

NEWSLETTER

13th October 2026



**The Hinckley
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Creativity is something we value enormously at The Hinckley School, and this week's newsletter provides just a small glimpse into the imagination, talent and individuality of our students. From the inspiring poetry created in English, to truly breathtaking artwork produced by our

Sixth Form artists, we are continually impressed by the creativity that flourishes across our school community. I hope you enjoy seeing and celebrating some examples of their work.

I would like to extend my congratulations to our Year 7 students who represented the school so proudly at Coventry Rugby over the weekend. As flag bearers before the match and participants in a half-time fixture, they embraced a fantastic opportunity with enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community in attendance, celebrating our strong partnership with the club and supporting our young players. Our Year 7 rugby players have now also all received their rugby ties. This special privilege is awarded to students following the completion of their first fixture and recognises their commitment, teamwork and dedication to representing the school. We hope they wear their ties with pride as they continue their rugby journey at The Hinckley School.

Year 11 and Year 13 students have now completed their mock exams and have shown such maturity and effort. We now look forward to welcoming students and parents to our upcoming Parents' Evenings, where mock examination results will be shared alongside discussions regarding progress, achievements and the support available to help every student achieve their full potential.

Kate Groockock | Head of School

Book Buzz in The Bridge

As part of our annual Book Buzz event, every Year 7 student has now received a free book chosen from 16 titles, helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading and encouraging students to discover new authors and genres. The atmosphere was full of excitement as students collected their books on Thursday, eager to begin their next reading adventure.

Bookbuzz, run by the UK's largest children's reading charity BookTrust, was developed to help young people discover the transformative power of reading for pleasure. Since launching the programme over a decade ago, BookTrust has delivered Bookbuzz books to 2 million Year 7 and 8 students.

Staff at The Hinckley School will be using the books in a variety of ways, including reading extracts and holding book discussions during library lessons and tutor time, reading groups, and book swaps. Ms Crisp said, "Bookbuzz is a fantastic way to get our pupils excited about reading. Seeing them talk about books, recommend titles to one another, and discover new authors has been wonderful. Every child deserves the chance to experience the joy of reading and book ownership, and we are very privileged to be able to make that happen at our school again this year with the support of our foundation governors."



GOLD

Volunteering 12 months

Physical one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months

Skills one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months

Expedition 4 days 3 nights

Residential 5 days 4 nights

Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or longer of the Skills or Physical sections, if you haven't got Silver.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award

