

# NEWSLETTER

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Our students have continued to approach the public examination period with maturity and determination, with 29 examinations taking place across subjects this week it is a demanding time and their focus has been truly impressive.

We wish them every success as they continue their exams after half term, hopefully returning refreshed and prepared ready to put their hard work into practice.

It has also been an exceptional week for sport, with students representing the school with pride at Area Sports, alongside an exciting programme of cricket fixtures for both boys and girls. Students have continued to show the enthusiasm and spirit that defines our school community.

Looking ahead, during half term we are pleased to be hosting our Coventry Rugby Open Day, offering students a unique opportunity to explore how high-level academic sixth form study can be combined with an expert rugby development pathway. This partnership continues to provide an exciting and ambitious route for those aspiring to excel both in the classroom and on the field.

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to thank students and staff for their continued hard work and commitment. I wish everyone a well-deserved and restful break before we return for the final stretch of the academic year.

Kate Grocock | Head of School

## A Proud First: Girls' Cricket Debut

On Thursday, we marked a proud and historic moment for The Hinckley School as our girls' cricket team took to the field for the school's first ever girls' cricket fixture, facing Lutterworth College in the Knight Stokes Cup. Every player involved should be incredibly proud to have played a part in such an important occasion for the school and for the continued growth of girls' sport.

From the very first ball, the girls represented the school with outstanding enthusiasm, teamwork, and resilience. Throughout the match, they showed fantastic determination, supported one another brilliantly, and approached every moment with positivity and courage. Most importantly, the girls played with smiles on their faces and a genuine love for the game, which was wonderful to see.

While this was the team's first experience together in competitive cricket, the potential and spirit within the group were clear for everyone watching. The match provided a brilliant opportunity to learn, grow in confidence, and begin building exciting foundations for the future of girls' cricket at The Hinckley School. Following the match, Mr Stocks said, "With the attitude and commitment shown today, there is no doubt this is just the beginning of an exciting journey for the team."





## Coventry Rugby Open Day - Register Now

### Connecting Talent, Opportunity and Community

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Rugby Pathway Open Day, taking place during the May half term on Tuesday 26th May at The Hinckley Sixth Form.

Delivered in partnership with Coventry Rugby, this event offers an exciting opportunity to become part of a thriving rugby and academic community, where students are supported to achieve both on and off the field. It is a chance to discover how high-quality sixth form study can be combined with an elite rugby development programme here at The Hinckley Sixth Form.

### What to Expect

#### For Current Year 11 and Year 12 Students (Applicants for 2026 Entry)

8:30am - 10:15am

Students will take part in a high-level session reflecting our pre-preseason programme, including:

- Baseline physical testing
- Rugby and athletic development sessions
- Coaching delivered by Coventry Rugby Academy staff
- A Q&A session exploring the programme, expectations, and post-16 pathways

#### For Current Year 10 Students (Future Applicants)

10:30am - 12:00pm

An engaging introduction to the rugby pathway, including:

- An overview of the programme and its opportunities
- Insights into balancing academic study with rugby development
- Practical rugby activities
- A Q&A session with staff and coaches

**Location for all sessions: The Hinckley Sixth Form, Butt Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1LE**

### Why Attend?

This open day is more than just a training session - it is an opportunity to experience our welcoming and ambitious sporting community. Students will gain a real insight into life as a sixth form student-athlete, explore future pathways, and meet others who share a passion for rugby and personal development.

Whether you are already considering your Post-16 options, or are looking to take the next step in your rugby journey, this is an unmissable opportunity.

## Celebrating our Classics Impact Award

We are delighted to share that we have received prestigious recognition for work around the study of Classics. This is a truly outstanding achievement and we would like to sincerely congratulate our Head of Classics, Miss Beale.

The Hinckley School has been selected for the East Midlands Regional Network Award at Classics for All's 6th Annual Impact Awards. This prestigious recognition celebrates the exceptional work taking place to promote and enrich the study of Classics, and we are incredibly proud that Jane Ainsworth has chosen The Hinckley School for this honour.

This award reflects Miss Beale's passion, dedication and commitment to inspiring students, as well as the growing strength of Classics within our school community.

