



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

Thursday 10th November 2023

## INCREDIBLE ATMOSPHERE AT OPEN EVENING

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Yesterday evening we welcomed prospective Year 12 students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was a truly wonderful night, we were incredibly busy and were thrilled that so many local families joined us to find out more about the outstanding opportunities available to our students in post-16. We have already received applications for Year 11 students to [join us](#) in 2024 and are inviting students and their families to book a day-time tour to see our courses in action. **To book a tour please email: [sixthform@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:sixthform@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)** and a member of our team will gladly arrange that for you.

Alongside our Open Evening, visitors were also able to enjoy our Careers Fair. Open to all KS4 students from across our local area, the event saw us welcome an extensive list of exhibitors from local colleges, employers, the fire service and armed forces, apprenticeship providers and universities, to enable our wider community to access vital post-16 destination information to help them build their brighter future.

Today we took part in a one-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day. All our classrooms fell silent at 10:55am, in a moment of quiet reflection as we stopped to remember those who have served and sacrificed, from armed forces and emergency services to civilians, whilst hoping for a peaceful future. We know that many members of our school community will also be taking part in Remembrance Services this weekend, as we mark Remembrance Day across the UK.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## THE HINCKLEY SIXTH FORM : APPLY NOW!



We welcomed prospective Year 12 students and their families to one of our busiest ever Open Evenings yesterday, as we shared an insight into the outstanding academic and enrichment opportunities awaiting Year 11 students in 2024, as they enter post-16.

The evening was incredibly busy with guests enjoying a leadership talk, meeting our subject specialists, speaking to our students, exploring our dedicated post-16 centre and even visiting our Careers Fair. It was lovely to meet families from all over Leicestershire and the feedback so far has been truly heartwarming.

**Applications to join The Hinckley Sixth Form are now open and Year 11 students are invited to apply online via our website. [Click here to apply.](#)**

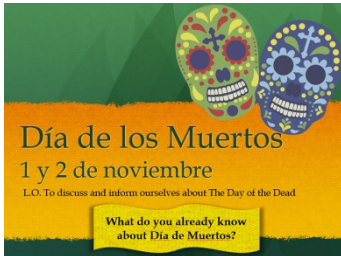


*Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers*



Students in Year 9 have received glowing praise this week from staff for their attitude, behaviour and contribution in lessons. Mrs Wilson shared how impressed staff have been with how Year 9 students are going above and beyond in their learning and engagement.

### SHOWING RESPECT IN SPANISH



Ms Garcia, Teacher of Spanish said, "In Spanish, Year 9 have learned about the Mexican festivity of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). They were taking notes throughout the lesson autonomously, and some biscuit prizes were awarded for the best note-taking in their books. The students were respectful and showed a real interest in a different culture. Well done Year 9!"

### MATURITY AND PROBLEM SOLVING

"This week in Computer Science all of Year 9 were competing in the Bebras challenge, the largest Computer Science challenge in the world which introduces computational thinking to students. All my classes have done a fantastic job of competing in it. They were all really mature, gave the problems a really good go and I have been nothing sort of impressed with how well they've taken to it. I am now very excited to see our results come back." - Mr Anderson, Teacher of Computer Science.

### ENGAGEMENT IN PE



Mrs Cheney, Teacher of PE, also shared how brilliant her Year 9 class has been this week, "My Year 9 PE class have been fabulous! The girls are currently completing a unit on rugby and as you can imagine with all the rain the field has been a tad muddy! But they have all got stuck in, tackling, passing and learning the core elements of the game. I've been very impressed."



### STUDENTS CHALLENGE THEMSELVES IN ART

"Year 9 have made a great start to their controlled assessments pieces (drawings skulls and skeletal forms) with a large number of students really challenging themselves within the activity and asking questions linked to target grades and assessment." said Miss Webster, Head of Art and Design. We look forward to sharing some photos from one of their Art lessons soon.

PRAISE FOR PARTICIPATION IN DRAMA



Mrs Cook, Head of Performing Arts, shared this photo of students three demonstrating their understanding of 'stage combat' skills using the 'Stage in a Box' in a recent lesson.

