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NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

Thursday 5th October

CELEBRATING OUR VIBRANT COMMUNITY

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Today I have been delighted to share our official Ofsted rating following our recent inspection. The Hinckley School has now been awarded a 'Good' rating in all areas. This is transformational for our school and it is a testament to our hard working staff, the support of our parent and carer community and our incredible students. I encourage all parents and carers to read the full report and to share it with friends and family, so that our local community can join us in celebrating this good news.

This week's newsletter is a bumper two week insight into our events and activities. So much happens here at The Hinckley School every day, and to see these pages filled with so much student success, charity events, author visits and sporting achievements, makes me incredibly proud.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

TRANSFORMATIONAL OFSTED - 'GOOD'

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that The Hinckley School has been awarded a 'Good' rating by Ofsted.

Inspectors rated The Hinckley School as 'Good' in all areas: The Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Sixth-form Provision.

This 'Good' rating is truly transformational for our school and we are delighted that The Hinckley School's long journey of improvement, investment and growth has now finally been recognised. The decision of the Ofsted inspection team to rate our school as 'Good' in all areas and to release our report so quickly, demonstrates their confidence in their decision and that we have built a community with high expectations.

Highlights of the Ofsted report include:

- "Pupils at The Hinckley School are polite and respectful."
- "There is a real sense of community in the school shared by pupils and staff."
- "The school has high aspirations for all pupils. Pupils in Year 7 are well supported in 'The Bridge' to help them make the transition from primary school. Strong pastoral guidance continues through the school. Students in the sixth form value the personalised support they get to help them realise their ambitions."
- "The school has worked hard to establish a culture of belonging based on strong relationships between staff and pupils. Leaders want all pupils to feel part of the school community."
- "The school has planned a broad and ambitious curriculum for pupils' seven-year learning journey."



[Click here to read the full Ofsted report](#)



Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



ROUND 1 RESULT: ENGLISH SCHOOL'S CUP

Fixture: Round 1 English School Cup (home) vs Cardinal Wiseman
Date: Monday 25th September

Score: Lost 2-1
Hinckley Scorer: Kai

This was the first fixture in over a year for our Year 8 team and students dusted off their boots to face a strong opposition - Cardinal Wiseman. On home turf, our team showed great tenacity and commitment and made it to half-time with a score of 0-0.

After half-time the team began to take more risks and press forwards with Kai scoring a wonderful strike, lobbing the keeper from the edge of the opponent's box. As our team pressed on for a late winner, we were unfortunately undone by the opposition's striker bursting through, with the game ending 2-1 to Cardinal Wiseman. Staff shared, "We are incredibly proud of the commitment shown by the team and their desire to improve. We look forward to our future fixtures." Well done to everyone who took part!



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AUTHOR PRAISES OUR FABULOUSLY TALENTED STORYTELLERS

On Monday 26th September we were delighted to welcome author David Farr, author of 'The Book of Stolen Dreams' and 'The Secret of the Blood Red Key'

Organised by Librarian Ms Crisp, the event saw all of Year 7 gather in The Bridge for an inspirational talk and creative writing task. Students heard about David Farr's background, writing plays and tv shows, including, 'The Night Manager' and how lockdown and his family inspired him to write his first book. David captivated the audience as he read excerpts from both of his books and students engaged eagerly when they had opportunities to share their thoughts and opinions on characters and storylines.

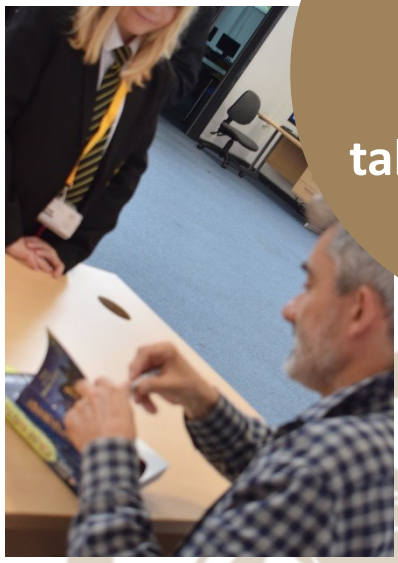
In a later part of the event, students split into groups of three to write one opening sentence to a story. David then selected nine students at random to read out their sentences, praising them for their imagination, creativity and writing skills, as well as sharing useful and supportive feedback and suggestions for continuing the stories further. On social media after the event David Farr praised students at The Hinckley School sharing that they were; "A fabulously talented bunch of storytellers."

Ms Crisp collected in all of the opening sentences after the event and will be creating a display to showcase the fantastic work. We can't wait to show you the display when it is finished! In the meantime, please enjoy looking at some more photos from this wonderful event on the next page.





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PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE WINNER!



