

THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It has been a pleasure to welcome all students back to school this week as they start the next step along their seven year journey. For our new Year 7s this meant their official first day as Bridge students and we have been very impressed with their effort, resilience and kindness. They have settled in well to their new surroundings and are already making friends and growing in confidence. Year 12 is now made up of young people from across the local area, all starting a fresh and looking to build their brighter future here with us. Whether their ambition is to go to university, or secure a place on a competitive degree apprenticeship, we will support their dreams every step of the way and have already spoken to them about how much we are looking forward to celebrating their success on Results Day at the end of Year 13.

Over the summer, the school was a hive of activity with continued site improvement work, Summer School for Year 7 and of course GCSE and A Level Results Days. To see the hard work and determination of our young people be rewarded is truly the highlight of our academic calendar and it was a delight to celebrate with our students and their families. To once again see members of our community achieve the results they need to go on to fulfil their potential is wonderful and truly a privilege for us.

For all our year groups, the start of the academic year brings the opportunity for a fresh start. Much like January, it gives us the chance to make resolutions, start new habits and commit to goals. I encourage all students to reflect on last year and think about how they can get the most out of their time here with us, we want all students to leave us with life long memories as well as exceptional destinations and if there is anything additional we can do to make that a reality, then please do speak to us.

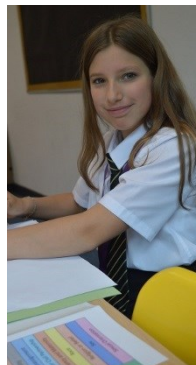
Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

A WARM WELCOME BACK

Our students have made an exceptional start to the next stage of their seven year journey. It has been wonderful to have our community all together again and to see students looking so smart and ready to learn.

Our new Year 7 students have been familiarising themselves with their surroundings in The Bridge, getting to know their new classmates and even strengthening their new sense of community and belonging by creating decorations for their tutor rooms. All KS3 year groups have settled in well to their new routines and we look forward to their first full week back next week.

Year 10 and 11 have enjoyed their welcome assemblies and gone straight back into showing PRIDE in lessons. Ms Hickman spoke to all students upon their return to outline our expectations and the high aspirations we have for them all. The importance of making this academic year count was highlighted to all year groups, but Year 11 in particular, as they prepare for their Summer exam period and we are already looking forward to celebrating with them on results day.



BRIGHT FUTURES CELEBRATED ON GCSE RESULTS DAY

GCSE Results Day 2024 once again saw students from The Hinckley School celebrating success across the board, with Year 11 student destinations including apprenticeships, pathways within the armed forces and sixth form study, with a high percentage of students applying to stay and continue their seven-year journey by studying at The Hinckley Sixth Form. Students secured the outcomes required to build their brighter futures and to follow their dreams of working in industries including Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Engineering and International Law.



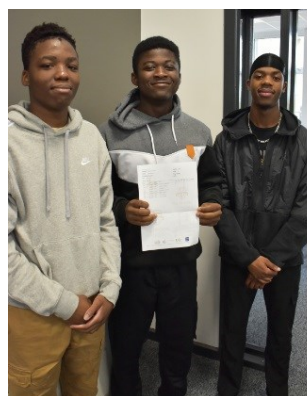
Teigan is just one of the many students celebrating, after being awarded 9 GCSEs - all at grades 9 and 8! This incredible achievement is a testament to her resilience and hard work and Teigan is now looking forward to following her dream of working in international law by studying Spanish, English Literature and Philosophy. Reflecting on her time at The Hinckley School, Teigan shared memories of the additional opportunities she has enjoyed as a community role model alongside her studies, "I have taken advantage of every volunteering opportunity available during my time here, I have read to Year 7 students and even taken part in litter picks. It has been fun being part of the school community. It has been a really good experience."

Another student who is chasing her dream of a career in law is Olivia, who was awarded an outstanding 7 GCSEs at grades 9 and 8. Now enrolled to study English Literature, History, Physics and Art at The Hinckley Sixth Form, Olivia shared how

she has benefitted from the support of the Pastoral Team, especially during Year 11 and, alongside Teigan, is now already looking forward to the Year 11 Reunion Celebration where she will officially receive her exam certificates.