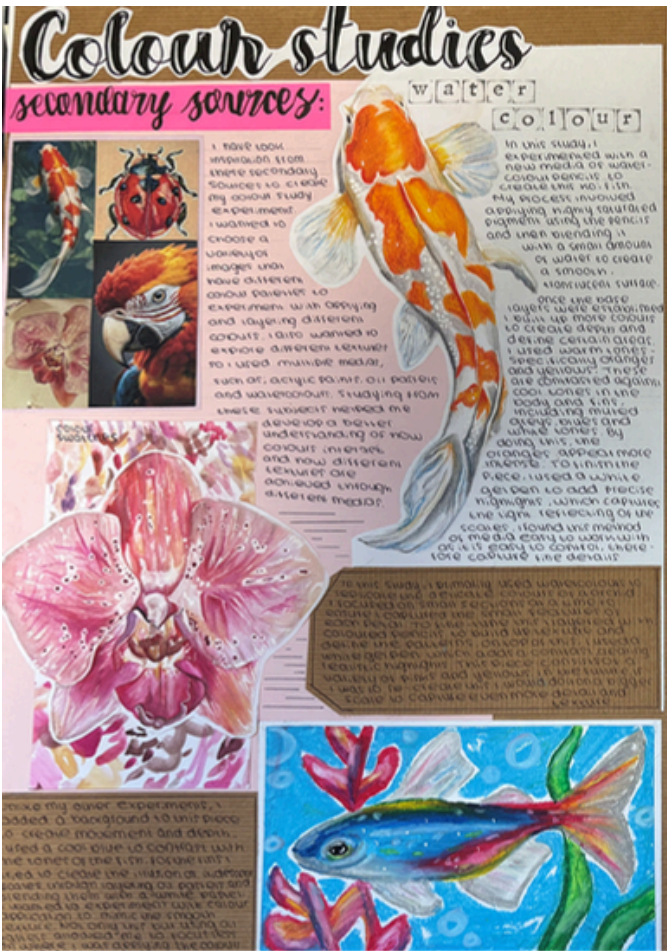
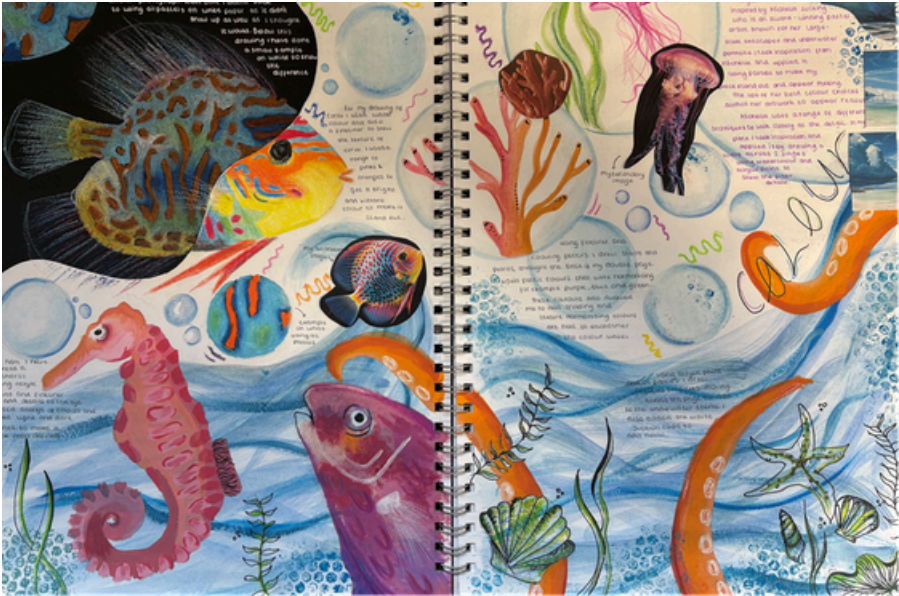
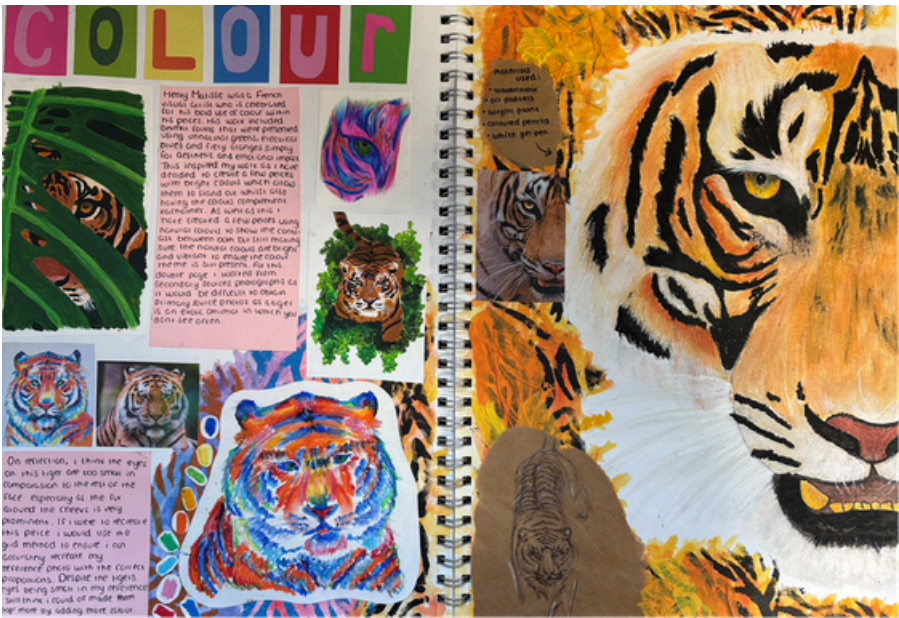
Congratulations to Lewis, who has achieved his Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award this week.

Lewis volunteered for 12 months as a Swimming coach, giving back to the community by helping younger members develop in the squad. The physical section of the award was completed by developing his Swimming ability, training 4-6 sessions a week of 90 minutes and taking part in 15 races. Lewis continued to learn to play the guitar for the skill section of the award.

Lewis chose to take part in a Land and Wave residential; this involved a 4-night, 5-day experience away from home, learning new skills, meeting new people for the first time and working with others. During the week, Lewis took part in Sports, Taskmaster, Mini Olympics, Archery Tag, Emergency First Aid course, lifesaving skills, Bushcraft, axe throwing, the UK Paddle Safer Award, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding.

