

NEWSLETTER

9TH OCTOBER 2025



The Hinckley
SCHOOL



Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now completed their mock exams. They should feel a great sense of accomplishment upon completing this milestone in preparation for their real examinations in the summer. Staff will now mark all papers and give feedback to students so that they can understand any gaps in their knowledge. We look forward to

welcome families of these year groups to our **Year 11 & 13 Results Evening on Tuesday 4th November**, where our young people will not only be presented with their results envelope in the same way they will after their official exams, but our teams will also be presenting important information about the exam and revision process.

Students continue to represent the school with pride this week on the sports field, with National Cup football games, County Cup fixtures in both netball and football, and friendly rugby matches. Our students not only benefit from the thrill of a competitive environment, but also build strength of character as they learn the importance of self-belief, resilience and team work - no matter the end result.

I would like to thank students for their appetite for enrichment since our relaunch last week. There has been an increase in participation in our lunchtime and after school sessions, and their eagerness to learn, openness to new experiences and enthusiasm are to be commended. I hope they have all enjoyed sampling the new calendar of activities available. Enrichment activities also rely on the willingness of staff to give up their lunch time or voluntarily commit to extra hours after the official end of the school day. We are very lucky as a school to have so many willing to do this for the students.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kate Grocock | Head of School

THS U14 vs Malvern College

Resilience on the rugby pitch

The U14 rugby team produced a brave and hard-fought performance against Malvern College in what proved to be a highly physical encounter. From the outset, both teams showed great intent, with our players matching Malvern in effort and determination throughout.

Despite sustained pressure and moments of excellent defensive work, The Hinckley School side were ultimately edged out in the final stages. The boys can take great pride in their resilience, teamwork, and commitment to play right to the end qualities that continue to define this developing group. It was a brilliant day out that the boys thoroughly enjoyed, and they were very grateful to Malvern College one of the best small independent schools in the country for their warm hospitality and excellent rugby.

The team are now looking forward to their next match against Coundon Court on Wednesday 15th October, where they will look to build on their performance and continue their development as a team.





Football Festival

A show of determination and teamwork

Our KS4 girls' football team displayed incredible determination and team spirit throughout a challenging, but rewarding, football festival this week at Brookvale School. In their opening two fixtures, they suffered narrow one-goal defeats in matches that could have easily gone either way. Despite the setbacks, the players showed maturity beyond their years, refusing to dwell on the losses. Instead, they used those experiences to learn, regroup, and grow stronger as a team.

By the time the final match arrived, their belief and togetherness shone through. Every player gave maximum effort, pressing high, communicating effectively, and supporting each other on and off the ball. Their hard work was rewarded with a superb 2-0 victory, built on solid defending, clever movement, and clinical finishing.

It was a performance full of energy, teamwork, and resilience - the perfect reflection of how far they've come as a group. The girls have shown that perseverance, unity, and a positive attitude can turn disappointment into triumph.

A huge well done to the entire squad for representing the school with pride, passion, and sportsmanship throughout the day. The future looks bright for this talented team! A special mention goes to SA, who scored three goals in this festival!

Mr Stocks | Director of Sport

Culinary Creations

The sweet smell of apple puff pastry

This week in Food and Nutrition, our Year 9 students rolled up their sleeves and put their culinary skills to the test by making delicious apple puff pastry tarts.

The practical lesson focused on developing key techniques such as slicing fruit safely, working with pastry, balancing flavours, and presentation. Students showed fantastic attention to detail as they prepared their tarts with beautifully arranged apple slices, gentle caramelised tops, and a golden pastry finish.

The classroom smelt delicious, and we have no doubt that the taste was just as good! It was a fun, hands-on experience that not only built confidence in the kitchen but also reinforced the importance of following a recipe and working safely and hygienically in the kitchen.

Well done, Year 9!



Breast Cancer Awareness

CoppaFeel! Awareness Lessons

As part of our commitment to supporting student well-being and health education, we will be running Breast Cancer Awareness lessons with students.

It will be delivered by their teacher using resources provided by CoppaFeel! who are the UK's first breast cancer awareness charity.

Although breast cancer is a serious topic, CoppaFeel! approaches it in an age-appropriate way. They aim to encourage young people to check monthly, educate them to know the signs of breast cancer and empower them to contact their GP if they notice any unusual changes to their chest. When breast cancer is diagnosed early, treatments are more effective and survival rates are higher.

We hope these lessons encourage students to be attuned to their own bodies and helps to break the

stigma around this topic and chest-checking.

