



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2025



**Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),**

The main public exam window is now in full force, with students sitting their GCSE, BTEC, AS and A Level examinations. I would like to congratulate our community on their conduct, maturity and focus this week as they sat exams in subjects such as Biology, Drama, English Literature, Sociology, Geography, Engineering, RE, Physics, Business and many more.

Next week, examinations continue, as well as our focused revision timetable, masterclass programme and wellbeing support. We understand this is a challenging time for our young people as they make the most of the time they have left before each exam and use all the revision tools we have worked so hard with them on. This focus on knowledge retrieval and hard work needs to also go hand in hand with rest and relaxation and we encourage students to aim to strike a balance between the two, by taking time to

enjoy their hobbies, get fresh air and see friends and family. If we can do anything else to offer additional support please let us know.

We know that they will all do their very best and can't wait to celebrate with them and their families on results day.

- Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

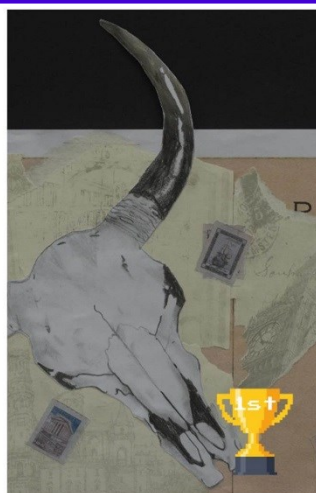
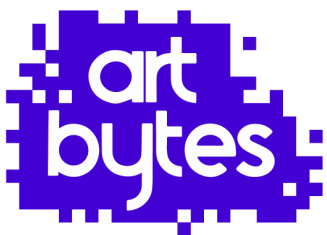
## ANNOUNCING OUR ART BYTES WINNER

Congratulations to all of our shortlisted Year 9 Artists in the 2025 'ArtBytes' competition. We are now pleased to announce that public votes have been counted and Dominic has been selected as the 2025 winner at The Hinckley School. Dominic will receive a place in the virtual gallery exhibition, as well as going forward for regional and possibly national award consideration by the esteemed judging panel of Artists and Educators.

Dominic's Art Teacher, Miss Webster, commented on the extreme levels of perseverance Dominic demonstrated during the completion of his art portfolio during his rotation. It was clear that he strived to utilise feedback to constantly progress in his skills and material application, with a positive attitude to all tasks and activities, regardless of their level of challenge and risk.

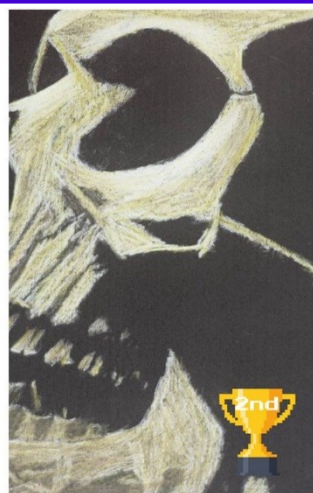
It has to be said, the shortlisted entries this year were particularly strong, making it very difficult for our community to vote for only one entry. Well done to all of our Artists who were involved in the competition- you should all be extremely proud of your efforts and outcomes. [The Hinckley School | Schools | Art Bytes](#)

The top three placed artworks have been marked with a 1st, 2nd or 3rd trophy below, so that we can celebrate the incredible work of our Artists together. We are awaiting final confirmation of the Celebration Event during which regional and national winners will be announced. Miss Webster and Mr Tallis look forward to acknowledging this years success with our entrants!



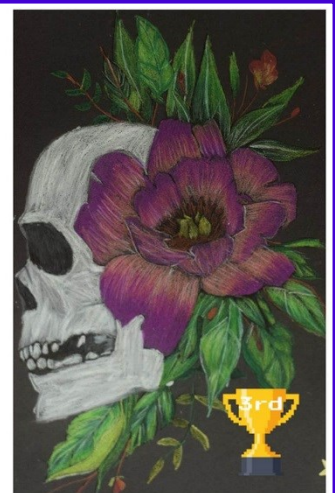
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Dominic C



Skull 2

Reuben B



Skull & Flowers

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## CHOOSING OXFORD

This week, saw a dozen of our Year 12 students attend a conference in Leicester on why they should consider applying to the University of Oxford.

