

NEWSLETTER

5TH SEPTEMBER 2025



The Hinckley
SCHOOL



It has been fantastic to settle back into our first full week of the Autumn term, and I'm delighted with the energy, and enthusiasm our students have shown. The school has been full of purposeful learning, and our strong sense of community is already evident within our newest year groups, which is wonderful to see.

We are now looking forward to welcoming the parents and carers of our Year 7, 10, and 12 students to our Welcome Events next Tuesday. These evenings are a great opportunity to meet key staff, hear about the year ahead, and find out how we can work together to support your child's success. We hope you will join us in celebrating the start of your child's new adventure.

Our team is also busy planning our upcoming Open Evening on Wednesday 17th September, 5pm-8pm. This event is a showcase of life and learning here at The Hinckley School, and we will be asking many students to proudly represent their year group as Student Ambassadors during the event. I would like to sincerely thank them in advance for their contributions.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kate Grocock | Head of School



SITE INVESTMENTS

Unveiling our latest school improvements.

Over the summer we have once again invested in our surroundings to improve the school environment for students and staff. This included a major investment in the Main Hall, which has been completely repainted, had new curtains - including those for the stage, and had new curtain tracks added to aid future shows and events. A new eye catching artwork now sits proudly on the back wall to inspire students as they leave assemblies and remind them that there is no ceiling to their future plans. Further signage to inspire has been installed in the main courtyard, The Bridge, and the Sixth Form. We can't wait for parents and carers to see our latest improvements, as well as our memorial garden, for the first time. The next phase of improvements will be in the Library, which as well as now having an interactive screen for lessons, will also be having a new welcome sign, and slat wall displays installed soon.

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 9th September

We can't wait to welcome parents and carers to our introduction events on Tuesday. All guests should arrive via the Main Hall Foyer to help themselves to refreshments, before heading to their event locations.

Welcome to The Bridge - The Bridge

Welcome to KS4 - Main Hall

Welcome to Sixth Form - Sixth Form Centre



FINE ARTISTS IMPRESS

GCSE Success

'After achieving an exceptional set of GCSE results this summer, we couldn't wait to share some of our extremely talented Fine Artists' work with you!

Year 11 Fine Art students spent their spring term responding independently to an externally set starting point (theme) from the exam board, producing a body of investigative and preparatory work that supported the completion of their final piece. Our visiting moderator from the exam board commended the students for their inquisitive nature, challenging themselves to explore and experiment with the application of a broad range of materials and techniques inspired by their artist and designer sources. As you can see from the selection included, they all showed courage in making their own choices, with each individual making very different and personalised selections appropriate to their ideas. The moderator was also impressed with the number of students who were able to 'fuse' effective components together within their outcomes, making purposeful links to all references.

Students concluded their project by sitting a 10-hour assessment in which they worked completely unaided to produce their responses - a hard task for all of us to remain silent for such an extended period! The Art Department and invigilators were impressed with their conduct, demonstrating PRIDE throughout the (at times rather stressful) process.

Well done to all of our students - you did a phenomenal job and made Miss Webster one very proud art teacher.

Just a quick note to our GCSE alumni - work will be available for collection from the beginning of October, but please keep checking the website and Facebook page for more details.



HANDS ON WITH HISTORY

Year 7 makes a great start in The Bridge.

7 Manchester started their History journey this week by getting their hands on a range of Victorian and 20th century artefacts.

They tried to guess what they were, with some success. It certainly made me feel old when they couldn't identify a floppy disk! What was very impressive about the group was their enthusiasm and creativity. Some of their guesses were wide of the mark, but they showed great imagination and inference skills.

I am really looking forward to teaching them this year after such an engaging and impressive start.

Well done, Year 7! - Ms Beale, Teacher of History & Head of Classics

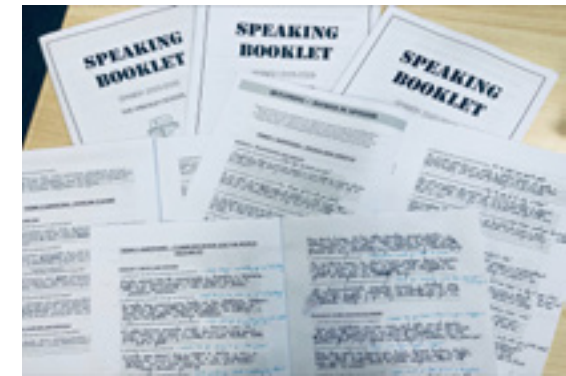




EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT

Students show PRIDE in home study.

This week I've welcomed back our Year 11 Spanish cohort and they have brought back their summer homework. I'm really proud of the hard work they've clearly put into their Speaking booklets, which will serve them well to prepare for their GCSE exams. - Ms Garcia, Head of MFL



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FLU VACCINATIONS

A message from student wellbeing.

Flu Vaccines for Year 7-11 will take place on Tuesday 11th November.

To find out more about the vaccinations, please click the link below:

[Adolescent vaccination programme: briefing for secondary schools 2025 to 2026 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

START YOUR ADVENTURE!

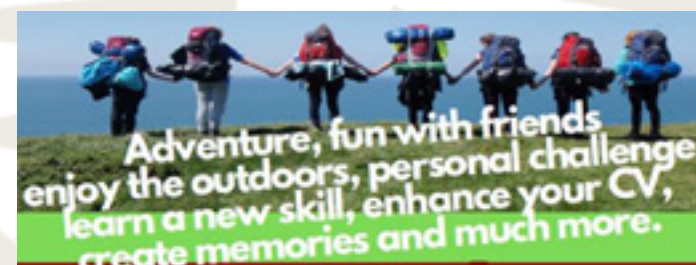
Are you ready?

