



The Hinckley
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NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter
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THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Alongside the normal routines of our curriculum and enrichment opportunities, it is important not to forget our Year 13 students who sat exams in Health and Social Care and Music this week. I would like to thank the students involved for their hard work and wish everyone with upcoming examinations outside of the main Summer window the very best of luck. Our role is to prepare students for the opportunities and challenges not only in school, but those that await them outside our gates and as they build their brighter future. With this in mind we continue to support Year 11 and 13 students with their revision strategies to ensure they feel supported, empowered and ready to succeed as mock exams approach at the end of January. We thoroughly thank families for their support to ensure the strategies we teach students become routine at home, as it is this wrap around support which proves to have a real impact year after year.

Last week, over 30 students from Year 9-13 travelled to London's glittering West End to take part in a Performing Arts residential. Not only do the photos and the smiles on our students faces show what a wonderful time they had, but it has been touching to receive such heartfelt and complimentary feedback from parents and carers upon their return. We are delighted that students found this unforgettable experience so inspiring.

Finally, I would like to personally invite all members of our community, past and present, to attend the John Wilkinson Memorial Cup on Saturday 18th January, 11am KO. I know many of you reading this will have fond memories of John and of his time teaching here at The Hinckley School and from the heart-warming stories many have shared with me, I know that he had an incredible and long lasting impact on our community. The event will be held at Hinckley Rugby Football Club and will celebrate John's life, values and community spirit.

Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

JOHN WILKINSON MEMORIAL CUP

We are delighted to announce that on Saturday 18th January, the first ever John Wilkinson Memorial Cup will be held at Hinckley Rugby Football Club. Kick off will take place at 11am and everyone is welcome.

This memorial rugby fixture will honour the lasting impact of John Wilkinson, a beloved former teacher here at The Hinckley School. The fixture will be a celebration of John's life and values, reflecting his commitment to teamwork, resilience, and community spirit. It's also a wonderful opportunity for our school and wider community to come together in John's memory and to fundraise for Pancreatic Cancer UK. [Donations can also be made online by clicking here.](#)

The location of this fixture is a testament to the strong bond our school has with Hinckley Rugby Football Club and the strength of our continued partnership within the community. We would like to thank everyone at Hinckley Rugby Football Club for their continued support.

A memorial event in aid of:



JOHN WILKINSON MEMORIAL CUP



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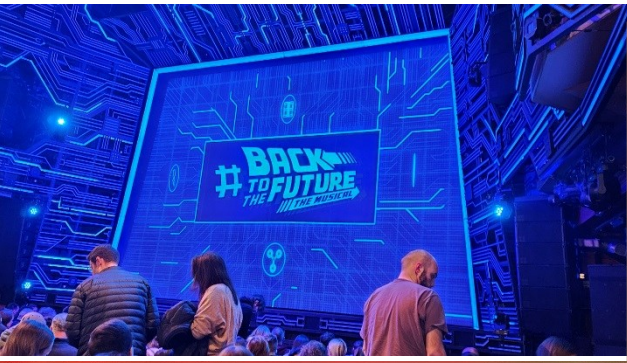
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HINCKLEY RUGBY
CLUB U15

Saturday 18th January | 11:00 AM KO

Hinckley Rugby Club:
Leicester Road, Hinckley, LE10 3DR

STUDENTS INSPIRED BY LONDON'S GLITTERING WEST END



Last week, Performing Arts students in Year 9-13 enjoyed an exhilarating residential trip to London's glittering West End. First up was an evening performance of *Back to the Future* at the Adelphi Theatre which left students amazed by its technical sophistication, intricate sound and spectacular lighting. The questions around how they got the car to lift up and into the audience evoked much discussion about staging and the technical aspects of the show during the walk back to the hotel. The group were also eager to attend the Stage Door and meet Biff, Marty and the Doc from the performance, excitedly collecting autographs and selfies with the stars of the show. The group also visited 'The Hard Rock Café' in Piccadilly Circus for its pre-theatre supper and a tour around the famous memorabilia of stars in pop and rock proved a further highlight of the first evening.

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, it was a brisk and frosty walk to the famous Pineapple Studios for an ensemble workshop led by a member of the cast of *Hamilton* who the students would see later that afternoon in the show. Students recreated a number from the show using physical theatre and dance and had a chance to explore the magic of 'Hamilton' in performance as well as soaking up the electric atmosphere

“My son absolutely loved it and is so excited about the shows and wants to go and see more. He has come home completely buzzing.”

- Parent/Carer Feedback



in the studios flanked with professional dancers and performers.

Unexpectedly, students and staff had another surprise, as Charlotte Tilbury, make-up artist to the stars, was opening her flagship store in Covent Garden. This proved to be a real highlight of their free time and Isla, a make-up 'designer' for GCSE Drama, was delighted as she was 'meeting' her heroine and got to enjoy freebies, a parade and music.

