



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

A warm welcome back to all our students, staff and families, it has been lovely to hear about the wonderful experiences our community have shared over the break. Many of our students have spent time with family and friends as they marked important events in their religious calendars over the past few weeks, coming together with loved ones during Easter, Ramadan and Eid.

This week, our newsletter covers events that our community enjoyed participating in during the final week of last term, as well as since our return. Recent activities included our 'Big Fast' event to mark Ramadan, Autism Acceptance Week, University visits and much more.

On Friday, we are looking forward to welcoming some of the families who will be joining our Bridge community later this year for our transition Afternoon Tea. This event will allow us to continue our transition support as we look forward to welcoming our next year group to The Bridge, as well as sharing the dates for our Summer School.

This term we have a lot to look forward to, with field trips and events running alongside the start of exam season for our Year 11 and 13 students. Our support for these year groups will now step up even further, as we work to ensure that our learning community feel supported and empowered to achieve their full potential. As part of this, next week, we will be welcoming our Year 13 students and their parents/carers for our Year 13 Tutor Evening, an important event where we will discuss progress, ambitions and exam preparation.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## 'THE BIG FAST' - RAMADAN

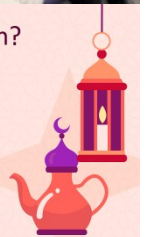


Before the Easter break we held assemblies on the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadan with students in all year groups, as part of our cultural enrichment programme. The assemblies answered questions including, 'What is Ramadan?', 'When is Ramadan?', 'Why do Muslims fast?' and 'What do Muslims do in Ramadan?'. Afterwards, staff, students and their families were offered the opportunity to share in the experience of Ramadan, which started for Muslims around the world on March 11<sup>th</sup>, by taking part in a 1-day fast from dawn to dusk, before attending our 'breaking of fast' event in the Library.

The evening 'Big Fast' event was a fantastic community celebration that brought everyone together as they enjoyed food together, including samosas and spring rolls. We would like to thank everyone who worked hard to organise the 'Big Fast' and those who took part for making it such a wonderful event.

### What is Ramadan?

- Ramadan is the Holy Month when the Qur'aan was sent down from Allah (God) as a revelation to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).
- Muslims around the world fast during the day – from dawn to sunset without eating or drinking (not even water) during this time.



Ramadan is the holy month when Muslims fast!

ما من دين يمان  
أفطره من غير أن  
أفطره في 25 يوم

"You who believe, fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you so that you may be mindful of God."

— Qur'an 2:183

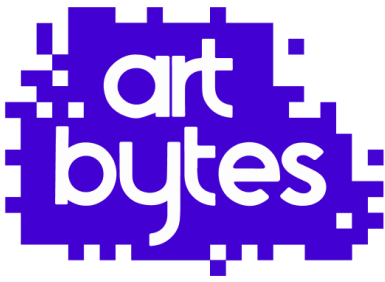
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# ART BYTES COMPETITION UPDATE



Submissions for the Year 9 Art Bytes competition have now closed and students artwork can be viewed here in our online gallery : [The Hinckley School | Schools | Art Bytes](#)

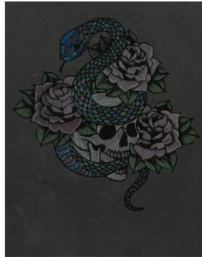
Public voting opens on 15<sup>th</sup> April and closes on 30<sup>th</sup> April (more details will be provided via the newsletter and social media when this process is open)

The celebration event will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – more information to follow once voting has closed.

We hope you enjoy exploring the online gallery and don't forget to start voting next week!



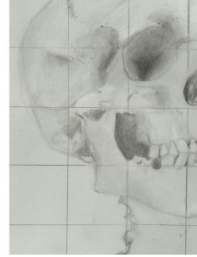
**Skull 2**  
Jessica  
Shading Pencil, 29cm x 21cm



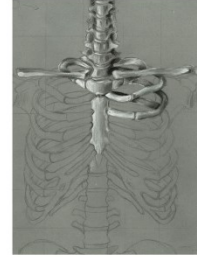
**Skull Composition 5**  
Jaiden  
Coloured Pencil on Black Paper, 29cm x 27cm



