



# NEWSLETTER

12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

## 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. Students have shown amazing creativity, independence, and skill - we can't wait to see their final pieces.



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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 Grocock | Head of School







# 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!

Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council

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 October

Mrs Grocock'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. 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](mailto:kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)

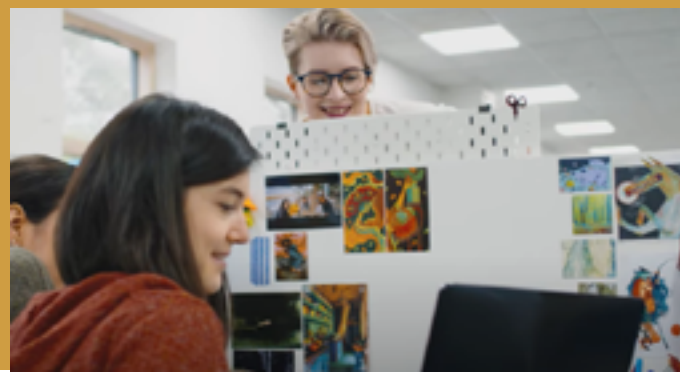
Top Tips:

- 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 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

Design a poster to celebrate the return of sumo to the UK for the first time since 1991!



## 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>



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# OPEN EVENING

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

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES



The Hinckley  
SIXTH FORM

# OPEN EVENING

and Year 11 Careers Fair

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

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