



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Year 13 Parents' Evening took place on Tuesday this week, giving our Sixth Form students an opportunity to discuss progress as a final push in the run up to their exams. Students and their families met with their Tutors and Subject Specialists and it was wonderful to see our community coming together to offer wrap around support for our young people, during what can be a challenging few months. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

This week, we have been finalising our plans for Summer School, an annual event which allows Year 6 students joining The Bridge to spend a few days taking part in fun activities to build confidence, make friends and get to know their teachers before their first day. I know many of our current students will still hold fond memories of those first days here with us spent playing, learning and settling into their new secondary school surroundings. I'm sure our next year group will enjoy the wonderful activities we have planned just as much and I would like to thank our teaching and support staff for once again supporting this important event.

Year 11 and 13 have continued their focus on revision and knowledge recall this week, with students in Drama and PE also sitting their exams and assessments. Their hard work and commitment to learning make me incredibly proud and I am already looking forward to celebrating with them all on results day later in the year. Next week, Year 13 students sit their Art and Photography exams, and I would like to wish them all the best as they showcase their talent.

Good luck to all students involved in our Sports Festival on Saturday. This will be a fantastic community event and I hope that you and your family can join us to cheer on our students, celebrate their effort and teamwork and enjoy the on site refreshments. We will all keep our fingers crossed for sunshine!

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

SUMMER SCIENCE CLUB



Students gathered in the Cube outdoor space this week to make rockets in our new Summer Science club.



Led by Dr Smith and Dr Nicastro, students in all year groups were able to use an effervescent tablet dissolves in water and trapped in a film canister to produce a rocket! Students utilised the built up pressure to make them blast off high into the sky—with many of them landing on the roof of the Cube!



We can't wait to see what else this club gets up to over the coming weeks, and hopefully students and staff can continue to utilise this outdoor area during some brighter weather!

Well done to everyone who took part!



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ENGLAND JUDO CHAMPION

STUDENT STORIES



Year 7 student Katrina had a day off timetable last week, for a very special reason, to represent England in the Northern Ireland Open Judo Tournament.

We are delighted to share that Katrina returned home as the champion Gold for her weight category in Northern Ireland, as well as securing titles as the English and International Champion. These truly are remarkable achievements and everyone here at The Hinckley School would like to congratulate her on her success and hard work.

Competitions continue over the next few months, as she travels to Belgium in May to represent England once again in tough knock out rounds and is then set to compete in the Netherlands in June. We would like to wish her the very best of luck!

DEVON'S 'BIG HAIRCUT' RAISES OVER £350

Celebrating Our Incredible Young People



After growing his hair for the past ten years, Devon has now completed his 'Big Haircut' to raise money for the Little Princess Trust.

We are delighted to share that Devon donated over 30cm of his hair to charity and raised over £360! Well done Devon on this compassionate act of kindness and a big thank you to everyone who donated.

Still want to donate? Devon's JustGiving page can be found online here:

[Click here to donate!](#)



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Are you passionate about building brighter futures?

Due to continued growth, we are currently recruiting for the following vacancies:

- **Teacher of Girls' PE** (TLR available for the right candidate)
- **Teacher of Science** (with leadership responsibilities)
- **Teacher of English** (TLR or Lead Practitioner scale available for the right candidate)
- **Teacher of Humanities** (TLR available for the right candidate)
- **Teacher of Computer Science** (TMS/UPS/TLR available for the right candidate)
- **Teacher of Maths** (TLR/Lead practitioner scale available for the right candidate)
- **Apprenticeship Teaching Assistant**

To find out more about these vacancies and for details on how to apply, please visit our website:

www.thehinckleyschool.co.uk/vacancies



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VACANCIES

Join our community



MAKING PROM ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

Attending your Year 11 or Year 13 prom is a once in a lifetime rite of passage for every student. An evening spent with teachers and friends where you can celebrate your achievements, friendships and memories, whilst looking ahead to new adventures. We want as many students as possible to be able to access this important event, by removing some of the potential barriers in place during our current economic challenges. With this in mind, we have created a number of ways that students can access support to ensure the event is accessible for all.