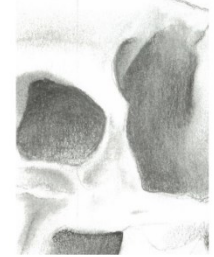
**Skull Composition 6**  
Amber  
Coloured Pencil on Black Paper, 29cm x 21cm



**Skull**  
Sophie  
Shading Pencil, Charcoal and White Chalk on Grey Card, 27cm x 20cm



**Anatomy**  
Sophie  
Charcoal on Grey Card, 27cm x 20cm



**Vanitas Skull # 2**  
Rosie  
Shading Pencil, cm x cm



**Mythical Creature**  
Emily  
Black & Red Ink, Black Coloursoft Pencil, Gold



**Skull Composition 2**  
Isobel  
Coloured Pencil on Black Paper, 29cm x 21cm



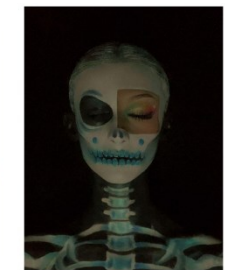
**Skull Composition 3**  
Charlotte  
Coloured Pencil on Black Paper, 29cm x 21cm



**The Rose**  
Honey  
Coloured Pencil on Black Paper, 29cm x 21cm



**Skull Composition 4**  
Kellan  
Coloured Pencil on Black Paper, 29cm x 21cm



**Make-Up Design**  
Isla  
Make Up and Digital, cm x cm



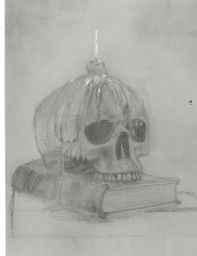
**Japanese Sumi-E Painting 1**  
Lyfa  
Black Indian Ink, Brush & Quill, 29cm x 21cm



**Skull Composition 1**  
Olivia  
Coloured Pencils on Black Paper, 29cm x 21cm



**Contemporary Vanitas Skull 1**  
Sophie  
Shading Pencil and White Pencil on Grey Card, 27cm x 20cm



**Vanitas Skull 1**  
Rosa  
Shading Pencil and White Pen on Grey Card, 25cm x 19cm

**YEAR 9 Hub**  
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## PRIDE MEANS PRIZES - \*WIN\* YOUR END OF TERM TRIP!

This week we are launching our summer term PRIDE competition - PRIDE means PRIZES!

Starting this week, and for the purposes of this competition only, PRIDE points will be reset! That means every student has an equal chance of winning a fantastic prize. The 10 students with the greatest number of net PRIDE points in each year group will have their end of term trip paid for!

The competition will run until 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for Years 7-10 and 24<sup>th</sup> May for Year 11.

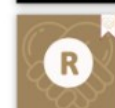
Students can be awarded PRIDE points at any time through the day in many different ways, it could be by really engaging in lessons, being respectful and holding a door open for a visitor, taking on new challenges independently, persevering during enrichment or showing strong self discipline by organising a well planned revision schedule. Our staff can award PRIDE points in and out of lessons and are always on the look out for students displaying our PRIDE values.

**Good luck everyone and don't forget 'PRIDE means PRIZES!'**



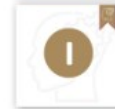
### PERSEVERANCE

To be resilient and courageous in my endeavours, tackling any challenges I may face both in my learning and in my life.



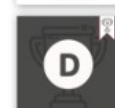
### RESPECT

To treat others as I wish to be treated. To embrace diversity and to be tolerant and thoughtful in how my behaviour and language represents me as an individual, my school and my wider community.



### INDEPENDENCE

To be self-motivated in my learning, to be curious in my thinking and able to solve problems that are presented to me.



### DISCIPLINE

To demonstrate self-control in school and in the community. To always be the best I can be.



### ENGAGEMENT

To be motivated and enthusiastic about my learning and to collaborate successfully with others to reach my goals. To show empathy and compassion in my dealings with others at all times.

# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK



We're supporting

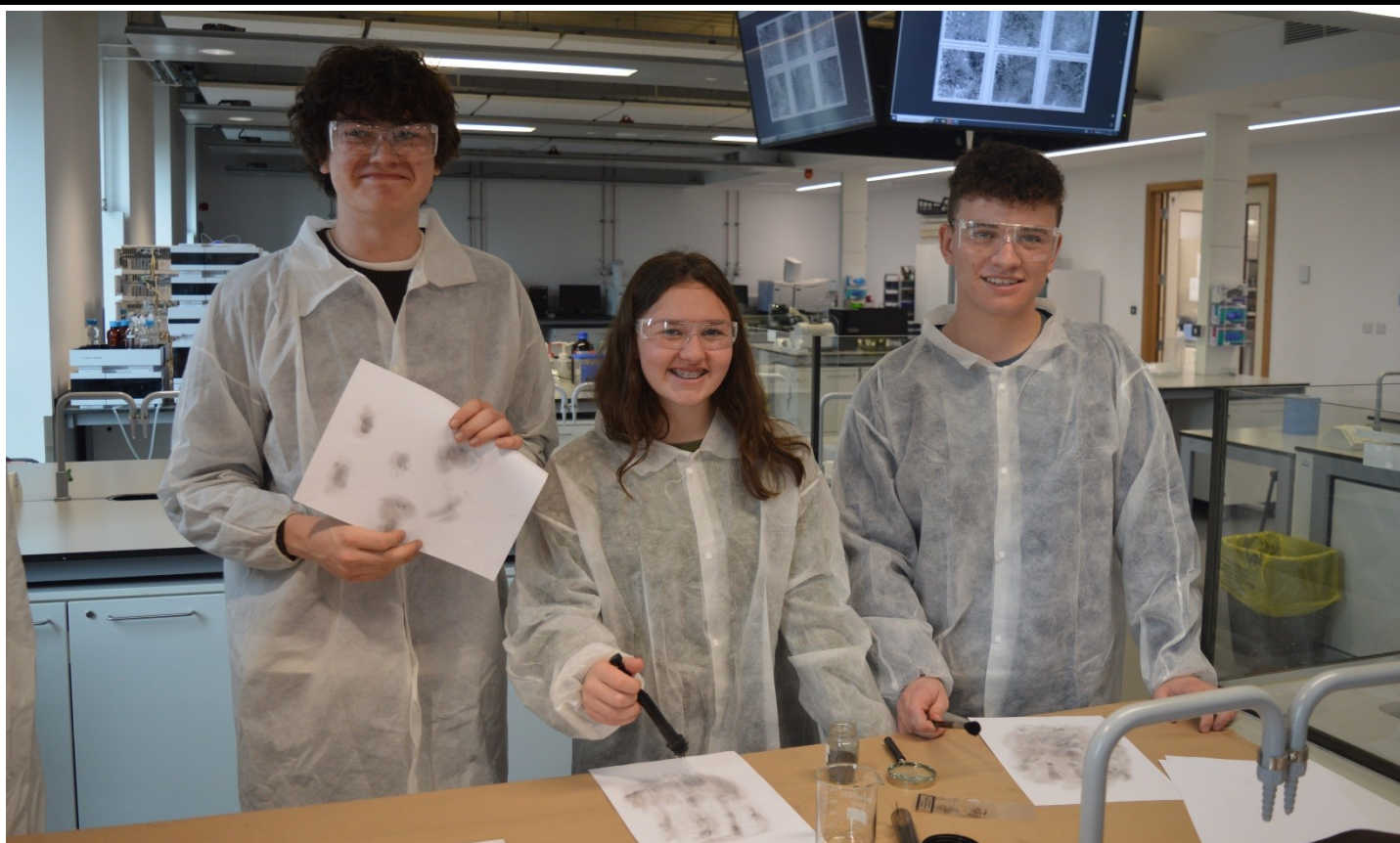
## World Autism Acceptance Week

This week, The Hinckley School has been supporting 'World Autism Acceptance Week' through assemblies, PDC and with activities in the Library.

At The Hinckley School we work hard to foster a supportive culture of belonging and inclusivity and marking events such as this helps support our community to understand the importance of celebrating our differences and accepting others.

We hope students have enjoyed learning more about Autism this week and would like to thank them for participating in our Library activities.

## A TASTE OF DEGREE STUDY AT COVENTRY UNIVERSITY



On Wednesday, Year 12 students headed to Coventry University to take part in a University Taster Day. During the event, students enjoyed a tour of the campus led by university student ambassadors and took part in a taster session in Sports Science, Forensic Science, Bio Science, Criminology, Computer Science, Geography or English Literature.

