



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I would like to thank students, parents and carers for their response to our new attendance initiatives, we have already seen an incredible impact and have visited all year groups to award treats to students who have set an exceptional example by maintaining 100% attendance. We know that there are some occasions where absence is unavoidable and that is why rewarding improved attendance is also a key focus moving forward. It has been wonderful to see the difference increased attendance has already had on the learning outcomes for students this week.

I would like to wish our Rugby Teams the very best of luck for their two fixtures this weekend, as our U12 team face Lutterworth High School and our U13/14 and U15/16 play Warwick. It is wonderful to now have a calendar full of rugby fixtures and to see our teams going from strength to strength.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our external applicants to our first Sixth Form Interview Evening for 2025. This evening will see our team interview Year 11 applicants from our feeder secondaries and I look forward to meeting our future Year 12 cohort in person on the 5th. Our own Year 11 students are still able to apply to join our vibrant Sixth Form community and I encourage them to speak to their subject specialists and sixth form leaders to find out more about the exceptional Level 3 opportunities we offer, so that we can continue to support them through their seven year journey.

Well done to Year 13 for completing their Mock Exams this week, and good luck to Year 11 next week!

Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

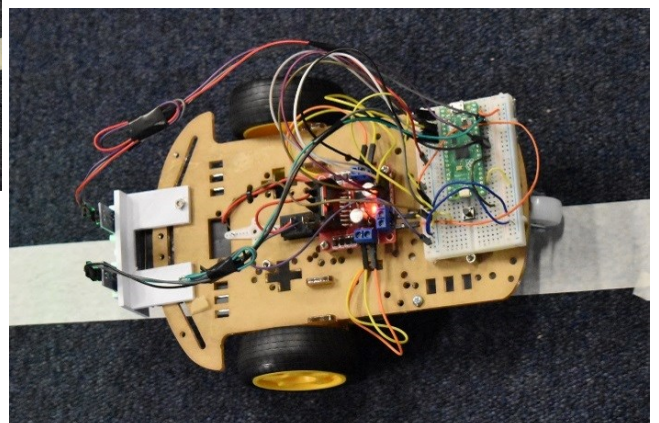
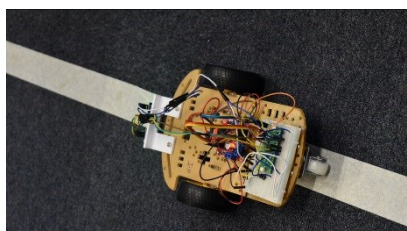
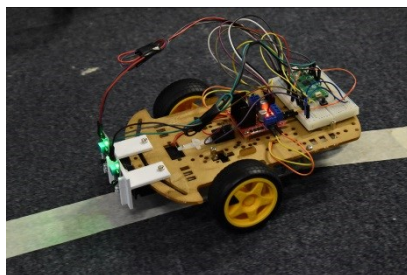
ELECTRONICS CLUB BUILD ROBOT BUGGIES



Our KS3 Electronics Club have been putting their new robot buggies to the test this week during their Wednesday after school enrichment session.

Oakleigh in Year 7 explained their work so far, "We started by building robots which were programmed to move in a square, then we added a one direction sensor, then a turning sensor and now we have added a light sensor which means the robot can follow a circuit." He added, "This club is really fun, you get a deeper understanding of robotics and it has made me consider a career in robotics in the future."

Club Leader, Mr Harrison shared, "The students have been building simple circuits to learn about sensors that can measure distance and detect light. These were connected to microcontrollers and students wrote some simple code to measure the distance and light levels from the sensors. This was then further developed to build robot buggies that can drive around by themselves, avoiding collisions, and finally following a white line on a circuit around the floor. The project will conclude with a time trial to see which robot can complete the circuit the quickest!"



JUDO DUO WIN GOLD



We are delighted to share that Katrina, our resident Judo superstar in Year 9, is now competing internationally alongside her sister and Year 7 student, Kayleigh.

Over the weekend, Kayleigh participated in the British Schools Championships, securing a silver medal for the school, and also claimed gold in the Midlands area.

Katrina, who competes at a national level, was ineligible for the schools event, but competed in the Midlands area, where she also won gold.

Both athletes are achieving remarkable success in their Judo path and we can't wait to continue to celebrate and share their amazing achievements!

Congratulations Kayleigh and Katrina!

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

YEAR 9 Hub

At The Hinckley School

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025

This week, all parents and carers of Year 9 students received an email inviting them to attend our upcoming **KS4 Options Evening on Tuesday 11th February 2025**.

To read and download this letter, please [click here](#).



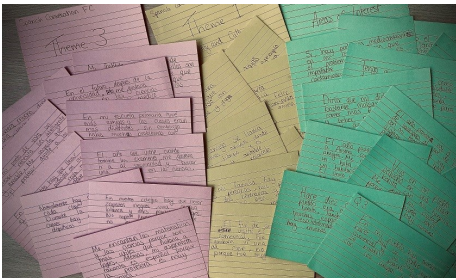
SPRING/SUMMER TERM DATES

<p><u>Spring Term 2025</u></p> <p>SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 6th January 2025 – all year groups</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 11th April 2025</p>	<p>Half Term Break: Monday 17th -Friday 21st February 2025</p>	
<p><u>Summer Term 2025</u></p> <p>SCHOOL OPENS: Monday 28th April 2025 – all year groups</p> <p>SCHOOL CLOSES: Friday 11th July 2025</p>	<p>May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May 2025</p> <p>Half Term Break: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025</p>	<p>(1 disaggregated TTD)</p> <p>June INSET day to be confirmed)</p>

We will be looking to announce our next set of term dates online shortly. In the meantime, we would like to remind parents, carers and students that the last day of the summer term is **Friday 11th July 2025**.