Fellow student Anastasia, who described her time at The Hinckley School as 'fantastic', shared how much she has enjoyed the past five years, "I felt supported throughout by everyone and it has been incredible. I couldn't have wished for a better secondary school experience." Anastasia achieved an impressive 8 GCSEs at grade 9-5 and was over come with emotion when opening her fantastic results surrounded by family, friends and teachers. Anastasia has now enrolled to continue her seven-year journey at The Hinckley Sixth Form as she follows her dream of becoming an author and teaching English Literature at secondary or university level, a passion she says has been further ignited by her own English teachers.

Two students excited to begin a new chapter in the field of engineering are Bismark and Aiden. Bismark has now achieved the grades he needed to start an apprenticeship at MTC, the Manufacturing and Training Centre. He shared how proud he is of his grades and how he now feels confident to start his new challenge. Meanwhile, classmate Aiden is also celebrating after securing the grades required to follow his dream of training to become an RAF Engineer. Having made lots of new friends at The Hinckley School, Aiden is now excited to see what his next challenge will bring.



Faye celebrated with her classmates this morning after achieving an impressive 5 GCSEs at grade 9-8! Friends Isabella and Lilliya's hard work also resulted in them both securing 9 GCSEs at grade 9-5 and enrolling to continue their seven year journey here at The Hinckley Sixth Form, both equally excited for the additional independence that sixth form study brings.

Also looking ahead to new challenges are Vimbi and William, who both celebrated being awarded 9 GCSEs at grade 9-5, including English and Maths. William, a keen guitarist, is now off to college to study Music and dreams of being a professional musician in the future. After meeting some of his fellow band mates at The Hinckley School, he has fond memories of playing fundraising concerts during his time in Year 10. Meanwhile Vimbi, who admitted she found not knowing what was inside her results envelope quite scary, was relieved when she saw her achievements and shared how

she now feels fully prepared and excited to be moving onto sixth form study.

Planning to continue to build their brighter futures at The Hinckley Sixth Form are students Bradley, who is looking forward to exploring new potential career areas, and Madison, who was awarded 5 GCSEs at grade 9-8. Bradley said, "I've really enjoyed my time here, and decided to stay for sixth form as I have really good relationships with teachers." A reason Madison also shared as what fuelled her decision to study A Levels in familiar surroundings, "I really like the teachers and am looking forward to continuing to study some of my favourite subjects I enjoy. I have had a lot of teacher support, especially in Year 11."

Understandably incredibly proud of her students, Ms Hickman said, "We are so proud of our Year 11 students. To once again see our young people achieve the results they need to go on to fulfil their potential is wonderful and truly a privilege for us. 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. The hard work and determination of the Class of 2024 has resulted in exam results they should be very proud of. We have watched them all grow and flourish over the past five years and witnessed them mature 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."



STUDENTS SECURE EXCEPTIONAL DESTINATIONS ON A LEVEL RESULTS DAY

For many students, this marked the end of their unforgettable seven-year journey, as they congratulated each other on securing outstanding destinations. Students this year have secured the grades they needed to study degree courses including International Relations and Law at leading universities across the country, take up roles within industry including in the education sector, and accept places on competitive apprenticeships with companies such as MIRA. Everyone at The Hinckley Sixth Form is incredibly proud of what these inspirational young people have achieved and know that this is just the beginning of the bright future they have begun to build.

One student who has truly embodied the sixth form's PRIDE values is Sofiia, who left Ukraine in 2022 to come to the UK, joining the sixth form in Year 12. Now graduating as part of the Class of 2024 having achieved an astounding four A*'s in Psychology, Sociology, Criminology and Extended Project Qualification, Sofiia can now proudly follow her dreams by studying Politics with International Relations at The University of York. Sofiia has always had an interest in current affairs and international relations, with the conflict in Ukraine and her move to the UK further reinforcing her desire to have her say and to "make an impact on the future by playing a part in helping to develop conversations between countries." Sofiia explained how the sixth form team made her feel supported, settled and at home right from the start, treating her like any other student, but always checking in on her wellbeing. Looking ahead, Sofiia sees her future in the UK and said, "I am very excited for my new chapter and to turn over a new leaf, but I am keen to keep in touch with the team here as I have built really strong and supportive working relationships with them." Sofiia's success is not just inspirational, but a true testament to her resilience, discipline and determination.