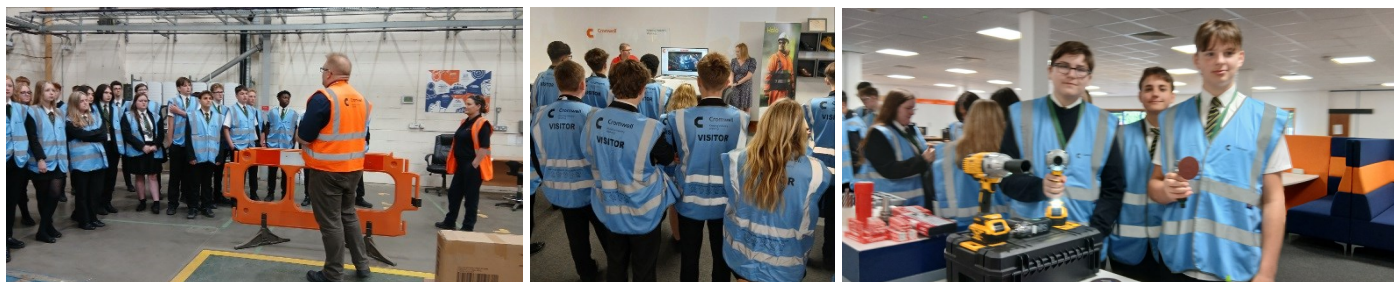
The conference was organised by the University's outreach team. This is part of their drive to attract students who may not previously have considered it as an option. On our part, it was a follow up to the visit we made to Oxford last year with Year 10 students. Both are elements in the school's continuing programme to raise academic achievement and aspiration.

On arrival we were greeted by University staff and student ambassadors. It was especially useful for our students to be able to talk to current undergraduates about why and how they should apply. There were a variety of presentations and activities including guidance on courses, applications and admissions, an oracy and critical thinking workshop and insights into life at Oxford, funding and support. We finished with a lunch which gave us another opportunity to talk to staff and undergraduates about next steps. All the students were a credit to the school, engaged and displayed exemplary conduct. However, a special mention needs to go to Jonny who volunteered to join the panel of university student ambassadors at the question-and-answer plenary. His responses were confident and thoughtful.

We will be using the advice given in weekly meetings to assist students with personal statements, applications and mock interviews.



## EXPLORING INDUSTRY AT CROMWELL TOOLS



As part of the amazing careers offer in Year 10, we have been working with local companies on a program called "Unbox Your Future". Unbox Your Future is an innovative workplace experience spread over multiple weeks. This year, Year 10 students are working with staff from Cromwell Tools, a large, international company based in Wigston, Leicester. The project was launched in assembly on 1st May followed by sixty students visiting the Cromwell Headquarters last week.

**"It was an interesting experience as it enlightened me on the careers on the industry and makes me aspire to work harder and achieve my dreams." Ryan**

**"Very interesting learning about everyone's unique jobs and the companies they help." Deacon**

Students will now work in small teams to prepare a presentation where they have been asked to create a career map for roles within the company in either Marketing or Supply Chain. The teams will be presenting their ideas to Cromwell and THS staff in Café 6 in our 6th form centre on 3rd June.





## STUDENT SECURES SILVER AT INTERNATIONAL JUDO COMPETITION



Katrina in Year 9 recently travelled to Poland to compete in the international Judo competition. She competed in both the Under 16 and Under 18 categories at her weight.

We are delighted to share that she achieved an impressive silver medal at international level in the Under 18s. In the Under 16s, it was a tougher day, which saw her finishing in 7th place. Her first match was against the eventual group winner, and her second bout was with the athlete who took silver, making it a very challenging draw.

She fought hard across both days—Saturday and Sunday—giving it everything in what were two extremely tough days of competition.

Well done Katrina on yet another impressive result, we are incredibly proud of your achievements and the resilience and determination you display as you follow your passion. Celebrating our student's successes in and out of the classroom and within the wider community gives us great pride and we can't wait to share what Katrina achieves next.

## ADA KICKS OFF 2025 RACE SEASON

We enjoy regularly sharing updates about our resident racing car driver and Year 8 student, Ada, and we were delighted to receive an update on how her 2025 racing season has gone so far.

