienced first-hand the sense of belonging and community values on which the school prides itself.

Students are now heading towards the end of their exam window, and we are busy planning celebrations such as our Year 11 and Year 13 proms and shirt-signing events to mark students' incredible achievements at The Hinckley School. Finishing secondary school, and ultimately sixth form, are big milestones, but it is bittersweet for staff, as we proudly congratulate our students on the fantastic young adults they have grown into, whilst waving goodbye to them, having watched them grow and flourish for five or seven years. We look forward to all the upcoming celebrations and ultimately to shaking their hands on the results days in August.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 7 Parents' Evening this week. Opportunities such as this for staff and families to come together to discuss student progress, success, and support are vital to the wrap around care needed for children to look forward to a bright future.

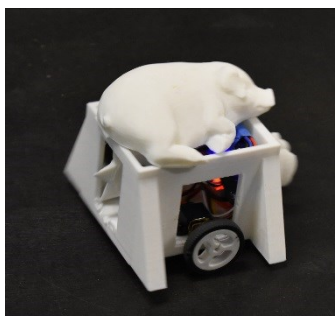
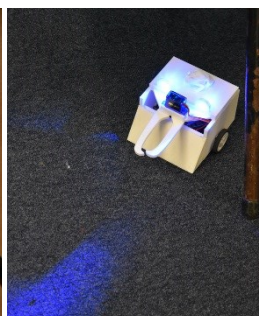
Kind regards,

Mrs Grocock— Head of School

ROBOT WARS - LET BATTLE COMMENCE

Members of our Robotics Enrichment Club have been hard at work over the last few months, designing miniature battle bots known as 'antweights'. These motorised robots are designed to compete in a "Robot Wars" battle in which players attempt to disable or damage their opponent. A large number of different designs have been created and produced on a 3D printer. The students then added the electronics, motors, and wheels to bring their creations to life. Some even added enhancements including spinning weapons, motorised flippers and claws, and light-up eyes. Students are now competing in a series of robot battles, and the winners will go on to represent the school in a regional Robot Wars contest in a few weeks' time.

Well done to all our robot builders and competitors on their impressive work.



LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP?

**THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD**

BRONZE
Volunteering **3 months**
Physical **3 months**
Skills **3 months**
Expedition **2 days 1 night**
PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.

Current Year 9s can enrol onto the Bronze DofE award. (Completing their expedition in Year 10)
**Expedition training will start in September*



Adventure, fun with friends, enjoy the outdoors, personal challenge, learn a new skill, enhance your CV, create memories and much more.

SILVER
Volunteering **6 months**
Physical **one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months**
Skills **one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months**
Expedition **3 days 2 nights**
Direct entrants must do a further 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

Current Year 10s can enrol onto the Silver DofE award. (Completing their expedition in Year 11)
**Expedition training will start in September*

**Registration for Bronze, Silver and Gold:
Now Open**
For more information email afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk



Students can now sign up to join our outstanding and long established Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme!

- Bronze registration is now open for Year 9s
- Silver registration is now open for Year 10s

YEAR 9 Hub
At The Hinckley School

YEAR 10 Hub
At The Hinckley School

To register, or if you have questions about the programme, please contact our dedicated DofE Co-Ordinator Amy Fennell:
afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

BRONZE AWARD ACHIEVEMENTS

Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme finished this week. To celebrate, we played a game of rounders and enjoyed an ice cream in the sun. Our young people were all presented with their first aid certificates, and those who had completed their full Bronze Award received their certificate and pin badge. Congratulations and well done to all.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following young people in Year 10 who have completed their full Bronze awards:

- Chloe
- Freya
- Olivia
- Ellie
- Charlotte
- Rosa
- Ruben



YEAR 11 APPLICANTS INVITED TO OFFER HOLDER DAY



Offer Holder Day Tuesday 24th June 2025

Register online now!

Year 11 students who have applied to join The Hinckley Sixth Form this year have now been sent their invitation to attend our upcoming Offer Holder Day on Tuesday 24th June 2025, 8:45am-1:15pm.

Our Offer Holder Day is the first chance for our applicants to experience first-hand what awaits them in Year 12 as part of our welcoming and vibrant student community. During the event, students will have the opportunity to sample their chosen subjects and meet their subject specialists, explore our bespoke sixth form facilities, get

to know their new classmates, and speak to current students. This will give them a real taste of the opportunities, support and independence that awaits them at The Hinckley Sixth Form. Like our current students, our offer holders do not need to wear uniform, just dress appropriately for a work environment.