Good luck! - Mr Holmes, Head of Computer Science

Congratulations to Kais in Year 7 who submitted the best work for the first of our fortnightly Programming Challenges. His animal guessing game worked perfectly and was very impressive. Kais is just starting his seven-year journey here at The Hinckley School so he is definitely a programming superstar to watch for the future! Kais took home a £10 Apple Store Card as his prize.

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 or on The Hinckley School's website.

[Try the latest Programming Challenge here!](#)

100 TALKS FOR CHANGE

Last week we were joined by guest speaker Oly from 100 Talks for Change, a fantastic initiative which highlights the importance of conversations about mental health.

100 Talks for Change aims to 'support, motivate and inspire our next generation to speak out' and is part of an upcoming BBC documentary which will shine a light on the mission of two inspiring young men, as they deliver 100 mental health talks in 20 days. During the talk Oly shared his own story, including his struggles with OCD and seeking help, with students sharing how inspiring they found the talk. Students engaged really positively with the group discussions and left with a better understanding of how and when they should seek support for their own mental health.

Next week we will be continuing our focus on mental health, as we mark World Mental Health Day on Tuesday 10th October. In addition to our year round well being and awareness activities and sign posting support services to our students in school, we will be taking this opportunity to share a letter featuring useful support agencies to our parents and carers to further support our community at home.



'METAMORPHOSIS' AT THE CURVE

Year 10 – 13 Drama and Dance students were lucky enough to see the 'Frantic Assembly' physical theatre company perform Steven Berkoff's 'Metamorphosis' at the Curve theatre recently. The Hinckley School joined several other schools in Leicestershire to see this iconic play performed live and the audience was wowed by the fantastic set, lighting and sound.



Since the visit Drama students have been reflecting on the play and writing live theatre reviews in preparation for their theory paper.

Mrs Cook, Head of Performing Arts was so proud of the students' conduct and approach to the theatre, "the students appreciated this complex play on all levels and in lesson time this has been shown through design and acting reflection. It is so important for students to access live theatre and we all thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The students were an absolute credit to the school!"

EXCELLENT START TO THE NETBALL SEASON

Monday saw our first outing for Year 8 and 9 netball - it was really tricky to pick travelling squads due to the volume of players coming to training but we have plenty of games so everyone will get to represent our school over the season—so keep working hard !

Year 8

Year 8 got off to a slow start but started making excellent connections down the court between Alexa, Mia and newcomer Hannah! At the back both Imogen (captain) Eloise and Harriet kept turning over lots of ball keeping us in the game. A special mention to the work rate of Izzy who played out of position for the game but made a real impact! We eventually took the win 4 goals to 3 with Mia winning player of the match.

Well done team Year 8!

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Year 9


The Year 9 squad started a little unsettled and again lots of players moved around court to accommodate different playing combos. All shooters tucked away shots seeing Beth, Paige and Tilly taking on much taller defenders. The centre court worked tirelessly winning balls with excellent play from Lois, Ava, Izzy and Hope. Steady at the back with fantastic timing and elevation saw Mia (captain) and Soph collecting the ball and clearing their lines. The game was won 4 goals to 3 in our favour and Ava collected player of the match!

Well done Year 9!

**YEAR 9 Hub**
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HARVEST COLLECTION FOR LOCAL FOOD BANK



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FOOD BANK COLLECTION



Please support The Hinckley School's annual collection for the local food bank by donating items to your form's food box.

Donations could include:

- Tinned Meat (hot or cold meal) and Tinned Fish
- Tinned Tomatoes and Tinned Vegetables
- Ultra-High Temperature Milk or Powdered Milk (not baby milk)
- Jam, Peanut Butter and Chocolate Spread
- Biscuits, Sponge Puddings or Cake Bars
- All types of Toiletries Male and Female
- Gift Sets
- Savoury Crackers and Chocolates

This year's theme is SUPERHEROES!!

Get decorating your boxes in our theme!



To support our local community we are holding a food bank collection on Thursday 12th October. Students and staff are able to bring in non-perishable items to donate (a list can be found on the left) in their tutor group box. Any donation, however small, will make a real difference to our local food bank and to the future recipient within the local area.

We understand that this is a difficult time for many, and that not all families may be able to support this cause how they may have done in the past or would like to. However, this collection is about spreading seasonal smiles, and all students can still get involved by decorating their tutor group hamper. This year our theme is 'Superheroes' and we

can't wait to see the creative design each tutor group comes up with! Each box will be judged on their decoration and contribution, and the winning form in each year group will be awarded a prize.

Boxes will be collected and donated to the food bank on Thursday 12th October. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

MACMILLAN - WORLDS BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

We were overwhelmed with the amount of donations towards our MacMillan Coffee Morning last Friday. Each year group's bake sale was loaded with tempting sweet treats, from croissants to cupcakes!

Our communities generosity is always astounding and this year we are delighted to share that **we raised £342.57!** Thank you to everyone who donated, sold, baked or ate a cake! Everyone helped to raise a fantastic amount for a great cause.