Wear it Pink Day - 17th October

In addition to our awareness sessions, on **Friday 17th October**, we will be holding a **'Wear it Pink Day'** in support of the charity Breast Cancer Now, where students will be able to wear a pink adornment (shoe laces, earrings, headband, gloves, socks etc) alongside their normal uniform for the **suggested donation of £1** - available on Parent Pay. There will also be a bake sale, games and quizzes for students to get involved with during lunchtime; these fundraising activities will be cash only.

Thank you in advance for supporting this charity fundraising event.

CoppaFeel!
breast cancer awareness

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

NEW October Creative Challenge

Miss Webster has now launched our next school creative challenge! This month's competition is based around photography and is an opportunity for all students to get creative and have a go! More details below. We can't wait to see your entries!

October Creative Challenge:

Forced Perspective and Unusual Viewpoint Photography

Launch: Monday 6th October Deadline: Friday 31st October

Forced perspective photography manipulates human perception with the use of optical illusions to make objects appear larger, smaller, further in the distance etc.

Forced perspective photography explores the scale of objects and the correlation between them

Challenge:
Use the camera on your mobile phone to capture a creative forced perspective photograph (that requires no post-editing to create an optical illusion)

Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Black & White

2026 Schools Design Competition

This year's Schools Fashion Design Competition invites young textile, art, and design students between 13 and 18 years old to craft a statement piece for the theme 'Black & White' — combining high-fashion elegance with youthful originality. Their mission: to design a head-turning outfit fit for an event like the Brit Awards, using only re-purposed materials from charity shop finds. But this is more than just a fashion brief — it's an opportunity to explore the growing issue of global textile waste and encourage sustainable thinking in design. Students will be challenged to interpret this "black and white" issue through compelling imagery and inventive reuse, culminating in a unique garment for the catwalk.

Entries to be submitted by 2nd January 2026, to find out more, [click here.](#)



Exploring Composition

Dramatic displays of creativity

After beginning the project by developing observations of skulls, Year 9 students are now using photographic processes to develop their ideas compositionally. Miss Webster challenged her students to compose a series of objects to 'tell a story' about an individual, before enhancing the mood and atmosphere through lighting and colour effects. It was absolutely fantastic to see how creative the students were, working as a team to produce a series of high-quality responses that even included reflections in mirrors and lights placed to illuminate subjects from within. We cannot wait to see how they translate these into art-based outcomes using their chosen materials and techniques based on previous sampling.

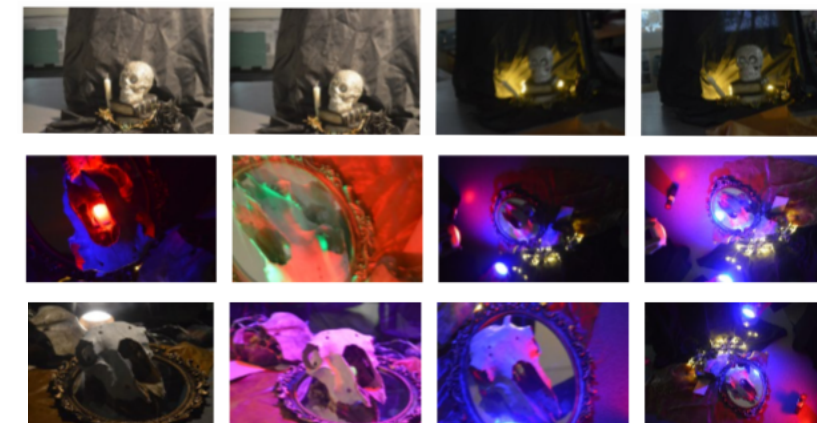


Product Disassembly

Laser cut trainers

Last week, Year 8 DT students completed a Product Disassembly-style task in which they considered the purpose of the task and how it aided the design process. One advantage identified was the pattern pieces utilised to construct the shoe, alongside construction methods and materials. After de-constructing a series of shoes into their individual components, students produced a 3 layer laser cut Nike trainer which aimed to isolate each part. The practical task began with students using Mod Podge to transfer a pattern design to the base, before using other wood finishing techniques to add harmonising colour to the remaining components. This week, these will be drilled and attached to key-chains for the students to take home.

There have been some fantastic colour palettes and stylistic choices to produce the designs, demonstrating a high level of understanding. Well done Year 8!



