

NEWSLETTER

6TH NOVEMBER 2025



The Hinckley
SCHOOL



I would like to thank families who attended our Year 11 and Year 13 Results and Revision Evening on Tuesday. The turnout was very impressive, and it showed our young people just how committed we are to working together in partnership to ensure they fulfil their full potential. If you have any questions after attending the event, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Year Team.

Next week, we will be showcasing our exceptional post-16 provision at our annual **Sixth Form Open Evening** on **Wednesday 12th November, 5pm-8pm**. The event will see Year 11 students and their families from right across the Leicestershire area join us to find out more about our wide variety of courses and vibrant student community. This event would not be the success it always is without our student ambassadors, who I know will do us proud once again as they represent subjects, speak to families and share insights into their experiences. I would like to thank our ambassadors in advance for their involvement.

In addition to the main Sixth Form Open Event, the Main Hall will also host our Careers Fair, and house a variety of vocational providers, universities and employers to support our Year 11 and 13 communities with their future plans. I look forward to discussing the next stage of their seven-year journey with you all.

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

Book Club Enjoy Virtual Author Event

On Tuesday, for the launch of our '7 for 7' Book Group, we had a live virtual talk with Alice Nuttall, author of *The Zombie Project*, an action-packed adventure which turns the idea of zombies on its head. The Zombie Project will be one of seven books that the Year 7 group will be reading and discussing as they meet once a week in the Library with our Librarian, Mrs Crisp.

The books have all been chosen to engage minds, inspire critical thinking, and further ignite a passion for reading. The author talk this week is one of a series that the group will be taking part in, along with competitions and fun activities.



Art Students Find Inspiration in the Capital

Our GCSE and A-Level Art students recently enjoyed an inspiring trip to London, where they glimpsed some of the city's most iconic artistic landmarks throughout their journey. At the National Gallery, students had the unforgettable opportunity to view Vincent van Gogh's *Sunflowers* up close, studying the texture, colour, and emotion behind this world-famous masterpiece. The visit continued at the National Portrait Gallery, where students explored a rich collection of portraits—from historical figures to contemporary icons—gathering valuable research and creative ideas for their coursework projects.

The day concluded with a fun and interactive visit to Madame Tussauds, where students experienced the artistry and craftsmanship behind the museum's lifelike wax figures. Highlights included the Marvel 4D Experience and the Spirit of London Ride, which offered an engaging mix of creativity, storytelling, and technology.

These immersive attractions not only showcased the artistry behind set design and sculpture, but also gave students a fresh perspective on how art and innovation can combine to create unforgettable experiences. Overall, it was an inspiring and educational day that deepened students' appreciation for both traditional and modern art forms.

Our students fully embraced the visit, enthusiastically posing with the wax figures and capturing creative photo opportunities throughout the museum. In fact, it became something of a running joke that we kept bumping into Year 11 student Ryan—always mid-pose—making the most of every snapshot moment! It was a fantastic end to a day filled with art, laughter, and inspiration.



Open Evening and Careers Fair

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 12th November 2025, 5pm-8pm.

The event will allow prospective students and their families to visit our purpose-built sixth form centre, learn more about our wide range of post-16 courses from our subject specialists and understand how we support our students to secure places at leading universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, and on competitive degree apprenticeships. Current students will also be on hand to chat about their Sixth Form experience and achievements. **Three talks at 5:30pm, 6:15pm, and 7pm** will allow families to hear from Kate Grocock - Head of School, Vicky Bull - Director of Sixth Form and student speakers, as they share insights into how we are supporting our students to build a brighter future. **Students interested in our Rugby Academy are also invited to meet our coaching team on the field from 4:30pm** to learn more about enjoying exceptional enrichment alongside vast academic opportunity.

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 decisions for them. The Fair is also open to Sixth Form students.



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM



OPEN EVENT

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

**THE FUTURE
STARTS WITH US**

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Lost Property

We have recently had an influx of lost property handed in to our Main Reception.