Finally, a spectacular matinee performance of 'Hamilton' at the Victoria Palace theatre wowed the students as they saw the most incredible choreography, physical theatre and vocals. This will now be the material for the Live Theatre Reviews that GCSE and A Level Drama students have to write for their exam.

The coach was a hive of chatter, appreciation and discussion on the weary, but happy, journey home. Student eagerly described the trip as 'unbelievable' and 'unforgettable'.

“ ‘My daughter had an absolutely fantastic time and I have to say I am very jealous! Both shows sound amazing and the performance of Hamilton is still moving her to tears tonight! Thank you to you and all the staff for giving up their precious time to provide our children with these wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. It is very much appreciated!’

- Parent/Carer Feedback

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When the students returned the reviews were in and some of the messages parents and carers took the time to send into school were truly touching, as they shared the incredible experience their children had enjoyed and thanked staff for their commitment.

The trip was a huge success and the students did themselves and the school proud with their impeccable behaviour, engagement and maturity in and around London and in the theatres.

- Mrs Cook, Head of Drama





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Summer Coursework Collection

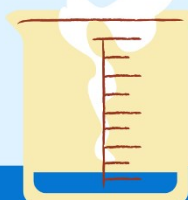
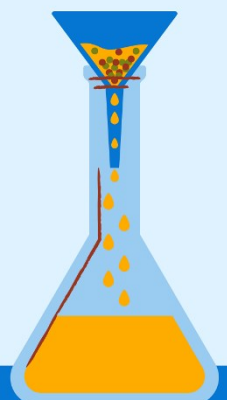
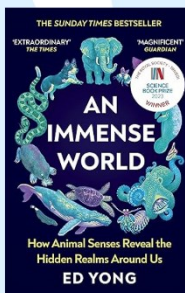
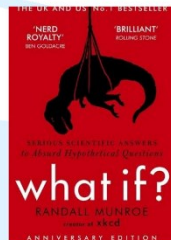
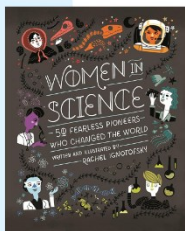
Students who certified in Summer 2024 can now collect their GCSE/A-Level Art/Photography coursework.

To collect, please contact Miss Webster (24-48 hours' notice is required) Please collect from reception between 8am-4pm Mon-Thursday and 8am-3:30pm Friday.

Collection required by the end of this half term.

All things science **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BOOK CHALLENGE**

READ ONE OF THESE BOOKS DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, THEN WRITE A REVIEW ON THE SCHOOL LIBRARY PAGE FOR 50 PRIDE POINTS!

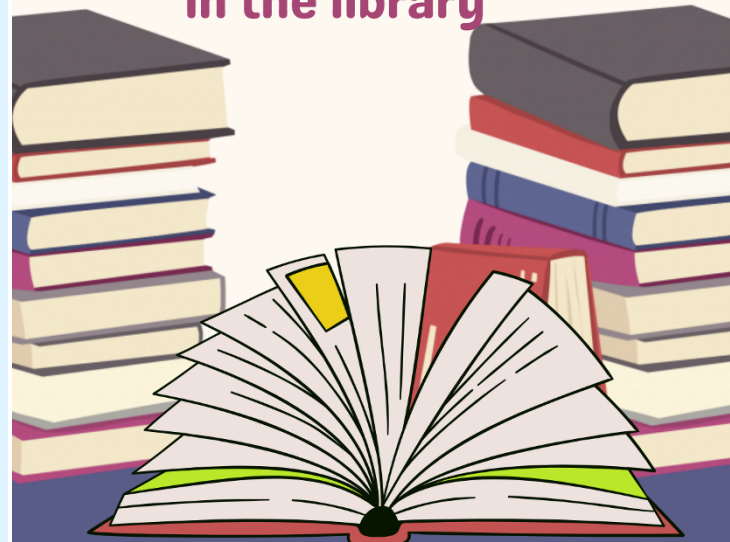


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silent Book Club

Everyone Welcome

January 30th 3pm -4pm
in the library



Drinks and biscuits provided

Get into Teaching Experience Online Q and A



BOOK NOW

<https://bit.ly/QandA25>



- Tuesday 4th February
- Wednesday 26th February
- Thursday 27th March
- Tuesday 3rd June



3 Time slots to choose from:

- 5pm – 5.30pm
- 5.30pm – 6pm
- 6pm – 6.30pm



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SAVE THE DATES

- **Year 11 Online Parents' Evening - Tuesday 21st January 2025**
- **Sixth Form Conditional Offer Breakfast - (By invitation only) Thursday 23rd January 2025**
Year 11 students who have received a Conditional Offer to join our Sixth Form in 2025 have been invited to attend a celebratory Offer Breakfast event where they will meet our expert team and start their journey to level 3 study.
Haven't applied to join The Hinckley Sixth Form yet? There is still time, [click here to apply](#).
- **Mock Exams Begin Year 11 and 13 - Monday 27th January 2025**



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SIXTH FORM

NEW

Enrichment After School

NEW

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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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