

THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2024

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**Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),**

Last Saturday, our Rugby teams travelled to Warwick School to compete in their U14 and U15/16 matches. Our teams once again did us proud by not only showcasing their immense talent, but for their display of passion, sportsmanship and team work. I would like to sincerely thank our community for the support they continue to show for our students, by cheering for them on match days, supporting them to attend training and for the generous donations to our rugby programme, which continues to go from strength to strength.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming back our Year 11 Class of 2024, as they join us for their Reunion and Celebration Evening on Thursday. This formal event will allow our alumni to come together as a class one last time to reminisce and celebrate their incredible journey. During the event, students will be presented with their exam certificates, receive awards, enjoy musical performances and poetry readings by some of our current students and hear from three alumni guest speakers who have gone on to excel in the fields of illustration, journalism and acting. We look forward to reuniting with our former students soon.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

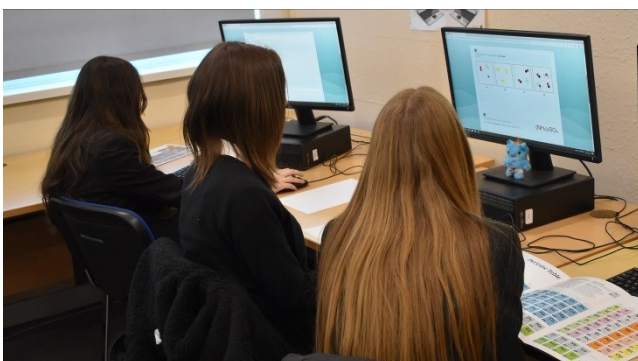
## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY COMPETITION

On Wednesday after school, students competed in Round 1 of the Top of the Bench competition, a chemistry competition run annually by the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The competition is designed to inspire excitement about Chemistry in students aged 14-16 with students competing in regional heats before national finals.

The session was organised by Miss Brooks and saw students work in pairs on questions aimed to test their general chemical knowledge as well as knowledge of some of the chemistry used by industries within the East Midlands region.

Dr Smith congratulated students on their involvement, "Very well done to the students. Fingers crossed for winning scores and progression to the next round."





## SPANISH RESTAURANT ROLE PLAY

Our Year 10 Spanish class has prepared an independent, student-led role play this week, before performing it in front of their peers on Tuesday.

Ms Garcia set the scene in L3 with a sea view restaurant backdrop, and a table set with a tablecloth, glasses, plates and even Spanish food to aid their story telling.

"During their performances, each group acted out a scene in a restaurant and played the role of a customer or a client, all in Spanish. They have sampled some Spanish food such as turrón, salchichón, queso y pestiños. I have been impressed by their enthusiasm and commitment to the activity, and above all by their creativity. Buen trabajo a todos!" said Ms Garcia.

**YEAR 10** Hub  
At The Hinckley School



## THE BRIDGE BAKE SALE

This week, students in The Bridge held a bake sale to raise money for their very own 'Book Vending Machine'!

Students, staff, parents and carers donated an incredible amount of sweet treats to the event, including cupcakes, brownies, doughnuts and much more. From homemade to shop bought, there was something for everyone and the event proved very popular in the heart space. The total raised will be shared next week, with all proceeds going to a 'Book Vending Machine' for Year 7 students to enjoy!

**TheBridge**  
At The Hinckley School





# RUGBY MATCH REPORTS: AWAY AT WARWICK SCHOOL



## U14 Match: A Dominating Performance

### Warwick School 0-75 The Hinckley School

The day started with the boys arriving at The Hinckley School excited for the most anticipated game of the season. The coach set off and our players were fully focused on securing another victory over a prestigious school. It started perfectly with Brendan scoring after 1 minute, with some outstanding handling skills from George and Oscar, which well and truly opened the floodgates. A gulf in class between the two sides saw The Hinckley School 39-0 up at half-time, thanks to a Leo and LJ brace and additions from George and Oscar, who also added a conversion each. The second half started in the same fashion, with Leo adding 2 more tries with some bullish running, he had an outstanding game. Oscar and George added 1 more each before we had 2 players score their first ever tries! First, Brad finished off a lovely move with a try in the corner before Harry scored the try of the match. Leo ran through 5 of the Warwick players, who to their credit never once put their heads down, before offloading and Harry sliding in with the last play of the game. A scintillating game from start to finish, with the boys playing with a ruthless, professional mindset to see the game finish with an emphatic score line. We are so proud of the boys; you are all a credit to yourselves, your families and the school.

