

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 5TH June 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Since I was appointed in March, I have been working closely with school and Trust leaders and I am already struck by the friendly and welcoming atmosphere in school and the wonderful energy exhibited by students and staff. I feel very privileged to be taking up the position of Head of The Hinckley School and working in partnership with you for the benefit of the students in our school community.

In this week's newsletter, we share some wonderful photos from our Modern Foreign Languages trip to Paris over half term, updates from our Unbox Your Future programme with Year 10, celebrate Nikita in Year 13 officially receiving her Coventry University prizes—including a free degree course and Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition. This combination of exceptional opportunities fills me with pride, as it allows our students to enjoy such varied and exciting opportunities here with us. Over the coming weeks in the lead up to the summer holidays we have even more unforgettable enrichment running alongside an

unwavering focus on exceptional academic provision. These two things go hand in hand to help our students leave us with not just the grades they need to follow their dreams, but with lifelong memories too.

Our exam year groups continue to show dedication and maturity during the exam period and I have already been impressed by their conduct and determination to succeed, as they jump back into their examinations following the half term break.

I look forward to meeting more students, parents and carers in person over the coming weeks and months to celebrate our talented community together. In the meantime, you can contact me by calling the school or emailing https://www.ukenter.com and carers in person over the coming weeks and months to celebrate our talented community together. In the meantime, you can contact me by calling the school or emailing https://www.ukenter.com and carers in person over the coming weeks and months to celebrate our talented community together. In the meantime, you can contact me by calling the school or emailing https://www.ukenter.com and carers in person over the coming weeks and months to celebrate our talented community together. In the meantime, you can contact me by calling the school or emailing https://www.ukenter.com and carers in person over the coming weeks and months to celebrate our talented community together. In the meantime, you can contact me by calling the school or emailing https://www.ukenter.com and carers in person over the coming weeks and months to celebrate our talented community together. In the meantime, you can contact me by calling the school or emailing https://www.ukenter.com and carers in person over the com in the school or emailing https://wwww.ukenter.com and carers in person over the com in the school or emailing https://wwww.ukenter.com and carers in person over the com in the school or emailing https://www.ukenter.com and carers in the school over the school over

- Mrs Groocock— Head of School

BONJOUR FROM PARIS!

Our recent MFL French trip was an incredible experience for all involved.

Students began their adventure in Paris by climbing the iconic Eiffel Tower, taking in stunning views of the city. A relaxing boat cruise along the River Seine followed, offering beautiful views of Paris's most famous landmarks, including Notre-Dame and the Louvre. They then enjoyed making and tasting traditional French crêpes, a fun and delicious cultural activity.



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The highlight for many was our visit to Disneyland Paris. Students explored both parks, enjoying the rides, attractions, and magical atmosphere. The day ended with a spectacular fireworks display that lit up the night sky—an unforgettable moment for all.

Throughout the trip, the students were absolutely fantastic. Their behaviour was consistently excellent, showing maturity, kindness, and enthusiasm. They were a real credit to the school, and we were proud to receive compliments on their conduct. It was a truly memorable trip full of laughter, learning, and adventure.



Career Pathway Presentation to Industry Reps

After an action-packed Unbox Your Future project with Cromwell Tools, students presented their final work to business leaders on Tuesday.

The teams each worked on a presentation to showcase their understanding of career paths and progression within Cromwell Tools and the variety of different roles available. Students presented with confidence and had worked hard to create dynamic and engaging presentations. Well done to them all!

A big thank you to the team from Cromwell Tools for being part of this programme and for inspiring our students. We look forward to the next Unbox Your Future sessions soon.





Lost Property - Deadline 27th June 2025

Parents and carers are invited to visit reception to check our lost property box. Any items not claimed by 27th June 2025 will be donated to a local charity. Thank you.

GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S ASSESSED EXPEDITION

Our Gold group ventured to the Brecon Beacons over half term to tackle their Gold practice. The group started at Hay-on-Wye



on Saturday, after an early departure time. The group completed an 18km walk, exploring Hay Bluff and camped for the night at a farm in Llanthony. Day 2 ventured up to Bal Mawr and the Blacksmith's Anvil, finishing at the Dinas Castle Campsite.

Day 3 was the final day - a lovely stretch up and over the hill, finishing in Crickhowell. The weather was a bit mixed, with some sunshine at times but often wind and rain. The scenery was beautiful, and it was great to see some of the local wildlife.

Well done to them all!

The group is now fully prepared for your next adventure in Snowdonia. Good luck.

⁻ Amy Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator

STUDENT PRESENTED WITH FREE UNIVERSITY DEGREE COURSE

In 2024, our sixth formers joined students from across the Midlands to take part in the Coventry University Global Financial Planning Competition, competing for a chance to win a fully funded university degree course.

After an in depth application and interview process, Year 13 student Nikita has now been selected as the winner! To achieve this Nikita first completed a budgeting and rationale sheet based on financially planning her first year at university. Nikita was then, alongside another of our incredible Year 13 students, Jaya, named as one of seven students shortlisted for a final round of interviews with university professors. To have two of our sixth form students successfully progress to the final round of interviews is truly astounding and we would like to also congratulate Jaya on her achievement and hard work, who, in recognition of her strong performance was offered the opportunity to complete the Fundamentals of Financial Services level 2 qualification at no cost to her.

As the winner, Nikita has now been presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a fully funded CISI Qualification - Level 2 Award in Fundamentals of Financial Services. Nikita, who aspires to have a career in the financial sector said, "I'm very excited to be the winner. I appreciate the opportunity presented and it is a great step forward in achieving my goals and aspirations."

We were delighted to welcome the team from Coventry University this week to conduct the official presentation.





First Annual Year 5 Rugby 7s Tournament







Yesterday, we hosted our first Year 5 Touch Rugby 7s Tournament as we welcomed students from Hinckley Parks and Sketchley Hill Primary School. The event was an incredible showcase of community, team spirit, and teamwork, and it was a delight to welcome so many students and their parents/carers.

The event was a great success, with the rain holding off to allow an afternoon of fun, energy, and healthy competition. Pupils worked well with our student rugby ambassadors to take part in warm-ups and training, as well as enjoying watching other matches in their downtime. Staff and students were impressed by their talent, effort, communication, and team spirit. All participants received a certificate, a Hinckley School Rugby Academy brochure and a Hinckley School water bottle.

Our rugby coaches and The Bridge Team have been visiting primaries in the lead up to the event to host coaching sessions to showcase our rugby academy, and will continue to do so in the run-up to the summer holidays. We look forward to hosting more primary rugby events soon!



CHOIR CALL OUT!

Do you love to sing?

Want to perform with an orchestra?

Fancy making friends and being part of something special?

CHOIR WEDNESDAY 3PM - 4PM MU1

Mr Riley is inviting students from all year groups to join The Hinckley School Choir! With opportunities to perform live in front of large audiences and with an orchestra, this is an exciting opportunity for all our incredible secret singers. Our next concert will take place in early July, so don't miss out on being a part of this exciting opportunity!



St Mary's Church with St Francis, Hinckley All Age Transport Art Competition & Display



Launch and Voting Commences Sunday 29th June, 11.30-2.30pm Continues throughout the week: Monday 30th June to Saturday 5th July 10-1pm

Refreshments, Raffle and Voting All Week, Free Entry (closing date 28th June) Various Competition Categories

All Donations Welcome Entry details <u>www.stmaryshinckley.co.uk</u>, Facebook St Mary's with St Francis, Hinckley; pick up back of church, or request via chamilton64@icloud.com

Community Noticeboard

Please take a look at some upcoming opportunities and events within the wider local community. Please note that none of the activities or events shown in this section are ran by The Hinckley School or staff.



@ St Mary's Church, Church Walk, Hinckley