She was very impressed with the groups engagement and their levels of participation during the lesson, with the trio acting out their work to the class and listened to feedback.

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB FOR ALL STUDENTS



From Monday 20th November, students from all year groups will be able to come along to our FREE 'Tea & Toast' Breakfast Club.

Open to students every weekday morning before school, the club will help to set our students up for a successful day of learning and help to support families within our local community.

The club will run until February half term and students are welcome from 8:15am every morning in the Main Foyer.



FREE BREAKFAST CLUB  
**TEA &  
TOAST**

MAIN FOYER  
8:15AM | EVERYONE WELCOME

# LEST WE FORGET

We all stand today to honour the sacrifices made by all those who have been involved in conflicts throughout history. Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day or Poppy Day, is a solemn occasion when we come together to remember and pay our respects to the brave men and women who have given their lives in service to their countries from across the British Empire.

The significance of Remembrance Day cannot be overstated. It is a day to commemorate the immeasurable sacrifices of our soldiers, past and present, who have fought and continue to fight to protect the values and freedoms we hold dear. On this day, we reflect on the tremendous courage, selflessness, and dedication displayed by those who have gone into harm's way for the sake of a greater cause.

The poppy, which has become an enduring symbol of Remembrance Day, serves as a reminder of the bloodshed and loss experienced during times of conflict. The red poppy's vibrant colour represents the blood spilled on the battlefield, while its delicate petals symbolize the fragility of life and the hope for a more peaceful world.

We must never forget the sacrifice made by our soldiers, who left behind families, dreams, and opportunities to defend our nations. Their willingness to endure hardship, face danger, and sometimes make the ultimate sacrifice should inspire us all to strive for a world without war and conflict. It is our duty to remember the fallen, to keep their memory alive, and to ensure that their sacrifices were not in vain.

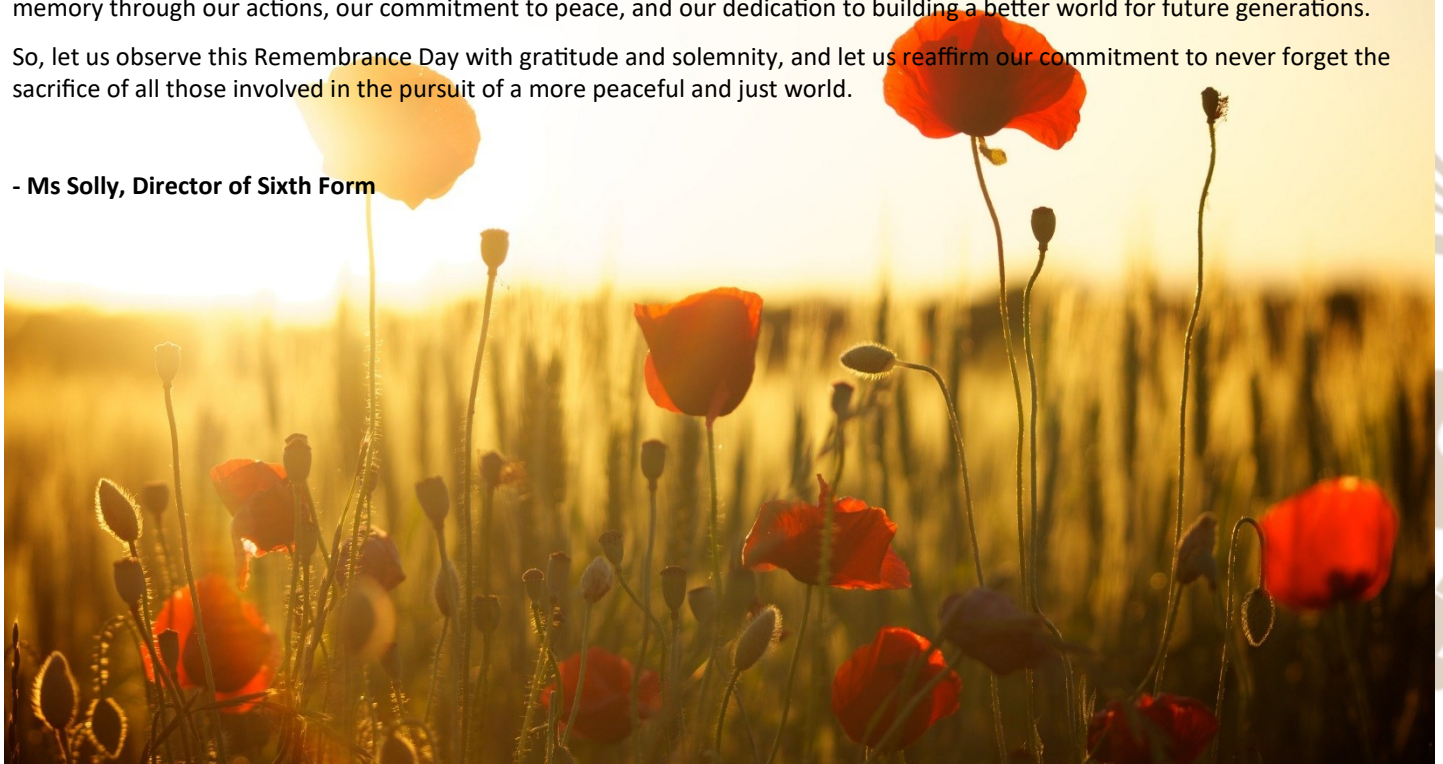
Remembrance Day also serves as a reminder of the horrors of war and the toll it takes on both those who serve and their loved ones. It compels us to work toward a world where diplomatic solutions and peaceful dialogue are sought before resorting to armed conflict. It is a day when we must pledge ourselves to the pursuit of peace, justice, and reconciliation.