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The U14 team delivered a sensational display, overwhelming Warwick with a 75-0 victory. Tries were shared across the team in a performance that demonstrated both their individual skill and collective excellence.

Leo and LJ led from the front, showcasing outstanding leadership and control that set the tone for a commanding game. A special highlight came when Harry crashed over for his first-ever try, a moment made even more memorable by the presence of his family, the day before his birthday.

This emphatic win has set the stage for a highly anticipated rematch against Warwick post-Christmas, as the boys look to build on this outstanding performance. — Mr Stocks

## U15/16 Match: A Display of Heart and Determination

In a spirited contest against Warwick School, The Hinckley School's mixed U15/16 team put in a valiant performance but narrowly fell 19-10. The boys showcased immense heart and courage throughout the game, with standout defensive contributions from Joe and Fino, whose huge tackles defined the team's resilience. The forwards powered through with strong runs by Vincent, George, Callum, Cody, and Eddie, embodying the grit and determination that Hinckley rugby is built on. Meanwhile, the backline was led superbly by Co-captain Billy, whose leadership shone alongside the experience and composure of Reuben and Matt. Despite the initial disappointment of the loss, the boys have already set their sights on a rematch, determined to come back stronger against Warwick. The incredible support from parents and staff added to the occasion, exemplifying the school's strong community spirit.

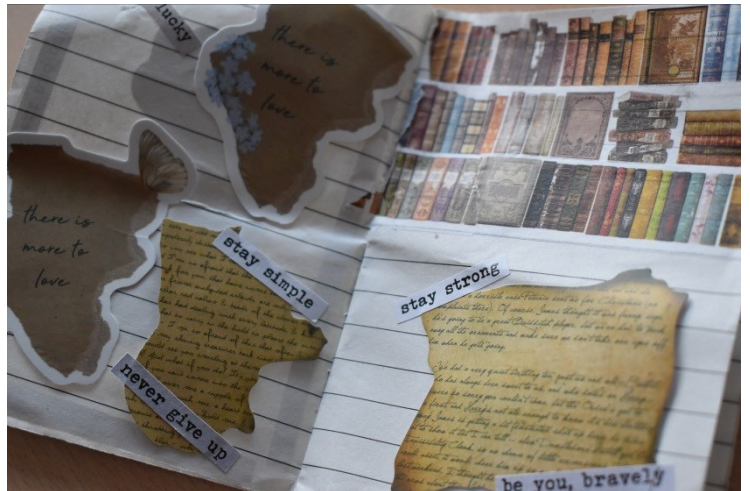


Please [click here](#) to take a look at our upcoming rugby fixture list.



# SCRAPBOOKING CLUB

Ms Garcia's Thursday lunchtime Scrapbooking Club in L3 have been creating some impressive work during their enrichment sessions! The perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and practice mindfulness, students each decorate their own journal/scrap book using stickers, stamps and 3D elements to create unique designs. Take a look at their amazing work on this page! **To support students, Ms Garcia is asking for donations of scrapbooking and journaling resources to support the group's creativity. If you are able to help and have any suitable donations, please drop them in at our reception during normal school hours.**







The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# The Hinckley School Choir

Calling all singing enthusiasts! The Hinckley School is excited to invite students of all years to join The Hinckley School Choir! This is an exciting opportunity to become part of a vibrant group as we prepare to warm the hearts of the public through upcoming performances in Hinckley. We will be singing wholesome songs as well as some Christmas classics, of course! Please turn up to music every Wednesday after school to share the joy of music, singing, and Christmas!

## CHRISTMAS DINNERS NOW LIVE ON PARENTPAY

Students in Year 7-11 will have the opportunity to enjoy a sit-down two-course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, alongside staff, to celebrate the festive period. The dates of the Christmas dinners for each year group are listed below:

**Year 7** – Monday 16th December

**Year 8** – Thursday 19th December

**Year 9** – Tuesday 17th December

**Year 10 and Year 11** - Wednesday 18th December

In order for your child to have a two-course Christmas dinner, we kindly ask that you pre-pay the meal price of £2.70 on ParentPay by Friday 6th December. Please select to pay the 'Christmas Dinner - £2.70' option on Parent Pay. Alternatively, if your child requires a vegetarian or vegan option, please select 'Vegetarian/Vegan Christmas Dinner - £2.70' For all other dietary requirements, please contact your Year Team directly.