The final section of the award is the expedition. Lewis was in a team of 6 who took on Snowdonia for their walking adventure; they set themselves a challenging route which tested their physical and mental stamina. They coped with and overcame all the challenges to complete a very successful expedition. Lewis made a valuable contribution to the team. Others in his team described him as an efficient thinker who faced problems well and came up with good ideas. He was confident, reliable, and always aware of their needs. He managed the team’s navigation activities, using good management skills.

Well done and congratulations, Lewis, on becoming a Gold Award holder. I'll look forward to hearing all about your trip to the Palace. - Amy Fennell, DoE Coordinator



Unbelievable Artwork!

Our talented Year 12 Art students have been producing some truly outstanding sketchbook work, and Miss Brooks has praised the class for their exceptional colour studies.

As part of their exploration of colour, composition and the natural world, students have been researching and drawing inspiration from artists including Giles Ward, Joe Galindo and Henri Matisse.

The quality of work is fantastic, showcasing not only creativity but also impressive technical skill and artistic curiosity.

We are incredibly proud of their efforts and can't wait to see how their ideas and talents continue to develop.





The Hinckley School 57-10 Rugby School

The Hinckley School U15 boys delivered a fantastic performance, securing an impressive 57-10 win over Rugby School recently.

The boys showcased their growing ability and confidence on the pitch, playing some excellent attacking rugby throughout the match. Clear, accurate passing, strong support play, and a willingness to move the ball into space helped the team create opportunities and score well-worked tries.

Equally as impressive was the boys' desire to defend. Their commitment to making tackles, working together, and putting pressure on the opposition showed the squad's growing determination and togetherness.

Overall, this was a hugely encouraging performance that highlighted the progress that the boys are making both individually and as a team. Their confidence is clearly growing, and it was fantastic to see them playing with such freedom, ambition and enthusiasm.

Well done to all our players!

Mr M Stocks, Director of Sport



Rugby Tie Presentation

Our Year 7 rugby players have now all been presented with their new rugby ties. This special privilege is awarded to students following the completion of their first fixture and recognises their commitment, teamwork and dedication to representing the school. Students are now able to wear their black tie featuring a gold shield logo to school instead of their normal clip-on tie - with many already eager to master the art of tying it themselves! We hope they wear their ties with pride as they continue their rugby journey at The Hinckley School.



Spoken Word Workshops Continue

Year 7 Spoken Word Workshops have continued this week, with Alyssia from Creative Learning Services leading three impactful sessions. Student feedback following the sessions included:

"I enjoyed this lesson as it let me show my feelings about how I'm different"

"I really enjoyed being able to express myself and let my emotions out"

"I enjoyed the lesson it was fun and active"

"I enjoyed writing a poem about one of my friends; it reminded me of who they are to me"

"I love performing, and the lesson was great"

"I enjoyed freestyling a poem, and I realised how good I am at rhyming when I try"

"I enjoyed creating a poem, expressing my emotions in writing. I was able to share my work and ask for advice"



Silver Martial Arts Medals

Congratulations to Logan in Year 7, who represented Great Britain at the European Martial Arts Games, winning two medals!

On 2nd August 2026, Logan travelled to Berlin, Germany, to compete in the European Martial Arts Games. He competed in point sparring and Kumite, and made it to the final in both categories, eventually coming away with 2 silver medals - an incredible achievement!

The entire GB team that he travelled to Germany with did incredibly well, with all competitors coming away with a variety of different medals.

We are so proud of your achievement, Logan, and can't wait to continue to follow your success!



Future Finance Leaders in the Making!

This week, our Year 13 students took their first steps towards an exciting future in the finance industry as they welcomed Dr Lien from Coventry University to launch the University's prestigious annual competition to win a sponsored degree.

Students took part in an engaging and interactive session exploring the opportunities, rewards and career pathways available in Global Financial Planning. They then worked collaboratively in teams to begin developing their competition entries, and we can't wait to see the ideas they produce.

We're proud to have a strong track record of success in this competition. In 2025, Nikita secured the prestigious £30,000 scholarship, while Sam recently earned a Highly Commended award, helping to support his degree studies.

Their success stories continue to inspire. Nikita has recently completed a summer internship with wealth management company Time Line and is now beginning her second year at university. Meanwhile, Sam has already immersed himself in the industry during his first year, attending a Chartered Institute conference and networking gala.

