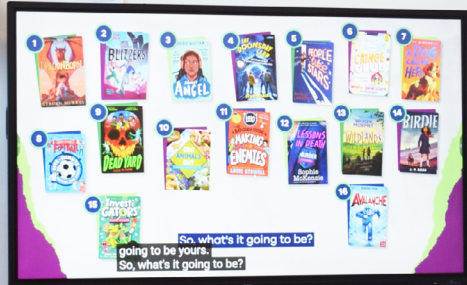


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NEWSLETTER

24th September 2026



The Hinckley
SCHOOL



Our students have continued to demonstrate enthusiasm, and a commitment to their learning this week, with staff delighted by the positive start they have made to the year. From engaging lessons and practical activities to enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom, it has been wonderful to see our students embracing every aspect of school life.

This week also saw the launch of Book Buzz. Every Year 7 student has had the opportunity to choose a free book to take home and keep, helping to foster a lifelong love of reading. After hearing from the authors behind this year's selection of titles, students made their choices and now eagerly await the arrival of their books in October. The day the books arrive is always one of great excitement and we look forward to sharing this with you next month.

I would also like to extend a warm invitation to all Year 11 students and their families to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 11th November, 5pm-8pm. The event is a fantastic opportunity to discover how we support post-16 students in achieving their ambitions.

Finally, congratulations to players on our Sixth Form Rugby Pathway, who are celebrating an excellent 38-22 victory over Moreton Morrell and to pathway student Ella, who also made her debut this week. We are incredibly proud of this programme, which provides outstanding opportunities for both male and female players to develop their skills alongside their studies. Our Year 7/8 Rugby Team are also celebrating a victory over Hartshill, while our Year 10/11 Girls Football Team put on a fantastic show of determination and resilience in their match this week. Well done to all our players.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

Book Buzz is Back!

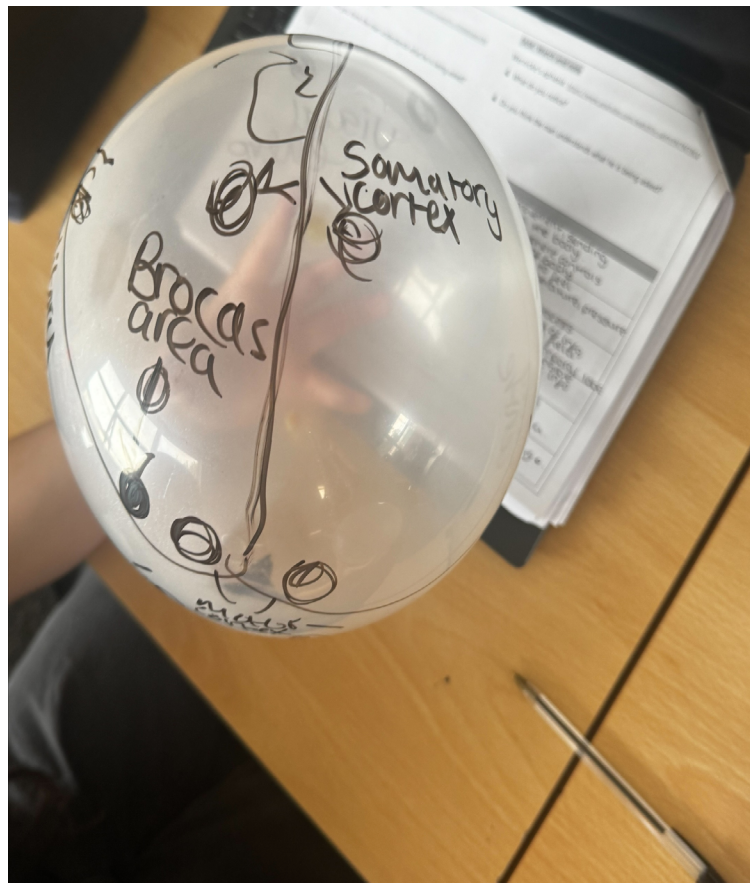
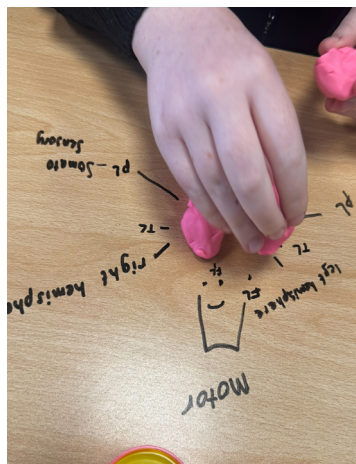
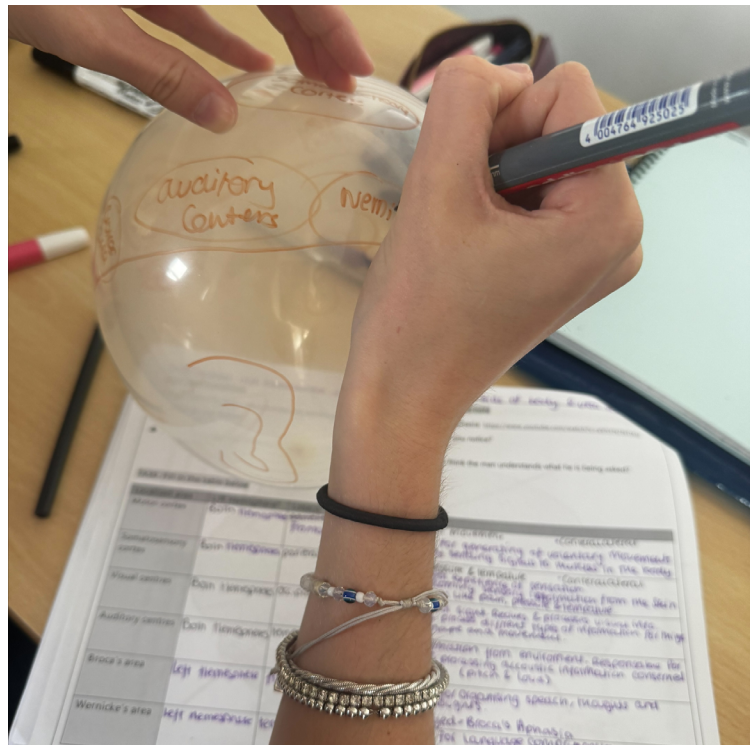
The excitement of Book Buzz returned to The Hinckley School this week, giving every Year 7 student the opportunity to choose and receive a free book of their own.