Parents, carers, and students are reminded that the lost property box is kept in the Main Reception, and families are welcome to come into school during our normal opening hours to look for any items students may have misplaced recently. Please note that all items currently in the lost property box will be donated to charity over the Christmas break if left unclaimed.



Bake Sale for Community Hospital

A Halloween-themed bake sale held by sixth form student Ben has raised £127.73 for Hinckley and Bosworth Community Hospital. The hospital, where Ben volunteers, will now benefit from a new green space project with planters and plants to create a relaxing space for patients and families. We would like to thank students and staff for supporting this cause, and Ben and his fellow fundraisers for leading such a wonderful project.

Antarctica Flags

Flags fit for the Ceremonial South Pole

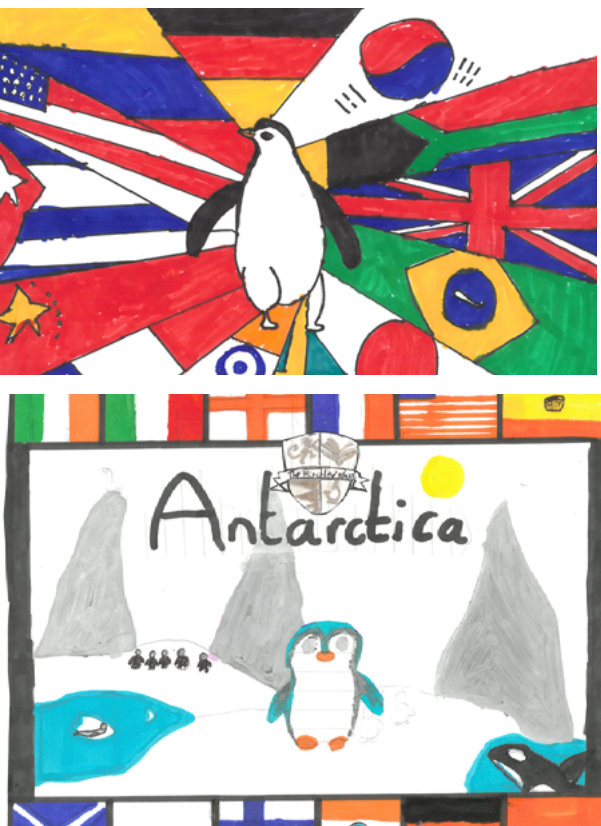
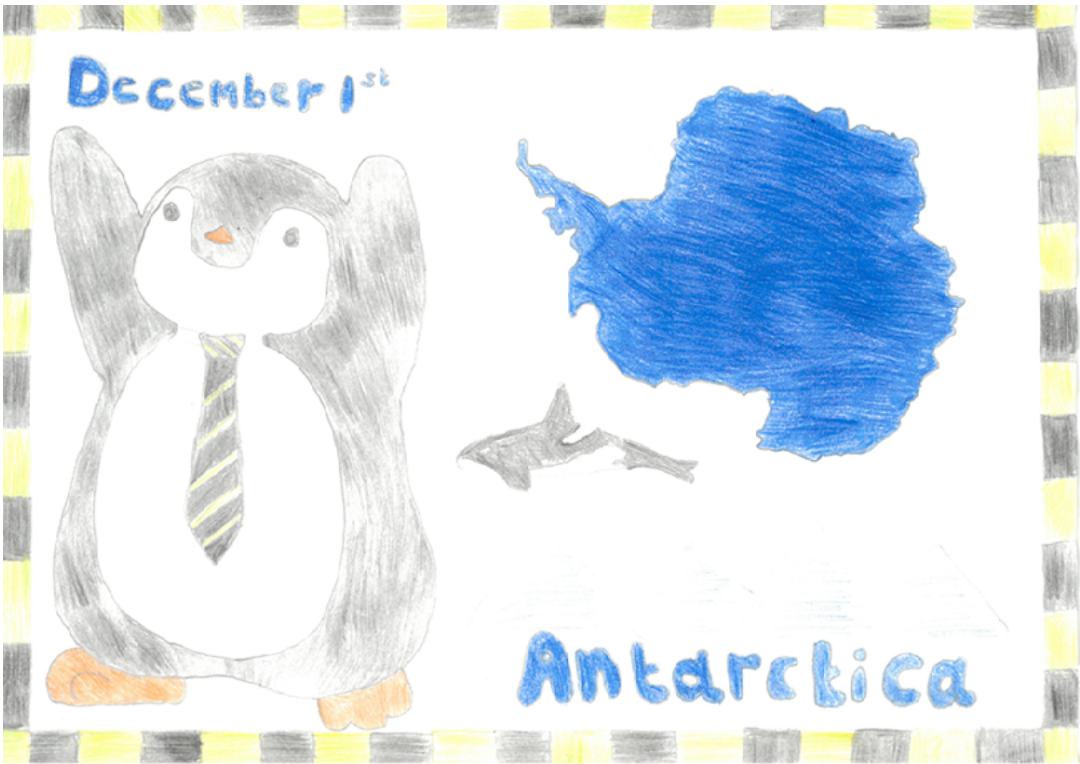
