



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

By the end of this week, Year 11 will have come to the end of their mock exam window and will be eagerly looking forward to a well earned rest over the February half term break. Students have approached their mock exams with maturity and focus and I would like to congratulate them on their efforts. Year 13 students begin their mocks once we return after the half term break and I would like to wish them the very best.

Our Year 9 students are now making the challenging, but exciting decision about their KS4 option subjects. I would like thank parents and carers for attending our 'Options Evening and Parents' Evening' on Tuesday, there was a wonderful supportive atmosphere and it was great to see families deep in conversation with staff about how we can support our student's aspirations. If you have any questions about the options process, or about how to submit your final choices by Monday 4th March, please contact the Year 9 Hub Team.

Our Sixth Form has received an overwhelming number of applications for 2024 and tomorrow we will be congratulating more of our Year 11 students as they receive conditional offers to study with us next year. Our second 'Offer Breakfast' is not only perfectly timed to be a lovely celebration of their hard work and the uncapped potential we see in them, but also to mark the end of this half term.

We have two incredible trips taking place next week, with Sixth Form Media students travelling to New York and students across year groups enjoying a Ski Trip to Austria. I look forward to hearing all about our student's wonderful memories when we return after half term and to sharing photos and insights into these experiences with our wider community.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

NETBALL TOURNAMENT AT LEICESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Our Year 7 Netball Team travelled to Leicester Grammar for this week's fixture, accompanied by Miss Nicholls, Teacher of PE and Sixth Form Coaches Sophie and Isla. The team took part in a netball tournament, playing a total of six games. Mrs Cheney, Teacher of PE said, "Each individual player showed great improvement throughout each game, they played brilliantly and did the school proud. The 'Coaches Player of the Tournament' was Jess. Well done Year 7!"



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CELEBRATING OUR LOVE OF READING THIS VALENTINE'S DAY

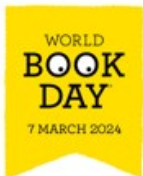
Ms Crisp, our Librarian, has created a fantastic counter display in the Library to celebrate our love of reading this Valentine's Day.

Students and staff can go on a 'blind date' with a book, choosing a new book by reading only a short description on the front to describe the plot! A big thank you to Ms Crisp for yet another creative and unique opportunity for our community.



LOOKING AHEAD ... WORLD BOOK DAY

After half term, we will be marking World Book Day at the beginning of March, the perfect opportunity to once again celebrate our love of the written word and how it can develop our imagination, vocabulary and knowledge. We have an action packed diary of events this year and Ms Crisp would like to share a little teaser of what's in store... **We can't wait!**



WORLD BOOK DAY MONDAY 4TH - FRIDAY 8TH MARCH



Monday

Lunchtime - scavenger hunt

After school - book tasting,
3pm-4pm

Tuesday

Lunchtime - quiz

After school - zine making
workshop, 3pm-4pm

Wednesday

Lunchtime - dramatic reading
with Ms Crisp

After school - Paddington
movie night, 3pm-4.30pm

Thursday

Lunchtime - WORLD BOOK DAY
CELEBRATION

Afterschool - reading cafe,
3pm-4pm

Friday

Lunchtime - give us a clue

Sign up sheets will be
available in the library
from Monday 26th
February.

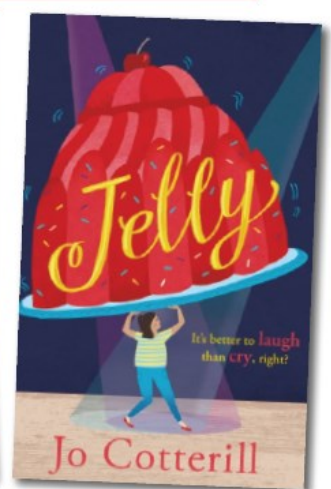
Get them now before
they're gone!



On Thursday 7th March 2024 The Hinckley School
will be welcoming the best-selling author

Jo Cotterill

To celebrate World Book Day,
with years 7 and 8.



Books will be available at the reduced cost of **£7** and will be signed.



For more information see:
www.jocotterill.com

All books will need to be pre-ordered
and can be purchased via parent pay.

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Rosemary Hill Books

YEAR 9 GET A TASTE OF KS4 OPTIONS



YEAR 9 Hub At The Hinckley School



On Tuesday evening, families received an email containing a link to the official Options Form for students to submit their final choices. This form can be found online [here](#).

Before submitting their choices, Year 9 students and their families are encouraged to read all the supporting information found in their Options Guide. A digital copy can be viewed online [here](#).

The deadline for submitted the [option form](#) is Monday 4th March 2024.