The Prom Hardship Fund

This fund has been established to help support students to attend and enjoy this annual event by relieving potential financial pressures. With countless donations from staff, parents, carers, local businesses and governors, our community has once again come together to support our students and we are extremely grateful.

How can families access the Prom Hardship Fund?

If you are struggling to pay for your child's prom ticket, please contact your year team and we will do our best to support the buying of a prom ticket for your child.

How can families donate to the Prom Hardship Fund?

If you would like to donate to the Prom Hardship Fund, again please contact your year team.

Pre-Loved Prom Shop

In addition, our new 'Pre-Loved Prom Shop' allows members of the local community to donate their old or never-worn prom dresses, accessories and suits for our current and future students to use, should they need additional support.

How can families access the 'Pre-loved Prom Shop'?

We have had some very generous donations of prom dresses and suits made to the school, some of which have never been worn before. If your child would like to borrow one for free for the evening, they need to speak to their year team and we will arrange for them to view the outfits one day after school. We also have staff volunteers who can offer support in dress and suit alternations, should they be required.

How can families donate to the Pre-Loved Prom Shop?

If you have a prom dress, bag, shoes, suit or tuxedo that you would like to donate, please bring the item to our Main Reception during our normal office hours.

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations.



Thank you to **Liney's Brides in Hinckley who have donated six brand new dresses in various sizes to us for students to loan!**

The Hinckley School students can also have access to a selection of affordably priced options if they visit in store.



PRIDE PINATA CHALLENGE WINNER



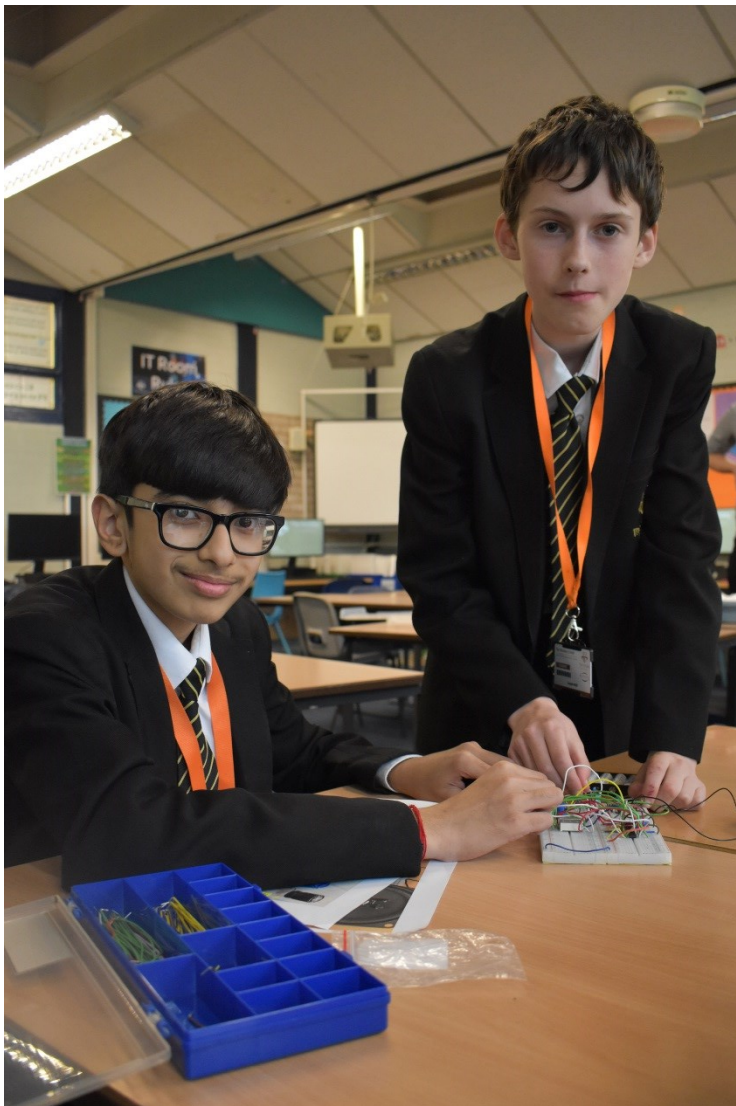
Well done to Noah in Year 9 for his entry into Mrs Wilson's 'Mexican Madness' PRIDE

challenge. Mrs Wilson said that the brightly decorated cupcakes, "were delicious and filled with Jellybeans when I cut one open!"

