

NEWSLETTER

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OUR ASPIRATIONS
ARE OUR POSSIBILITIES.



The Hinckley
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It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome all our students back to school this week following the summer holidays. The school has quickly been filled once again with energy, enthusiasm and a strong sense of community as students have returned ready for the year ahead.

I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, who have settled remarkably well into their new surroundings. It has been wonderful to see new friendships forming and the strong sense of belonging already evident within both year groups. All year groups have enjoyed spending time with their new tutors this week and have adapted positively to their new timetables and routines.

In this first newsletter of the academic year, we could not miss the opportunity to celebrate our Class of 2026. Students returned over the summer for GCSE and A Level Results Days, and we were delighted to share in their success. Our students achieved excellent outcomes, and we loved seeing them celebrate the rewards of their hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

We have much to look forward to this academic year, including the continued progress of our new STEAM building, with students already enjoying using our new temporary art, design and technology classrooms which opened on Wednesday. I look forward to another exciting and successful year together.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

A Warm Welcome Back

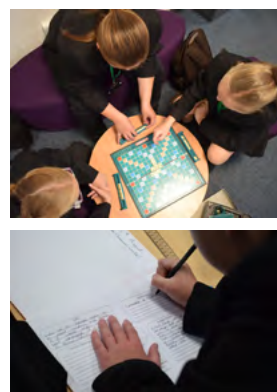
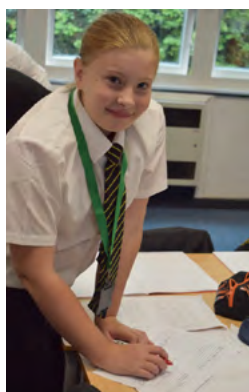
Students across all year groups have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. Staff have praised their focus as they have settled back quickly into school life and enjoyed catching up with friends and teachers as they shared memories of the long summer break - and glorious sunshine!

Year 7 and Year 12 students have settled in well, adapting quickly to new routines, making new friends and embracing their new surrounding with confidence.

It has been wonderful to see students showing pride by wearing their uniform smartly and demonstrating our high expectations from day one. In lessons, students have returned ready to learn, showing enthusiasm and focus in their first classes of the year.

The excitement has also continued beyond the classroom, with many Year 7 students enjoying their first enrichment activities. From board games in The Bridge and football on the astro to after-school rugby, students have already begun making the most of the wide range of opportunities available.

We are extremely proud of the positive start made by all students and look forward to a successful year ahead.



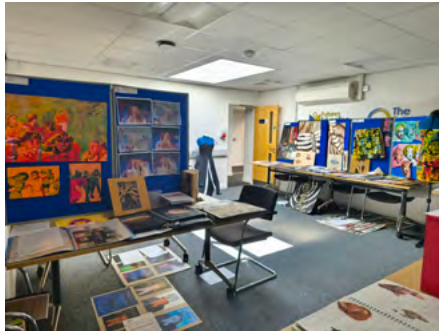


A Celebration of Creativity in Art, Craft and Design

"Our Year 13 A-Level Art, Craft and Design students achieved excellent outcomes in their accreditation. All students successfully completed and presented both their Component 1 (Personal Investigation) and Component 2 (Externally Set Assignment) projects for moderation.

The moderator reviewed the full range of work and provided highly positive feedback, commending the quality of the students' outcomes, the breadth of creative exploration, and the standard of presentation. The successful moderation reflects the students' dedication, creativity, and commitment throughout the course, as well as the effective support and guidance provided by the department."

- Mrs Bosworth



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Gold Assessed Expedition

Our Gold group ventured to the Snowdonia National park over the Summer holidays. On Friday 7th August they travelled to Wales to take part in what was a four day personal challenge. Once they arrived at Capel Curig, the teams completed an acclimatisation walk around the bottom of Moel Siabod, they then met with their assessor after dinner and enjoyed a relaxing evening of games at The Woodlands, Betws-y-Coed.

The team had pre-planned their route and camp-sites at our weekly meetings, a vital procedure for a successful expedition.

On Saturday, the team was taken to their starting village, from there they walked over the Rhinog mountains, camping at night, motivating themselves to get round their eight hours of planned route and activity. Day four finished at Barmouth beach, where they enjoyed an ice cream. Our final evening was spent having a BBQ and relaxing.

Graham, Expedition assessor commented the following: 'The team were fully equipped and well prepared for their venture. They set themselves a challenging route which tested their physical, mental, and emotional stamina. Increasing heat became a particular challenge, which they handled well. They became aware of and accepted the learning opportunities that this experience would provide. I was impressed by the team's maturity in approaching this event. They worked well as a team and developed and understood the importance of their teamwork skills as the expedition progressed. Well done and congratulations.

Congratulations to all of our young people on their fantastic achievement and completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award Expedition. We look forward to hearing about their visits to the palace once they have completed the whole award.

A big thank you to all our leaders for giving up their time.

Bronze Award Success

Congratulations to Emma, who has completed her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's award this week.