Ada has adapted to a new car really well and her family have shared how proud they are of how she has managed this big step. 2025 sees Ada moving into a new era of racing as she has moved up to a much quicker and faster Junior Dragster. Ada has moved to the Junior Modified Advanced class in Junior Dragster where she races MSUK National Championship.

She finished the 2024 season in a very respectable 10th place, which met the team target of top 10! Ada's focus this season is to learn the new driving skills and race craft driving a much quicker race car requires. Ada's perseverance was great during the first two events of the season. She has adapted well to the additional power of the engine where she covers the 1/8th mile in 7.9 seconds at 85 mph. This is almost 3 seconds quicker and 20 mph faster than her old car. However, Ada is facing any challenges head on, after struggling to get the launch right with a string of false starts during qualifying due to the faster reaction of the engine. Ada has worked hard with her team to understand the car more and make changes resulting in winning a couple of rounds and starting to build some championship points.

Ada currently sits 15th in the championship which she and the team are very happy with considering having to learn a new car. We can't wait to receive and share more updates on her successes as the season progresses, we are extremely proud of Ada's work to represent women and diversity in motorsport and The Hinckley School during the 2025 National Championship.

***Share your superstar student stories with us! Email your photos and details to your year team, so we can celebrate our student's passions, successes and PRIDE as a community in our newsletter.***



# HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH

## WELLBEING EVENT



**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
WEEK**  
12-18 MAY 2025

Discover what's in  
your community and  
find local groups!

Connect with  
essential mental  
health services

**Friday 16 May 2025**  
**1pm - 3pm**  
**The Britannia Centre**  
**(next to Peacocks)**

**FREE**

# COME AND SAY HELLO!



**Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council**



**SUPPORT  
FOR CARERS  
LEICESTERSHIRE**



#StompRoundLeicester

# 'the' **TUSK** force needs you!

**We're looking for some ele-fantastic volunteers to join the herd.**

If you're looking for an innovative and exciting volunteering opportunity this summer, then why not get involved in the **Stomp Round Leicester** art trail?

By joining the Tusk Force you will also be supporting **LOROS Hospice** in raising vital funds this summer.



**Find out more** about  
volunteering opportunities  
and register your interest.  
[stomproundleicester.co.uk/volunteering](http://stomproundleicester.co.uk/volunteering)

**LOROS**

Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

Registered Charity No: 506120





## REMINDER - IMMUNISATIONS

Human papillomavirus (HPV) and measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccinations for young people (starting from school year 8) will be administered in school on Friday, 16 May 2025 by the NHS Team.

[Health for Teens](#) can answer any questions you have on the HPV vaccine and also any questions about any immunisations in secondary school [Immunisations in Secondary School: just the facts](#)

Visit: [www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk](http://www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk) to fill in the online consent decision forms. Our school code is LE141682. If you need help or have questions you can contact the service using the contact details below.

**Bridge Park Plaza | Bridge Park Road | Thurmaston | Leicester | LE4 8PQ Tel: 0300 3000 007**

**E-mail: [lpt.sais@nhs.net](mailto:lpt.sais@nhs.net) | Website: [www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/schoolagedimms](http://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/schoolagedimms)**



## REMINDER – HAVE YOUR SAY!

Our local Careers Hub are working with schools and colleges in Leicester and Leicestershire to understand your experience of your young person's careers education programme. We would be really grateful if you could fill out the survey by following the link below. This survey asks some questions about you, your careers knowledge, and own experiences.

[The Hinckley School and Sixth Form - Parent Survey - 2025](#)



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[app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk](http://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk)

The results of this survey will help us to ensure you have access to the required information at the best time to support your young person to make their next, best step.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
**Mrs Stone and Mrs Thompson—Careers Team**

Have you got  
**Questions**  
about Teacher  
Training?



- How do I apply?
- Where are the training schools?

- What training routes are available to me?
  - Who will be delivering the training?
- Can I train part time?

Join Aidan for an online Q & A on  
Tuesday evening, 3rd June 2025.

- Book via the link for a slot between 5-6.30pm:  
<https://bit.ly/QandA25>

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help you find the  
**Answers!**

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 **Learn in Style**  
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