Fellow student Olivia also dreams of making a difference by working for the United Nations, in human rights and politics, a dream which is now closer than ever having now achieved the grades required to study Politics, Policy and Economics at her first-choice university. Olivia shared how her grades, which included 1 A* and 2 As exceeded her expectations and how she has mixed emotions about leaving The Hinckley Sixth Form, "I've been here for seven years, so it feels strange now my time here is over. I will miss my teachers as I have got to know them really well. This school has been such a big part of my life, I will miss it." Olivia has been a positive role model for younger students, proudly representing the school as 'Head Student', working alongside staff to shape the sixth form community, run charity events and even create the Class of 2024 Year Book, all as part of the Student Leadership Team. Fondly remembering this role as one of the many highlights during her time at The Hinckley School and Sixth Form, helping her to gain new skills in leadership and teamwork. Joining Olivia at The University of Birmingham is friend Trescha, who worked hard to achieve an impressive 3 As in Physics, Maths and Psychology and is now preparing to study for a degree in Law. Also coming to the end of her seven-year journey, Trescha leaves with unforgettable memories and lifelong friendships. She shared how the continuity she benefitted from between GCSE and A Level made the transition to sixth form easier and she will miss seeing her friends and teachers every day.



Two students who were supported to follow alternative routes as they chased their dreams were Leo and Amber. Following an intensive interview process and psychometric tests, Amber has successfully secured an Apprenticeship with MIRA and is looking forward to starting her career in Automotive Engineering by working in their Prototype Department. Meanwhile, Leo has secured the grades required to apply for an Army Officers Degree at Sandhurst, a dream he has aspired to chase for four years in order to make a difference and travel the world. Leo said, "What stands out about my sixth form experience is the support from teachers, I felt like they really cared about my academic success and mental wellbeing."

After celebrating and supporting students on results day, Director of Sixth Form Vicky Bull said, "Everyone at The Hinckley Sixth Form is incredibly proud of the achievements of the Class of 2024. Our students have once again achieved the grades required to start their next exciting chapters at leading universities, in industry or on competitive apprenticeships, as they continue to build their brighter futures. Many of our students leave us after enjoying an unforgettable seven-year journey, where we have had the privilege of watching them grow and flourish into the inspirational young adults we see today. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and incredible memories and wish them all the very best of luck for the future."

Congratulations Class of 2024!

Read more about our student success stories on our sixth form website: www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk

STUDENTS SETTLE IN AT SUMMER SCHOOL



Over the summer we welcomed new Bridge learners to our annual Summer School programme. This allows students to make new friends, settle into The Bridge 'mini-school', get to know their new teachers and take part in activities that help prepare them for life and learning here at The Hinkley School. This year, students enjoyed making stained glass art, learning about ancient Chinese tangram puzzles, playing strategy board games, creating their very own fossils and completing mathematical mystic rose designs. In addition, we also welcomed external visitors to deliver bespoke workshops where students learnt about STEM by building windmills, and took part in a Macbeth Drama workshop.

Well done to everyone who took part in Summer School, we hope that it has helped you to feel at home right from the start.



Students have joined The Hinckley Sixth Form from across Leicestershire this year and it has been a joy to officially welcome our new vibrant student community this week.

Year 12 students began by meeting their tutor and new classmates, taking part in ice breaker activities and getting to know the people who will be on hand to support their dreams over the next two years. Ms Bull, Director of Sixth Form, spoke to students in her assembly about their place within our community reminding them that they are expected to be 'advocates for their chosen specialisms', 'ready to meet the challenges of further study', 'agents of change' and 'lead with moral purpose, integrity and conviction'. She also asked them to consider the statement 'only you can write your own ending', so that like the class of 2024, they can all look forward to celebrating their A Level results at the end of Year 13.

Our new students have made a fantastic start to their sixth form adventure by showing real commitment to learning, curiosity and community spirit. We hope all our students have enjoyed their first few days in Year 12 and 13!

We are ready to meet the challenge of further study to build our future pathway and are advocates for our chosen specialisms.

We are agents of change primed to contribute positively to the global, national and local community. We lead with moral purpose, integrity and conviction.




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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

HANDS-ON HISTORY

Bridge students started to flex their skills as historians this week. Some classes used their inference skills to try and work out what some early 20th Century and Victorian household objects were.