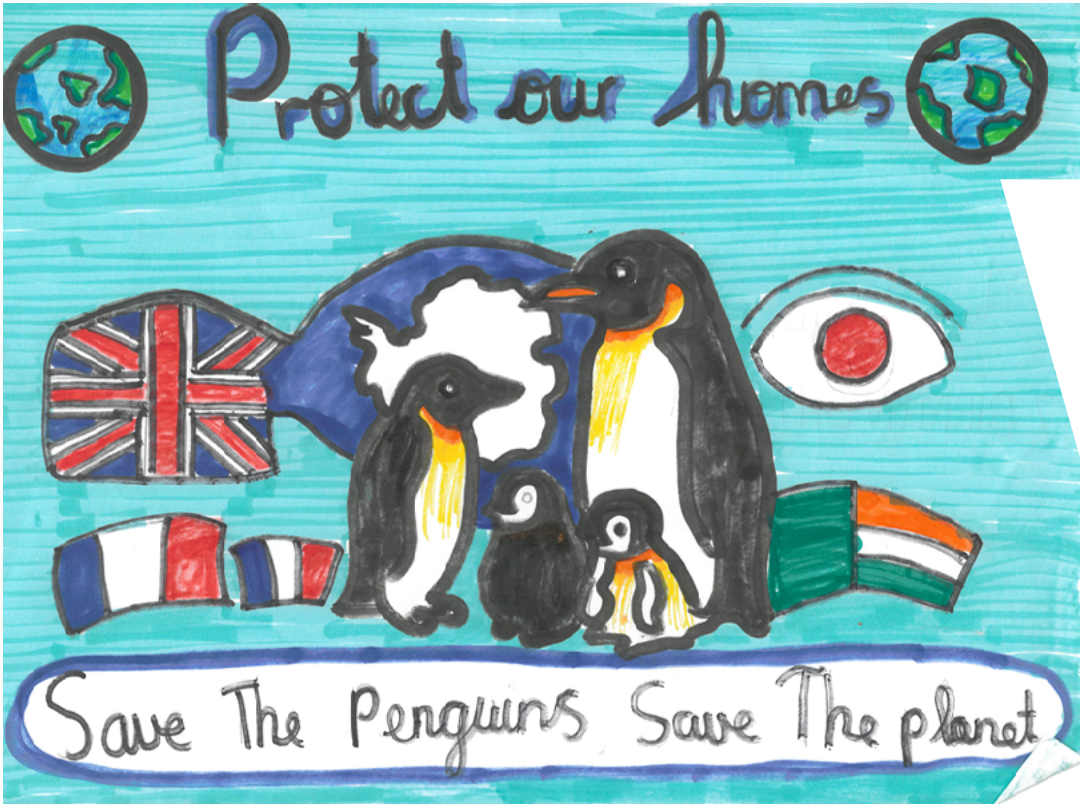
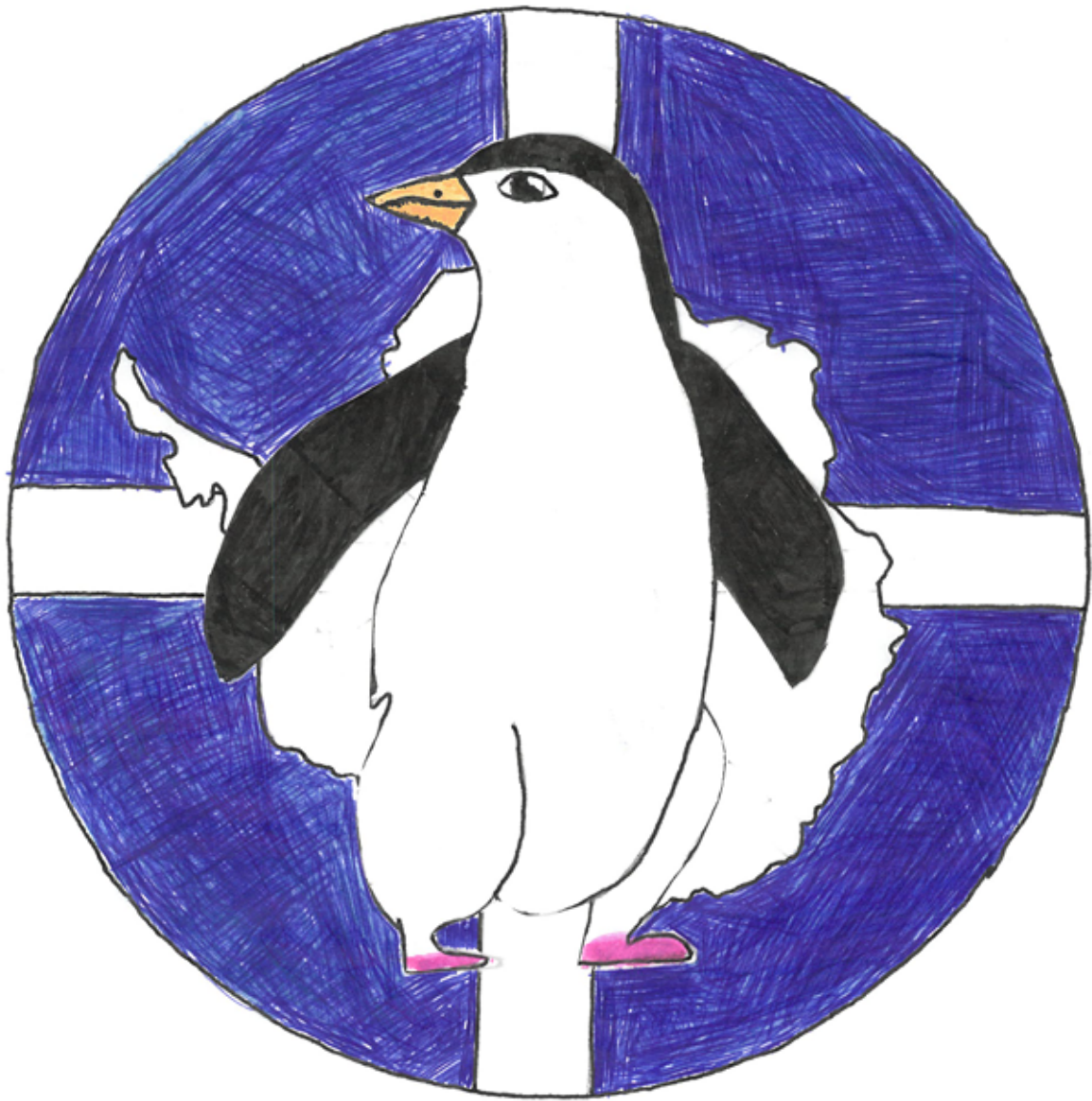
Over half term, Year 7 have been busy competing in the Antarctica flag competition. This competition involves the students designing a flag to celebrate Antarctica Day. Antarctica Day is the 1st December to commemorate the signing of the Antarctic Treaty in 1959. This treaty involved countries committing to Antarctica ‘forever being used exclusively for peaceful purposes in the interest of mankind.’

