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# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It is hard to believe that we have now reached our last few days before the October half term break. This half term has passed by so fast and our students have made the most of every opportunity. Our enrichment calendar has once again proved immensely popular and it has been wonderful to see students trying new activities for the first time, our rugby programme also continues to gather momentum with fantastic support from the local community. Mock exams have of course been one of the main focuses this half term and as we approach the end of this window I would like to sincerely congratulate our Year 11 students on their conduct and effort. We have organised a small surprise for them all to enjoy tomorrow, as a token of our pride. Our new students in Year 7 and 12 have settled in well to their new surrounding and it now feels like they have always been with us, it has been a delight to see them make such strong progress and build new friendships.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. For our rugby players, Mr Stocks and Mr Elvidge are running two fitness sessions next week which I encourage you to come along and take part in, this is a great opportunity for our teams to continue the immense progress they have made and return well prepared for their next fixtures. In addition, many of our Geographers will be travelling to Iceland on Monday to explore this breath-taking landscape and I would like to wish them all safe travels. Everyone here at The Hinckley School can't wait to hear all about your adventures!

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 28th October and to speaking with parents and carers during our upcoming Year 8 and 13 online parents' evening during our first week back.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher



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## RUGBY FITNESS SESSIONS 22<sup>nd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October

We are pleased to announce our rugby fitness sessions during the October half term. These sessions are open to all students from The Hinckley School in Years 7-13, regardless of gender, and will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October. The sessions are completely free of charge.

- **Date:** Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th October
- **Time:** 9:00am - 11:30am
- **Location:** Rugby pitch at The Hinckley School
- **Cost:** Free
- **Requirements:** Students must bring their own snack, drinks, a gum shield and boots

If your child is interested in participating, please email Mr. Stocks or Mr. Elvidge.  
[MStocks@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:MStocks@thehinckleyschool.co.uk) / [JElvidge@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:JElvidge@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing our young athletes in action!



# FIRE SERVICE DEMONSTRATION HIGHLIGHTS ROAD SAFETY



On Wednesday, our sixth form students took part in a safety event filled with stalls, demonstrations and talks.

This important annual event supports our students to keep themselves and others safe as they reach key milestones, such as passing their driving test and turning 18. Students listened to a powerful talk about driver and passenger safety and visited fair stalls where they learnt about the impact of alcohol on reaction times, tried out mock 'beer-goggles' and created mocktails, as well as discussing personal safety, consent and fire safety. Students really engaged with our visitors from Leicestershire Police Service, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council and approached the sometimes hard-hitting topics with real maturity.



In the last session of the day, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service staged a demonstration to show how they would rescue a casualty following a road traffic collision. This powerful demonstration really brought into focus the messaging throughout the event and highlighted once again to our students the importance of making safe, well-considered choices.

Thank you to all agencies and services who joined us.



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# OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 6th November 2024

5pm-8pm

Learn more about our wide range of A-Level and BTEC Level 3 courses, meet our subject specialists and explore our bespoke Sixth Form Centre.

Your Brighter Future Starts Here

## TOURS SLOTS AVAILABLE NOW

As well as attending our Open Evening, why not book a tour to see our Sixth Form in action? Call 01455 632183 to book.



## DOFE STRIKES GOLD AGAIN!

Congratulations to Bob in Year 13 on achieving his full Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award this week. Bob joins his 5 siblings who have all completed their Gold DoFE award through the school.

- Bob volunteered for 12 months at a local primary school with year 3 and 4. He helped to coach the afterschool football team, gaining experience with working with children and giving back to the community.
- For the physical section of the award, Bob continued to improve his fitness through trampolining, taking part with sessions at the local club.
- Bob continued to improve his drumming ability for his skill section.
- Bob chose to spend his 4 night, 5-day experience away from home on Lady Hilda narrowboat on the Kennet and Avon Canal. This involved learning new skills, meeting new people for the first time and working with others. During the week, Bob became a competent helmsman and took on the role of skipper on the last day. He learnt to tie boating knots and work with rope, how to work the locks and swing bridges, duties of the bow person, clear communication with other crew members including hand signals, coiling and throwing a rope and steering the boat. He also completed the NCBA Boat Handling Course.
- The final section of the award is the expedition. Bob was in a team of 6 who took on Snowdonia for their walking adventure, they set themselves a challenging route which tested their physical and mental stamina. They coped with and overcame all the challenges to complete a very successful expedition. Bob made a valuable contribution to the team. Others in his team described him as a good navigator and a disciplined walker. They recognised and gained benefit from his leadership skills, seeing him as a role model and 'glue' that held the team together.

