

CLAY TILES AND MOTIFS

Taking inspiration from Japanese culture.

This week, our Year 9 Design Group have been working with Clay to create unique design tiles inspired by Japanese culture.

As part of our research, we explored elements of the Shinto religion, focusing particularly on two powerful deities:. Amaterasu, the goddess of the sun, representing light, warmth, and life; and Susanoo, the god of storms, symbolising power, chaos, and nature's strength.

Using these inspirations, students developed motifs that combine traditional Japanese symbolism with their own creative ideas. Studentshave shown amazing creativity, independence, and skill - we can't wait to see their final pieces.







SCHOOL



This week's newsletter shines a light on our exceptional creative curriculum. As well as our weekly creative competition and careers sections, this week we wanted to share insights into the variety of lessons students have enjoyed in our art and design department this week. From clay creations,

and resin pouring, to pencil sketching and still life, our talented young people have thoroughly impressed, and I hope you enjoy seeing their work.

Our rugby team did us proud in our first National Cup fixture in ten years this week, as they took on Loughborough Grammar in a tough and closely fought match. I would like to thank not only them for their show of talent and determination, but also to our community, which came out in strength to support our young players. It really is heart-warming to see rugby return to the heart of The Hinckley School and to see the passion, values, and sense of community that comes with having such a well-loved rugby programme come alive once again.

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

CONSIDERATE PARKING

Help us keep our community safe.

As members of a school community nestled within a beautiful neighbourhood in the centre of Hinckley, it is important that we do all we can to keep the disruption to local residents to a minimum. We kindly ask that families take care when driving through our surrounding roads and act with courtesy to not block driveways or access routes when parking. We understand that our driveway gets incredibly busy during drop-off and pick-up, so we request that parents and carers park further away from our entrance where possible to ensure the safety of all road users, pedestrians, and residents.









RESIN APPLICATION

GCSE students create resin samples

After investigating resin application, our Year 11 Art, Craft and Design students have been exploring and experimenting with application techniques such as silicone mould casting of epoxy, UV dip resin, and 'water droplet' techniques to produce pieces that can be incorporated into their art-based drawings and paintings

Many have decided to develop this into jewellery making and construction, which will be 'worn' by their illustrated characters in relief outcomes. We look forward to continuing to share this development process with you, and to showing how they creatively fuse with other alternative art based materials and processes.

NATIONAL HYGIENE WEEK

This year we will be supporting **National Hygiene**

Week - a chance to support our families and the wider community with access to essentials such as toiletries and cleaning products for the home. Every month, the Hygiene Bank supplies a car full of donations to members of our local community, and this is our chance to give something back.

Hygiene poverty isn't just about cleanliness - it blocks opportunities and impacts the mental health of people every day. With your support, the Lutterworth Hygiene Bank can continue to provide shampoo, laundry detergent, or toothpaste to someone who is struggling with hygiene poverty in the Leicester area.

If you can help us to support this initiative, then please donate using the information on the poster below.



6TH-12TH OCTOBER 2025

SAVE THE DATE..

... and change lives!

Your donation is more than just a bar of soap or a bottle of shampoo; it is dignity and confidence to those of us in our community who need it most.

How You Can Help:

Donate Today

Scan the QR code below to donate whatever you can!



LUTTER WORTH:



Support Us With a Bring a Bottle Event

At your next gathering—be it at work, a village event, or with triends—encourage everyone to bring a bottle of shampoo, body wash or anything hygiene relatedt.

Then, drop off your donations at any of our donation points!

