



The Hinckley
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NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Students have made a great start back following the half-term break and it has been wonderful to see them settle back into life and learning here at The Hinckley School so smoothly. I would like to say thank you to parents and carers for their support in ensuring our high standards have been maintained in regards to uniform and equipment. Coming to school well prepared and ready to learn is the best possible catalyst to success and it is thanks to this partnership with families that we see students shine.

This week, our A Level students returned from the Media LIVE! Trip to Disneyland Paris and it has been a joy to hear about their action packed four days networking with industry professionals and of course exploring the park itself! I'm sure the group will remember this trip for a lifetime and it may even shape their future careers.

This week, we will be advertising for the position of Head of School and I felt it was important to share some context behind this with our community. I would like to reassure families that I will continue to lead The Hinckley School to ensure consistency and a continued focus on high standards and exceptional experiences. This new senior leadership role will further support this vital work, allowing us to ensure smoother and faster decision making for the benefit of our staff, students and families and at the very heart of it—to ensure we can deliver the best educational experience possible for every member of our community. I look forward to sharing more details of this exciting addition to the team in due course.

Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

MEDIA LIVE! AT DISNEYLAND PARIS

Our A Level Media students have just returned from a fantastic four days at Disneyland Paris, where they attended the annual Media LIVE! conference. Media LIVE! is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about the many different paths a career in media could take, from Journalism to Film and from TV to New Media, this event aims to inspire the next generation of media creatives and allows them to see work from specialists in their field.

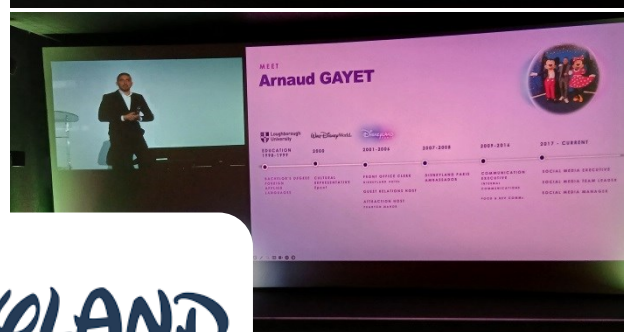
Mrs Sargent and Miss Owen said, "The conference gave the students an insight into the different careers in the media industry, as well as getting a behind the scenes look at Disney's marketing strategies. They also had a unique opportunity to network with the speakers, with some of our students showing great initiative and confidence by reaching out and meeting creator and podcast co-host of 'Happy Hour', Stevie White. The group had a lot of fun and were a credit to the school." *(article continues overleaf)*



Speakers at the conference included journalist and documentary maker, Jenny Kleeman and Arnaud Gayet, who shared his impressive career journey from studying Foreign Applied Language at Loughborough University, to becoming the Social Media Executive for Disneyland Paris.

Upon their return, Eva in Year 13 shared, "The Media LIVE! conference was extremely captivating, with all 3 guests bringing unique and intriguing stories regarding their careers in Media. Disneyland was also fun and Miss Owen and Mrs Sargent made sure we were safe and enjoying ourselves."

We are delighted that students enjoyed this action packed four day event and have returned inspired to pursue their dream career in the Media industry!



KATRINA SECURES SILVER MEDAL AT THE MATSUMAE CUP



We would like to congratulate Katrina in Year 9 for her amazing performance at the Matsumae Cup Judo Tournament in Denmark.

Katrina competed against opponents from all over the world and yet again performed to an incredibly high standard.

Her family have proudly shared with us how, 'She dominated every match but narrowly missed out on the top spot in the final after moving up to a higher weight category.'

This resulted in Katrina finishing in 2nd place at this international competition, which is an incredible achievement, especially after stepping up to a higher weight division.

Congratulations on achieving a silver medal Katrina and for your continual dedication and resilience. We can't wait to see and share what you achieve next!

GENEROUS GESTURE IN AID OF LITTLE PRINCESSES TRUST

Lydia in Year 7 has donated an incredible 10 inches of her hair to the Little Princesses Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer.

We would like to say well done to Lydia for this generous and selfless act. Her donation will make a real difference to another child and she has shown real thoughtfulness and empathy.