The Hinckley School will officially be presented with the award during a ceremony in London in June and we look forward to displaying it with pride for all to see! As a winning school, we will also receive £300 to support the teaching and learning of Classics at The Hinckley School and we look forward to using this to further inspire our student community.

We are immensely proud of this success and all it represents for The Hinckley School.



## Cricket Team Showcase Confidence and Composure

Despite posting an outstanding 147-8 from their 20 overs, our boys were unfortunately unable to secure victory in the second Barclays Knight-Stokes Cup match.

In what was an excellent game of cricket played in great spirit, the team demonstrated resilience, character, and attacking intent throughout. Batting with confidence and composure, the boys produced some exceptional performances to post a highly competitive total, showcasing the progress and belief growing within the squad.

While the result did not fall our way, there were stand out performances across the board, with the boys competing with tremendous determination and representing the school with pride and professionalism.

Most importantly, the team left the field with their heads held high, knowing they had given everything for one another and had played their part in an entertaining and high-quality fixture. Experiences like this are invaluable in developing both confidence and character, and the squad are already excited and motivated for their next game.

Mr Stocks, Director of Sport

## Japanese Inspired Clay Work

Year 9 Design and Technology students have been developing their creativity and technical skills through their AO2 work, focusing on improving and refining ideas. Students have explored a range of motifs and patterns inspired by Japanese culture, using these influences to shape and strengthen their own design work.

As part of this process, students have researched traditional and contemporary Japanese design elements, thoughtfully incorporating these into their own creative responses.

Alongside this, students have had the opportunity to experiment with a variety of practical techniques, including coiling, carving, slab building, and painting. By sampling these methods, they have developed a greater understanding of materials and processes, allowing them to make informed decisions about how to improve and refine their designs.

This project has been a fantastic opportunity for students to combine creativity with technical skill, building confidence as they progress towards more developed and original outcomes.





## Cultural Food Fair

On Friday 19th June, we are delighted to be hosting a Cultural Food Fair in the Main Hall, bringing students and staff together to celebrate culture, community, and a shared love of food.

Community lies at the heart of this event, and we warmly invite volunteers to contribute by donating sweet or savoury treats they would like to be sold on the day. These can be either shop-bought or homemade, offering a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to share a taste of their culture with others across our school. To ensure this celebration also supports those beyond our school, all proceeds will be donated to the Hinckley Area Food Bank, helping our wider local community while strengthening our inclusive sense of belonging.

If your child would like to be involved and lead a food stall - whether it's for a treasured family recipe or a favourite food that represents their culture - we would love them to get involved. Please ask students to speak to their Year Team, letting them know the name of their dish and the culture it represents. Further details for students wishing to purchase items will be shared in due course.

Alongside the Cultural Food Fair, students will also have the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and events in the library, celebrating the richness and diversity of our wonderful school community.

## Celebrating Historian of the Month

**March - James** James has made excellent strides in progress this year including a whole grade of progress between his January and March mock exams. His hard work in lessons and his continued independent learning has given him the ability to be confident when writing his exam answers - Well Done!

**April - Brayden** Brayden is an excellent student of History and continues to demonstrate this in every lesson. He is supportive of his peers and always willing to contribute to group and class discussions with well thought out answers that reflect a deeper understanding of the subject - Well Done!

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**May - Declan** Declan has worked incredibly hard this year in History and deserves the award for his consistent commitment to the subject, his efforts in

revision and completing homework and his reflection of this in achieving his target in his most recent mock exam.

Keep up the great work!

**Ms Burton,**  
Head of History

## Area Sports Sees Students Qualify for County Competitions

This week, over fifty of our students took part in the local Area Sports Festival which proved to be a fantastic occasion for our students, who showcased tremendous pride, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day. Competing against strong opposition from across the area, our students represented the school brilliantly both on and off the field.

While we did not return home with any major team trophies this year, there were several moments of individual brilliance that deserve special recognition. Several of our students produced outstanding performances in their events and successfully qualified for upcoming county competitions — a superb achievement that reflects their hard work and commitment.

Most importantly, every student involved demonstrated resilience, encouragement for one another, and a real sense of pride in representing the school. Their attitude and effort throughout the festival were a credit to themselves and the wider school community.

