



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

Thursday 7th September

EXCITING ENRICHMENT

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I hope you have all enjoyed the unpredictable British weather this week and managed to make the most of the September heatwave we have been experiencing. Regardless of the weather, the atmosphere within school has remained purposeful and focused and I thank students for their continued dedication to learning.

We have welcomed feedback from parents/carers this week regarding the ability for students to wear shorts and are pleased that our community consensus matches the conversations we have been having with suppliers behind the scenes. Our uniform policy will be officially updated for next year to reflect the ability for students to wear formal tailored shorts during the May-July term.

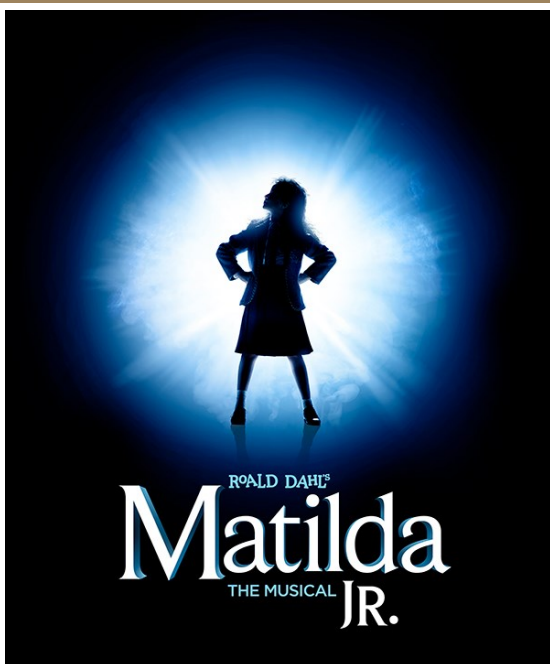
Once again I would like to thank parents and carers for the open dialogue they have had with us and we continue to welcome feedback.

Our new enrichment programme launched this week and it has been amazing to see students taking part in activities which cover such a broad and eclectic mix of interests, including Geology and Palaeontology, Wildlife, Music, Creative Writing, Cricket, Philosophy and the Arts. We encourage every student to take part in enrichment to create life long memories, meet new friends and expand their interests and knowledge.

Finally, I would like to wish all students who are auditioning for an ensemble or principle role in our upcoming musical 'Matilda' the best of luck for their auditions next week. I look forward to watching another incredible school show later this year!

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

MATILDA AUDITIONS



We are delighted to be staging 'Matilda' the musical later this year following the huge success of 'Grease' and continuing our tradition of staging high-quality shows here at The Hinckley School. Our students are incredibly talented and year after year our school shows not only shine a light on the rich Performing Arts talent we have at our school, but also on the strength of our student team work, maturity and community spirit.

- **Ensemble/Chorus Auditions – Wednesday 13th September, Main Hall, 3pm-4:30pm**
- **Principle Auditions – Monday 11th September, Main Hall, allotted time slots until 5:30pm**

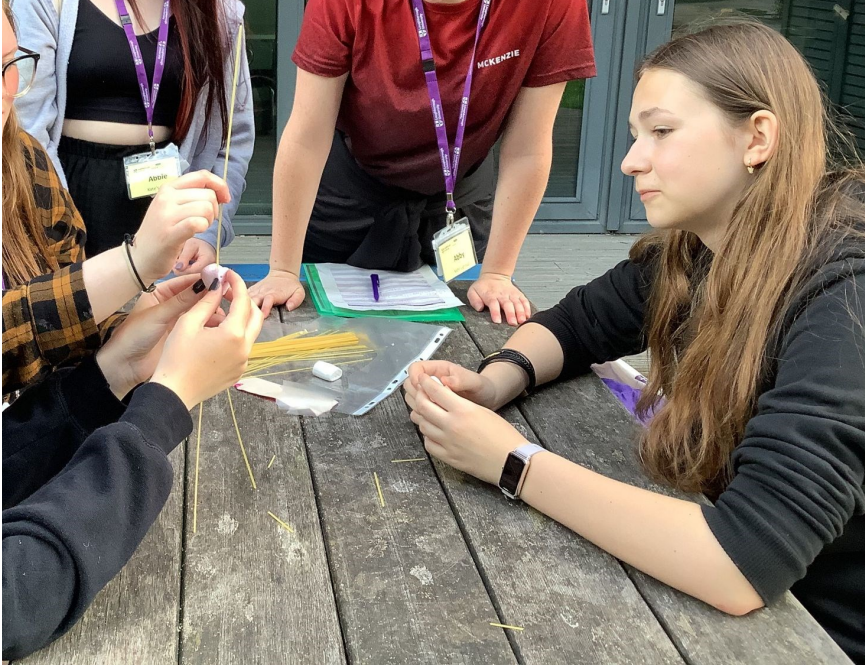
If students would like to support in a backstage role, then they should speak to a member of the Performing Arts Team.

