



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter
Futures*

#178

THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week, our Year 11 students have organised some incredible fundraising activities for all students to enjoy. The 'Masked Teacher' has been a fantastic lunchtime entertainment fixture and has seen staff and students come together to laugh, sing and dance, all in aid of providing Year 11 with a truly unforgettable prom celebration. Tomorrow, on our last school day before the Easter break, all students are invited to participate in a non-uniform day to support this Year 11 community event and enjoy a selection of games and activity stalls during lunchtime outside Drama. Tickets can be purchased in advance via Parent Pay or cash will be accepted on the day.

Our Safeguarding Team have been hard at work producing the next edition of their wellbeing newsletter to share events, community groups and support services, which our students, parents and staff may find useful. We look forward to sharing this next edition with you soon.

I hope you all enjoy spending time together with friends and family over the Easter break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 28th April. Thank you for your continued support.

- Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

WELCOMING LEADING VOICE IN UK TEEN FICTION - BALI RAI



On Wednesday, we were joined by leading voice in UK teen fiction, Bali Rai, in one of a long line of exceptional author events organised by our Librarian, Ms Crisp.

During the day, we were privileged enough to offer students in Year 9 and 10 the chance to hear from Bali Rai first hand, as he shared an insight into his background, the importance of breaking stereotypes, empathy and imagination during talks in the Main Hall. In addition, our guest author also worked closely with a smaller group of Year 9 and 10 students on character development, as they created their own 'human pizza' to see what the multi-layers would be to their own character.

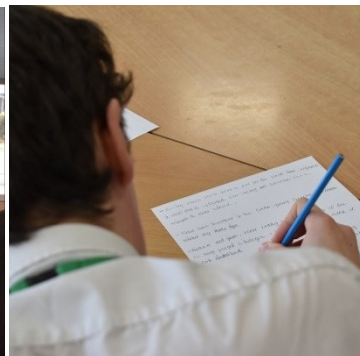
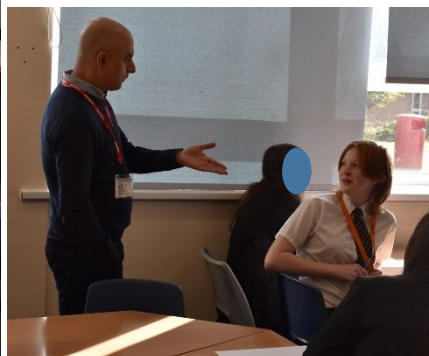
During the workshop, Bali Rai spoke about the importance of the character's voice and discussed with the students how building an emotional connection with a character means that people on the page live in the reader's heart for a long time after turning the final page. *(continues on the next page)*



We would like to sincerely thanks Bali Rai for joining us and for helping to inspire our budding authors and avid readers.

In addition, special thanks go to our students for their engagement and Ms Crisp for providing our students with yet another incredible and unique opportunity.

A selection of Bali Rai's books are still available for students to purchase via Parent Pay should they wish to.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD -SILVER PRACTICE WEEKEND

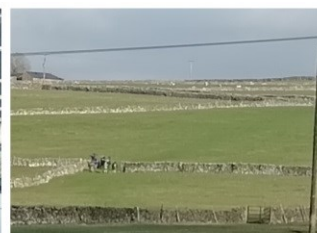
The Silver group ventured to the Peak District over the weekend to complete their Silver Practice Expedition.

Leaving Hinckley on Friday, they travelled up to Wardlow Myres, Derbyshire where they camped for the night. After a very very cold night, the teams were woken up and were ready to set off at 8am.

Saturday took them across Abney Moor seeing some beautiful scenery and finishing at Laneside Campsite for the evening, tents were pitched and they cooked their tea on the Trangia and enjoyed a chill-out evening.

Sunday was another early start, their routes varied, exploring the River Derwent, Hathersage moor and finishing at Grindleford train station.

Well done to all, they coped well with the cold weather conditions at night and the sun throughout the day. They were all very positive and showed lots of enthusiasm throughout the two day experience. —A Fennell, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator



LAST CHANCE TOMORROW! - LOST PROPERTY COLLECTION



We have now launched a new lost property system in our Main Reception. If your child has lost an item of uniform or equipment recently, they can visit Reception to check the lost property box themselves during break and lunch time.

Alternatively, this week, between **7th -11th April**, **parents and carers may visit our Main Reception to look through the lost property box** for their children's items, during normal school hours.

HINCKLEY PARKS PUPILS COMPETE IN OUR MATHS CHALLENGE



This week, we welcomed Year 5 pupils from Hinckley Parks Primary School, to take part in our Maths Business Challenge.