DofE is a fantastic opportunity, it encourages our young people to develop skills and interests and to meet a range of new people. Most importantly, we know from experience that the young people who take part enjoy every second of it.

Why not join us this year? Our training sessions start this week!

Year 10: Bronze- Tuesday 9th September. 5.30pm-7pm
Year 11: Silver- Tuesday 9th September. 5.15pm-7.30pm
Year 12/13: Gold- Wednesday 10th September, 5.15pm-7.30pm

Congratulations to Emily and Jack who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's awards over the Summer!



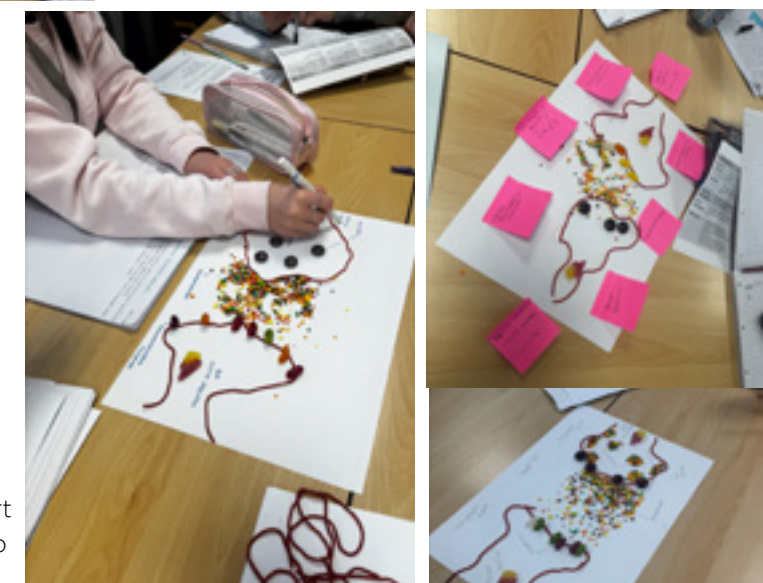
Congratulations from everyone here at The Hinckley School! - A Fennell, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator



BIOPSYCHOLOGY

Exploring neurons and the nervous system.

Year 13 has started looking at the biopsychology topic and has had an amazingly enthusiastic start. They've tackled some tricky concepts already, including the specific structures and functions of neurons, as well as the divisions and responsibilities of different parts of the nervous system. This week, they put their learning into practice, explaining the process of synaptic transmission using sweets! They carefully crafted and annotated their 3D diagrams (before too many 'receptors' and 'neurotransmitters' went missing) and it was a great effort from everyone. I can't wait to see what else they come up with throughout the topic! - Ms Blackshaw



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Join The Hinckley School Eco Club

Every Thursday | 3PM - 4PM | Open to everyone | D14

- Improve the school environment and raise environmental awareness.
- Help us work towards the Eco Schools Award.
- Participate in the National Education Nature Park project mapping habitats and recording wildlife.
- Code and build weather stations and monitor climate change.
- Explore 'green' careers through the Green Schools Project.
- Get hands-on with gardening, habitat building, and recycling.
- Learn data analysis, teamwork, and professional writing skills.

BE PART OF THE CHANGE | MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Building Brighter Futures

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Here you will find weekly insights in our creative curriculum, competitions, careers and more. We hope you enjoy exploring our student work and getting involved in new opportunities!

CRAZY CREATURES

During the six week break, we were excited to welcome our new Year 7 students to our annual Summer School event. As part of this two day event, students were able to visit the Art Department and access the clay and ceramics facilities. After learning about the advantages and disadvantages of clay, students used this understanding to develop 'Crazy Creature' models constructed from basic thumb pots. Day two saw students focus on how 'character' could be added to their designs through additional features, expression and body language. All of the students involved demonstrated PRIDE throughout, even helping Miss Webster clear up at the end of the event.



September Creative Challenge: 'Celebration & Greetings Cards'



Launch: Monday 1st September

Mrs Grocock's Challenge:

Deadline: Monday 6th October

Use the materials and techniques of your choice (including digital) to produce a piece of art/ design/ craftwork that can be added to the front of a celebration or greetings card. This will then be added to a card template (by Miss Webster) and printed so that it can be given to your teachers and staff at The Hinckley School to celebrate their birthday or other special occasions

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

Top Tips:

- Birthday? Anniversary? Good Luck? New Home? New Job? Well Done/ Congratulations? Christmas?
- Think about the imagery that is quite commonly composed onto celebration and greetings cards
 - Consider the font/ typography added to the card
 - Will you use quotes/ phrases/ messages?
- Make sure you provide a copy of your artists signature as this will be added to the card!

CAREERS CORNER

Considered a career as a **Make Up Artist?**

[Click here to watch](#) a video about careers within this creative industry.

More insights into a Foundation Degree in this field can be found by clicking the video link below.



COMPETITION CORNER

Derwent, the internationally renowned fine art brand, are proud to announce that the eighth instalment of the [Derwent Art Prize](#) is now open for entries! Dedicated to championing art made in pencil and supporting artists in their careers, the Derwent Art Prize presents an international exhibition in the beating heart of the Southbank at OXO Gallery and awards prizes to winning artists worth £13,500.