Students designed their flags based on the purposes of the Antarctic treaty and added some creativity to make a flag fitting for the Ceremonial South Pole in Antarctica. We have had some excellent submissions showing just how creative and independent Year 7 can be! As a Geography department, we have selected two winning flags to go on a fieldwork project and have a photo taken with the team in Antarctica. We chose these two flags based on the message and how eye-catching they were. Once the Polar network receives a photograph of our flag back from Antarctica, they will send the photo and a certificate to display in our school!

Congratulations to our winners, Katie and Miya in Year 7!

All submissions were excellent and deserve to be recognised, so thank you and well done to everyone who took part:

- Lilly
- Teddie
- Grace
- Sinan
- Jude
- Thejan
- Isla
- Paige
- Juvanna
- Summer
- Isabella
- Ritika
- Daisy
- Nell
- Noah



INSET DAY REMINDER - FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Please note that on this date the school will be closed to all students due to staff training.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that flu vaccinations will take place on 11th November for students in Year 7-11

The SAIS team will contact you directly to request consent for vaccinations. This new approach will make it quicker for you to give or refuse consent. If consent is not received the service will allow the young person to self-consent if aged over 13 years and competent.

Bronze Expedition

The latest news from our Duke of Ediburgh’s Award Programme

Our Year 10 students were out on their Bronze Practice Expedition over the weekend in Leicestershire. Starting at Beaumanor Hall, the routes took them through Swithland Woods and into Bradgate Park, as well as towards Quorn. They coped well with the changeable weather conditions and the endless amounts of mud.

Our young people were all very positive and showed lots of enthusiasm throughout the two-day experience, and soon got used to carrying their rucksacks for the first time. Once at the campsite, they cooked their evening meal and then enjoyed running around trying to hide from the rain.

Many thanks to the DofE team, for giving up their time and surviving the downpours too.

Well done to all!

- A. Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator







The Hinckley

SCHOOL

PRIDE

MEANS

PRIZES

CASH IN YOUR PRIDE POINTS

FOR AMAZING REWARDS

YOUR NEW PRIDE

SHOP IS NOW OPEN

ORDER YOUR PRIZES BY WEDNESDAY 3PM

TO HAVE THEM DELIVERED TO YOU DURING

FRIDAY TUTORTIME



Our New PRIDE Shop

Celebrating our students’ PRIDE

We are pleased to announce that our new PRIDE Shop will be opening next week!

Our students are incredible at showing perseverance, respect, independence, discipline and engagement, and we wanted to make sure their effort and hard work are adequately recognised and rewarded. Our new shop will allow students to cash their PRIDE points in for a selection of prizes. Orders will need to be placed by 3pm on Wednesdays. Our wonderful Sixth Form team will then pick and pack all orders, and Year Teams will deliver items to students in their tutor groups on Friday mornings.

To accommodate the launch of the shop, all PRIDE points will be reset and begin accumulating from 10th November 2025, when the shop officially opens. Mr Matharu and Mr Barrett have visited assemblies this week to share this exciting new opportunity with students and to explain the ordering system.

So, don’t forget: PRIDE means prizes!

PRIDE

Character Education

I have PRIDE in everything I do. I am proud of my achievements and celebrate the achievements of others.