Opportunities like these can open doors to incredible futures, and we are excited to see where this year's competition takes our students. Good luck to everyone taking part.



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Upcoming Dates

- **Sixth Form Safer Driving Event - 29th October 2026**
- **Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Practice Expedition - 31st October 2026**
- **Sixth Form Open Evening - 11th November 2026**
- **Year 11 Parents' Evening and Mock Results - 17th November 2026**
- **Year 13 Parents' Evening and Mock Results - 24th November 2026**
- **Class of 2026 (Year 11) Reunion Evening and GCSE Certificate Presentation - 26th November 2026**
- **INSET DAY - 27th November 2026 (school closed to all students)**

People of Today

*People of today, why do you stay
Working your lives away each day?
Why do you give all your time and care
When those above hardly know you're there?*

*You work like bees in a crowded hive,
Helping businesses grow and thrive.
Yet while they sit and count their gain,
You're left exhausted, stressed and drained.*

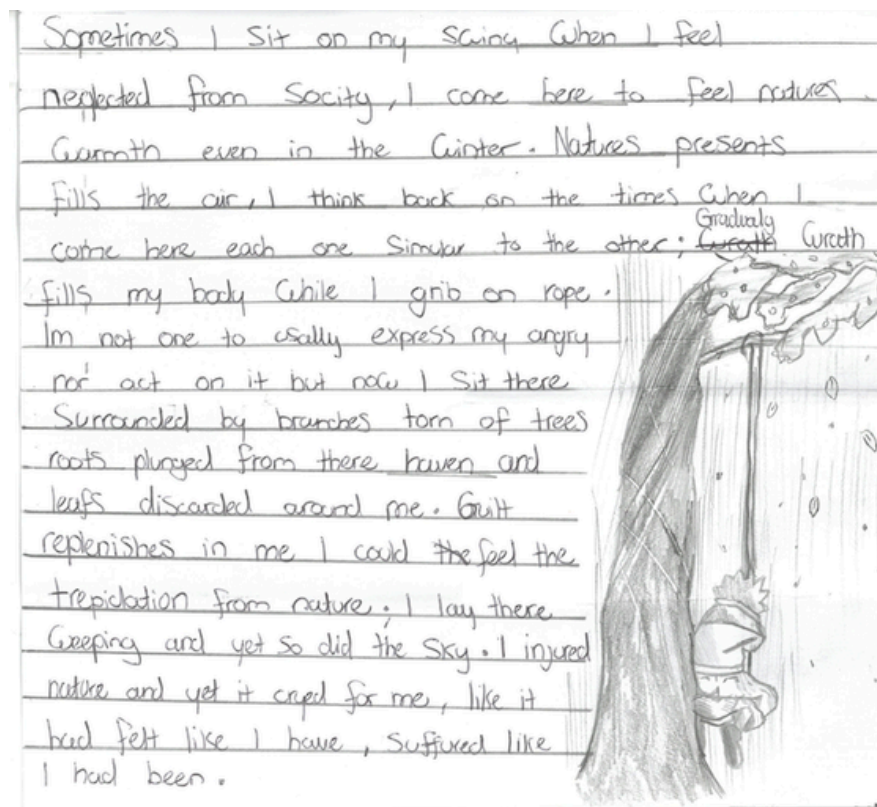
*The city shines because you try,
But your dreams are pushed aside.
Your hopes are buried, deep below,
Like seeds that never get to grow.*

*Money is a monster, hungry and cold,
Demanding more while taking hold.
It follows people day and night,
Stealing their peace and dimming their light.*

*Why build a world you cannot share?
Why carry burdens that aren't fair?
The people in charge may seem strong now,
But they depend on you somehow.*

*You're the voice they fear to hear,
The strength that's been ignored for years.
Stand together, don't stay apart,
For change begins when people start.*

*Rise like a wave upon the shore,
And accept this life no more.
For if the many stand as one,
The fight for fairness can be won.*