Their discussions were enthusiastic, curious and perceptive. An excellent start, we are really looking forward to working with them this year.

- Ms Beale, Head of History



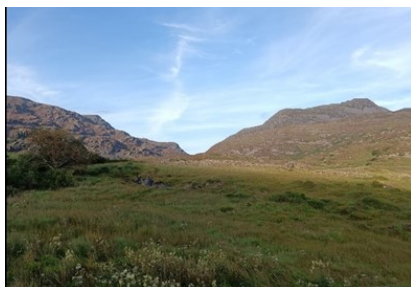
LATEST NEWS FROM OUR DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Congratulations to Harry, who has recently achieved his Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award, he will now be invited to the palace at some point this year.

'Well done on becoming a Gold Award holder Harry, well deserved.'
- A very proud DofE team.

Harry volunteered for 12 months with 1st Britannia Beaver colony, supporting them with weekly meetings, badge work and programme planning, as well as giving back to the community.

For his physical section of the award, he continued to play for his local football team. For the skill section, he developed his musical ability through drumming. The residential section of the award involves a 4 night, 5-day experience, Harry chose to attend an adventure week, taking part in coasteering, climbing, ringo rides, paddle sports, tunnelling, target sports and high ropes. He gained much from new experiences and learning new skills with Cumulus in Swanage. This experience involves meeting the other members in the group for the first time, often stepping out of your comfort zone and working together with people you do not know. For his expedition, Harry was part of 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 with Harry making a valuable contribution to the team. Others in his team recognised someone who stayed 'switched on' throughout this event; he was focussed, well organised and showed concern for his teams' welfare. Congratulations Harry!



Gold Assessed Expedition

Our Gold group ventured to the Snowdonia National park over the Summer holidays. On Friday 9th August they travelled to Wales to take part in what was a 4 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 was taken to their starting village of Gellilydan, from there they walked over the Rhinog mountains, camping at night, motivating themselves to get round their 8 hours of planned route and activity. Day 4 finished at Barmouth beach, where they enjoyed an ice cream. Our final evening was spent having a BBQ and avoiding the rain.

Graham, Expedition Assessor commented the following: '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.

Congratulate to all of our young people on their fantastic achievement and 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.

A big thank you to all our leaders for giving up their time over the 6 day adventure. —A Fennell, Co-Ordinator





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! ”**



Gold (age 16+)

Volunteering

12
months

Physical

12 or 6
months

Skills

12 or 6
months

Expedition

**4 days
3 nights**

Residential

**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

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ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to our new weekly newsletter feature - ADT Spotlight! In this section we will be sharing in-school competitions, national and international opportunities to showcase your talents, information and videos about creative careers and progression route. In addition, we will of course be sharing all the incredible work produced by our talented students in art, design and technology.

September Art, Craft and Design Challenge:

Alphabet Photography

Launch:
2nd September

Deadline:
30th September

Challenge:

If you look closely, you can find shapes that resemble letters of the alphabet in locations, items and objects all around you.

Use the camera on your phone to take photographs of objects that resemble each of the letters of the alphabet

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



Top Tips:

- You might need to zoom in, crop the object or look closely to find some of the letters
- Can you spell out your own name using objects and items linked to your character (interests etc)?
- Can you spell out a word using alphabet photography of subjects linked to the word?

University and Post 18 Courses

Have you ever considered studying BA (Hons) Footwear Design?

Click the video to the right to learn more about the only single honours course in the UK at DMU. It shares information about the course content and career pathways within the footwear industry.



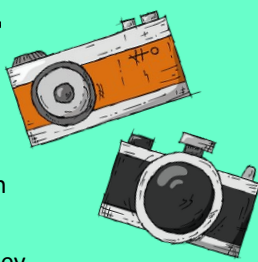
Competition Corner

CLIMATE CHANGE PHOTOGRAPHY

The theme for this Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council competition is the local area and climate change. It is free to enter for all residents of Hinckley and Bosworth, as well as for those who attend school within the borough. The winning photos will be displayed on the council's social media, on their website, and also feature in a future issue of the Borough Bulletin.

The competition will run until Thursday 12 September 2024.

[Click here to get involved!](#)



Job of the Week

FASHION DESIGNER



Click the video above to learn more about a career in fashion design!