Well done and congratulations Bob on becoming a Gold Award Holder, I'll look forward to hearing all about your trip to the Palace.—A Fennell



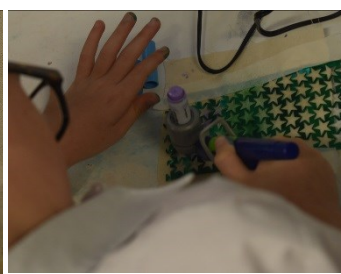
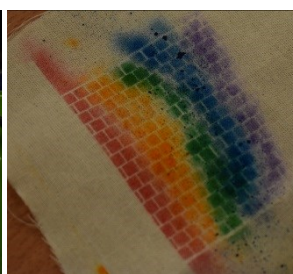
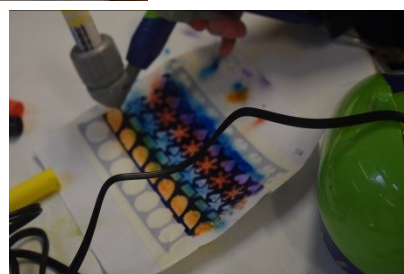
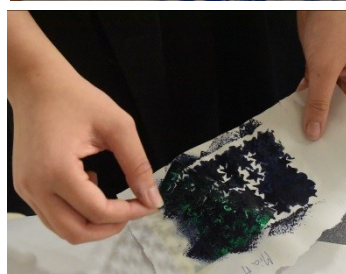
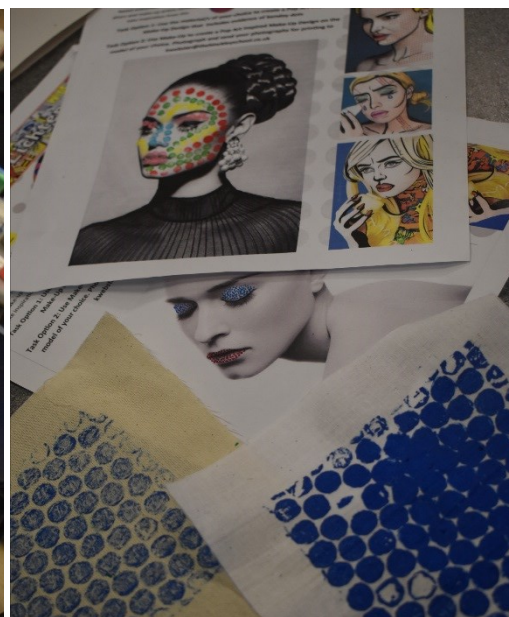


# ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

## BENDAY DOTS

After investigating the work of Pop Artists, and comparing and contrasting the portraits of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein, Miss Webster's Year 8 Textiles students have begun experimenting with creative ways of replicating Ben-Day dots. Methods include; hat transfer printing, sequin waste, bubble wrap and cotton buds. Towards the end of the week, they will develop this further; producing off-set and overlaid dots to question whether or not it is possible to create the illusion of alternative colours. Once they have summarised their conclusions, the most effective techniques, processes and colour schemes will be applied to an image. Great work Year 8!





## October Art, Craft and Design Challenge:

# Character Illustration



Launch: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Deadline: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October

### Challenge:

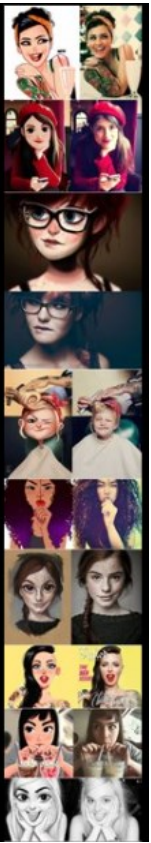
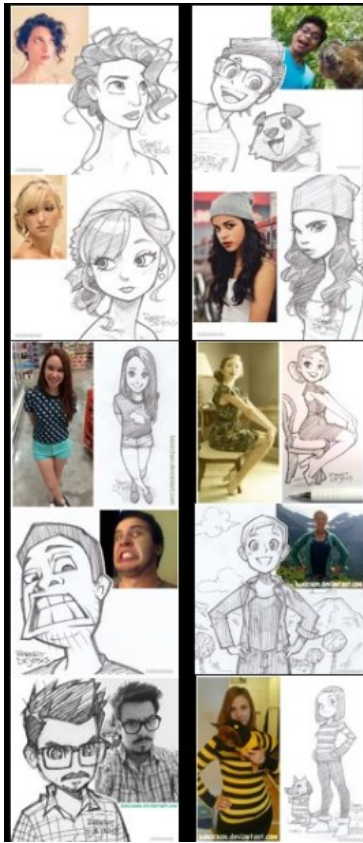
Use the materials and techniques of your choice (hand drawn or digital) to produce an A4 character illustration that is inspired by you. We should be able to see a visual resemblance to you as well as reference to your character and personality.

