

THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It has been a pleasure to welcome our students back to school today. Our returning students have settled back into routines well and are making themselves at home in their new year areas. I have spoken to all year groups today during assemblies and their engagement has been impressive. Staff have thoroughly enjoyed being reunited with our student community and I have loved hearing so many of them excitedly sharing stories from their summer break with their tutors and friends.

Starting secondary school is a big step, however our new Year 7 students have impressed staff already with their kindness, engagement and overall PRIDE. Year 12 have been finding their feet over in our sixth form building as they start their new adventure, and it is lovely to see so many new faces joining us, alongside our returning Year 11s who proudly continue their seven-year journey.

In my assemblies today, I spoke to the students about the improvements made to the school buildings and learning environment over the summer. I feel very strongly that they deserve to learn in the best environment possible and I will continue to invest in any way we can. I would like to thank you as a parent and carer within our community for your support around uniform standards. Seeing our students arrive to school dressed proudly is a joy to see.

The start of the new academic year is a fresh start, a chance to impress, and to grasp every new opportunity with both hands. Our young people have unlimited potential and I cannot wait to see what our students achieve over the next twelve months. I look forward to celebrating all that they learn with you and your family along the way. Please look out for a separate letter with more detail on how we will involve you and celebrate students' achievements with you, over the coming year.

Kind regards,

Mrs Grocock — Head of School

AN INCREDIBLE START TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Our new Year 7 students have had a fantastic first day at secondary school! The day began with students lining up in their tutor groups before heading to the heart space for a Welcome Assembly led by Mrs Grocock and Mrs Clarke. Students looked incredibly smart as they wore their new uniforms with pride and displayed our PRIDE values right from the start—staff had even awarded their very first PRIDE points before assembly began! The rest of their day was spent in their tutor groups taking part in our personal development curriculum, and helping them to settle in with confidence surrounded by their new friends. Well done Year 7!



IMPRESSIVE RESULTS SECURE BRIGHTER FUTURES

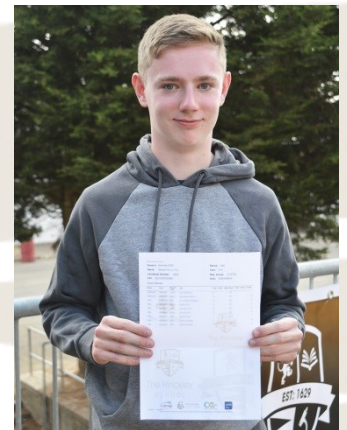
Year 11 students from The Hinckley School celebrated success with this year's exam results as the Class of 2025 secured their dream destinations, including apprenticeships, college courses and sixth form study. A high percentage of students yet again applied to stay and continue their seven-year journey by studying at The Hinckley Sixth Form, where they will be joined by young people from many other high schools. Students also secured the grades required to build their brighter futures and to follow their dreams of working in fields related to Medicine, Family Law and Aerospace Engineering.

Eva shared how her nerves turned to pride this morning after learning she had been awarded 9 GCSEs at grades 9-6, "I woke up so scared, my heart was racing but now I am over the moon, I'm so relieved that my hard work has all paid off and I've got the results that I deserved." Eva is excited to build on her impressive grades, which included 9s in English Language, English Literature and History, by studying at The Hinckley Sixth Form, as she follows her dream to have a career in family law. In addition to her incredible hard work and determination, Eva credits her supportive teachers for helping her achieve success and is looking forward to benefiting from her strong working relationship with them over the next two years. "Teachers have been amazing, the most supportive people I could have wished for. They helped with anything I needed, not just academically but personally too, especially in the run-up to exams around mental wellbeing and coping with exam pressures. I am so grateful."

Celebrating together today were friends Jem, Anne and Zuzanna, who were all very glad the long wait for results was finally over! Anne and Zuzanna both achieved an amazing eight GCSEs at grades 9 and 8 and are excited for the new challenges sixth form study will bring. Meanwhile Jem, having achieved nine GCSEs at grades 9-7, including four grades 9, is off to focus on her passion for journalism at college. Anne is looking forward to still benefiting from the knowledge of her current teachers by continuing her seven year journey at The Hinckley Sixth Form, "I'm excited for a fresh start and more independence. My teachers have been so supportive, they have lifted me up even when they didn't have to, with help over email and interventions – they were always there. I'm so grateful for the help from my teachers and friends."

A student now chasing his dream of becoming an Aerospace Engineer is Jacob, who is excited to begin an apprenticeship with Sigma Aerospace in Hinckley. Leaving The Hinckley School not only over the moon with an impressive set of results, having achieved ten GCSEs at grades 9-6, Jacob also credits his last five years as teaching him confidence and independence, "I've really enjoyed my time here, I've made lots of friends and teachers and my pastoral team have been so understanding and supportive. It's taught me confidence."