If you have any queries please contact -
Year 9 Hub: Year9Hub@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Last Friday our Year 9 students took part in their 'Options Tasters' to find out more about some of the KS4 subjects available for them to study over the next two years. From Engineering Design and Sports Studies, to Media and Spanish, our broad and exciting curriculum offers students an extensive range of vocational and GCSE courses.

Following their tasters on Friday, students then joined us at our KS4 Options Evening, where they could speak to all our subject leaders about the option decision process. Accompanied by their families, students explored our subject stalls in Café6 where our subject specialists displayed examples of student work, course texts, assessment information and more to support conversations with our community throughout the evening. Guests also joined an 'Options Talk' led by Mr Fawkner and Mr Wood and discussed student progress in English and Maths at pre booked appointments in the Library. There was a fantastic atmosphere at the event and we are delighted that so many families could join us to take advantage of the support on offer.

Following the events, Mr Elvidge, Year 9 Year Leader, shared, "It was delightful to see how engaged and enthusiastic the students were during their Options Taster Day last Friday. They carried that same energy into Tuesday evening where the atmosphere was incredible. They have all been a credit to themselves and the school."

CLICK TO READ

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KS4 OPTIONS GUIDE

2024

Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers

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The graphic is a promotional banner for the KS4 Options Guide 2024. It features a circular button with the text 'CLICK TO READ'. Below this is the school's crest, which includes a lion and a book, with 'EST. 1629' written on a banner. The school's name 'The Hinckley SCHOOL' is displayed in a serif font. The main title 'KS4 OPTIONS GUIDE' is in a bold, sans-serif font, with '2024' below it. A tagline 'Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers' is written in a smaller, italicized font. At the bottom, there is a photograph of three students in school uniforms looking at a microscope. The logo for 'The Futures Trust Building Brighter Futures' is in the bottom right corner.

TEENTECH LIVE FESTIVAL SPARKS INNOVATION

We are thrilled to share the exciting news that 30 of our Year 9 students recently participated in the TeenTech Live Festival at Mira on Thursday 8th February. This extraordinary event brought together young minds from various schools, fostering collaboration and creativity in the realm of A.I. innovation projects.

Our students, organized into teams of four, delved into the world of artificial intelligence, working passionately on their projects throughout the day. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy and enthusiasm as they explored innovative ideas and harnessed the power of technology.

Out of all the schools present, we are incredibly proud to announce that The Hinckley School stood out prominently. Among the numerous outstanding projects showcased, four ideas were selected as winners for the day – with two of these winning projects being from our very own school! This accomplishment is a testament to the dedication, intelligence, and collaborative spirit of our students. Their innovative ideas not only impressed the judges, but also demonstrated the excellence of The Hinckley School in the fields of science and technology.

Now, with the festival behind us, the excitement continues! Firstly, as student Ollie was selected as the event competition winner and was presented with a prize this morning! And secondly, as students have been given the opportunity to form groups of up to three members to further develop and refine their projects for the prestigious TeenTech Awards. This is a fantastic chance for our students to showcase their talents on a larger stage and compete with other schools in the pursuit of excellence.

The students were a showcase for both us and their parents on the day with the accompanying staff Mr Tallis and Ms Crisp saying how amazing they all were. We eagerly anticipate the amazing projects that will emerge as our students embark on the next phase of the competition.

Stay tuned for updates on our students' progress as they continue to shine in the world of technology and innovation! - Mr Boast, Assistant Headteacher





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Proudly Presents



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL
JR.

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th &
Saturday 16th March 2024, 7:30pm

Adults: £10

Under 18s: £8

Tickets on sale NOW from Main Reception and ParentPay

The Hinckley School, Butt Lane, Hinckley, LE10 1LE | 01455 632183

OUR FUNDRAISING FOR PLACE2BE RAISED...

We are delighted to share that following two very successful bake sales, selling sweet treats donated by staff and students, we raised an incredible total of **£151** for the children's mental health charity, Place2Be.

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported these charity events.



TheBridge
At The Hinckley School

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB 'TEA & TOAST' EXTENDED UNTIL EASTER

Due to the continued success of our FREE breakfast club, 'Tea & Toast', we have made the decision to extend the club until Easter. It is fantastic to see students gather together as they arrive at school to enjoy their breakfast and we look forward to welcoming students back to the club after half term.



FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

**TEA &
TOAST**

MAIN FOYER

8:15AM | EVERYONE WELCOME



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WE HOPE YOU ENJOY A RESTFUL HALF TERM BREAK

THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 19TH –FRIDAY 23RD
FEBRUARY

*WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL ON
MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024*