



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

Thursday 14th September

## AN INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT WEEK

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week we have proudly showcased everything The Hinckley School has to offer and I would like to thank our community of parents, carers and students for their involvement during our OFSTED inspection over the past two days. I am immensely proud of the hard work of our dedicated staff, and our students have been wonderful ambassadors for the school, they truly are incredible young people and their maturity, ambition and PRIDE really shines through. We are excited to share the official inspection rating with our community as soon as we are able to.

In the meantime, our high expectations and focus on providing the best possible opportunities for our students continues, as we support them throughout an unforgettable seven year journey.

I can't wait to meet new families at our Open Evening next week as they embark on the first stage of their seven year journey

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## A SUCCESSFUL WELCOME TO GCSE EVENT

**YEAR 10 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School

### Welcome to GCSE Event 2023

**Why Revise?**

Prefix Re means 'again' and the root 'vision' means to see. So, revision is simply 'seeing again'

The word revision can also be associated with improving through changes – this is also a crucial in the revision process – if you study you can make gains and improvements as a result.

The Year 10 Team were delighted to meet with parents/carers this week for our 'Welcome to GCSE' evening. Colleagues from the Year 10 Hub began the evening by outlining their vision for Year 10, and where students belong within the seven-year journey. Mr Toor then talked through the learning journeys of our core subjects and how our PRIDE character education can be used to support students development at home and at school. Miss Bull looked at the science behind revision and key strategies and shared techniques that families can use at home in order to support students in revisiting their learning.

Colleagues finished the evening outlining the relationship between good attendance and attainment at GCSE, emphasising that students who achieve well in their GCSE's are those students with strong attendance.

The Year 10 Team would like to thank all families for their support in attending the evening and those families whom have contacted us requesting additional information if they were unable to attend. Please rest assured that

colleagues will be recording a copy of the information presented and will make it available to all parents, alongside copies of the materials given out during the session. *Miss Bull, Mr Toor and Mrs Whittingham*

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



# A TRIO OF ENRICHMENT

Students enjoyed another week of extensive enrichment thanks to our new calendar, with students from Year 7-13 taking part in a wide variety of activities to create memories outside the classroom. This week we share an insight into three more clubs, this time from Wednesday lunchtime - Chess Club, Creative Writing and Art's Working Lunch:

## Chess Club - Library

Based in the Library students from all years groups, and all abilities took part in Chess Club this week. Students described the club as 'very fun' and got into the competitive spirit as they tried to beat their opponents. This club is open to everyone and we encourage

students of all ages to come along!



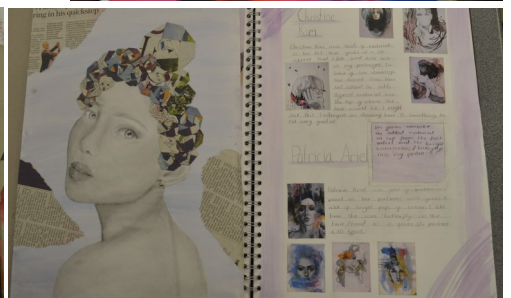
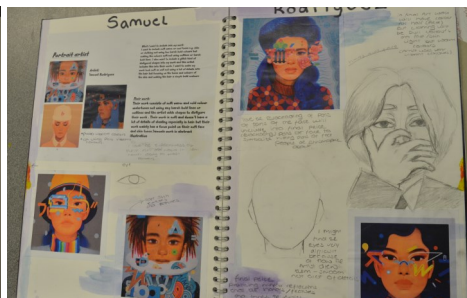
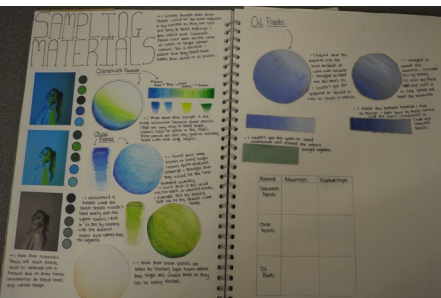
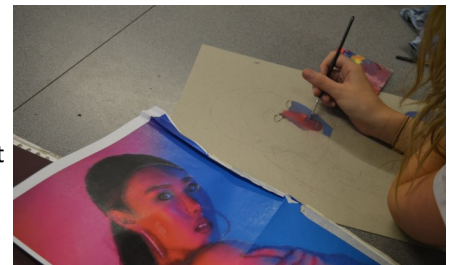
## Creative Writing - G1

Students in G1 developed their creative writing skills on Wednesday lunchtime. Given two photographs as a stimulus, students discussed how each image made them feel, what senses those surroundings would evoke and what they might do in those locations. Students will then proceed to put together a piece of creative writing based on their discussion. Students in the group shared how they were looking forward to taking part so that they could develop their interests in creative writing.



## Art's Working Lunch - D7

An opportunity for GCSE students to continue with their coursework, Art's Working Lunch is a great opportunity for students to enjoy their passion for art during social times, as well as in the classroom. With Miss Webster on hand to offer additional support and guidance, this lunchtime enrichment session is the perfect chance for students to catch up on their coursework and go that extra mile in their sketchbooks.





# GREAT NORTH RUN FOR THE NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY



Mrs Birks, our Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator completed The Great North run last weekend for The National Autistic Society, a charity that supports both children and adults with Autism. Mrs Birks started the half marathon with lots of sunshine and then finished it in a thunderstorm!

Well done Mrs Birks - this is a fantastic achievement and everyone at The Hinckley School is extremely proud of you!