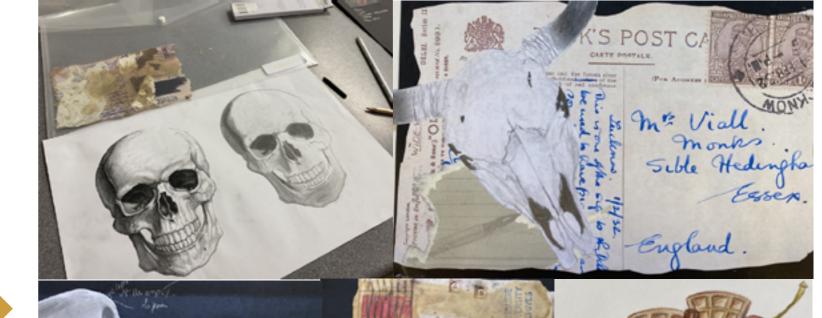
Our Hygiene Product Donation Points

Montsons, Hinckley & Rugby Building Society, Life Church St Mary's Church, Kilwoth Springs Golf Club

PGBY: Bools and Tesco of Junction 1, Asido NCKLEY AREA: Tesco, Asido, Bools in Hinckley, Living

HINCKLEY AREA: Tesco, Asdo, Boots in Hinckley, Uving Rock Church in Stoney Stonfor LBCSSTER: Boots in Fosse Park, Thurmaston, Codby & Wigston, Sainsbury's Fasse Park, Asdo Thurmaston, Tesco Syston





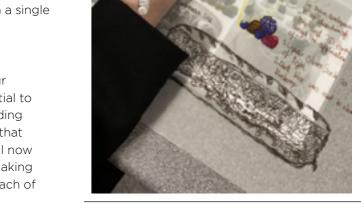
CELEBRATING OUR KS3 ARTISTS

Year 9 Fine Art - Skull Drawings

After analysing the work of historical paintings from the Vanitas period, our talented Year 9 students have been producing observational tonal studies of skulls using shading pencils and charcoal before layering them onto a postcard - inspired background. Students have carefully considered how their selections could begin to convey a story or information about the person being depicted. For their first ever skull recordings, there are some fantastic outcomes, with students now enquiring about how we can communicate further information about the subject matter in a single image.

Year 8 Fine Art - Food Studies

After being introduced to greyscale tonal techniques in Year 7, our current Year 8 cohort have been challenged to explore the potential to capture tone and form when using only line. We have been recording 'Fast Food' under timed conditions using a variety of techniques that include: continuous line, thick and thin, and dark and feint. We will now continue to develop this through our McDonald's observations, making purposeful selections to represent both the tone and texture of each of the components, and we can't wait to share these with you.



CREATIVE CURRICULUM

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



Competition - food waste collection trucks

COMPETITION CORNER

The new food waste collection service, funded by the government, starts in spring 2026. This is part of the government's waste reforms: capturing food waste and recycling it, reduces carbon emissions from waste disposal, and creates biogas that is renewable and reduces our dependence on fossil fuels. For fun, we are running a competition to name our new food waste trucks. We need nine food waste trucks, so we need nine names in total.

Enter the competition

September Creative Challenge:

'Celebration & Greetings Cards'









Launch: Monday 1st September

Deadline: Monday 6th Octobe

Mrs Groocock's Challenge:

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. his 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

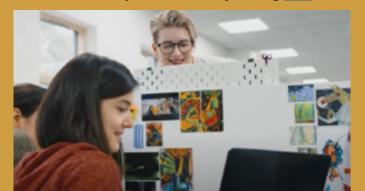
- Birthday? Anniversary? Good Luck? New Home? New Job? Well Done/ Congratulations?
- Think about the imagery that is quite commonly composed onto celebration and greetings

 - 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 an Illustrator?

Click here to watch a video about careers within this creative industry. Want to find out more? More insights into studying a BA (Hons) Illustration at Falmouth University can be found by clicking here



UK Grand Sumo Poster Design Competition



COMPETITION CORNER

Sumo is returning to the UK for the first time since 1991. To celebrate this grand occasion, we are inviting children and young people across the UK to design a poster to promote the Grand Sumo Tournament at the Royal Albert Hall this October for a chance of winning one of our goodie bags of prizes! To enter you need to design a poster to celebrate the return of the Grand Sumo Tournament to the UK! We are looking for bold, eye-catching designs that highlight both the event itself and the friendship between Japan and the UK. To find out more visit: https://www.japansociety org.uk/sumo-design-competition



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 17th September 5:00pm-8:00pm

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES









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Wednesday 12th November 5:00pm-8:00pm

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