- Amy Fennell, Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-Ordinator



Bronze Emma		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.
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Amazing Achievements on A Level Results Day

The Hinckley Sixth Form's Class of 2026 celebrated the culmination of years of hard work and dedication on Thursday as they collected their A Level and BTEC results alongside friends, family and teachers. For many students, the occasion marked the end of an unforgettable seven-year journey that began at The Hinckley School. Having grown together as a close-knit community, they returned one final time to share in each other's successes, celebrate their achievements and look ahead to exciting futures after securing their chosen destinations.

The Class of 2026 will be studying degree courses including Biomedical Science, Politics and International Relations and Film Production at universities across the country, with many going on to study at leading Russell Group universities. Many students are excited to enter employment and begin competitive apprenticeships in areas such as HR, Electrical Engineering and Finance, with companies such as JCB.

Phoebe is celebrating today as her incredible A* in Criminology, A in Psychology and A in Sociology mean she has secured a place to study Sociology at the University of Warwick. When collecting her grades, Phoebe shared that it still hadn't quite sunk in, as she was feeling a mix of relief and happiness. Phoebe plans to continue to enjoy her charity volunteer work until she begins her course later this year and is looking forward to celebrating her well-deserved results.

Also beginning a new adventure at the University of Warwick is student Anastasia, who was joined by proud family from France and Canada today as she opened her results. Anastasia secured her first-choice destination after achieving an impressive set of results, which included an A in Drama and an A* in her Extended Project Qualification, which allowed her to take part in in-depth research she truly relished on top of her courses. She will now go on to study English Literature at the University of Warwick to follow her dreams of becoming an English teacher. "The last seven years have been amazing; I am very grateful for all the support from teachers and for the friends I have made along the way. It is an experience I will treasure forever."

Class of 2026 student Madison shared Anastasia's reflections on her unique seven-year journey. After opening her results she said, "I am happy, relieved and proud of myself. I enjoyed the freedom and independence of sixth form and am now nervous but also excited for my next step." Madison achieved an A* in Chemistry, an A in Geography and a B in English Language and after her success at A Level, is now planning to study Chemistry at university.

After celebrating and supporting students on results day, Director of Sixth Form Miss Bull said, "We are incredibly proud of our students' dedication and resilience. Their achievements are a testament to two years of hard work and independent study. We wish them every success in the next stage of their journey."



Success on GCSE Results Day

Students from The Hinckley School were once again celebrating success on GCSE Results Day, with this year's results helping the Class of 2026 secure their dream destinations. From apprenticeships and college courses to sixth form study, a high proportion of students have once again chosen to continue their seven-year journey at The Hinckley Sixth Form, with many also joining the new Coventry Rugby Pathway. Students achieved the outcomes required to build brighter futures and pursue careers in industries including law, film, digital security, and science.

Ollie is celebrating exceptional results after achieving an impressive nine GCSEs at grades 8 and 7. He admitted he was pleasantly surprised when he opened his results and described himself as "shocked and pleased" after all his hard work, including attending after-school classes and dedicating time to revision at home, paid off. After enjoying his Taster Day, he is now looking forward to studying Spanish, PE, Biology, and Psychology at The Hinckley Sixth Form as he works towards his ambition of studying Sport Science at Loughborough University.

Classmate Lyla woke up nervous on Results Day, but after opening her results and discovering she had achieved seven GCSEs at grades 9-7, including grade 9s in Art and English Language, she is now excited to progress to art college and pursue her ambition of working in the gaming industry.

A student who is a testament to the impact of strength of character, resilience, determination, and hard work is Charlotte. Her outstanding achievements include three grade 9s in English Language, English Literature, and Media Studies, alongside a grade 8 in Geography and a grade 7 in Maths. Charlotte is now excited to study Film, Ancient History, and Media at King Edward VI College as she pursues her dream of working in the film industry.

Mrs Grocock, Headteacher, said: "We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students and all they have achieved. Today is a celebration of their hard work and determination, and it has been a pleasure to see their efforts rewarded with such well-deserved results.

These achievements reflect not only the commitment of our students but also the support of their families and the dedication of our staff, who have encouraged them every step of the way. We are particularly delighted that so many students have chosen to continue their journey with us at The Hinckley Sixth Form, and we look forward to welcoming them back as they begin the next exciting stage of their education.

The Class of 2026 has made a remarkable contribution to our school community. We have watched them grow into confident, ambitious young people, and we are excited to see what they will go on to achieve in the future. On behalf of everyone at The Hinckley School, I would like to congratulate them on their success and wish them every happiness and success in the years ahead."





THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



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



Gold (age 16+)

Volunteering

12
months

Physical

12 or 6
months

Skills

12 or 6
months

Expedition

**4 days
3 nights**

Residential

**5 days
4 nights**

Physical and Skills sections: one section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months

If you didn't do Silver, you must do a further **6 months** in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

GOING INTO YEAR 12 OR 13?

ENROL NOW TO TAKE PART IN YOUR

GOLD DOFE AWARD

PICK UP A FORM FROM MRS HALL

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