

THURSDAY 4TH JULY 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week, we were privileged to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families for their first official school event. On Wednesday evening, we all gathered as a community during their Transition Evening, where they met their Tutor for the first time and their new classmates, ahead of their first Transition Day the following morning. I am delighted to share that our new students have made a tremendous start to secondary school already. Their positive attitudes, kindness, manners and hard work have all been noted by staff today and we are excited for what tomorrow will bring. The week will end with a Transition Celebration for their families to share in our pride and to congratulate them on making such a fantastic start to school life. Today not only saw our new students join us, but our current students have also all now met their new year teams and Form Tutors, as they get ready to take on the next stage of their seven-year journey. The cycle of school life means as we welcome our new students from Year 6, we also say a final farewell to Year 11 at their prom tomorrow evening. We will miss them all greatly and I would like to wish them all the very best.

We emphasise the importance of becoming a role model to our students, not only within our school, but within the wider community. This has been evident this week, as our Sixth Form student ambassadors represented post-16 at the Saint Martins Year 10 Careers Fair, and Year 8 students hosted a Teddy Bears' Picnic to celebrate the success of our Year 1 Reading Partnership with Hinckley Parks. Seeing our students thrive in new situations and challenges is truly inspiring and these students should be incredibly proud of the role models they have become.

On Monday, Marlow and Katie took part in their sponsored head shave to raise money for three cancer charities very close to them and their families hearts. I am so incredibly touched by the response to this event from our community, the generosity of our families, the strength of our young people's friendships and the kindness of our students.

Today marks the general election and we felt it was important for us to create an event which allowed our students to learn the importance of political engagement and democracy. Students in all year groups have had the chance to cast their vote in our very own mini election and the results are revealed for the first time in this newsletter.

Next week is the final week of term and I know our students will now begin to look forward to a long summer break making memories with friends and family. I will share further details on the end of term and return to school arrangements shortly, so please look out for this email. In the meantime, our Safeguarding Team have put together a final [Wellbeing Newsletter](#) and I encourage all parents and carers to read this edition, which shares information on keeping safe over summer and community support services available over this period.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

PLEASE NOTE ON OUR LAST
DAY OF TERM - FRIDAY
12TH JULY, THE SCHOOL
WILL CLOSE EARLY AT
12:30PM. SCHOOL BUS
SERVICES HAVE BEEN
INFORMED.

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC CELEBRATES READING PARTNERSHIP



On Monday, we had the joy of welcoming Year 1 pupils from Hinckley Parks to an end of Year Celebration for our Reading Partnership. Their 'Teddy Bears' Picnic', organised by Ms Clarke, celebrated their success and involvement in the programme which has seen Year 8 students visit Hinckley Parks every Thursday afternoon to read to pupils and support their progress. Our Year 8 students led the celebration event by running games, reading and leading craft activities out on our school field. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the event and Hinckley Parks staff praised our Year 8 ambassadors for how wonderful they were with the younger children. We are incredibly proud of their involvement, they proved to be truly inspirational role models, showing PRIDE throughout. We look forward to more events such as this in the future.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS HELP CREATE A BUZZ

Each year our Foundation Governors give staff at The Hinckley School the opportunity to bid for funding to support school projects.

This year, Mr Boast requested support to encourage pollinators to the site by improving the variety of flowering plants around the school. Mr Boast said, "Only in the first year of planting, but the wildflowers outside the school library are already proving to 'bee' a success with our 6-legged friends!"

This area really makes you smile thanks to the rich array of flowers and wildlife on view. We would like to sincerely thank our Foundation Governors for their support with this and many other projects.



SPONSORED HEAD SHAVE FOR CHARITY FUNDRAISING

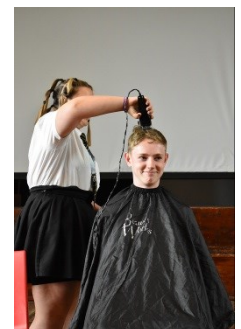


Cheered on by family, friends and staff, Marlow and Katie in Year 10 took part in their sponsored head shave on Monday 1st July, in support of three cancer charities.

The head shave took place at lunchtime in the Main Hall with staff and students from all year groups gathering as a community to support, encourage and congratulate the pair on this brave and beautiful act. The pair got everyone involved, inviting siblings, friends, family members and staff to play their part, as the crowd cheered and clapped.

Despite some last minute nerves, they both showed such bravery, selflessness, empathy and commitment to fundraising and everyone here at The Hinckley School would like to say how proud we are of these truly remarkable young people. In addition to the money raised through our upcoming non uniform day on Friday 12th July (£2 suggested donation available on Parent Pay or cash on the day) Katie will now also donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust.