TINS FOR TRAINERS FOODBANK COLLECTION

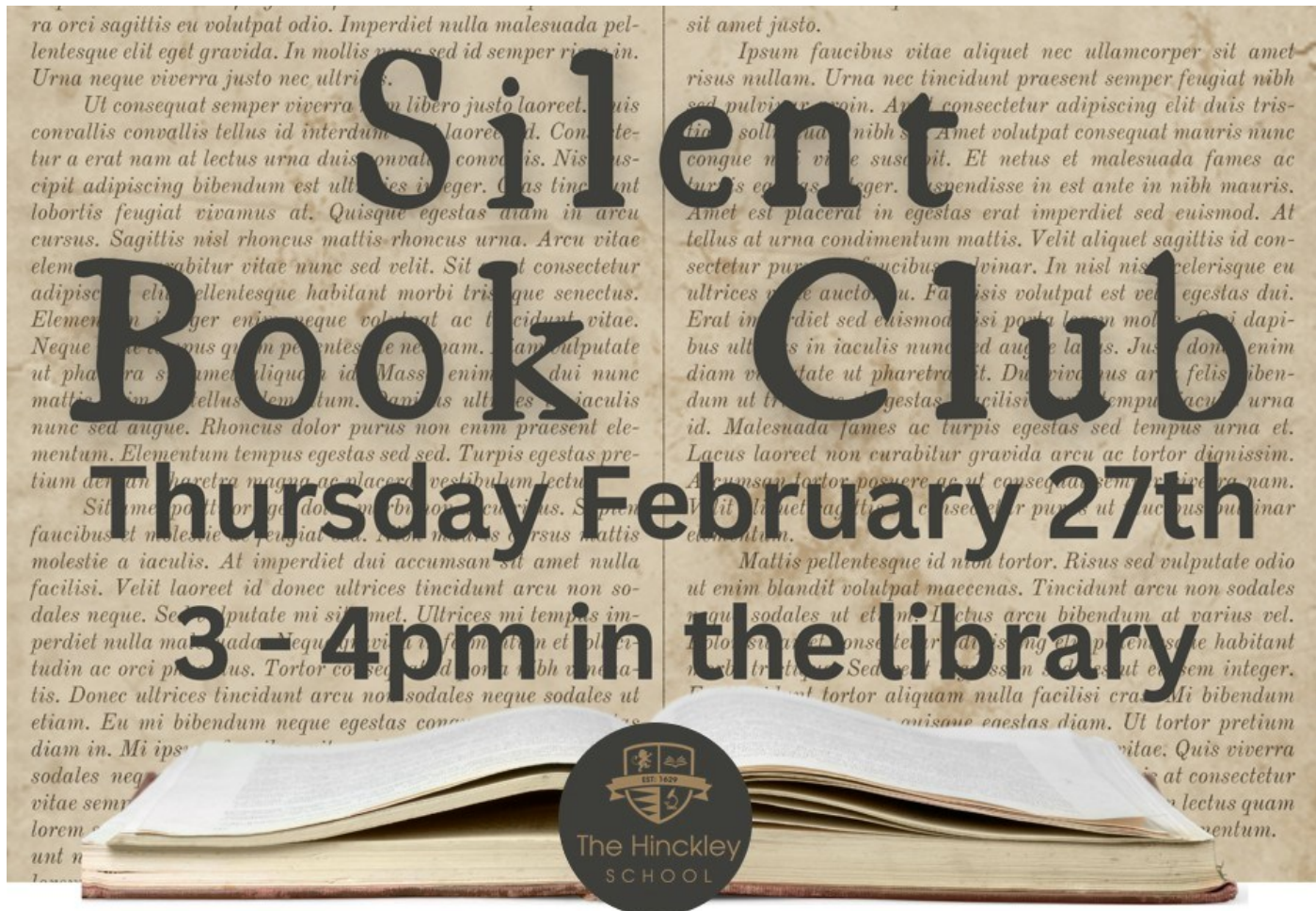


We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated as part of our Tins for Trainers event before the half term break. We have once again been amazed by the generosity of our community and earlier on today welcomed a member of the team from Hinckley Area Foodbank to collect our overflowing donation boxes.

The team shared their heartfelt thanks as students helped transfer over 20 boxes and bags of donations into crates, which it is estimated held around a 1/4 of a tonne of donations! We know these donations will make such a difference to families throughout our local area.

Thank you to the foodbank team for their tireless work to support our community, we look forward to supporting this community cause again in the future.





Come and enjoy an hour of reading in companionable silence with beanbags and blankets, hot chocolate and biscuits

REMINDER - OPTIONS DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

A reminder that next Monday, **3rd March 2025**, is the deadline for submitting your Options Choices Form online. Our Year 9 community were emailed the link to the online Microsoft form following their Options Evening event.