Today, as we observe this day of remembrance, let us not only think about the past but also the present. Our soldiers continue to stand guard, often in faraway lands, facing danger and uncertainty. They do so willingly and selflessly to protect us and our way of life. It is our responsibility to support them and to ensure that their sacrifices are recognized and appreciated.

In closing, Remembrance Day is a powerful reminder of the debt we owe to those who have served and the great price that has been paid for the freedoms we enjoy. We must remember, not just today, but every day, and strive to honour their memory through our actions, our commitment to peace, and our dedication to building a better world for future generations.

So, let us observe this Remembrance Day with gratitude and solemnity, and let us reaffirm our commitment to never forget the sacrifice of all those involved in the pursuit of a more peaceful and just world.

- Ms Solly, Director of Sixth Form



# D OF E ADVENTURES



Students on our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme have been acknowledged for the time and effort they have dedicated to the Skills Section of their DofE Award.

On the left is a copy of a certificate setting out the number of hours our young people spent working on their Skills Section—an incredible 832 hours! This certificate recognises any student with a completed Skills Section from 1st April 2022 until 31st March 2023. Well done!



## Bronze Practice Expedition

Our Year 10s were out on their Bronze practice expedition over the weekend in Leicestershire. Starting at Beaumanor Hall, the routes took them through Swithland woods and into Bradgate park as well as towards Quorn. They coped well with the changeable weather conditions and the endless amounts of mud.

Our young people were all very positive and showed lots of enthusiasm throughout the two-day experience and soon got used to carrying their rucksacks for the first time. Once at the campsite, they cooked their evening meal and then enjoyed running around and playing card games trying to hide from the rain.

Many thanks to the DofE team, giving up their time and surviving the downpours too.

Well done to all involved!

## Bronze Practice Expedition

Congratulations to the following young people for completing their Silver Award!

Well done!



<p><b>Silver</b></p> <p><b>Daniel Darcy</b></p>		<p><b>SILVER</b></p> <p>Direct entrants must do a further 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.</p> <p><b>Volunteering 6 months</b></p> <p><b>Physical</b> one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months</p> <p><b>Skills</b> one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months</p> <p><b>Expedition 3 days 2 nights</b></p>
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# PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE WINNER!

There were three exceptional submissions for the Programming Challenge this time, with each showing off great skills in creating exploding fireworks on their computer. Due to the impressive entries we had to use the Random Name Wheel again to pick the winners!