George felt amazing after opening his results and is now looking forward to continuing studying for his A Levels at The Hinckley Sixth Form after achieving ten GCSEs at grades 9-5. He is excited to study courses he is passionate about in his pursuit of a career in Sports Science. George is understandably very proud of his hard work in the run up to exams, "I pretty much did every past paper going! I had a lot of teacher support and direction around revision resources and strategies. This support helped me decide to stay here for A Levels." Continuing to study alongside George are friends Dan, who also achieved an impressive set of results many at grades 8 and 9, and Ethan, who was awarded 7 GCSEs at grades 9 and 8. "I've got great memories here; it has been so enjoyable. I'm looking forward to starting something new now," shared George.



With a lifelong ambition to be a Mechanical Engineer in the RAF, Marlow is now taking the next step towards his ambition by enrolling in The Hinckley Sixth Form. Achieving eight GCSEs at grades 9 and 8, Marlow has a lot to be proud of, "I'm proud of all my grades and to see all my hard work pay off. When I opened them, it was a mix of relief and excitement. I felt amazing seeing how high they were; I'm really impressed." Marlow is not only excited to study Maths, Physics and Engineering, but also to continue to be supported by understanding teachers who truly want the best for him, both personally and academically, "I've always been encouraged to go outside of my comfort zone, by taking part in charity fundraisers and events. Extra-curricular involvement, such as completing my Bronze CREST Award, has helped me to grow as a person."

Mrs Grocock, Headteacher said, "We are so proud of our Year 11 students. It is a privilege to celebrate with our young people as their grades translate into a wealth of opportunities for future study and careers. We are delighted that so many of them have decided to continue their seven-year journey here with us and look forward to welcoming them back to The Hinckley Sixth Form next week. Students know that such achievements are the result of a lot of hard work and determination, especially when the work was especially challenging, so the Class of 2025 should feel very proud. They have matured into the incredible role models we see today. On behalf of everyone here at The Hinckley School I would like to wish them all the best for the future."



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 17th September
5:00pm-8:00pm

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES



CLASS OF 2025 SECURE INCREDIBLE DESTINATIONS



Ewan is off to Cambridge University!



The Hinckley Sixth Form's Class of 2025 celebrated with their friends, family and teachers on Thursday as they collected their A Level and BTEC exam results. For many students, this marked the end of their unforgettable seven-year journey, as they congratulated each other on securing their dream destinations.

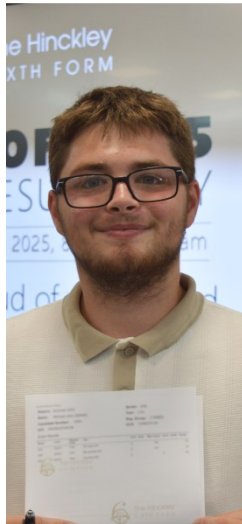
Students have once again secured the grades they needed to continue to outstanding destinations. The Class of 2025 will be studying degree courses including Law, Natural Sciences and Aerospace Engineering at leading universities across the country, including the University of Cambridge, as well as entering employment and beginning competitive apprenticeships in areas such as project management. Everyone at The Hinckley Sixth Form is incredibly proud of what these inspirational young people have achieved and know that they will continue to build a brighter future for themselves.

Ewan is celebrating today as his incredible four A* grades mean he has secured a place to study Natural Sciences with an integrated Masters at the University of Cambridge; a dream made a reality through his hard work and dedication, and supported by the Sixth Form's bespoke Early Entry Oxbridge Pathway. Ewan credits this with helping him to stand out during the interview process. Thinking of a career in research in the future, Ewan is understandably over the moon with his results and shared how supportive teachers have helped him over the past two years: "Teachers here help to push you, they give you independence, and the space to grow on your own." Ewan now has a mix of nerves and excitement as he looks ahead to his next adventure, but is delighted to be leaving The Hinckley Sixth Form with a lot of new friends, great memories and the destination of his dreams.



Looking back on seven-years of unforgettable memories, Elliot, shared how he wished he "could stay here forever" after collecting his impressive results. Securing an A* in Maths and a grade A in both Physics and Chemistry, and now looking to pursue a career in engineering in the future, Elliot reflected on his time in sixth form: "I have enjoyed my time here and it has flown by, I've had really knowledgeable teachers who pushed me to do better. They were great and really cared about my success."

Following his lifelong passion for Mathematics, Jake, who has achieved three A grades in Maths, Further Maths and Chemistry, is very happy with his results and now looking forward to starting a degree at Loughborough University later this year. Meanwhile, classmate Felix has also been able to accept their first-choice destination to study Modern History and Politics at the University of Manchester. Both students are extremely excited for the next chapter and can't wait to put all that they have learned at The Hinckley Sixth Form into practice. Felix shared, "Having our own mature study spaces has made me feel ready for university style learning."