All free school meal students in Year 7-11 will automatically be allocated a free Christmas dinner as their meal on this date. To avoid confusion and over payments, families in receipt of free school meals will not see the Christmas dinner option on ParentPay. Students may bring in their own packed lunch should they wish to.

Students in KS3, including those who bring in a packed lunch, will all sit together to enjoy the festivities, so that everyone can enjoy the event atmosphere as a community.

We have introduced the Christmas Dinner option for KS4 students in 2024 based on feedback from our community last year. Taking this student feedback on board, only students in KS4 who purchase a Christmas Dinner will eat their lunch in the hall on their date.

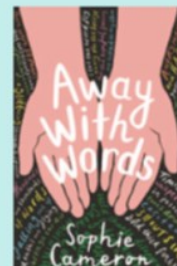


**Last year's Christmas dinner celebrations were a heart warming community event and we can't wait to celebrate the festive season with our community again this year!**





# NATIONAL EMPATHY MONTH NOVEMBER READING CHALLENGE



Read one of these books during November and write a full review on the school library webpage to get **50 pride points**



YEAR 9 AND ABOVE BOOK

## November is Empathy Action Month



Help decorate the library with your empathy resolutions. Every break and lunch during November.



Pick up an empathy book challenge card from the library.

How many books can you read? Earn pride points for any of the books you read and discuss with Mrs Crisp

## EMPATHY ACTION MONTH



The Hinckley  
SIXTH FORM

## Book a Tour

Book a tour today to explore our bespoke sixth form centre, meet our expert team and experience a taste of life and learning as part of our vibrant student community.

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Applications are now open for 2025 entry. Apply online today: [www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/apply](http://www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/apply)



# ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

## COMPETITION CORNER - INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The *Science Without Borders® Challenge* is an international contest that engages students and teachers in ocean conservation through art. This annual competition inspires students to be creative while promoting public awareness of the need to preserve, protect, and restore the world's oceans and aquatic resources, contributing to the overarching goals of the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation. The theme for the 2025 Science without Borders® Challenge is "Marine Keystone Species." Keystone species play a crucial role in keeping ocean ecosystems healthy and balanced.

To apply for this year's contest, students should submit artwork featuring a keystone species that lives in the ocean, highlighting this creature's vital role in its marine ecosystem. [Click here](#) to learn more about this exciting international competition.



## CONSIDERING A CAREER AS A QUALITY MANAGER?










**Have you ever wondered what a Quality Manager does?**

Quality Managers, also known as Quality Assurance Managers, are responsible for ensuring companies quality standards are set and followed, ensuring all products are safe, compliant and meet customer expectations.

Starting salaries in this role range between £23-£28k annually on average.

To find out more about this career path, click the video on the left.



### November Art, Craft and Design Challenge:

## Drawing with Tape

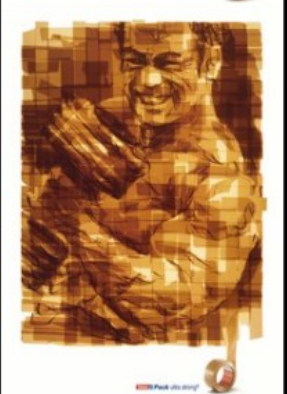

Launch: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Deadline: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

**Challenge:**  
Use the tape of your choice (masking, Sellotape, parcel, electrical, cassette etc) to produce a 'drawing' of a subject of your choice

**Top Tips:**

- Think about how you can layer/ overlap the tape to capture different tones
- Can the tape be manipulated to depict textural surface qualities?

Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to [kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)





## FREE BREAKFAST CLUB



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# TEA & TOAST

MAIN FOYER

8:15AM | EVERYONE WELCOME

All students at The Hinckley School are invited to attend our FREE breakfast club.


All our students are now able to set themselves up for a great day of learning by enjoying 'Tea & Toast' in the Main Hall Foyer from 8:15am.

This free breakfast club will run until February half term.