A huge well done to all students and staff involved in making the day such a success, and we look forward to seeing our county qualifiers continue their sporting journey in the next round of competition.

**Mr Stocks, Director of Sports**



# SUMMER ENRICHMENT

## MONDAY

### LUNCHTIME

- **Craft Club** - Y7-13, R Crisp, Library
- **Open Studio** - Y7-13, A Bennett, Dance
- **Y7,8,11 Astro** - I.Ratheram
- **Board Games** - Y7, Heartspace
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym
- **The Bridge Drama Society** - Y7, K Cook / N Smith, Drama Studio

### AFTER SCHOOL

- **Astronomy** - Y8/9, Dr Raj/Dr Newbold, S2, Summer Half Term 1 only
- **Robot Wars** - Y7 & 10, P.Harrison / P.Williams, D1

## TUESDAY

### LUNCHTIME

- **Jewellery Making** - Y7, Wk 1 Only, Mrs Wilson, D15
- **Girls Basketball** - Y7/8, C.Gillett
- **Y8,9,10 Astro** - I.Ratheram
- **Choir** - P.Wright, MU1
- **LGBTQIA** - Y7-13, R.Byrne, MPR
- **Board Games** - Y7, Heartspace
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym

### AFTER SCHOOL

- **Robot Wars** - Y8 & 9, P.Harrison / P.Williams, D1
- **Carnegie Book Awards Shadowing Group** - Y7-13, R Crisp, Library

## WEDNESDAY

### Lunchtime

- **Dance Team** - Y9-13, A.Bennett, Dance
- **Y7,9,11 Astro** - I.Ratheram
- **Chess Club** - Y7-13, R.Crisp, Library
- **Board Games** - Y7, Heartspace
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym
- **The Gateway Drama Club** - Y8, N Smith, Drama Studio

### AFTER SCHOOL

- **Warhammer Club** -Y9-13, D11 C.Hoffman & B.J.Britchford, 3-4:30pm
- **Debate Club**- Y7-13, H8, R Byrne
- **Electronics Club** -Y7-13, P.Harrison / P.Williams, D1
- **Rugby** (boys)- Y7-13, M Stocks, J Elvidge, M Swann, S Randle, M Tallis, Outside
- **Girls Football** - Y7-11, I Pawley / E Jones
- **Silent Book Club** - Last Wednesday of the month, Y7-13, R Crisp, Library

## THURSDAY

### LUNCHTIME

- **Dance Team** - Y7/8, A.Bennett, Dance
- **Geology & Palaeontology** - Y7-13, A.Gadsby, L1
- **Y7-11 Girls & Y10&11 Astro** - I.Ratheram
- **Girls Basketball** - Y9-11, C.Gillett
- **Scrabble Club** - Y7-13, R.Crisp, Library
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym
- **Board Games** - Y7, Heartspace

### AFTER SCHOOL

- **Eco Club** - Y7-13, L.Sturgess, D14
- **Girls Badminton** - Y7-13, C.Gillett, Sportshall
- **Music Club** - Y7-13, P.Wright, MU1
- **Science Buskers** - Y9&10, Dr Smith, S11
- **Cinema Club** - Y11-13, Once a month, Z.Owen, (Days confirmed by teacher)
- **Cricket** - Y7-11, M Stocks, 3:15-4:30pm

## FRIDAY

### LUNCHTIME

- **Open Studio** - Y7-13 Dance Studio, A.Bennett
- **Disco Club** - Year 8 H.Bailey, Y8 | G2
- **Y8,9,10 Astro** - Mr Ratheram
- **Choir** - P.Wright, MU1
- **Xbox Club** - Year 11 R.Byrne, Y11, H9
- **Board Games** - Year 7 Bridge Heartspace
- **Cross Country** - M.Stocks Outside, (Wk 2) Starts after May half term
- **Cornhole Club** - Y7, 8 and 9, boys and girls, M.Pallet, Gym



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**Don't be afraid to try new things!**

Students receive enrichment points for participating in activities. Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond Enrichment Awards are then awarded in Celebration Assemblies.