Pupils worked in groups to make and sell shapes, and with support from our Year 7 Student Ambassadors, competed to be the most profitable business.

Pupils were enthusiastic team players and creative thinkers who displayed PRIDE throughout, resulting in a fantastic morning which was enjoyed by all! The winning team made over £400 profit and won a board game each to take home. In addition, every pupil received a drawstring goodie bag including their very own compass set to keep practicing their shape drawing skills at home!

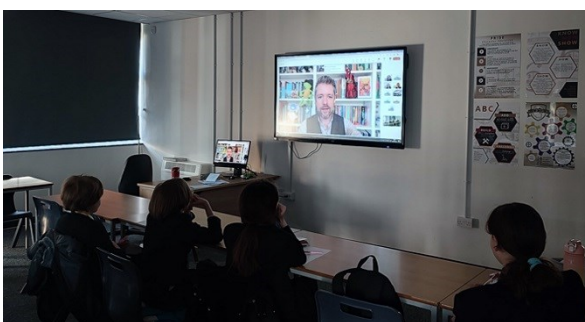
Thank you for joining us Year 5 and we hope to see you again soon!



TheBridge
At The Hinckley School

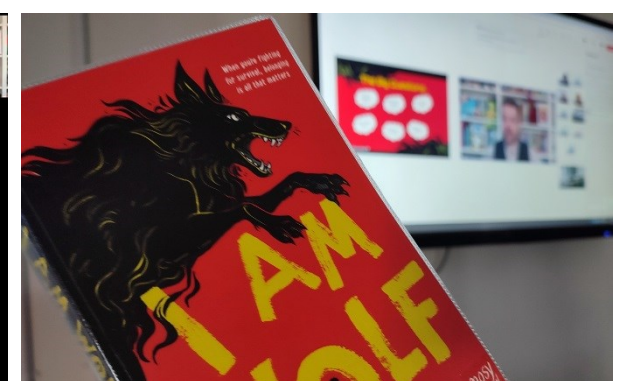
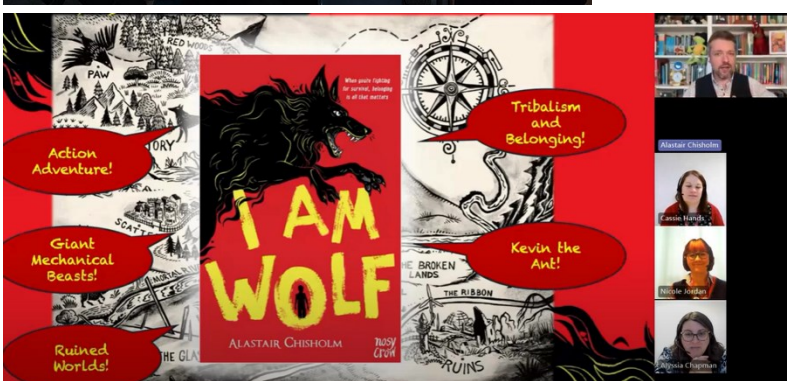
Hinckley Parks
Primary School

8FOR8 GET AN EXCLUSIVE AUTHOR INSIGHT



On Friday 4th April, our '8for8 Book Group' had a virtual visit with Alistair Chisholm author of 'I Am Wolf'. Alistair spoke about his journey into writing and his inspiration for 'I Am Wolf'. He then answered questions from students. Our book group, who had all read the book and chosen it as one of their favourite of the year, had lots of questions to ask and were really pleased when Alistair managed to answer them all. The students also got an exclusive insight into the next book that Alistair is publishing in the near future.

TheGateway
At The Hinckley School

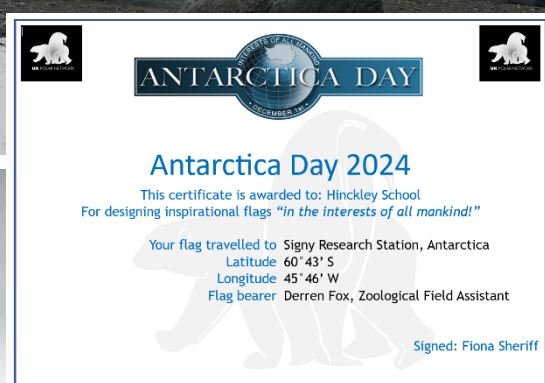


GEOGRAPHY SPOTLIGHT WITH MISS QUINN

Y7 Volcanoes

This week, Miss Quinn's Year 7 groups have brought in their 3D models of composite volcanoes. The students could complete the models in groups or individually. We had excellent models made of cake, paper mâché, and even some woodwork. Students designed well-detailed models of the volcanoes including the crater, the main vent, the magma chamber, earth's layers and even volcanic bombs. In lesson, students took it in turns to explain how they made their volcano and we took the models outside to explode the volcanoes with coca-cola and mentos! Well done Year 7- you have shown excellent PRIDE in your constructions of the volcanoes.