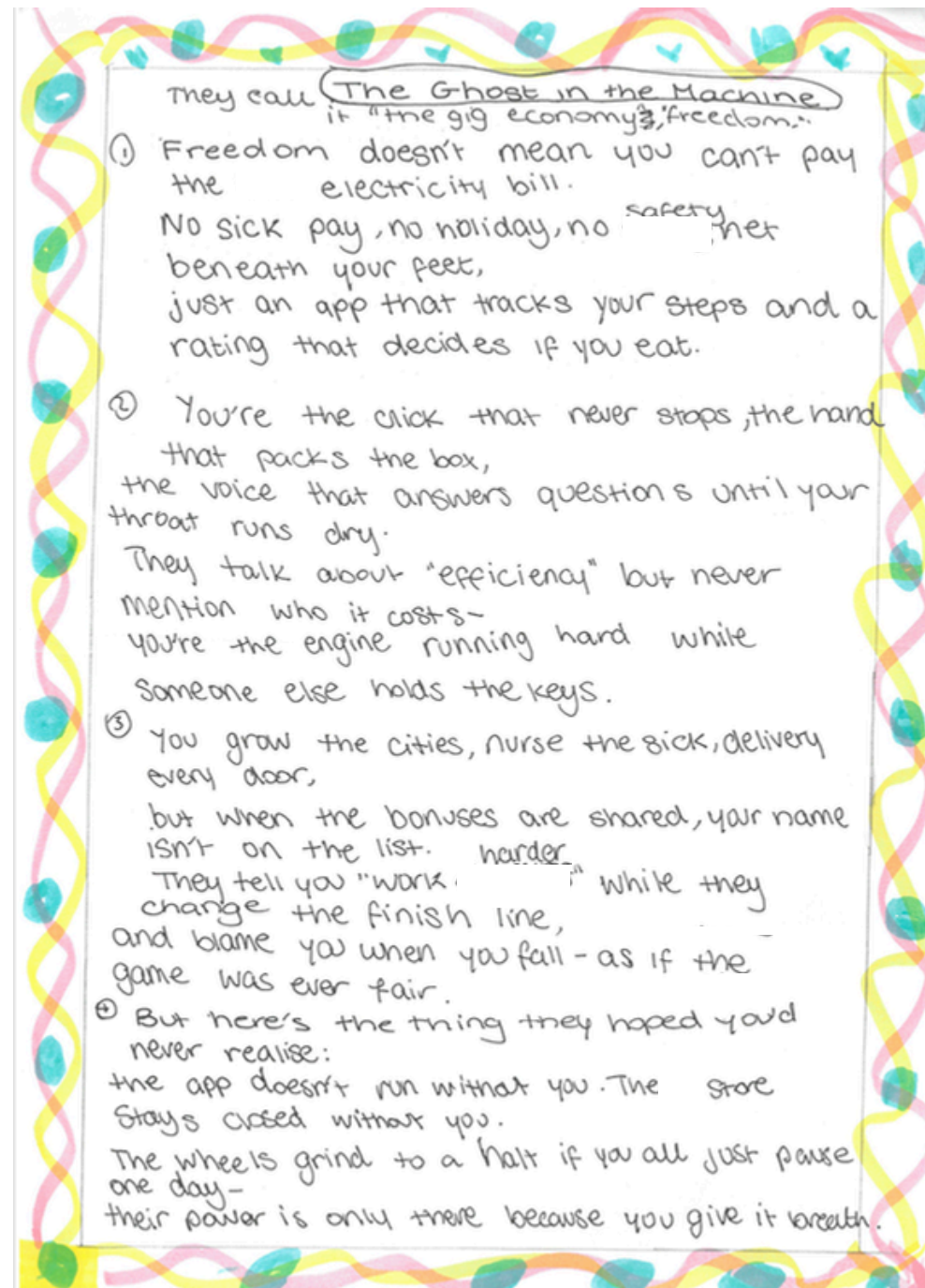


Poems Inspired by Romanticism

Ms Hale would like to praise her Year 9 English class for their recent work on Romanticism. As part of their studies, students were challenged to create and write their own original poems inspired by the themes and techniques of the Romantic movement, with the class producing a range of thoughtful, creative and expressive pieces.

The standard of work was exceptional, with students demonstrating not only a strong understanding of Romanticism but also impressive creativity and confidence in their writing. From vivid descriptions of natural landscapes to powerful explorations of feelings and experiences, the poems showcased talent and imagination.

We hope you enjoy reading three of these inspiring poems created by Angel, Roman, and Evie.