All students are encouraged to attend Offer Holder Day so that they are able to make the most informed decisions about their post-16 destination and courses when they enrol on GCSE results day. We can't wait to help our young people get one step closer to achieving their ambitions!



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

To register to attend, please [click here](#) and complete the short online form.



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PRE-LOVED PE KIT NEEDED

The PE Department would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted PE kit to be used as spare items for students.

We are currently seeking items such as t-shirts, jumpers, shorts, as well as used trainers and football boots. Donations can be handed in directly to the PE Office or Main Reception.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE: MY JOURNEY WITH DIGDATA & EXPERIAN



Virtual work experience is one of the most accessible and underrated ways for students to explore future career paths.

Recently, I had the opportunity to complete a virtual work experience challenge with **Digdata**, an organisation that creates industry-led experiences to help students explore careers in data, tech, and business. This challenge was run in partnership with **Experian**, a global leader in credit reporting and financial services, who provided a real-world business scenario for students to engage with.



The challenge was called **"Get Rich Quick... or Get Caught? The Dark Side of Influencer Money."** I was given a dataset filled with real scam-related information. This included the types of scams, platforms used, and financial impact. My job was to visually present this data and showcase key patterns in a way that a business like

Experian could use to help raise awareness, and protect people from fraud.

So, what did I actually gain from this? This experience pushed me to manage my time effectively, as I had one week to complete the task. It also helped me develop several important skills, including data literacy, problem-solving, risk awareness and real-world decision-making. One of my personal highlights was using **Microsoft Excel** in a way I'd never done before. I went beyond the basics to work with formulas, pivot tables, charts, and data filters. These are valuable tools that will no doubt come in handy in the future.



Overall, this experience was clear, insightful, and extremely valuable. It's easy to assume virtual experiences aren't "real," but this challenge showed me that there are so many things you can learn without ever stepping outside your house.

By Abieyuwa, Year 12



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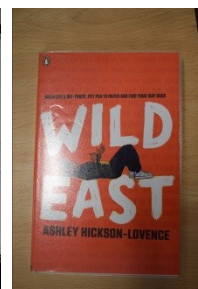
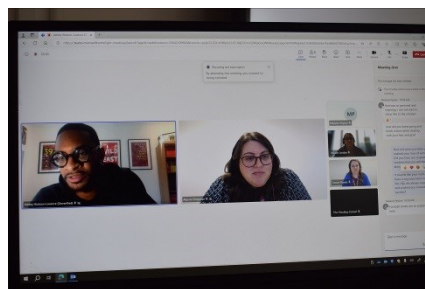
MEETING 'WILD EAST' AUTHOR

Last week, our Year '8 for 8' reading group had a virtual event with author Ashley Hickson-Lovence.

The author spoke about his experience growing up and his route into writing after trying out many different jobs which included teaching and being a bus driver. He spoke about how his roles and then an experience tutoring a group of asylum seekers and his own move from London to Norwich inspired him to write the book 'Wild East'. In the book, a fourteen year old boy called Ronny moves from East London to East Anglia after tragedy strikes and his mum thinks it's time for a new start.

Our book group students were able to ask questions live at the end of the talk and Zlv, James and Tess were all able to have questions about the book and Ashley's inspiration answered.

Thank you to Ms Crisp for organising another exceptional opportunity for our students.



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.

MEMORIAL GARDEN



We were joined by a team of nine volunteers from Hinckley & Rugby Building Society recently, to help create a memorial garden in remembrance of the staff and students who have sadly passed away while at the school. The main courtyard raised bed was transformed into a sensory and nature friendly garden, following a grant from the Society's Community Sponsorship Scheme. The School's Library Manager Becki Crisp applied for the grant and helped organise the new garden's creation, alongside Mrs Mellor, she said, "I wanted to create a lasting space for the whole school community, where anyone passing can have a moment to remember people they have lost. The support has honestly been overwhelming from the start; from help sourcing suppliers for soil, plants and volunteers as well as the £500 grant for the project. On the day the volunteers came early with their own spades, forks, trowels and plant knowledge and enthusiasm. I can honestly say everyone was amazing and made the day really special and enjoyable. I am really

looking forward to seeing the garden begin to grow and mature. Thank you so much!"



The Society's Executive Assistant Denise Bradshaw said, "The team did a great job digging, weeding and planting which has left the area transformed from a disused weedy bed into something special for the school's staff and students. Thankfully the weather was on our side, and everyone went home feeling satisfied with the results and exhausted from the hard work. A great team effort."



The area is now a beautiful tribute and staff already have additional plans on how to make this area even more of a special area of remembrance for our community. Thank you to Ms Crisp for her work leading this project and to all our volunteers.