[Click here to read our full audition invitation letter](#)

Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



STEM RESIDENTIAL TRIP



In the last week of the summer term, we had the incredible opportunity to attend a residential STEM trip on the campus of Loughborough University, where we, as a team of five engaged in activities promoting leadership, teamwork and independence to create a sustainably sourced island inhabited by humans. Over the course of the four days we were there, we explored the importance of sustainable energy and researched how to implement sustainable sources of energy into our society to reduce the harm we are constantly causing to our planet. Overall, the experience was very enjoyable whilst also informing us about issues we did not know much about, and it gave us an insight to what university life is like as we were given accommodation and allowed to work on our project in our own time. **- Written by Teigan, Year 11**

NEW PRIDE TOKENS

All members of staff now have PRIDE tokens to award to students when they see them living our school values outside of the classroom. Staff will be giving tokens to students during lesson change over times, enrichment activities and social times to reward positive behaviour when they embody PRIDE—Perseverance, Respect, Independence, Determination and Engagement.



This new way to reward good behaviour has been developed as a result of feedback from staff who shared that they would like an additional way to acknowledge PRIDE outside of the classroom.

Students will give their tokens to their form tutor so that they are combined with the PRIDE points they receive in lessons to give their overall total.

ENGAGING WITH ENRICHMENT

This week we launched our brand new enrichment programme, which allows student to engage with a wide variety of extra curricular opportunities. It was wonderful to see students trying new things for the first time or enjoying their passion and hobbies at lunchtime and after school this week. We look forward to watching this continue and groups grow as students share their positive experiences.

Photos this week shine a spotlight on Wildlife Club where students planned developing an outdoor area by adding hedgehog houses and bird feeders, Music Club where Mr Riley was overrun with eager musicians, Netball with Year 10, 11 and Sixth Form and Strategy Game Club where students (and staff!) were the first in the school to play the new Disney collectable card game, Lorcana.

We look forward to sharing photos from more enrichment sessions next week!

To view our full enrichment calendars please use the links below:

[AFTERSCHOOL](#)

[LUNCHTIME](#)



Library Spotlight

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

19th September—26th September, Library

Students are invited to visit our Scholastic Book Fair between the 19th—26th September in the Library. There will be wide variety of books for students to look through and the ability to possibly purchase something that interests them.

Parents and carers will be able to buy gift cards for students to use as payment for books, or students can pay by cash. Alternatively, during the fair students can compile a 'Wish List' to bring home, with the titles then being available to purchase online—Ms Crisp will set the books aside for students to collect from the Library. We hope to see everyone there!

[Click here to read more!](#)



20 Books to Read Before You're 20

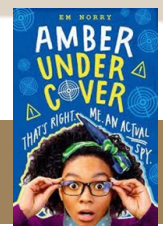
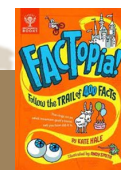


It was a pleasure to welcome Creative Learning Services this week to deliver a '20 Books to Read Before You're 20' Book Talking session to our Year 11 and Sixth Form students.

The team shared lots of interesting new authors and titles for students to now borrow from our library and we can't wait to see who is the first to read all 20!



Book BINGO



We encourage all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 to take part in Book BINGO! Click the link buttons below to access your year group board and to see a reminder about how to win. We love hearing what students think of the new books they discover!

Ms Crisp is already looking forward to giving out lots of prizes!

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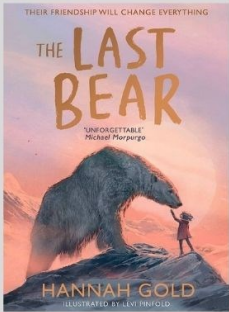
READ WITH PRIDE

Students are encouraged to participate in our PRIDE September Reading Challenge! Students from all year groups can get involved, with younger students completing an AR quiz to receive their PRIDE points, while older year groups will be encouraged to write a book review for their points. This is a great opportunity to explore new genres, themes and authors and we encourage students to speak to Ms Crisp should they have any questions.

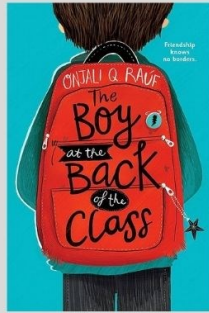
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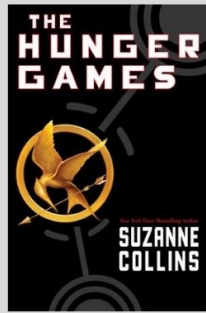
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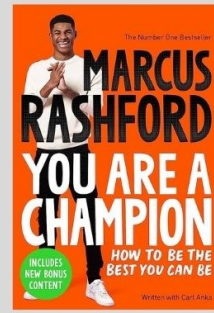
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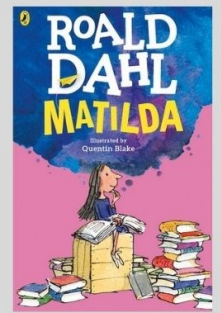
Independence



Discipline



Engagement



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

UNIFORM IN HOT WEATHER - SHORTS

We have received enquiries regarding the ability for students to wear shorts this week and would like to share information regarding these conversations to ensure our parent and carer community are well informed in advance of future hot weather spells.