The pair have now well surpassed their fundraising target, with an impressive total of £2,245. However, if you haven't donated, or shared their amazing fundraising work, please visit the [link here](#) to show your support.



SILVER ASSESSED DOFE EXPEDITION IN THE SHROPSHIRE HILLS



Our young people achieved their Silver assessed expedition in the Shropshire hills this week. They coped very well with the 3-day journey, particularly with the changeable weather.

Their journey started at Presthope, Much Wenlock with their first night at Coates Farm, Church Stretton. On their second day they then travelled to The Long Mynd Adventure Centre, before exploring the Long Mynd on their final day where they walked up to Pole Bank before dropping down

to finish at The Bridges pub in Ratlinghope.

Their teamwork, perseverance and positive attitudes certainly helped them to achieve their goals. They were able to navigate well and despite some issues with footpaths being overgrown, they managed to work through this together to stay on track. During their debrief with their assessor, the team discussed how pleased they were with their teamwork, problem solving, time management and staying focused throughout. Well done! - A Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator

TRANSITION EVENTS GIVE A WARM WELCOME

We have loved welcoming Year 6 pupils for their Transition Events this week and we are delighted at how well they have settled into life at The Bridge. Many students have already expressed an interest in exploring more of the school facilities, such as the Library, and we are so pleased that they feel at home here, even after such a short time.

Students have met their new tutor and classmates, taken part in icebreaking activities to make new friends and participated in challenges and tasks designed to help them understand the importance of showing PRIDE and what this means within our community. Mrs Hickman encouraged students to show kindness during her welcome speech and students have impressed staff with their thoughtfulness and team work.

We look forward to our Transition Celebration tomorrow, to mark the end of two fantastic days!



MALAGA TRIP INSPIRES INTERNATIONAL ASPIRATIONS



During Inspire Week, students flew to Malaga with Mrs Garcia and Mr Hillier, to be immersed in the language and vibrant Spanish culture. The group enjoyed Spanish dance lessons, sampled local cuisine, visited water parks, explored museums and much more during their action packed stay, all while putting their skills to the test by using Spanish at every opportunity. Parents and carers at home stayed up to date with the agenda of each day thanks to the trip's Telegram group, which was filled with regular exciting updates, photos and videos from our trip leaders.

Mrs Garcia, Head of MFL and our trip leader said, "The Málaga trip was an absolute success. The students did the school proud with their manners, their maturity and their willingness to try out new things. Students enjoyed a wide range of activities, including exploring the Old Town in Málaga, visiting the Cathedral and the Alcazaba, attending a guided tour of the Picasso Museum, a Flamenco Workshop and a full day at the Waterpark. They also had time at the beach and in a traditional market with fresh products. Several students have reported since our trip that they want to move to Spain!"

Thank you to everyone involved to making this such an unforgettable experience!



Last Day of Term Information

NON UNIFORM

The last day of term, Friday 12th July, will be a non-uniform day to raise money for three cancer charities. A £2 suggested donation can be made on Parent Pay or students can bring in a cash donation on the day.

EARLY FINISH - 12:30PM

On Friday 12th July, the school will close at 12:30pm. School bus services have been made aware of this and their pick up times will reflect this early finish.

POLLING STATIONS OPEN FOR OUR MINI ELECTION

We created our own Polling Station on Thursday to hold a mock election for our community. Students in all year groups were invited to cast their votes with their own hub ballot box. Students also had to remember to bring photo ID in the form of their lanyard cards to be able to cast their vote, as a reminder of the new requirements. This event helps our students to develop their sense of social responsibility, encourages political engagement and helps them to understand the importance of an election within a democracy. We can reveal that the results are as following:

Labour 29.8%

Reform 24.4%

Liberal Democrat 22.6%

Green Party 13.9 %

Conservative 9.1%

Thank you to everyone who took part in this event.




The Hinckley
SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 18th September 2024

5pm-8pm

Tour 'The Bridge', our specialist Year 7 provision and learn more about our exceptional seven-year journey.

TOUR SLOTS AVAILABLE NOW

As well as attending our Open Evening, why not book a tour to see school life in action?
Call 01455 632183 to book.



Building Brighter Futures

SPRING ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

We are delighted to share our 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

Monday				
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
Tuesday				
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
Wednesday				
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
Thursday				
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
Friday				
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

YOUR JULY SAFEGUARDING & WELL-BEING NEWSLETTER

Please [click here](#) to read your latest Safeguarding & Well-Being Newsletter from Mrs Priestnall and her team. If you have any questions about the information found in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the team using the email address found in the welcome address.