

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2024



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I would like to thank all families and students who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Fair yesterday evening. It was once again an extremely well attended event, not only thanks to our own community, but to the families of students from secondary schools across our local area, who all joined us to find out more about our wide range of A Level and alternative courses. The event truly showcased the impact our passion for building brighter futures has on our young people, with videos from some of our alumni now attending university, enjoying life in the world of work or completing apprenticeships, demonstrating to our guests the reality of the incredible destinations our students secure year after year. Feedback from the event

has been wonderful, with guests complimenting our 'amazing facilities' and sharing how 'friendly', 'informative' and 'passionate' they found our subject specialists. The Main Hall allowed families to have careers conversations with experts from local industries, the armed forces, colleges and universities, to ensure that whatever they aspire to achieve they have the support and knowledge required to build their brighter future. Applications to join our sixth form in 2025 can now be submitted online [here](#).

We now look forward to welcoming Year 11 students and their families to our Results and Revision Evening next week, where our students will receive their mock exam results and we will discuss how we can work together to support our young people in the run up to their summer examinations. The event will be hosted in our sixth form building and also give families an opportunity to learn more about our sixth form provision if they were unable to attend our open evening.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

GUESTS PRAISE 'WELCOMING' AND 'PASSIONATE' STAFF



The Hinckley Sixth Form team held their annual Open Evening and Year 11 Careers Fair on Wednesday evening, as Year 11 students from across the local area visited us to learn more about our sixth form courses and to discuss their future career aspirations.

Guests all received a brand new sixth form prospectus and were welcomed by our Year 12/13 Pastoral Leader Mrs Tomkins, before making their way around our level 3 courses to meet our subject specialists and student ambassadors. Each course shared information, showcased student work and ran activities to give an insight into level 3 learning. Downstairs in our newly refurbished Cafe6, guests attended a welcome talk led by Ms Hickman and Ms Bull, where student speakers shared insights into their experiences, alongside alumni videos to inspire and expand their horizons.

Meanwhile, in the Main Hall, over twenty exhibitors from local industry, colleges, universities and the armed forces met with families to discuss post-16 and post-18 decision making.

A well attended event with a fantastic atmosphere, it was truly a showcase of our welcoming and vibrant sixth form community and demonstrated our passion for supporting our young people as they build a brighter future.



Applications to join The Hinckley Sixth Form are now open—[click here to apply](#).

UNVEILING OUR BRAND NEW SIXTH FORM 'CAFE6'

This week, we were delighted to unveil our brand new Cafe6 area. Exclusively used by our sixth form students, Cafe6 provides a dining, relaxation and study space for Year 12 and 13 students to enjoy as part of their sixth form experience here at The Hinckley Sixth Form.

The re development of this area focussed on creating a space which emulated the feel of a university dining and study space, with distinct zones. The first part of the new café now allows students to utilise this space more effectively during their study and free periods thanks to nine brand new banquet style tables and three movable collaboration tables with plug and USB power ports, allowing our students to easily utilise laptops and IT facilities as part of their study. Two large flat screen TVs now framed by modern oak look panelling, will also allow the space to be used for seminars and events. Meanwhile, the other side of Cafe6 now features a dining zone, complete with mature coffee shop styling thanks to textured faux boxwood panelling, a neon sign and sofas - giving students the perfect space to catch up with friends and meet with staff.

Student voice was at the heart of this project, with their ideas, such as framed artwork featuring photos of the Hinckley area, all being brought to life in this new design. Feedback from our students so far has been incredible, they have shared how impressed they are with this newly refurbished facility and how amazed they are with how different it not only looks but feels.

We look forward to welcoming many more students and their families to see Cafe6 in person over the coming weeks and months, so that our community can see for themselves the investment we have made in our young people and their sixth form experience.

Thinking about joining The Hinckley Sixth Form in 2025?

Book a daytime tour to see our sixth form community in action.

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The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM



OXFORD UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Wednesday 6th November twenty-two Year 11 students visited the dreaming spires of Oxford University.

Our Elite Scholars programme aims to encourage students to aspire to be the very best they can be including applying to the world's top-ranking university. Our hosts were Christ Church, one of the largest and, arguably, one of the most beautiful of the Oxford colleges. As part of the programme we will be doing follow up work on what steps students need to take this year and into Sixth Form to make those aspirations a reality.