This could be a portrait or full figure dependent upon your levels of confidence

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:

- Work from a photograph
- Use the proportions of the human figure to construct your figure
- Use the proportions of the face to add the facial features (you must include; eyes, nose, mouth and eye brows)
  - 'Twist' the rules of proportion to exaggerate and emphasise certain distinctive features
  - Think about the facial expressions to show emotion
  - Select colour palettes appropriately to show and emphasise emotion
- Think about using body language to show emotion and/ or link to an action/ activity taking place
- Use props and other items and objects to communicate information about hobbies/ interests/ likes/ dislikes
- Include a background to help aid the telling of the 'story' and information about the character



## Calling Future Textile Designers

Click the video on the right to find out more about the creative opportunities within this career!



## £400 worth of prizes up for grabs!

ootiBOO! is a monstrous creative craft project for all ages. The project launched on Monday September 16th and the deadline for entries is Friday November 1st.

Draw, make, paint, sculpt, carve or bake a monster and share to have a chance of winning a prize!

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## REPRESENTING A PASSION WITH PRIDE



We love to hear more about what our students take part in outside of school. From junior dragster superstars to judo shining lights, our students are incredible young people and learning about their passions is an important part of understanding their character, interests and aspirations.

We were therefore delighted to receive an email from the family of Year 7 student Avery who, is the poster boy for Sparta International Hockey Tournaments!

Featuring on the poster for the tournament in Igualada last year, Avery has now also featured on the new poster for Fuengirola International Junior Tournament. To not only take part in a sport you love, but to be chosen as a visual representation of performance, commitment and character within your field is an honour and we are very proud to say that you are a member of our Bridge community.

We encourage parents and carers to continue to share student stories with our Pastoral and Tutor teams, so we can celebrate the success of our young people in all aspects of their life, as well as learning.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP! RUGBY SPONSORSHIP & DONATIONS

Rugby at The Hinckley School is more than just a sport—it's an avenue for personal growth, leadership, and community building. Through our program, we aim to instil values such as teamwork, resilience, and respect in our students, while giving them the chance to engage with other schools and communities. To make this vision a reality, we are seeking local businesses and community members who share our passion for nurturing the next generation and are willing to support our efforts through sponsorship or kit donations.

**Sponsorship** - If you are interested in exploring sponsorship opportunities, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us by emailing:


[mstocks@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:mstocks@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)

**Donations** - Even donating a single item of kit or equipment will make a difference to our students. Donations can be dropped off at our Main Reception during normal school hours, or for larger donations, please email: [mstocks@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:mstocks@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)

Parent and carers of current students can also contribute a monetary donation via Parent Pay should they wish to.

**Please click on the full letter from Mr Stocks on the right to find out more.**





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Dear Local Business Owners,

We are excited to announce the revival of rugby at The Hinckley School, and with it, a unique opportunity for your business to partner with us in building a strong, inclusive community for our students. As we embark on this exciting new chapter, we invite you to be a part of our journey by sponsoring our rugby program and helping us create something truly special.

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Why Sponsor The Hinckley School Rugby?

Sponsoring our rugby program is a brilliant way to promote your business while giving back to the community. With students from Years 7 to 13 participating in the program, your brand will have visibility across a wide and diverse audience, including parents, local schools, and other communities that we interact with during our fixtures and events. Your business will benefit from:

**Brand Exposure:** Your logo featured on team kits, training equipment, and promotional materials, all of which will be visible during matches, training sessions, and school events.

**Community Engagement:** Aligning your business with a respected local institution and contributing to a positive initiative that strengthens the community.