On Wednesday, Bridge students were introduced to the 16 fantastic titles available through the scheme, hearing directly from the authors about their books to help them make an informed choice. From thrilling adventures and mysteries to inspiring and thought-provoking stories, there was something to suit every reader.

After considering their options, students made their selections on Thursday, and orders will now be placed. Their chosen books are expected to arrive in October, when Year 7 students will finally be able to get stuck into their new reads.

Book Buzz has become a much-loved annual event at The Hinckley School, helping to foster a love of reading and encouraging students to explore new genres and authors. In recent years, students have even organised informal book swaps, allowing them to read more of the available titles and share recommendations with one another.

We look forward to seeing this year's students enjoying their books, discussing their favourite characters and stories, and sharing their reviews in the months ahead.



Psychology in Action: Building the Brain

Our Year 13 psychologists have been bringing their learning to life this week by constructing model brains using balloons and playdough as part of their studies on localisation of brain functioning.

This hands-on activity has helped students visualise the different regions of the brain and better understand the important roles each area plays in controlling behaviour, cognition and bodily functions. By creating and identifying the various structures themselves, students have been able to deepen their understanding of a complex topic in an engaging and memorable way.

The class has made an excellent start to the year, exploring a range of fascinating topics including synaptic transmission, and the nervous system. Praising their efforts, Miss Blackshaw, Teacher of Psychology, said: "They've been doing amazing work learning about synaptic transmission, the fight vs flight response, neurons and the nervous and endocrine systems so far!"

It has been fantastic to see students combining creativity with scientific knowledge as they continue to develop their understanding of the human brain and behaviour.



Proud Moments on the Pitch!

MATCH REPORT | Final Score: THS Y7/8 6-5 Hartshill

In their second game our THS Year 7/8 boys Rugby Team secured a thrilling 6-5 victory over Hartshill in an incredibly close and competitive fixture. The boys showed fantastic determination, teamwork and resilience throughout, holding their nerve to come away with a well-deserved win. The two sides won't have to wait long to meet again, with the return fixture taking place next week!



This was one of my proudest days as a coach. The boys showcased all the values we expect of them as THS students and THS Rugby players. I am so excited to see what this team can achieve and cannot wait for the return fixture next week.

Mr Swann - Yr7/8 Rugby Coach



Home Victory for our Coventry Rugby Pathway

THS Sixth Form Rugby Pathway - Fixture 2

A fantastic start on home soil for the Hinckley School Pathway boys team, securing an impressive 38-22 victory over Moreton Morrell in the programme's first-ever home fixture.