Creative Classics in Year 7

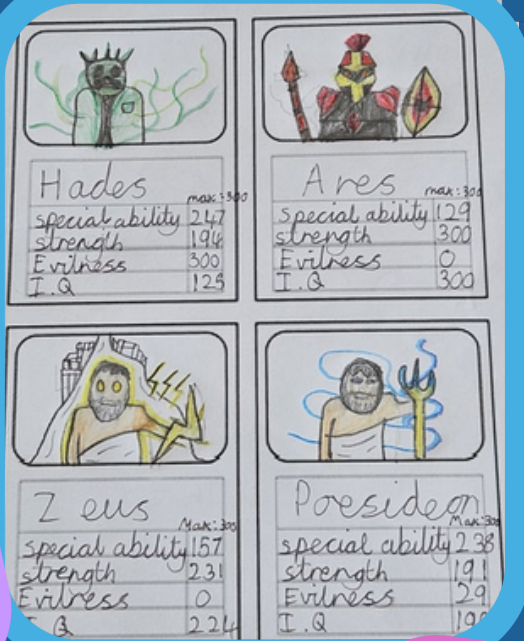


Year 7 have started studying Classics this year. They learn Latin word roots by following the story of Caecilius and his family and have also started exploring myth in the origin stories of ancient Greece and Rome.

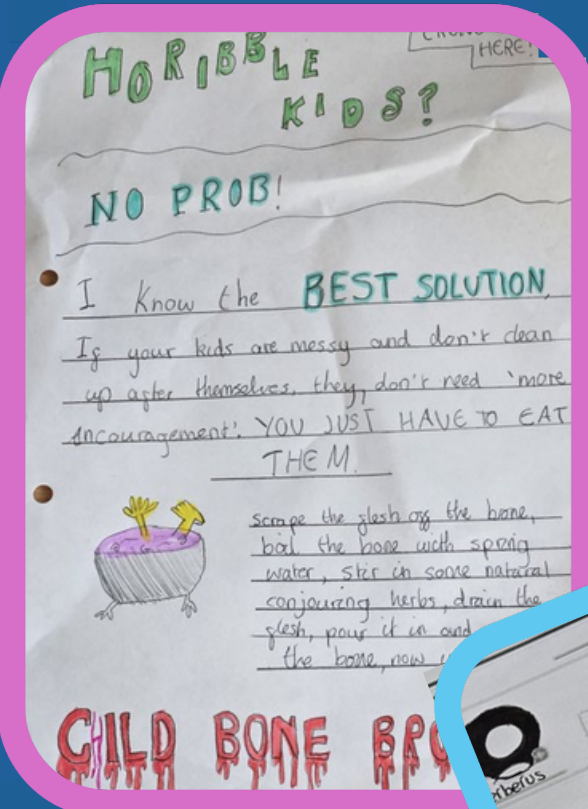
As we come to the end of our first unit, they were tasked with showing their learning in a creative way, producing *Instagods* profiles, Top Trumps, advice columns and stories to reflect on what we've done so far.

The students embraced this task and produced some excellent work showing great knowledge, creativity and understanding. We are so proud of them!

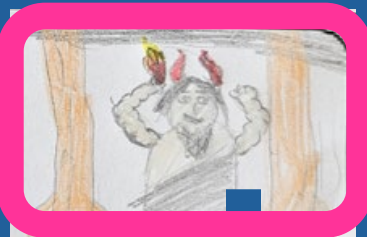
Ms Beale, Head of Classics



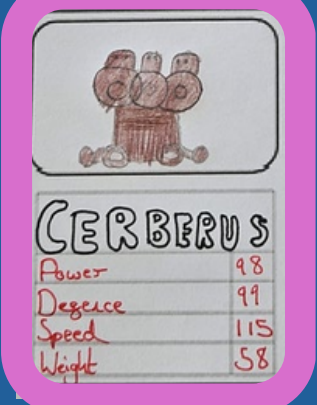
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#resting



#happyHadesV2



A day in the life of Cerberus

As the sun would rise Cerberus would wake up to protect his owners....

This morning, I woke up and was fed this weird sloppy gruel as always, but I got a glimpse of the humans' food and it smelt amazing. So I followed the one with the food

He placed it on a table, with the family lying down to eat it on soft bed things. I wondered whether to jump onto the table but changed my mind.

After they finished the food, I followed the one who had the food again. He fell asleep, so I jumped on the table and barked to wake him up, but then I realised there was food on the table....

A man came in and started shouting at me and sent me outside :(.