The charity congratulated Mrs Birks on twitter, " Well done Mrs Birks! Congratulations on completing the @Great\_Run Thank you for helping raise funds that will enable us to continue our work to create a society that works for autistic people and their families."

## WELCOMING AUTHOR DAVID FARR

We are delighted to share that on September 26<sup>th</sup> we will be welcoming author David Farr, who will be visiting us in person to talk to Year 7 students about his new book 'The Secret of the Blood Red Key'. There will also be an opportunity for students to buy his books and to have them signed.

This is an incredible opportunity for students to meet a published author and to ask him questions about his books and the

**About me**



I love stories. I've loved reading them since I was young. I loved reading Roald Dahl's *Danny the Champion of the World*, I loved *The Three Investigators* mysteries, I loved E. Nesbitt's *The Phoenix and the Carpet* and Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows*. And *Emil and the Detectives* and *Finn Family Moomintroll* and so many more!

Later I grew to love Eva Ibbotson and Elizabeth Enright and Lemony Snicket. I read them to my kids. They loved them too.

I also love making up stories. I tell them to my kids, to friends, to anyone who'll listen.

And I love writing them down.

I write lots of things. I have written plays and films and television programmes. I like turning old stories into plays. I did that with *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, and the Robin Hood story which I wrote for the theatre as *The Heart of Robin Hood*.

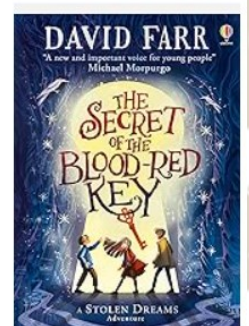
And I love writing stories for you to read.

Krasnia is a land of bookshops and libraries. Charles Malstain tried to close them all but he did not succeed. Whenever anyone tries to stop a book being read, you should try harder to read it. There's a reason why it's so important.

So enjoy the bookshop and read, read, read. It's the one world which is entirely yours.

creative writing process, Mrs Crisp is already busy planning activities linked to David's books to help students get even more excited for his visit! In the meantime, students can visit his website— [Home Page - David Farr Books](#) where they can learn more about his books, write your own poem and play games and quizzes, enjoy!

We look forward to sharing photos from the visit soon.





# AMAZING AUDITIONS

Students impressed at our Matilda auditions this week with both principle and ensemble auditions taking place. With an audition panel made up of Mrs Cook, Miss Radcliffe and Mr Riley, all students who took part showed real strength of character, with their confidence, maturity and talent shining through. We are truly proud of them all.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The full cast list will be displayed on Monday 18th September. Please note that no rehearsals will take place on Monday 18th September. Rehearsals will commence on Wednesday 20th September.



Mrs Cook, Head of Performing Arts said, "We were delighted with the auditions for Matilda this week. The response was overwhelming and we feel really excited about supporting the new and existing talent we have here at The Hinckley School. We can't wait to reveal the cast list for Matilda 2024 next week and to start rehearsals on Wednesday 20th September. A huge well done to

everyone that auditioned! Miss Radcliffe, Mr Riley and I can't wait to work with the cast and crew of Matilda 2024!"



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**19th September—26th September,  
In the 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!](#)

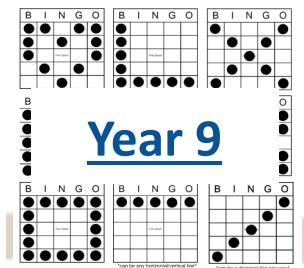
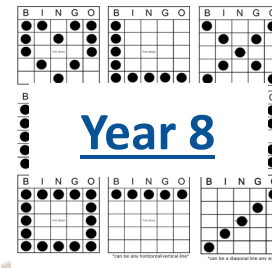
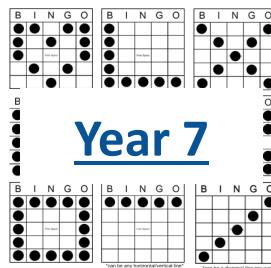
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## Book BINGO

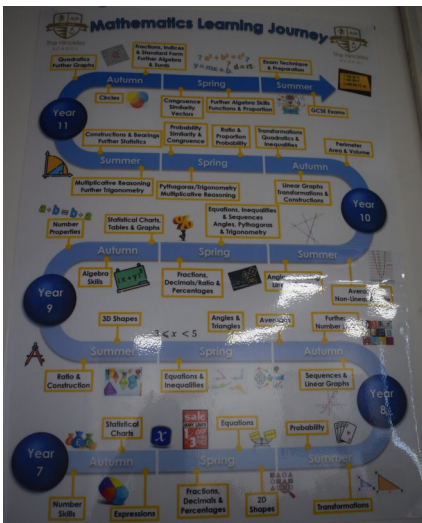


We encourage all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 to take part in Book BINGO! Click the link buttons to the right to access your year group board and to see a reminder about how to win. We love hearing what students think of the new books they discover! Ms Crisp is already looking forward to giving out lots of prizes!



## FIRST STOP ON THE GCSE MATHS LEARNING JOURNEY

Year 10 have made a great start to their GCSE Maths learning journey since returning after the summer break, learning about 'Perimeter Area and Volume'.



In Miss Bailey's class on Thursday students calculated the volume of a prism and shared their answers using mini white boards. The class will now progress on to



calculating the volume of other shapes before moving on to surface areas. Once they complete this topic the year group will begin learning about 'Linear Graphs Transformations and Constructions', as they progress along their learning journey. Keep up the great work Year 10!