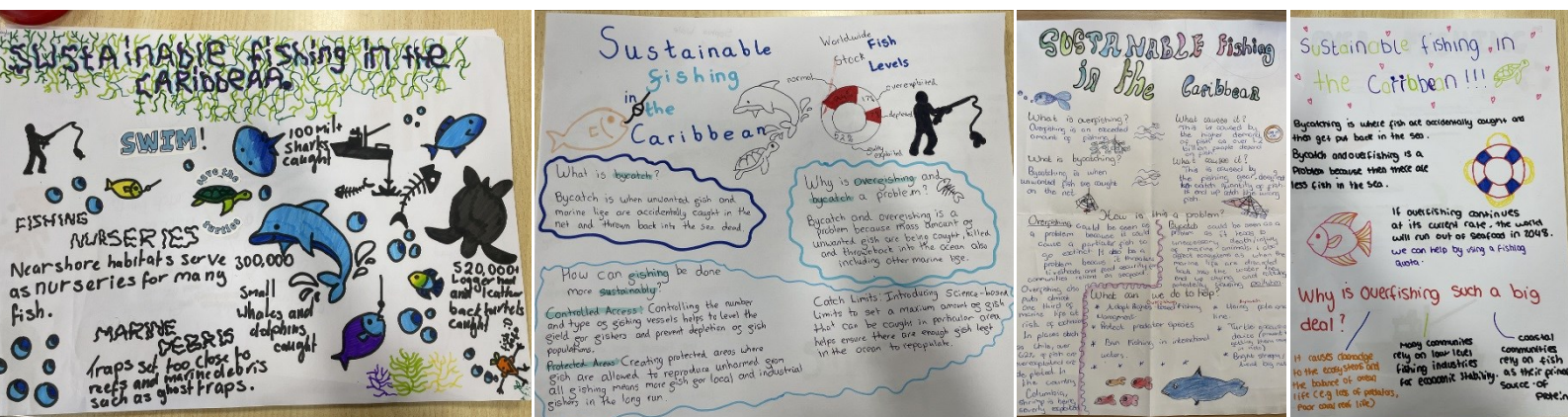
Y7 and Y8 Antarctica Flags competition

In October, Year 7 and Year 8 students participated in the Antarctica flags competition run by the Geography department. Students learnt about Antarctica Day- the 1st December- and were then tasked with designing flags to send to Antarctica to celebrate Antarctica Day which marks the signing of the Antarctic Treaty on December 1st 1959. There were two flags submitted comprising of eight Year 7 and Year 8 students work in total. We have finally received news that our flags have made it to Antarctica. The winners' flags have been photographed at Signy Research Station in front of a Chinstrap Penguin colony (Latitude 60°43' S, Longitude 45°46' W). The Signy Research Station is a place where scientists study the effects of climate change on the southern ocean ecosystems, particularly focusing on penguin, seabird, and seal biology.

The Hinckley school has been awarded a certificate for "designing inspirational flags in the interests of all mankind!" . The winners of the competition will receive their certificates in the celebration assemblies this week. Congratulations again to the winners of the competition.

Y8 Overfishing posters

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 8 have been learning about sustainable management of the oceans as part of their Central and South America topic. Students have been learning about coral bleaching and overfishing as issues in the Caribbean. Year 8 have shown excellent PRIDE completing their posters to raise awareness about what the challenges are, the causes of overfishing, the impacts, and solutions. They have carefully considered the design of their posters and added excellent illustrations to attract the readers. Well done Year 8.



WHO'S THAT BEHIND THE MASK?



All week, students have been trying to guess who is behind the mask as part of our student led prom fundraiser, The Masked Teacher. Each day students have enjoyed seeing incredible costumes kindly lent to the school by Balloonatics and witnessing some impressive singing and dancing by our wonderful teachers! Our winner, Smurf, was finally unmasked today as Miss Rayson! Thank you to Ms Beale, Mr Froome, Mr Pallett, Mr Jenkins and Miss Rayson for taking part and to all staff who helped behind the scenes and took part to help raise money to create a truly unforgettable prom for the class of 2025. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the events, we hope you enjoyed the show!