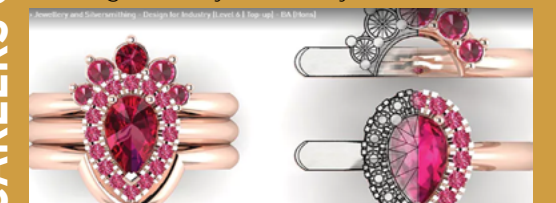
Ever considered a career as an Sound Designer?

[Click here to watch](#) a video about careers within this creative industry.



Would designing and creating jewellery be your dream job?

[Click here to find out more](#) about studying BA Jewellery and Silversmithing at Birmingham City University.





The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM



OPEN EVENT

Wednesday 12th November
5:00pm - 8:00pm

THE FUTURE
STARTS WITH US

www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk



Our Open Event also includes a Year 11 Careers and Destinations Fair in the Main Hall, to help our young people make the best and most informed decision for them.

AUTUMN ENRICHMENT

MONDAY

Lunchtime

- **Art & Crafts** - Year 7
Y12/13 | TBC | Starts in Oct
- **Open Studio** - Y7-13
A.Bennett | Dance Studio
- **Y7,8,11 Astro** | I.Ratheram
- **Knit & Craft Club** - Y7-13
R.Crisp | Library
- **Board Games** - Year 7
Bridge Heartspace

After School

- **V&A STEM** - Year 8
K.Webster | D7
- **Astronomy** - Y8 & 9
Dr Raj & Dr Newbold | Science
- **Choir** - Y7-13 | P.Wright | MU1
- **Cheerleading** - Y7-13
R.Radford | Gym
- **Robot Wars** - Y7-9
P.Harrison & P.Williams | D1 |
Starting on 27th Oct

THURSDAY

Lunchtime

- **Art** - Year 11 | K.Webster | D7
- **Geology & Palaeontology**
Y7-13 | A.Gadsby | L1
- **Y7-11 Girls & Y10&11 Astro**
I.Ratheram
- **Spanish Club** - Y7-13 | A.Garcia | L3
- **Writers Workshop** - Y7-13
G.Mathieson | Wk 2 only | H4
- **Scrabble Club** - Y7-13
R.Crisp | Library

After School

- **Eco Club** - Y7-13 | L.Sturgess | D14
- **Boys & Girls Football** - Y7-13
I. Wincote, M. Pallett, C. Gillett,
I. Pawley, E Jones | Outside
- **Music Technology Club** - Y7-13
P.Wright | MU1
- **Music Club** - Y7-13
P.Wright | MU1
- **Science Buskers** - Y9&10
Dr Smith | S11
- **Cinema Club** - Y11-13
Once a month | Z.Owen | TBC
- **Board Games** - Year 7
Bridge Heartspace

TUESDAY

Lunchtime

- **Jewellery Making** - Year 7
Wk 1 Only | Mrs Wilson | D15
- **Y8,9,10 Astro** | Mr Ratheram
- **LGBTQIA** - Y7-13
R.Bryne | MPR
- **Board Games** - Year 7
Bridge Heartspace

FRIDAY

Lunchtime

- **Dance Team** - Y7/8
Dance Studio | Miss Bennett
- **Disco Club** - Year 8
H.Bailey | Y8 | G2
- **Y8,9,10 Astro** | Mr Ratheram
- **Xbox Club** - Year 11
R.Bryne | Y11 | H9
- **Rugby Girls Catch Up** -
Y7-13 | M.Stocks | Outside
- **Board Games** - Year 7
Bridge Heartspace

WEDNESDAY

Lunchtime

- **Dance Team** - Y9-13
A.Bennett | Dance Studio
 - **Y7,9,11 Astro** | Mr Ratheram
 - **Drama Society** - Y7&8
K.Cook | Drama Studio
 - **Film Club** - Y7-13
R.James | G5
 - **Chess Club** - Y7-13
R.Crisp | Library
 - **Board Games** - Year 7
Bridge Heartspace
- ### After School
- **Y11 Art** | Miss Webster | D7
 - **Y11 Art** | Miss Johnson | D12
 - **Warhammer Club** -Y9-13
C.Hoffman & B.J.Britchford | D11
 - **Netball** - Y7-13
C.Gillett, F.Godfrey, E.Rayson |
Outside
 - **Electronics Club** -Y7-13
P.Harrison & P.Williams | D1 |
Starting on 27th Oct | (Wk 1)
 - **Rugby** - Y7-13
M.Stocks, J.Elvidge, H.Toor,
S.Randle, M.Tallis | Outside



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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.