The day started with a talk by Dr Joel Butler, the college Outreach Officer. He discussed reasons to apply to university and Oxford in particular. This included a very helpful discussion of potential barriers such as finance and the feeling that Oxford is "for other people". With regard to the latter he described his own modest background and how diverse the university now is. We then met undergraduates who answered our students' questions on college life, academic expectations and the work/ life balance.

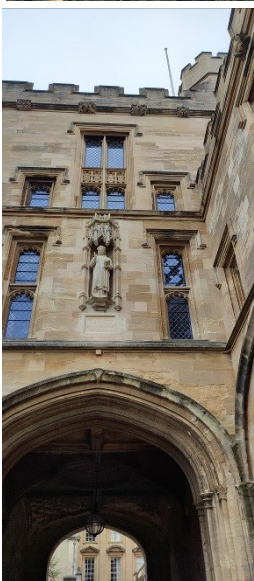
We were given a tour of the college taking in the magnificent quadrangles, where undergraduates live, and the college cathedral, a feature unique to Christ Church. Undoubtedly the highlight for students was lunching in the college hall which doubled as the hall at Hogwarts in the Harry Potter films.

The afternoon was occupied with the simulation of a college seminar. A post graduate research student led the seminar, setting a problem on how computer modelling can be used to track the growth of cancers. This gave us some insight into the challenging and stimulating learning the college provides.

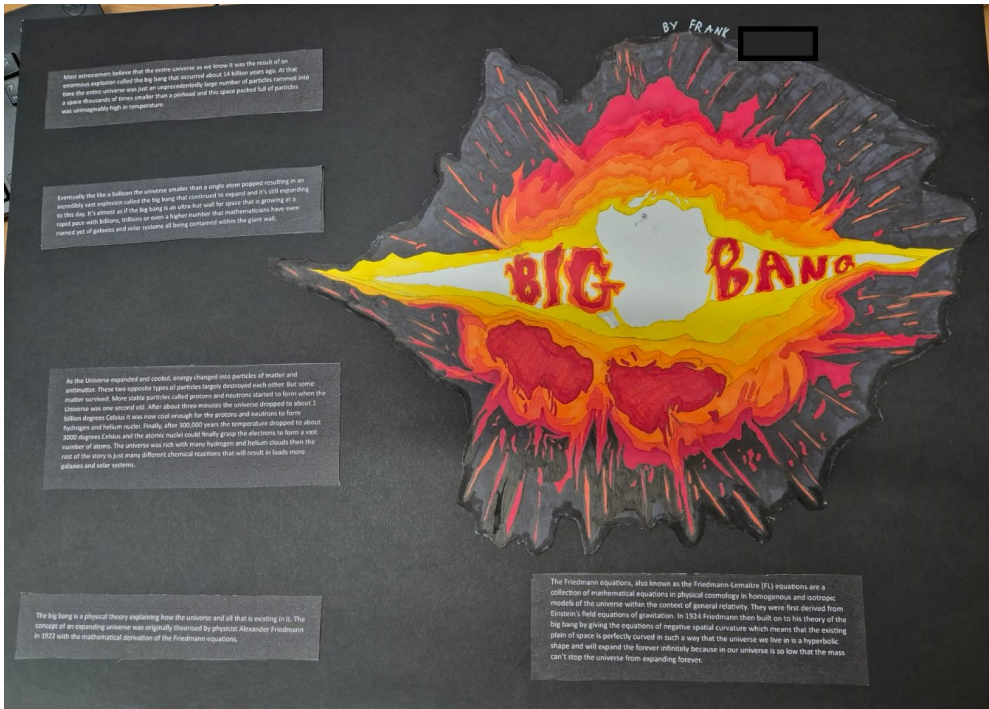


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YEAR 11 Hub
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EXCELLENT EFFORT IN EP



Mr Froome would like to congratulate Frank from 7 York on his EP assessment where he demonstrated his understanding of the big bang through a visually impactful and informative poster.

He said, "the work demonstrates his excellent effort and commitment to producing an outstanding assessment."