A student now combining learning alongside employment is Ollie, who has secured an exciting apprenticeship as a Buying Assistant at Mediq within the healthcare sector. Ollie feels ready for the new challenge, and says that the Sixth Form has helped him prepare for the future. Having joined The Hinckley Sixth Form alongside lots of his friends from Hastings High School, Ollie is now graduating as part of the Class of 2025 after a great two years, with unforgettable memories, including playing for the Sixth Form Colts XI Rugby Team, and with lots of new lifelong friends.

Two of the many students who are celebrating after having enjoyed an unforgettable seven-year journey through The Hinckley School and The Hinckley Sixth Form are Jenson and Onyx, who both secured their first-choice destinations. Jenson is now off to the University of Leicester to study Computer Science, and feels prepared for university life thanks to teacher support and by using the mature Sixth Form facilities.



Meanwhile, Onyx is set to study International History and Politics at the University of Leeds, having been inspired by his GCSE and A Level History teacher. Looking back at his journey, Onyx said, "Being here already for my GCSEs meant an easier transition to sixth form; the subjects are amazing and there has never been a dull moment." He went on to say, "I have really loved sixth form, I've been given the space to be myself and find who I truly am. I've made some of my closest friends and it has made me more confident."

Students Darcy and Ethan have thanked all their teachers today for helping them secure their first-choice destinations after collecting their results. After studying Drama, Sociology and Maths, Darcy is now looking forward to studying Primary Education at the University of Northampton, while Ethan is celebrating securing the grades he needed to begin a degree in Astrophysics at the University of York. Ethan, who is now excited to start a course he has always wanted to do, looks back at these last two years fondly: "I've made the best memories here with friends; teachers have always been good at pointing me in the right direction and it is a lovely environment."

After celebrating and supporting students on results day, Director of Sixth Form Vicky Bull said, "We are incredibly proud of our students' dedication and resilience. Their achievements are a testament to two years of hard work and independent study. We wish them every success in the next stage of their journey."



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

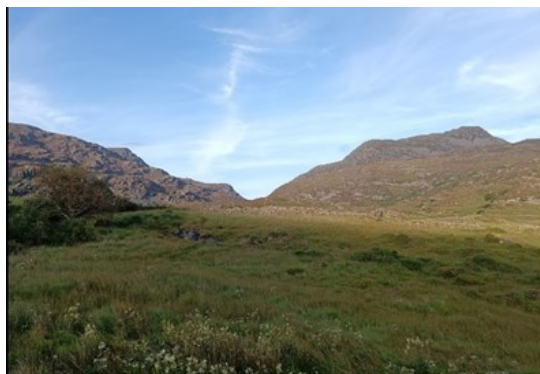
OPEN EVENING

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

The Future Starts With Us



GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD - ASSESSED EXPEDITION



Our Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award group ventured to the Snowdonia National Park over the summer holidays. They travelled to Wales to take part in what was a four-day personal challenge. Once arriving at Capel Curig, the teams completed an acclimatisation walk around the bottom of Moel Siabod; they then met with their assessor after dinner and enjoyed a relaxing evening of games at The Woodlands, Betws-y-Coed. The team had pre-planned their route and campsites at our weekly meetings - a vital procedure for a successful expedition.



On Saturday, the team were taken to their starting point at the Canolfan Prysor Centre, Trawsfynydd Lake. From there they walked through the Rhinog mountains, camping at night and motivating themselves to get through their eight hours of planned route and activity.

Tuesday (Day 4) finished at Barmouth Beach, where they enjoyed an ice cream. Our final evening was spent having a BBQ, watching the stars and chilling out in the lovely sunshine. Graham, the Expedition assessor, commented as follows: "The team were fully equipped and well prepared for their venture. They set themselves a challenging route which tested their physical, mental, and emotional stamina. Increasing heat became a particular challenge, which they handled well. They became aware of and accepted the learning opportunities that this experience would provide. I was impressed by the team's maturity in approaching this event. They worked well as a team and developed and understood the importance of their teamwork skills as the expedition progressed. Well done and congratulations."

Congratulations to all of our young people on their fantastic achievement and for completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition. We look forward to hearing about their visits to the palace once they have completed the whole award, and a big thank you to all our leaders for giving up their time to support this unforgettable adventure.



Interested in Gold DofE?
Click the video links below to learn more.

[Do your DofE \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Welcome to DofE \(youtube.com\)](#)

[Gold DofE | Choose your activities \(youtube.com\)](#)



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



**“ Adventure, fun with friends
enjoy the outdoors, personal challenge,
learn a new skill, enhance your CV,
create memories and much more! ”**



Volunteering	Physical	Skills	Expedition	Residential
12 months	12 or 6 months	12 or 6 months	4 days 3 nights	5 days 4 nights

Physical and Skills sections: one section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months
If you didn't do Silver, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

GOING INTO YEAR 12 OR 13?
ENROL NOW TO TAKE PART IN YOUR
GOLD DOFE AWARD
PICK UP A FORM FROM MRS HALL
OR EMAIL
AFENNELL@THEHINCKLEYSCHOOL.CO.UK



The Hinckley SCHOOL