Congratulations to William! He takes home a £10 Apple Store Card as his prize. Second place went to Kai for his excellent piece of work, with him taking home some delicious chocolate.

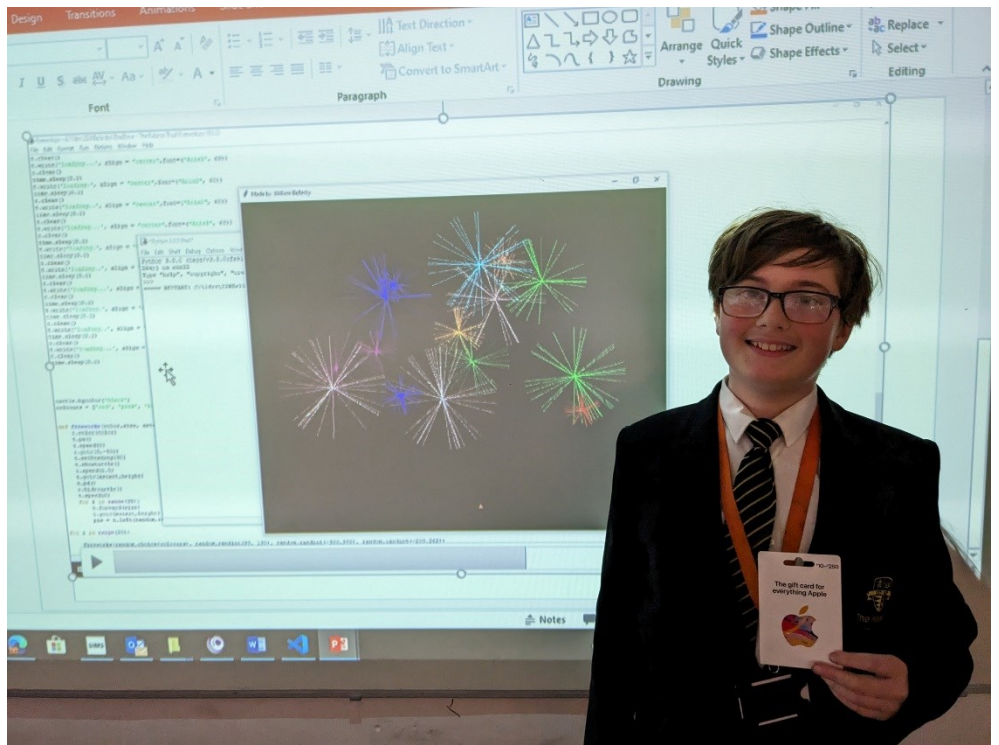
If you would like to be in with a chance of winning £10 of either Apple or Google Play store vouchers then take a look at this week's video on Teams.

The Programming Challenge this week will answer all your maths times tables on your computer!

Watch the video, give it a go and submit your entry via recorded video on Teams!

Good luck!

*Mr Holmes, Head of Computer Science*



## INTRODUCING... TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!

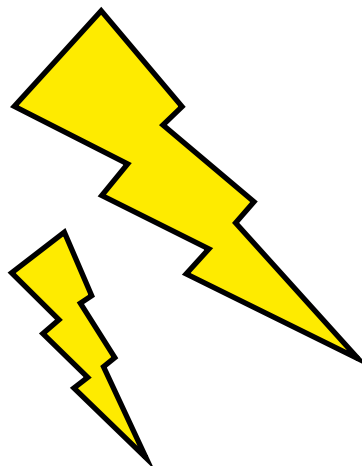
**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**  
PRESENTS  
**ENGLAND  
ROCKS**  
14TH -16TH NOVEMBER 2023  
7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)  
PLAY IN ANY  
GAME TYPE!  
1HR TIME LIMIT  
PER PERSON!  
WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!  
TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS

We are delighted to share that students in Year 7 and 8 will be competing to be the best times table 'rock star' in England!

Students will take part in the Times Table Rock Stars competition online in their maths lessons, starting with 1 hour on Tuesday next week and then up to an hour per day on Wednesday and Thursday.

Students who really want to show off their skills are encouraged to get practicing this weekend!