The boys showcased flashes of real quality throughout the game, with the high-level training delivered by Coventry staff clearly showing in their play. There were plenty of positive signs in both individual performances and the way the team worked together. This is another important step forward for the pathway, and the squad can take plenty of confidence from the performance as they continue to develop.

We're looking forward to the upcoming fixtures and, in particular, the start of our AoC season. A brilliant first home game — and hopefully the first of many memorable performances!

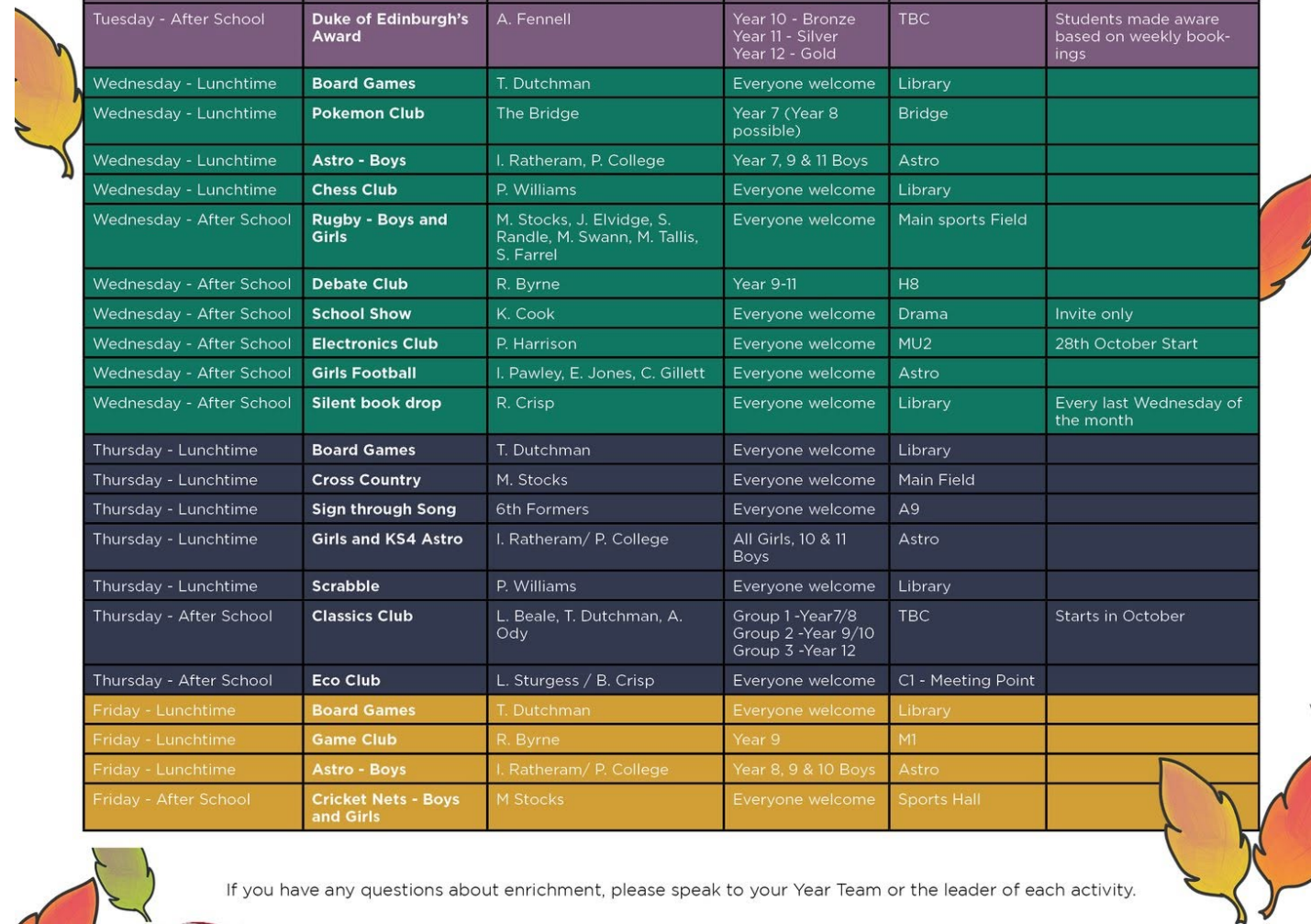
Final Score: The Hinckley School 38-22 Moreton Morrell

Rugby Pathway Debut for Ella

Congratulations to our Sixth Form student, Ella, who made her first match appearance for the Rugby Pathway this week!