Our full spring/ summer term dates, also available to via on our website, are shown on the table to the left.

SPANISH SPEAKING PRACTICE



"Our Year 11 Spanish students have been working extremely hard on their Speaking Practice. Every student has created a bank of flash cards with Spanish questions and their own answers on the back, and they are memorising these with the help of their families every day. They will be interviewed in their Speaking Exam without any support, which can be quite daunting, but they are absolute superstars!"

- Ms Garcia, Head of Modern Foreign Languages

LUNAR NEW YEAR



We have been marking the Lunar New Year with a themed canteen menu this week. Our kitchen team have even decorated the Main Hall serving area with red decorations and lanterns. We hope students have enjoyed sampling new dishes to welcome the Year of the Snake.



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SIXTH FORM

There is still time to apply to join The Hinckley Sixth Form in 2025!

Visit our sixth form website to explore our wide range of courses (which now includes French!), watch videos of alumni and get a taste of our exceptional student experience.

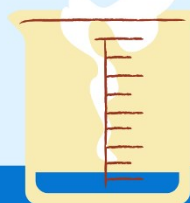
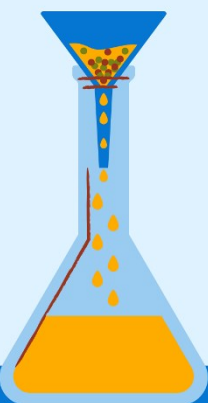
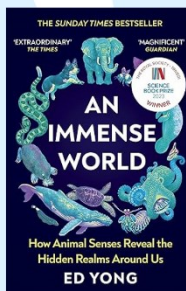
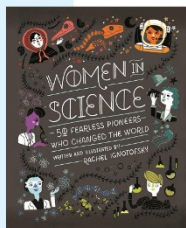
[Click here to find out more.](#)

[Click here to apply.](#)

All things science

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BOOK CHALLENGE

READ ONE OF THESE BOOKS DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, THEN WRITE A REVIEW ON THE SCHOOL LIBRARY PAGE FOR 50 PRIDE POINTS!

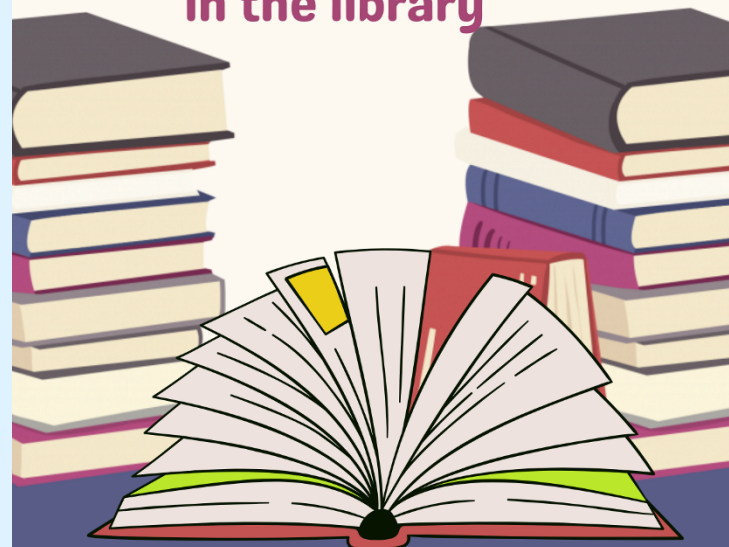


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silent Book Club

Everyone Welcome

January 30th 3pm -4pm
in the library



Drinks and biscuits provided

NEW

Enrichment After School

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Spring Term 2025

Monday				
Mixed Dodgeball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7	M. Pallett	PE
Music Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars	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
Table Top Role Play Games	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	J. Hunter	Library
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	Cube
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	A9
Wednesday				
Girls Basket Ball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-9	F. Godfrey	PE
Boys Rugby (split age groups)	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-13	M. Stocks	PE
Choir	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
War Hammer	3:00-4:00pm	Year 9-13 Invite	C. Hoffman	D11
Electronics Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	P. Harrison	D1
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
KS3 Girls Indoor Futsal	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7, 8 & 9	C. Gillett	PE
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Sixth Form Biologists	3:00-4:00pm	Year 13	T. Pratt	S5
Maths Club	3:00-4:00pm	Year 10	E. Jones	Gateway
Friday				
Music Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1

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



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Enrichment Lunchtime

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Engage with Enrichment

Monday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE
Tuesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Read and Relax	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	G. Mathieson	H2
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Byrne	MPR
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
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
Bridge Drama Society	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Library Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Thursday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Girls Football	Lunchtime	Years 7 & 8	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
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	A. Gadsby	L1
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Friday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
THS Dance Company (Wk 1)	Lunchtime	Years 7 & 8	A. Bennett	Dance Studio
THS Dance Company (Wk 2)	Lunchtime	Years 9,10,11	A. Bennett	Dance Studio
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 10	R. Byrne	H9