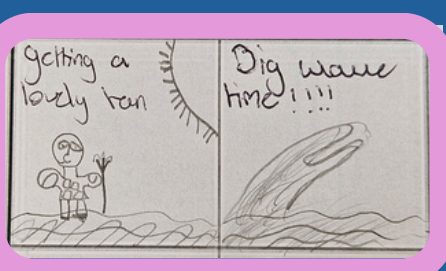
#Zeus'sixpack!



#happyHadesV1



#Zeus'beginnings



#godsonholiday

gcse poetry **live!** YEAR 11



Year 11 - Have you registered for the trip yet?

What is it?

GCSE Poetry: Live! A live theatre experience to deepen your knowledge and understanding of how to access the Anthology Poetry and Unseen Poetry aspects of your English Lit exam.

When is it?

Monday 8th February

Leave school at 9am, return at 4.30pm

Letters have been sent home via email

Sign up via the link on the letter

EXAMINERS
TELLING YOU
TOP TIPS!

UNMISSABLE
EXAM
STRATEGIES!

REAL LIFE
POETS TELLING
YOU ABOUT
THEIR POEMS!



Cooking up a Storm!

Students have been cooking up a storm in Food Technology this week!

Practicals for Year 9 have included the savoury Greek delicacy, spanakopita, and a traditional cottage pie, with Year 10 rounding off the week by making fried chicken!

Students shared how much they enjoyed getting hands-on in the lessons, learning about protein, macronutrients, and shallow frying.

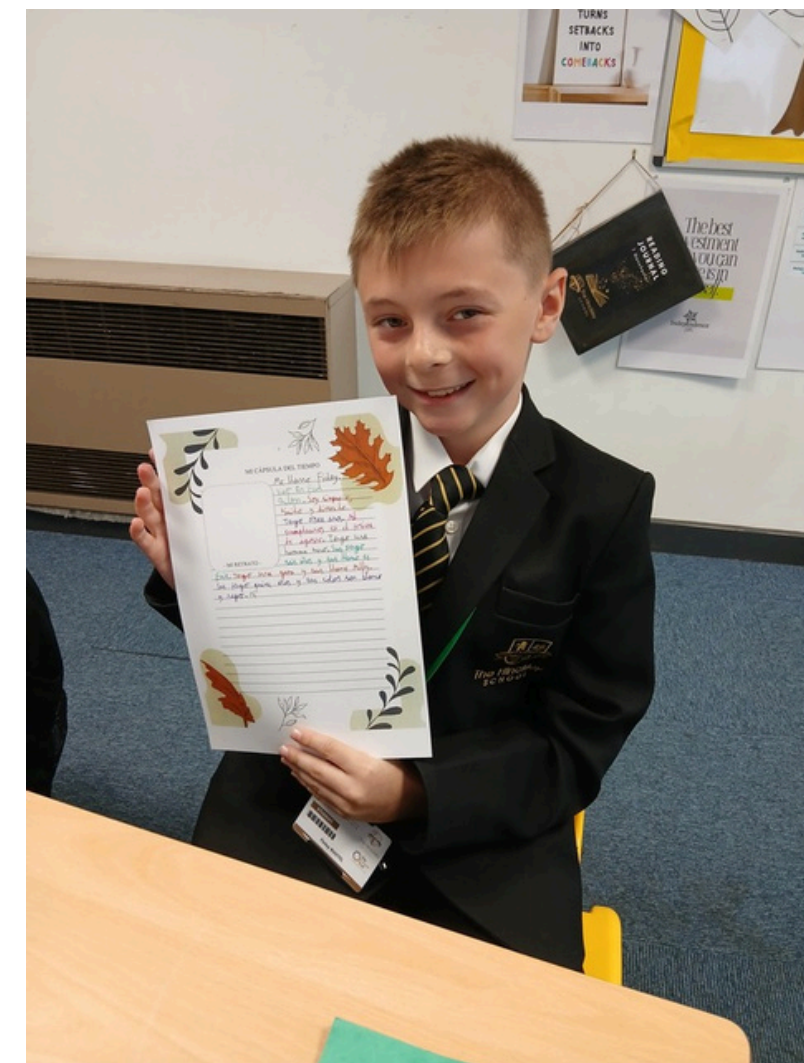
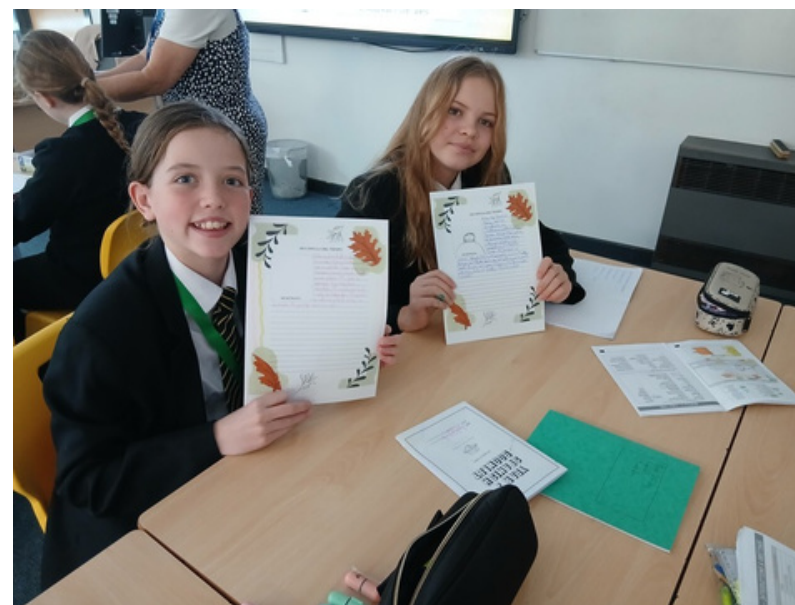