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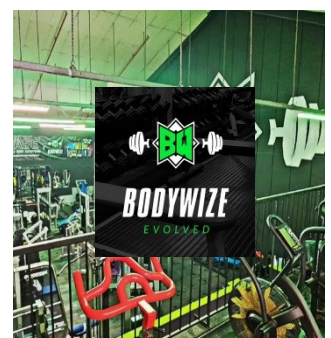
The Future Starts With Us

BODYWIZE GYM LESSONS—REPLY SLIP REMINDER

We recently announced a joint partnership between our PE department and BodyWize Gym in Hinckley. This partnership will see all Year 10 PE core students take part in one gym session per fortnight at BodyWize, where students can work independently on their own physical development with expert professionals on hand to support individual training needs.

We would like to remind Year 10 students that without returning their completed reply forms, they will be unable to participate in these gym sessions and encourage students to return their completed reply slips as soon as possible.

This is an incredible provision that BodyWize have made possible for our community and we would like to thank them for partnering with us to support our young people.



ANTARCTICA FLAGS

Before half term, Year 7 and Year 8 students participated in the Antarctica flags competition run by the Geography department. In form time students learnt about Antarctica Day- the 1st December- and were then tasked with designing flags to send to Antarctica as part of a fieldwork project. Antarctica Day marks the signing of the Antarctic Treaty on December 1st 1959, a document declaring that Antarctica would be off limits to military activity and setting it aside as a place for peace and scientific discoveries. The Antarctic Flags Project pairs schools with scientists and support personnel travelling to Antarctica, who carry copies of flags designed by students to fly on the continent, returning photos and certificates to the schools upon the conclusion of their expeditions.

As a department, we have had some excellent submissions from Year 7 and Year 8. We have selected the designs that best represent the Antarctic Treaty and collated the flags to make two submissions. We expect the flags to be returned to us sometime between December and May. Thank you all for your effort and engagement with this competition. Congratulations to our winners!

Congratulations to our winners!—**Year 8:** Hayley, Alexa, Malise, Anja **Year 7:** Amelia, Angel, Laura, Mei



DOFE BRONZE EXPLORES SWITHLAND WOODS

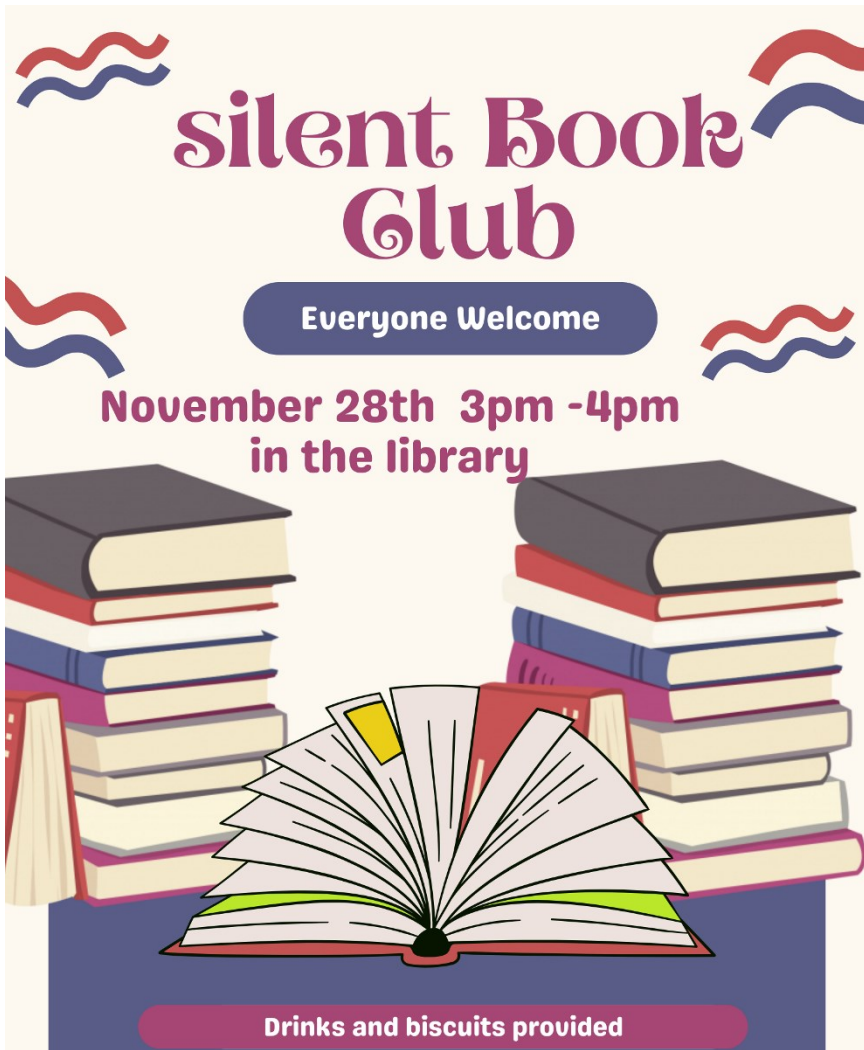
Our Year 10s were out on their Bronze practice expedition over the weekend in Leicestershire. Starting at Beaumanor Hall, the routes took them through Swithland woods and into Bradgate park as well as towards Quorn. They coped well with the endless amounts of mud.