Representing the pathway with pride, Ella played in four competitive 20-minute matches across a busy programme, lining up alongside players from Moreton Morrell College (WGC). The games were closely contested throughout, with Ella delivering an outstanding performance and helping her team secure two victories from four matches. We are incredibly proud of her for taking advantage of the opportunities available through our growing Rugby Pathway.

If you're a Year 11 student with a passion for girls' rugby and want to combine your sporting ambitions with an excellent sixth form education, we would love to welcome you to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 11th November 2026. Meet the expert team from Coventry Rugby, discover our elite Rugby Pathway, and find out more about the exciting opportunities that could await you.



If you have any questions about enrichment, please speak to your Year Team or the leader of each activity.


The Bridge
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The Hinckley SIXTH FORM



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OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 11th November
5:00pm - 8:00pm

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Our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team will be writing to parents and carers soon about recent changes to KCSIE, how parents and carers can support safeguarding and school updates. We would also like to remind parents and carers that our [Mental Health Offer and Family Support Directory](#) contains useful information regarding helplines and support services.

Aspiring fashionistas aged 13-16 are invited to join De Montfort University's free National Saturday Club in Fashion & Business.

Designed for young people interested in fashion, creativity, and enterprise, the programme offers hands-on experience in fashion design, textiles, trend forecasting, branding, retail, and marketing. Working with university staff and industry professionals, you'll explore creative and commercial career opportunities while developing practical skills in specialist studios and workshops. You'll build confidence, enhance your portfolio, and gain insight into future study and career pathways.

- The sessions will run to fit in with Leicestershire School Calendar starting 31st October – with a studio session
- 7th November – we will use the DMU Zandra Rhodes Exhibition for design inspiration
- 14th November is a University Open Day so you will be able to see student work
- 21st November is our first visit to London – details to follow – this will be a very long day usually 8am -7pm depending on the venue and traffic (not fixed times yet)
- We will then work through the various areas within Fashion and Textiles. The next sessions will be 28th November and 5th/ 12th December
- There will also be dates in the Spring term and a trip to London!
- There are limited spaces, so be quick!

Students can apply directly here.

- shared on behalf of DMU, THS is not linked to or the organiser of this event.

The Monthly Book Club

One Wednesday each Month
Look out for dates



All students and staff are invited to come to the library to read in companionable silence in the library from 3pm to 4pm.



You bring the book, and the library will provide cushions, blankets, beanbags biscuits and drinks .

MONTHLY SILENT BOOK CLUB

3pm-4pm

Wednesday 28th October
In the library
All staff and students welcome



POETRY SLAM 2026

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER
LUNCHTIME IN THE
LIBRARY



SIGN UP SHEET IN THE LIBRARY



PLEASE SEE MRS CRISP FOR
MORE INFORMATION

National Poetry Day 2026

Thursday 8th October

Competition open to all students and staff

Take Part!

Prizes
for
every
entry



Express
yourself!

Get your
ticket from
the library

Take part in our annual school
poetry slam competition

The event will take place in the library at lunchtime on Thursday 8th October.

Sign up for your entry and ticket from the library now. Each person entering can get tickets for up to 3 friends.

Rules for performers/poets:

Each poem must be an original piece performed by the participant/group .

Poems can be on any subject and in any style.

Performances are timed and should not exceed 3 minutes – timing starts when the performance or sound beings .

Heckling or disrupting of another performer's performance results in disqualification

Be prepared to have more than one poem- If you get into the 2nd or 3rd round – you can either repeat the same poem or perform a new one.

9 for 9 Book Club

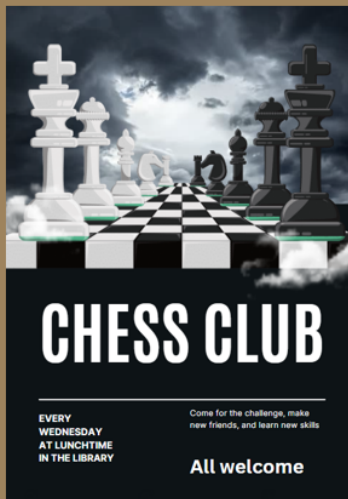
Would you like to be part of a
year 9 book group?



Meet each week during tutor. Read and discuss
9 specially selected titles chosen by librarians.

Take part in competitions. Meet
authors in live virtual events.

If you are interested and want to find out
more. Speak to Mrs Crisp before
30th September



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