Congratulations to Noah who will now receive 50 PRIDE points for 'Independence'.

YEAR 9 Hub
At The Hinckley School

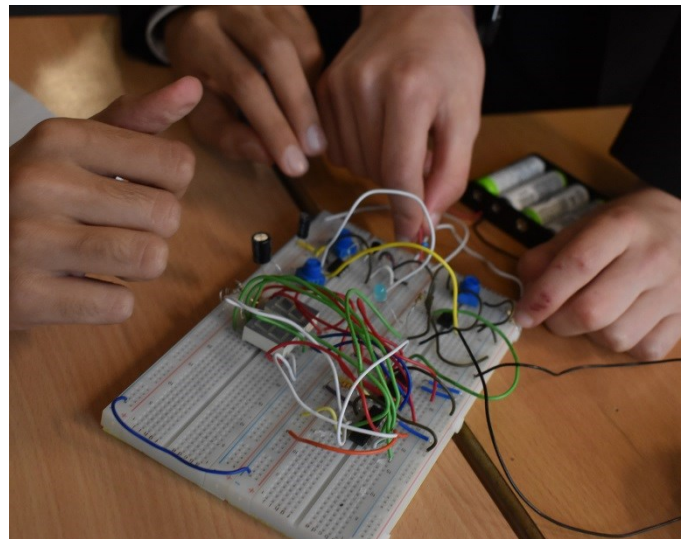
KS3 ELECTRONICS ENRICHMENT



In our Thursday KS3 Electronics Club with Mr Harrison, students have been building circuits to create simple timers and counters.

Following this week's session, Mr Harrison shared an insight into their progress and what they can look forward to in future enrichment classes, "Today the group moved on to adding speakers and modifying the circuits to generate sound. Students are now working on adding frequency modulation to create different sound effects. In the coming weeks they will go on to look at using microcontrollers to control sequences of lights, and build programmable music and sound circuits."

The group have really enjoyed getting hands on while building their own circuits and proudly shared the knowledge they have acquired so far with other staff members who visited the club. Well done everyone.



LOCAL COMMUNITY LINK - HINCKLEY RFC GIRLS RUGBY

In the run up to our Sports Festival on Saturday, we wanted to share an opportunity from Hinckley RFC Girls Rugby Team. With a long established history of supporting rugby's rising stars, we are delighted to share this opportunity for the next generation to have fun and build confidence by playing together and having fun.

Training Wednesday Evenings

School Years 4-5 6.10pm - 7.15pm

School Years 6-11 6.10pm - 7.30pm

Matches Sundays

HINCKLEY RFC GIRLS RUGBY



Build Confidence



Improve Fitness



Make Friends



Have Fun



Playing Together



Now Welcoming New Players!

U10's U12's U14's U16's (ages 7-16)

No experience necessary

All abilities welcome

Contact: Martin 07746 325431

Email: girlshrfc1@gmail.com

Rugby Makes Friends That Creates a Family

Please note that the advertised clubs are ran by external third parties, not The Hinckley School.

THIS SATURDAY - SUPPORT OUR SPORTS FESTIVAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

You and your family are cordially invited to our eagerly anticipated **Sports Festival on Saturday, April 27th, 2024!** It promises to be a day filled with excitement, camaraderie, and thrilling sportsmanship.

Gates will open promptly at 10:00 AM for all students taking part in these events. Parents will be welcome onto the site from 10:00am we will have a food truck on site offering delicious food which will start service from 10:30 AM, so please bring cash and card.

The highlight of the day will be the eagerly anticipated sport matches both kicking off at 11:00am. The Gateway girls will go head-to-head with the Year 9 girls in an their long anticipated football showdown. Following that, at the same time, an epic all-star rugby match will take place, featuring a mix of Year 8 and Year 9 students, with Mr. Stocks and Mr. Elvidge leading their respective teams.

As we all know, British weather can be unpredictable, so we kindly ask that if any parents have gazebos, they bring them along in case the weather takes a turn for the worse. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

We're looking forward to welcoming you and your family to this memorable event. Let's come together as a community to support our students and celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship.