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

Many thanks to the DofE team. Well done to all!

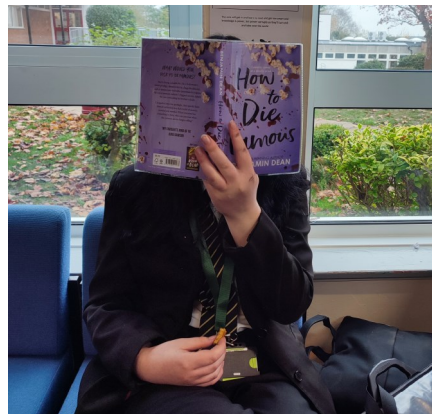


SILENT BOOK CLUB



Ms Crisp is encouraging students to attend our next Silent Book Club after the ongoing popularity of this monthly event.

Books, blankets, biscuits and a chance to switch off and unwind in a new world as you turn the pages of a new and exciting adventure—what's not to love? Join Ms Crisp and our regular Silent Book Club members on November 28th 3pm-4pm.



ODDBALLS ASSEMBLY

A big thank you to Liam from the Oddballs foundation who joined us for our Year 10 assembly this week. The assembly was aimed at raising awareness of testicular cancer, the importance of checking yourself and shared more details about the roles their university ambassadors play in their awareness programme.



Year 10 were a credit to The Hinckley School throughout the talk and showed maturity as they heard about this difficult and often taboo subject, helping to break the stigma and make a difference.

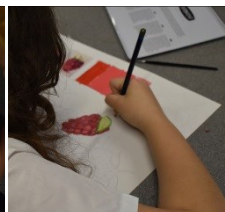


ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

ACRYLIC PAINTING

After learning about colour theory, Year 8 art students started to question whether or not black can be classified as a colour, and if so, whether or not it should be included on the colour wheel. The knowledge of tints (hue + white), tones (hue + grey) and shades (hue + black) was then explored through a series of practical tasks in which students mixed tint and shade bars using acrylic paint, before moving on to applying the theory to berries. Most of the class chose to practice adding tints, tones and shades to the berry using ink/coloured pencils, before moving on to acrylic paint. I'm sure that you will agree, the results are absolutely fantastic, with students recalling their understanding of adding tone to basic shapes from Y7 to support accurate and effective application. A very challenging task and so congratulations to all students in Miss Webster's class. A particular thanks goes to Grayson and Rylie who both came to the front to demonstrate the task to peers using the visualiser!!'



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CALLING ALL ART TEACHERS!

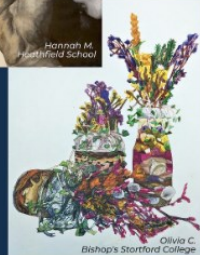


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Our exciting new award
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painting in watercolour and
water-based media

Submit work by your
students aged 11-18

Free to enter



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Prizewinners' work will be
displayed at the 213th Exhibition
of the Royal Institute of
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at the Mall Galleries
in London in Spring 2025

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 £300
with two runners-up prizes of
art materials to the value of £150

The winning school will receive
a materials bursary of £1000

Submission opens: **September 9 2024**
Submission closes: **November 30 2024**

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CONGRATULATING OUR CHARACTER ILLUSTRATION WINNER



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'A Fantastic translation of a photograph into a stylized character illustration. Marker pens can be very difficult to control, and so it is great to see how it has been layered to capture tone and shaping (around the nose especially) indicating 3D form. In was also very impressed by the observation of the background in the photograph and how this has been used to represent the location in the illustration'

Miss Webster, Head of Art

Art, Design & Technology Department

October Art Challenge: Character Illustration Competition

Prize Winner: Frank, Y7



Well done to Frank in Year 7 who is the winner of our October Character Illustration Competition!