**Come along and set yourself up for a great day of learning!**



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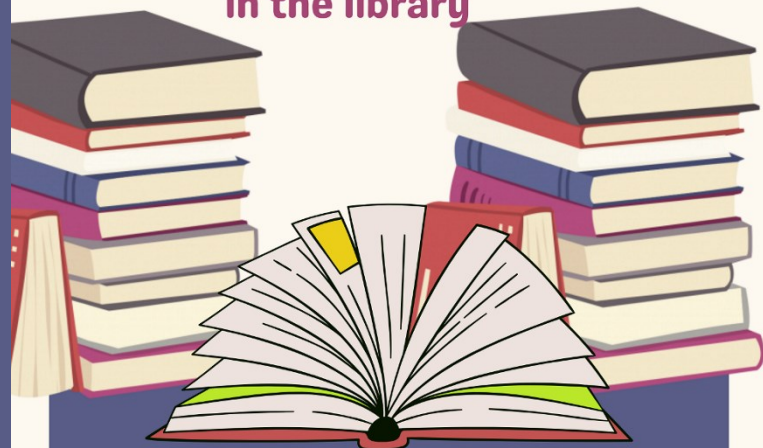
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## silent Book Club

Everyone Welcome

November 28th 3pm -4pm  
in the library



Drinks and biscuits provided



# EXCEPTIONAL ENRICHMENT - NEW ACTIVITIES ADDED!

We are delighted to share our **updated** Enrichment Calendar for the Autumn Term, now featuring even more opportunities! We encourage all students to get involved in three activities a week either during lunchtime or after school and log all attendance in order for students to work towards their Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond Enrichment Awards!

## Enrichment After School

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday				
Boys Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	M. Pallett	PE
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	F. Godfrey	PE
Music Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Fine Art Masterclass	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Robot Wars (Oct Half Term Onwards)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	P. Williams	D14
Tuesday				
Rock School	3:00-4:15pm	Invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Girls Rugby – Hinckley Rugby Club	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-13	M. Tallis	PE
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	Cube
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	A9
Wednesday				
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 11-13	F. Godfrey	PE
Boys Rugby	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-13	M. Stocks	PE
Football (GCSE & A Level)	3:15-4:15pm	Years 11-13	A. Barnacle	PE
Girls Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 9&10	C. Gillett	PE
Pond Renovation & Eco study	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	T. Pratt	S2
War Hammer (start TBC)	3:00-4:00pm	Year 9-13 Invite	C. Hoffman	D11
Choir	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Electronics Club (Oct Half Term Onwards)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	P. Harrison	D14
DofE Gold	5:15-7:30pm	Year 12 & 13	A. Fennell	A9
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:15-4:15pm	Year 9&10	C. Froome	PE
Girls Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	C. Gillett	PE
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 9&10	F. Godfrey	PE
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	C. Hoffman	MU1
V&A Innovate Competition	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7	K. Webster	D7
Film Club (Last Thurs of Month)	3:00 onwards	Years 7-9	G. Mathieson	Library
Friday				
Music Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Y11 Food & Nutrition	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	J. Wilson	D20

## Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. Challenge yourself to try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions



# Enrichment Lunchtime

Monday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Drama Society (Wk1)	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Read and Relax	Lunchtime	Year 7	G. Mathieson	Loughborough
Latin for Beginners	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	H. Foers	H3
Fine Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
F1 Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	I. Wincote	G1
Creative Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Tuesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Fine Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Drama Society (Wk2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Mindfulness Colouring	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	P. Johnson	D10
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Birks	MPR
Cultural Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	J. Payne	D15
Strategy Boardgames	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Wednesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Music Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	D. Riley	MU1
Drama Society (Wk1)	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	K. Cook	Drama
Drama Society (Wk2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Science Buskin (C. Smith)	Lunchtime	Years 9-11	G. Kendall	S11
Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D12
Library Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Thursday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Scrapbooking	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	A. Garcia	L3
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	A. Gadsby	L1
Eco Council (Wk 2)	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	G. Malin	L2
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Friday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Meditation and Mindfulness	Lunchtime	Years 12&13	C. Jenkins	A3
National Cipher Challenge 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Years 9-13	L. Stone	D14
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 10	K. Webster	D7
Writers Workshop	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Mathieson	A9
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 10	R. Byrne	H9
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library