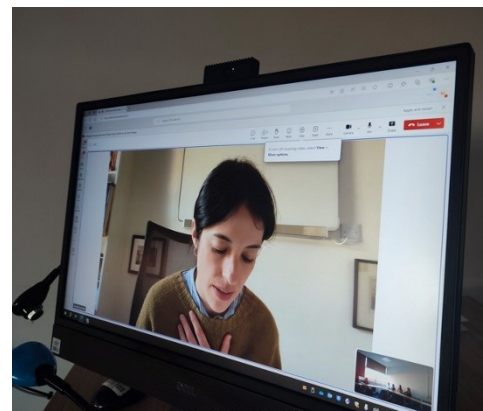
YOUNG WRITER OF THE YEAR INSPIRES A LEVEL STUDENTS

Year 12 English Language students met with author Harriet Baker, winner of the Telegraph 2025 Young Writer of the Year Award this week.

Harriet spoke to the class via video link, about her path through education, her experience of university and choosing to do a PhD. She talked about her book 'Rural Hours' and what inspired her to write about a time in the lives of Virginia Woolf, Sylvia Townsend Warner and Rosamond Lehmann. She discussed the genre, 'creative non-fiction' and the writing techniques she loves to write in.

Harriet answered questions from the group, then set a challenge for the students to do a short piece of 'creative non-fiction' of their own which she will read and critique.

A fantastic opportunity for students to speak to a prize winning author and to get her feedback on their work. Thank you to Ms Crisp for organising such a special opportunity for our Sixth Form community.



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

TOMORROW - NON UNIFORM AND FUNDRAISING GAMES!

As part of our student-led fundraising for the Year 11 Prom, we will be holding a non-uniform day for all students on Friday 11th April. To participate, we kindly ask for a £2 suggested donation per child, to be paid in advance via Parent Pay. All funds raised will go towards our 2025 Year 11 Prom.

In addition to the non-school uniform day, there will be a series of fundraising activities and events taking place tomorrow lunchtime, in the courtyard outside Drama.

Tickets to these events and lunchtime games can now be purchased on Parent Pay and additional information can be found on the poster to the right. Please note that cash will also be accepted on the day.



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 11th APRIL

£2 SUGGESTED DONATION ON PARENT PAY | YEAR 11 PROM FUNDRAISING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CREATING FRENCH FASHION MAGAZINES

Our Year 8 students made some fabulous French fashion magazines recently! We are currently doing a module on clothes and going out. They were given the opportunity to create their own fashion magazine, and they have created some fabulous work! Their creativity really shone through, and some great products were created showing brilliant entrepreneurship, advertising techniques and catchy product names, all in a foreign language!

- Ms Radford, Teacher of French

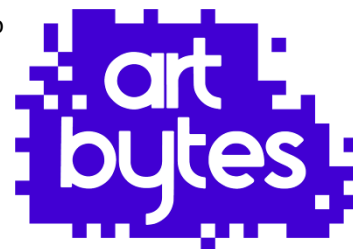


VOTE NOW! - ART BYTES COMPETITION

Last half-term, the Art Department were given the opportunity to nominate and select a small number of Year 9 students to have their artwork entered into the Art Bytes Competition. Since then, their work has been displayed on the Art Bytes website and an artist judging panel has been busy shortlisting the entries, determining a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entry per school. Now, it's your turn to cast your vote! Visit the Art Bytes website to view the work produced by our students [The Hinckley School | Schools | Art Bytes](#) and vote now for your favourite.

School, Regional and National Winners will be announced at the Celebration Event that takes place in the Summer Term. There is also the opportunity to win a prize for community engagement, so please share this link with our community so that we can showcase the talent of our students to as many people as possible.... And pick up some additional votes!

- Miss Webster and Miss Johnson, Teachers of Art



YEAR 11



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You are cordially invited to attend the

2025 Leavers Prom

A Night to Remember

*Join us for a truly
Unforgettable Evening*

Venue:

Badgers Mount Hotel,
Elmesthorpe, LE9 7SG

Date:

Friday 4th July 2025

Time:

5:45pm - 11:00pm

Dress Code:

Prom Wear/Formal
Attire

Cost:

£25 deposit to be paid
via Parent Pay by 24th
March

YEAR 11 Hub
At The Hinckley School

5:45pm

Arrival with Red Carpet Photos

6:15pm

Welcome Drinks

7:00pm-8:00pm

Live Band

7:00pm-7:30pm

Dinner Served

9:00pm-9:30pm

Group photos and photobooth

9:30pm-11:00pm

Disco

11:00pm

Farewells

Celebrate as the Class of 2025