WOMBLES VISIT INSPIRES CHANGE



We are excited to share some wonderful news with The Hinckley School community. Last week we had the privilege of hosting an important assembly by the passionate volunteers from "Wombles in Litter Education" (W.I.L.E.). This engaging presentation by Geoff and Desné was delivered to our Bridge and Gateway students, and the impact was nothing short of inspiring!

Who Are W.I.L.E.? W.I.L.E., also known as The Wombles In Litter Education, is a dedicated volunteer group formed in 2020 with a profound mission – to change the way our children think about litter in our environment. Their aim is to counteract the lack of respect some individuals show when discarding waste, all while promoting a profound sense of responsibility for our planet.

A Sea of Change W.I.L.E. believes that littering must come to a stop. Our beautiful counties are being inundated by a sea of waste, with plastics polluting even the most remote places on Earth. Their message to the students is clear: we are all on spaceship Earth, and it's running out of fuel, with its self-cleaning system overwhelmed and on the brink of irreparable damage.

Education is the Key Recognizing that education is the cornerstone of change, W.I.L.E. is committed to involving children in caring for our planet. By instilling a sense of responsibility and environmental stewardship at a young age, they believe we can prevent the formation of harmful habits in the future.

Engaging Assembly During the assembly, Geoff and Desné with the help of Mr Boast (a fellow Womble) captivated our students' attention. Their interactive and engaging approach ensured that our Year 7 and Year 8 students were not only informed, but also motivated to make a positive difference. Many students are already active litter pickers in the community and soon there will be the opportunity to join a new group as part of our extensive enrichment offer.

Many PRIDE tokens were given out as students answered questions and participated throughout the presentation. Our Year 7 and 8 pledged to work together to create a cleaner, more sustainable future for our community, wildlife, and the world!

If any parents or carers would like to get involved with "wombing" in the community, there is a large group of active litter pickers within Hinckley and the surrounding areas: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/141303347119355/> -Womble Facebook

Parents and Carers of students in Year 7 are invited to attend ...


The Bridge
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SHOWCASE & TUTOR EVENING

[Click here to read our recent letter of invitation!](#)

POETRY SLAM

Our first Poetry Slam was an astounding success on Thursday 5th October!

The event organised by Ms Crisp saw students from across the school come together to compete in a poetry slam competition. Students prepared multiple poems and impressed the judging panel with their creativity, performance skills and writing talents. This event will now be held annually. We can't wait to share more photos and videos next week!
Well done to everyone who took part!



SIXTH FORM NETBALLERS SHOW PERSEVERANCE

"On Wednesday 4th October our Year 13 and 12 Netball squads faced an extremely experienced and well drilled Princethorpe side. We also pulled up Natasha (yr10), Theya (yr11) and Evie (yr10) to join the senior squads due to mock clashes and player availability, these girls put on a valiant performance and really showed our school value of perseverance. They did a brilliant job and showed what great netballers they are, holding their own against older players - to say I'm proud is an understatement.



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Despite finding it hard to turn possession into goals, neither squad gave up and pushed to the end. Notable performances from Jasmine, Holly and Tilly who played mostly out of position, helped bring the ball down court. Charlie covered the centre court position working tirelessly and calm shooting from Lily, Sophie and Isla gave us so many wow moments. Without any subs the score line really didn't reflect the competitive nature of the game. Sophie came away with player of the match.

On the other court again Nina, Trescha, Olivia were solid in the middle supporting our younger players to make strong connections down the court. Holding the defence strong were Lucy and Hannah who did their very best to disrupt the accurate Princethorpe shooters. Player of the match went to Hannah who showed brilliant leadership thought-out the game."
Well done to the team! - Mrs Cheney, PE Teacher



DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

This week we have been marking Dyslexia Awareness Week. All students could get involved in lots of different activities at lunchtime in the library to raise awareness, from colouring competitions to quizzes. Students all also enjoyed an assembly focused on raising awareness about dyslexia. There was also a dyslexia quiz for staff. A great week of activities to help raise awareness and to celebrate being #UniquelyYou - thank you to everyone for taking part.

"Understanding my dyslexia has helped me develop the fight to overcome the good, the bad and the befuddling that comes with it!"




Suzanne
Brown-belt
kickboxer

Dyslexia Awareness Week
2-8 Oct
#UniquelyYou

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Working towards a world where people with dyslexia can flourish.
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"My dyslexia made reading and writing a real challenge but music is my language."



Wade
Jazz Double-Bassist

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"I may make a few typos but I am an entrepreneur in the workplace and a subject matter expert in more than one field"



Gill
Climate Commissioner

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9th November 2023 5pm - 8pm

Learn more about our **wide range of A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses**, meet our **sixth form specialists** and explore our **bespoke post-16 centre**.

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