The day allowed students to put their questions to current undergraduate and postgraduate students, meet subject lecturers and get hands on by taking part in activities which form part of degree courses.

The visit gave students a useful opportunity to get a taste of university life and to see whether degree study is the right fit for them. We would like to thank everyone at Coventry University for such an informative day.

*Did you know?...As part of The Phoenix Partnership, Coventry University gives our students a 1 grade reduction in UCAS offers.*



The Hinckley  
SIXTH FORM



# DEVON'S 'BIG HAIRCUT' FOR LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST



We are always delighted to celebrate the success of our students and the remarkable character traits they display in and out of school. A perfect example of this is the fundraising being led by Devon in Year 10.

After growing his hair for the past ten years, on the 23rd April, Devon will be taking part in the 'Big Haircut' and donating around 30cm of his hair to the Little Princess Trust.

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions such as Alopecia. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK.

After hearing about Devon's charity event and his compassion for others, we felt it was only right for us to share his just giving link in the newsletter so that his friends, teachers and fellow community members can support this cause.

## [Devon's Big Hair Cut Just Giving Page](#)

We look forward to sharing his fundraising total and photos of his new haircut at the end of April!

## YEAR 8 EASTER BAKE SALE

Miss Hale would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Year 8 Easter Bake Sale before the end of term.

"On the last day of term, our Year 8 students organised an Easter Bake Sale for the school community to enjoy. The Gateway Team are pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of **£200.58!** The funds raised will be contributed towards the costs of our end of year trip. We would like to thank all students, parents and carers who contributed with delicious bakes or your custom!" - Miss A Hale



## SAFEGUARDING & WELL-BEING NEWSLETTER



The latest edition of our Safeguarding and Well-being Newsletter is now available to read on our website [here](#). This edition features details of our Year 11 Prom Fund, immunisations and vape use, as well as updates on events from the local council and community services. Please take the time to read this important information.

# Did you know? ...

**Castle Street** in Hinckley is a **pedestrianised zone** which means that you are **not allowed to cycle** on Castle Street.



These **NO CYCLING SIGNS** are on Castle Street, Hinckley



## This means ...

That it is **against the law to cycle on Castle Street**. The Highway Code for cyclists, rule 69 states: 'You must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals.'

## You must ...

Get off your bicycle and walk it through Castle Street.

## Why is this? ...

A pedestrian zone protects pedestrians walking in the town centre from being involved in an accident with vehicles and bicycles.

## What if I am stopped by the Police? ...

If you are stopped while riding your bicycle, you may be given a warning by an officer and your details will be recorded. If you are stopped a second time you may be given a **Fixed Penalty Notice** (on-the-spot fine) of **£50**.

# 'THE HINCKLEYAN' - NEWSLETTERS FROM 1944



The Hinckley School has kindly been gifted a set of our old school newsletters, the earliest of which dates back to 1944!

'The Hinckleyan', The Hinckley Grammar School's original newsletter gives an incredible insight into our history as a school and features articles written in Latin, poetry, comic strips, illustrations of school buildings and sports fixtures. These editions also feature lists of former students who were on active service at the time.

These delicate newsletters are now on display here at The Hinckley School, sitting pride of place in our Main Reception for everyone to enjoy. We encourage any members of our community interested in getting up close with such wonderful historical items of particular local interest to come along and take a look for themselves.



## YEAR 9 PRIDE CHALLENGE

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#### "Mexican Madness"

No Mexican feast is complete without a piñata...

Why not make a piñata cake?!

As part of their work in Food & Nutrition, Mrs Wilson's group have started to explore the ingredients and cuisines from another country. As a PRIDE challenge, they have been tasked to create a piñata cake (either individually or in pairs). Each student that enters will be awarded 50 additional PRIDE points. Remember PRIDE points means prizes!!!

All entries to be brought to their next Food & Nutrition lesson week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



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# 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

<b>Monday</b>				
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
<b>Tuesday</b>				
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
<b>Wednesday</b>				
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
<b>Thursday</b>				
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
<b>Friday</b>				
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