Our next competition encourages students to draw with tape to create a truly unique end result, take a look at the brief below to get inspired for your entry!

ANNOUNCING OUR NOVEMBER ART COMPETITION



November Art, Craft and Design Challenge:

Drawing with Tape

Launch: Friday 1st November

Deadline: Friday 29th November

Challenge:

Use the tape of your choice (masking, Sellotape, parcel, electrical, cassette etc) to produce a 'drawing' of a subject of your choice

Top Tips:

- Think about how you can layer/ overlap the tape to capture different tones
- Can the tape be manipulated to depict textural surface qualities?

Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk



EXCEPTIONAL ENRICHMENT - NEW ACTIVITIES ADDED!

We are delighted to share our **updated** Enrichment Calendar for the Autumn Term, now featuring even more opportunities! We encourage all students to get involved in three activities a week either during lunchtime or after school and log all attendance in order for students to work towards their Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond Enrichment Awards!

Enrichment After School

Autumn Term 2024

Monday				
Boys Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	M. Pallett	PE
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	F. Godfrey	PE
Music Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Fine Art Masterclass	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Robot Wars (Oct Half Term Onwards)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	P. Williams	D14
Tuesday				
Rock School	3:00-4:15pm	Invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Girls Rugby – Hinckley Rugby Club	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-13	M. Tallis	PE
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	Cube
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	A9
Wednesday				
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 11-13	F. Godfrey	PE
Boys Rugby	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-13	M. Stocks	PE
Football (GCSE & A Level)	3:15-4:15pm	Years 11-13	A. Barnacle	PE
Girls Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 9&10	C. Gillett	PE
Pond Renovation & Eco study	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	T. Pratt	S2
War Hammer (start TBC)	3:00-4:00pm	Year 9-13 Invite	C. Hoffman	D11
Choir	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Electronics Club (Oct Half Term Onwards)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	P. Harrison	D14
DofE Gold	5:15-7:30pm	Year 12 & 13	A. Fennell	A9
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:15-4:15pm	Year 9&10	C. Froome	PE
Girls Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	C. Gillett	PE
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 9&10	F. Godfrey	PE
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	C. Hoffman	MU1
V&A Innovate Competition	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7	K. Webster	D7
Film Club (Last Thurs of Month)	3:00 onwards	Years 7-9	G. Mathieson	Library
Friday				
Music Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Y11 Food & Nutrition	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	J. Wilson	D20

Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. Challenge yourself to try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions

Enrichment Lunchtime

Monday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Drama Society (Wk1)	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Read and Relax	Lunchtime	Year 7	G. Mathieson	Loughborough
Latin for Beginners	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	H. Foers	H3
Fine Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
F1 Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	I. Wincote	G1
Creative Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Tuesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Fine Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Drama Society (Wk2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Mindfulness Colouring	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	P. Johnson	D10
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Birks	MPR
Cultural Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	J. Payne	D15
Strategy Boardgames	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Wednesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Music Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	D. Riley	MU1
Drama Society (Wk1)	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	K. Cook	Drama
Drama Society (Wk2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Science Buskin (C. Smith)	Lunchtime	Years 9-11	G. Kendall	S11
Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D12
Library Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Thursday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Scrapbooking	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	A. Garcia	L3
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	A. Gadsby	L1
Eco Council (Wk 2)	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	G. Malin	L2
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Friday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Meditation and Mindfulness	Lunchtime	Years 12&13	C. Jenkins	A3
National Cipher Challenge 27 th	Lunchtime	Years 9-13	L. Stone	D14
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 10	K. Webster	D7
Writers Workshop	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Mathieson	A9
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 10	R. Byrne	H9
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library



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