Best regards, Mr Stocks, Year 8 Year Leader



WORLD BOOK NIGHT

Ms Crisp invited students and staff to celebrate World Book Night together this week with an afterschool Library event. Between 3-4pm, The Hinckley School community were invited to enjoy an hour of peaceful reading with cushions, blankets and gentle music, as well as a hot chocolate or two!

It was lovely to see students having fun together and settling down to unwind with their favourite book. Ms Crisp said, "It is great to offer events like this here at The Hinckley School, a chance for all members of our community to come together and read for pleasure, as well as enjoying the wellbeing benefits it provides. I hope everyone enjoyed the event."



TAKE ON THE NEXT PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE

Take on the next video tutorial in 'Mr H's Programming Challenge'!

Building on the skills learnt in his last challenge, Mr Holmes has tasked students with making their racing games more appealing by adding images to the output.

Visit our website, watch the tutorial video and put your programming skills to the test! Click the link below to take part.

[The Hinckley School - Take on the Programming Challenge!](#)





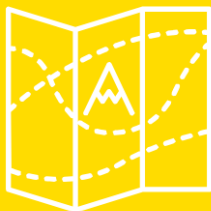
THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



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“ Because there’s no better way to... try new things, meet new people, discover new talents, learn new skills, see what you’re made of, give to your community, feel more confident, make a difference, recognise your potential, boost your wellbeing – and know that whatever life throws at you, you’re ready. ”



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.

Students in Year 9 can now enrol on to their Bronze DofE award.

***The expedition section will be completed in Year 10**

**For more information email
afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk**

NEW ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

We are delighted to share our new Enrichment Calendar for the first part of the Summer Term. Providing another opportunity for our students to enjoy participating in extra curricular activities, creating life long memories, making new friends and learning new skills. Please familiarise yourself with the new opportunities on the next two pages.

Enrichment Lunchtime – Summer 1

Monday				
Crafting	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Maths Challenge	Lunchtime	Years 7&8	M. Swann	G3
Bridge Wildlife Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Mason	Cambridge
Crochet Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	L. Wills	D10
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Tuesday				
Strategy Board Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Girls Football & Y8 Inter-form	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Origami	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D12
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Birks	MPR
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Gadsby	L1
Sustainability Council (week 1)	Lunchtime	Invite only	G. Malin	L2
STEM Food Club (week 2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-10	J. Wilson	D20
Boys Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Wednesday				
Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Creative Writing Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Hale	H7
KS3 Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	M. Smith	H6
KS3 Electronics	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	P. Harrison	D1
Summer Science	1:30-1:55pm	Years 7&8	C. Smith	Cube
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
Thursday				
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Boys Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Friday				
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 9	R. Byrne	G2
Bridge Badminton (mixed)	Lunchtime	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE

Enrichment After School – Summer 1

Monday				
Senior Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10-13	J. Elvidge	PE
Robot Wars Construction	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	P. Harrison	D1
Tuesday				
Rock School	3:00-4:15pm	Invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars Tournaments	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Holmes	D1
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	A9
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	Cube
Wednesday				
Programming Challenge	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	C. Holmes	D1
Badminton	3:00-4:00pm	Years 10-11	G. Nicastro	PE
DofE Gold	5:15-7:30pm	Year 12 & 13	A. Fennell	Cube
Y11 CNat Drop in	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	M. Pallett	Library
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 8	C. Froome	PE
Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-11	F. Nichols	PE
KS3 Rugby	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-9	M. Stocks	PE
Music and Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Artist's Retreat	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	Art
Maths Y10 Catch Up	3:00-4:00pm	Year 10 Higher	H. Bailey	G2
Reading Outside the Box	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	E. Rayson	Library
Friday				
Touch Rugby (mixed gender)	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-11	M. Stocks	PE
Gateway Beauty Room	3:00-4:00pm	Year 8	M. French	G5

Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. As we enter 2024 why not try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions



UPDATED - MENTAL HEALTH & FAMILY SUPPORT DIRECTORY

Our Mental Health and Family Support Directory has been now been updated.

Please [click here to read](#) the latest version on our website. The document includes contact details for a wealth of support services, including counselling, food banks and household support funds. If you have any questions regarding the directory, please speak to our Safeguarding team.