P

PERSEVERANCE

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

R

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.

I

INDEPENDENCE

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

D

DISCIPLINE

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

E

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.

EST: 162

Building Brighter Futures

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

FEELING COMPETITIVE?
READY TO SHOW OFF YOUR CREATIVITY?

CALLING ALL ART TEACHERS!



Our exciting new award celebrating excellence in painting in watercolour and water-based media

Submit work by your students aged 11-18

Free to enter

Submission closes:
22 December 2025

For full details email:
ricoronationaward@gmail.com



Prizewinners' work will be displayed at the 214th Exhibition of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colours at the Mall Galleries, London in Spring 2026

40 shortlisted paintings will be featured in an online exhibition on the RI website

The winning entry will receive art materials to the value of £100, with two runners-up prizes of art materials to the value of £50

The winning school will receive a materials bursary of £800

Our thanks to The Borg Scott Charity for their generous sponsorship of these prizes

The Royal Institute of Painters in Watercolours: RI Coronation Award

- Open to all THS students in Year 7-13
- You can submit a piece produced in class OR a piece that you have completed independently
- The piece must be completed in watercolours OR gouache OR acrylic OR oil paint
- **Internal Deadline – Monday 8th December**
- The original artwork must be submitted to Miss Webster in D7 (it will be photographed and stored safely as the winning works will be exhibited in London)
- Parental consent will need to be obtained in order for your name to be shared with the Royal Institute

If the number of submissions exceeds the spaces we have for entries, the Art Department will judge and select entries for each age category

October's Competition Winner Revealed

We are delighted to announce that Summer (7 Cambridge) was judged the winner of October's Creative Challenge. When sharing Summer's work, Miss Webster said, "Your outstanding photographs showcase exceptional creativity and technical skill—skillfully using distance, angle, and body positioning to create a striking illusion that makes the subject appear to interact effortlessly with the surroundings. Your thoughtful consideration of location and dedication to capturing the perfect shot, especially during the half-term break, demonstrate true commitment and artistic vision."



We had to show off our other entries, as there was some tough competition! Well done to everyone who entered, and staff were very impressed by your photographs.

Creatives at The Hinckley School

October Creative Challenge: Forced Perspective Photography

Prize Winner: Summer, 7 Cambridge

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Miss Johnson
Teacher of Art, Design & Technology



EXPLORE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF WAR AND CONFLICT. IMAGINING WHAT IT MIGHT FEEL LIKE TO WALK IN SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES.

SEND YOUR VOICE ACROSS BORDERS. REFLECT ON POWERFUL STORIES & HELP BUILD EMPATHY AROUND THE WORLD.

Click here to learn more about the 'In Someone Else's Shoes' poetry, art and song writing competition.

November Creative Challenge: Food: Tunnocks Tea Cake Challenge

Launch: Monday 3rd November

Deadline: Monday 1st December



Challenge:

Produce and present a dish that embraces the humble 'Tunnock's Tea Cake' and takes us 'around the world in one bite'

You should think about showcasing your knowledge of ingredients and their origins as well as technical skills and processes

You should take a set of no less than 5 high quality photographs of your creation to showcase all details (like these examples)

Digital copies of your photographs should be sent to Miss Webster and Mrs Wilson
kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk & jwilson@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Please also type a description of your dish- think about a tantalising menu style description that would entice any reader!

CAREERS CORNER

Nuclear Engineering

Ever considered a career as a Nuclear Engineer?

Nuclear engineers are responsible for designing, building, and running nuclear power stations. They design new systems and work to improve those already in place.

Interested in finding out more about this career path? [Click here to watch a video.](#)

Faculty Tour

Considering studying at De Montfort University?

Why not explore their Computing, Engineering, & Media Facilities online by watching an online tour led by the Faculty of Technology, Arts, & Culture.

[Click here to watch the online university tour.](#)