Conversations with our uniform suppliers had already started regarding the ability to offer a smart/formal tailored black short for students to purchase and wear should they wish to in hot weather, however as this is not an item they currently have available and therefore due to stock availability and lead times, we were unable to implement this item in our stockists in time for this unprecedented September hot weather.

In response to parental and student feedback, moving forward our policy will reflect the ability for students to wear formal tailored knee length shorts during hot weather during the May– July term, or as communicated to parents/carers at other times of the year should the weather exceed 25 degrees, as experienced this week. We will work with our suppliers to find a suitable item to stock before the next spring/summer term and show imagery which allows parents and carers the freedom to source a suitable alternative from their own choice of retailer should they wish to.

We would like to also reassure parents and carers that our standard procedure when temperatures exceed 25 degrees is for students to bring, but not wear their blazers, with staff encouraging students to keep hydrated and to wear short sleeve shirts. In these high temperatures staff can also take the decision to advise students that ties do not need to be worn during social times, also encouraging them to make use of water fountains and shaded areas.

We would like to thank parents, carers and students for their feedback and as outlined above we will now look to formally update our policy for the next academic year.

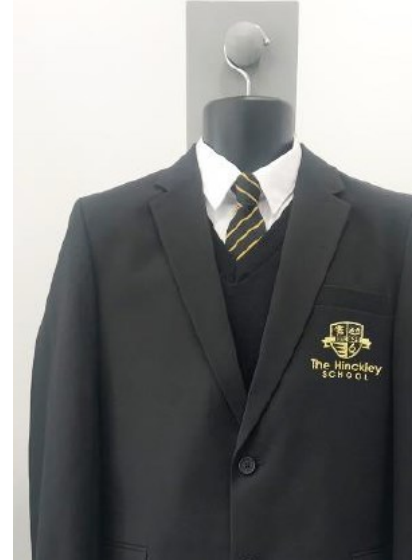
UNIFORM BANK

We have now introduced a Uniform Bank at The Hinckley School to support students to be in the correct uniform every day. The Uniform Bank operates as a loan system where students can access second hand blazers, ties, shirts, skirts, trousers, shoes and PE kit should they need it.

As a school we are always looking for ways to support our community and as we continue to face unprecedented economic circumstances we have been working hard to ensure we offer avenues of additional support for families. The Uniform Bank is part of our ongoing development of a Community Wellbeing Hub, which will allow us to support families with access to food bank services and community wellbeing services.

This support goes hand in hand with the work of our Pastoral Team and means that we can remove barriers to learning for our community through long and short term use of uniform items.

If you would like to donate preloved, but clean and reusable uniform items, such as blazers, ties, skirts and trousers to our Uniform Bank, then please bring bagged items to our Main Reception during our normal opening hours. We are extremely grateful of all donations.



CELEBRATING OUR NEW YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We have been thrilled to welcome a new cohort of Year 12 students to The Hinckley Sixth Form as they embark on this exciting chapter of their educational journey.

One of the highlights of the first week has been the emphasis on team building. Our Year 12 students wasted no time in forming strong bonds with their peers, engaging in team-building activities that promoted collaboration, communication, and trust. These experiences are not only fun but also lay the foundation for a supportive and inclusive community.

Of course, the heart of their journey lies in the classroom. With a diverse range of subjects on offer, our students have eagerly embraced their lessons. The thirst for knowledge and a passion for learning are evident in every corner of our sixth form. We have no doubt that they will excel academically, driven by their curiosity and dedication.

Beyond the classroom, volunteering will become a significant part of their experience, with many students already signing up to projects that connect them with the wider community.

Last but certainly not least, our new Year 12 students have embarked on the journey of forging new friendships. It's inspiring to see how quickly they have formed connections with their peers, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere within our Sixth Form. These friendships will undoubtedly be an essential source of support and encouragement throughout their time here.

As we celebrate the beginning of this academic year, we want to commend our Year 12 students for their enthusiasm, teamwork, dedication, and kindness. We have no doubt that they will continue to achieve great things, both individually and collectively, during their time at the Hinckley Sixth Form. Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with growth, learning, and new adventures!

- Mr Boast, Assistant Headteacher