If you require a paper form please speak to your year team:
year9hub@thehinckleyschool.co.uk








If you would like to read more about our KS4 courses and the options process, please click the link image to the left to explore our KS4 Options Guide.

YEAR 9 Hub
At The Hinckley School

INSPIRE DAY-HAVE YOU CHOSEN YOUR TRIP?

On the last day of term, we shared a letter regarding 'Inspire Day' with our Year 7 -10 community. On Thursday 26th June 2025, students will be able to enjoy participating in an exceptional experience from a menu of end of year activities, which was created following recent student voice. To download our Inspire Day letter and related consent form, please [click here](#).

Students in all year groups can pick from the following menu of experiences. Allocation to each trip is first come, first served:

Drayton Manor Cost: £36.50	<p>Explore over 50 exciting rides and attractions at Drayton Manor Resort. With exciting new lands to discover, including a 15-acre zoo, there's fun for everyone!</p>	
Alton Towers Cost: £36.50	<p>With over 40 rides and attractions, if you're after pure adrenalin pumping experiences, there are rides for you!</p>	
Cadbury World £31.50	<p>The Cadbury factory is located in the historic village of Bournville, where they first started making chocolate over 100 years ago. In August 1990, Cadbury World opened its doors and now welcomes over 600,000 visitors each year. The attraction gives guests the chance to step into the amazing world of Cadbury, with a self-guided tour that explores an assortment of chocolatey zones, showcasing the history, making and magic of Cadbury.</p>	
Water World Cost: £38.00	<p>The UK's No.1 tropical indoor aqua park is located at the Waterworld Leisure Resort, in the heart of the Midlands, Stoke-on-Trent! Open all year round, Waterworld Aqua Park is an epic adventure for the whole family to enjoy, with over 30 different rides and attractions including Thunderbolt, the UK's first trap door drop waterslide!</p>	
Trentham Monkey World Cost: £27.50	<p>Trentham Monkey Forest is a 60-acre woodland of which 140 free-roaming Barbary macaques call home. It is the largest primate enclosure in the UK. The woodland focuses solely on the conservation of this endangered primate. Each visit contributes to their conservation and protection.</p> <p>Visitors can walk amongst the monkeys and also observe their fascinating natural behaviours from up close! This is the only place in the UK you can do this! Making it one of the most unique days out in the country.</p>	 
Burbage Common Cost: No Fee	<p>Burbage Common is Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's largest countryside site and is located on the edge of Hinckley, within easy reach from both East and West Midlands.</p> <p>Burbage Common features walking routes, picnic spaces and play areas.</p>	

To secure a place for your child on their chosen trip, please complete and return the permission slip attached to our letter, stating clearly which trip your child has chosen and make the deposit payment for the corresponding trip via Parent Pay no later than **Monday 10th March 2025**.

**Don't forget to make your Inspire Day choice by
Monday 10th March 2025!**

Spaces on each trip are first come first served, so don't miss out!

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Enrichment Lunchtime

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Engage with Enrichment

Monday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE
Tuesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Read and Relax	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	G. Mathieson	H2
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Byrne	MPR
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
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
Bridge Drama Society	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Library Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Thursday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Girls Football	Lunchtime	Years 7 & 8	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
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	A. Gadsby	L1
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Friday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
THS Dance Company (Wk 1)	Lunchtime	Years 7 & 8	A. Bennett	Dance Studio
THS Dance Company (Wk 2)	Lunchtime	Years 9,10,11	A. Bennett	Dance Studio
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 10	R. Byrne	H9

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Enrichment After School

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Spring Term 2025

Monday				
Mixed Dodgeball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7	M. Pallett	PE
Music Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars	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
Table Top Role Play Games	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	J. Hunter	Library
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	Cube
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	A9
Wednesday				
Girls Basket Ball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-9	F. Godfrey	PE
Boys Rugby (split age groups)	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-13	M. Stocks	PE
Choir	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
War Hammer	3:00-4:00pm	Year 9-13 Invite	C. Hoffman	D11
Electronics Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	P. Harrison	D1
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
KS3 Girls Indoor Futsal	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7, 8 & 9	C. Gillett	PE
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Sixth Form Biologists	3:00-4:00pm	Year 13	T. Pratt	S5
Maths Club	3:00-4:00pm	Year 10	E. Jones	Gateway
Friday				
Music Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1

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



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