Spanish Time Capsule

This week, the Year 7 students have been writing a Time Capsule in Spanish. They have introduced themselves by saying their name, age, birthday, where they live, describing their personality, and explaining how many pets and siblings they have.

Some students wanted to go the extra mile and checked their Spanish booklets for topics ahead and included other information such as their favourite subject and hobbies.

The students have taken these time capsules home to show to their families... as towards the end of the year, they will complete a longer version that Mrs Garcia will keep and return to them when they are in Year 10!



CAREERS FAIR

 **11th November**
 **5pm-8pm**

Everyone Welcome!



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Local Sixth Form Open Events Autumn 2026/27

Sixth Forms	Date	Time
The Hinckley Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Fair	Wednesday 11 th November	5pm – 8pm
King Edwards Sixth Form	Thursday 26 th November Saturday 28 th November Monday 25 th January TBC	4pm – 8pm 9.30am – 1pm Check website
St Thomas More R.C.	Thursday 20 th November	6pm – 8pm
Lutterworth	Thursday 1 st October	TBC Check Website
The Oaks Bosworth	Wednesday 22 nd October	4.30pm – 7pm
WQE (both Campuses)	Saturday 31 st October	9am – 3pm

Local College Open Events Autumn 2026/27

College	Date	Time
NWSLC Hinckley Campus Grayson Place Nuneaton Campus Harrowbrook Campus Wigston Campus IMT	All Campuses open Thursday 15 th October Except Grayson Place Saturday 21 st November	All campuses 4pm – 7pm 9am – 12pm
Leicester College (all campuses)	All Campuses open Saturday 31 st October Wednesday 18 th November	All Campuses 10am – 1pm 5pm - 7.30pm
Loughborough College Group Brooksby Campus Melton Campus (IGNITE) Stephenson College Loughborough College	Saturday 10 th October Saturday 28 th November Wednesday 11 th November Tuesday 29 th September Saturday 7 th November Saturday 3 rd October Saturday 14 th November Saturday 5 th December	9.30am – 1pm 9.30am – 1pm 5.15pm – 7.15pm 5.15pm – 7.15pm 9.30am – 1pm 9.30am – 1pm 9.30am – 1pm 9.30am – 1pm
SENSE Loughborough College a specialist college helping young disabled people develop their independent living skills. *Learning for Life Sensory Programme *Creative, Enterprise and Vocational Programmes	For more information, please contact jo.downs@sense.org.uk Monday 5 th October Monday 12 th October	5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm
Warwickshire College Group Rugby College Morton Morrell College Warwick Trident College Royal Leamington Spa College	All campuses open Saturday 17 th October 2026 Saturday 16 th January 2027 Wednesday 17 th March 2027 Wednesday 23 rd June 2027	All campuses 10am – 2pm On all dates



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENT

11th November
5pm-8pm

Explore our wide range of A Level and vocational courses and learn how our supportive sixth form specialists help turn dreams into destinations.

THE FUTURE STARTS WITH US

TOURS

Can't make the event, or would like to visit during the day?

Express an interest in a tour:
www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/book-a-tour