**Direct Marketing:** Opportunities to promote your services or products at fundraising events, tournaments, and other school functions, providing direct access to families, students, and staff.

**Positive Association:** Partnering with The Hinckley School's rugby program will show that your business supports local youth development, education, and sports—values that resonate strongly within our community.

**Our Sponsorship Needs**

While we have plans for several fundraising events throughout the year, we rely on the generosity of sponsors to provide new kits, training equipment, and unforgettable experiences for our players, such as team tours and workshops. Your sponsorship would directly contribute to these efforts, helping us build a rugby legacy that both the students and the wider community can be proud of.





Whether you can sponsor a single kit, provide equipment, or support our events, your contribution will make a significant impact on the lives of our students and the strength of our rugby program.

If you are interested in exploring sponsorship opportunities, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We would be delighted to discuss how we can promote your business while ensuring the continued success and growth of rugby at The Hinckley School.

Thank you for considering this exciting opportunity to support both your local community and the next generation of athletes.

Kind regards,

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## LIBRARY MONITOR BREAKFAST

Ms Crisp held a breakfast for our new Library helpers this week, where students enjoyed hot chocolate and pastries.

Students submitted an application to apply to become Library Helpers and have had meetings with Ms Crisp about the role and the duties it includes. This is a great way for students to grow in confidence take on additional responsibility and to contribute positively to this welcoming and inclusive space.

The students will now be on a programme where they can work their way to become 'expert' then 'prefect' library helpers, taking part in regular training sessions along the way and enjoying a once a term 'team breakfast' to thank them for their hard work.



# EXCEPTIONAL ENRICHMENT - NEW ACTIVITIES ADDED!

We are delighted to share our **updated** Enrichment Calendar for the Autumn Term, now featuring even more opportunities! We encourage all students to get involved in three activities a week either during lunchtime or after school and log all attendance in order for students to work towards their Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond Enrichment Awards!

## Enrichment After School

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday				
Boys Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	M. Pallett	PE
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	F. Godfrey	PE
Music Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Fine Art Masterclass	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Robot Wars (Oct Half Term Onwards)	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
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	Cube
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	A9
Wednesday				
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 11-13	F. Godfrey	PE
Boys Rugby	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-13	M. Stocks	PE
Football (GCSE & A Level)	3:15-4:15pm	Years 11-13	A. Barnacle	PE
Girls Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 9&10	C. Gillett	PE
Pond Renovation & Eco study	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	T. Pratt	S2
War Hammer (start TBC)	3:00-4:00pm	Year 9-13 Invite	C. Hoffman	D11
Choir	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Electronics Club (Oct Half Term Onwards)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	P. Harrison	D14
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
Girls Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	C. Gillett	PE
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 9&10	F. Godfrey	PE
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	C. Hoffman	MU1
V&A Innovate Competition	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7	K. Webster	D7
Film Club (Last Thurs of Month)	3:00 onwards	Years 7-9	G. Mathieson	Library
Friday				
Music Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Y11 Food & Nutrition	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	J. Wilson	D20

## 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



# Enrichment Lunchtime

Monday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Drama Society (Wk1)	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Read and Relax	Lunchtime	Year 7	G. Mathieson	Loughborough
Latin for Beginners	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	H. Foers	H3
Fine Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
F1 Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	I. Wincote	G1
Creative Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Tuesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Fine Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Drama Society (Wk2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Mindfulness Colouring	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	P. Johnson	D10
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Birks	MPR
Cultural Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	J. Payne	D15
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
Drama Society (Wk1)	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	K. Cook	Drama
Drama Society (Wk2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Science Buskin (C. Smith)	Lunchtime	Years 9-11	G. Kendall	S11
Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D12
Library Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Thursday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10 & 11	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
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	A. Gadsby	L1
Eco Council (Wk 2)	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	G. Malin	L2
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Friday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Meditation and Mindfulness	Lunchtime	Years 12&13	C. Jenkins	A3
National Cipher Challenge 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Years 9-13	L. Stone	D14
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 10	K. Webster	D7
Writers Workshop	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Mathieson	A9
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 10	R. Byrne	H9
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library



# **The Hinckley school Dance Company**

**Starting after October  
half term !**

**Year 7/8**

**Friday lunch- Week 1**

**Year 9/10/11**

**Friday lunch- Week 2**

**Are you a dancer ,  
or interested in  
dance ?**



**Become part of the team !**

**Year 12/13  
Volunteers  
welcome !**