Best of luck to you all. Go for it!



**TheBridge**  
At The Hinckley School

**TheGateway**  
At The Hinckley School

# GREEN CAREERS WEEK

## We've been getting involved with Green Careers Week

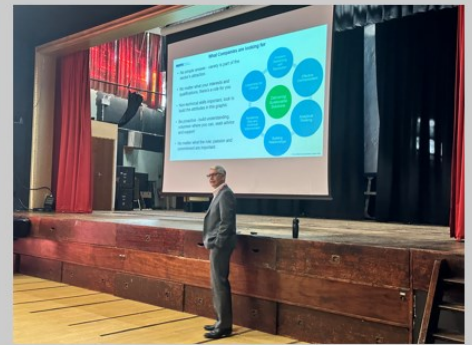
Well done to students getting involved with Green Careers Week this week! On Tuesday students in Year 8 and Year 9 were lucky to receive a talk from the National Director of Sustainability at Hays. Students were informed about the growing sustainability sector and the big companies and corporations leading the way in Sustainability, more information can be found using the codes below.



Scan the QR code for the 'Green Careers Week magazine' for advice and information from big brands and key players.



Scan the QR code for the 'Parents Guide to Green Careers'



6<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

#GREENCAREERS

National Careers Week

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**The Gateway**  
At The Hinckley School

**YEAR 9 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School

## NETBALL DOUBLE WIN!

**The Gateway**  
At The Hinckley School

Mrs Cheney, Teacher of PE shared, "It was a short trip down the A5 to play Lutterworth in two brilliant matches, both teams returned successful with some great performances across the board - special mention and massive thanks to Sophie and Izzy for stepping in at the last moment.

It was great to see Sophie and Paige picking up player of the match for their excellent play. A special mention to Isla from year 12 who umpired her first game.

**YEAR 9 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School

Well done girls we have lots more games for all age groups leading up to Christmas and looking forward to lots of netball over the next few weeks."

# ACTIVITIES & EVENTS: MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER



With the support of



This **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**  
we are holding

**ODD SOCKS DAY** on  
**MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**



Come to school wearing your odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique!

Students and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks on Monday 13th November as part of our activities during Anti-bullying Week next week. Odd Socks Day, led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, is an opportunity for us to come together as a community and to celebrate what makes us all unique and the importance of celebrating our individuality.

To take part all students have to do is come to school in odd socks - it couldn't be simpler! No donations or collection, just an event which encouraged everyone to express themselves.

We look forward to seeing everyone's wonderful odd sock combinations on Monday!

***World Kindness  
Day  
Monday 13th  
November  
In the library***

## WORLD KINDNESS DAY

We will be celebrating World Kindness Day in the Library on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

There will be lots of activities and competitions to get involved in and new themed book recommendations for students to discover. Students from all year group are invited to celebrate and spread kindness.



# Classics competition

To enter this competition, you need to submit a creative response to the word 'Classics'. This could be a piece of art, a poem, a book review, a poem - there are endless opportunities!

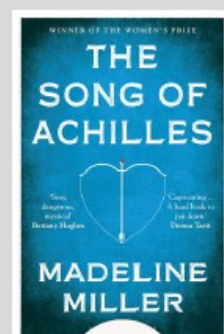
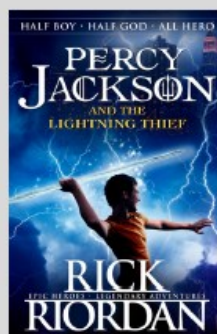
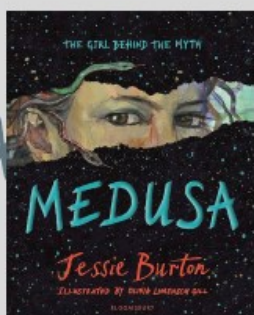
'Classics' is Latin, mythology, retellings of famous myths!



Each entry gets 50 pride points.  
The winner will be announced at the library's Percy Jackson celebration on Tuesday 28th November!

November Challenge - books inspired by mythology

Read a book - complete an AR quiz -  
50 PRIDE points each!



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