



The Hinckley
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OUTSTANDING SCHOOL EVENTS

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome to the first issue of The Hinckley School newsletter!

As we approach the end of term and our last week as Hinckley Academy, we will begin transitioning to our new name – The Hinckley School and this week we were delighted to hold our first events under our new name.

These events showcased everything we hold dear, including putting our students first, pride, community spirit, outstanding opportunities and celebration. During our Year 5 'Ancient Adventures' day, students explored our Classics curriculum and we were privileged enough to welcome a large group of parents and carers to help us celebrate student success during a final assembly. It was a joy to welcome them all into our school and I hope that many join us again at our Open Evening on Wednesday 21st September.

Our new Year 7 students, who will be joining The Bridge later this year, made a fantastic start during their transition days this week. Following a 'meet the tutor' evening with their families, students settled into The Bridge quickly and enjoyed making new friends, meeting our specialist staff and their first KS3 lessons. Meanwhile, our sixth form team also took centre stage as they welcomed Year 10 students for a post 16 taster and our new Year 12 students for their official 'Getting Started Day'. There was a fantastic atmosphere at all our events and students entering Year 7 and Year 12 this year have much to look forward to, with so many exciting developments ongoing.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

YEAR 5 ENJOY AN 'ANCIENT ADVENTURE'



The 2022 Ancient Adventures Day has been hailed as a 'triumph' as 240 Year 5 students from Hinckley Parks, St Mary's and Westfield enjoyed a day exploring The Bridge Classics curriculum.

Staff got into the ancient spirit by donning fancy dress to bring the theme to life, while students received a goodie bag complete with ticket and passport to explain the timetable for the day and to collect stickers along their journey.

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Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers

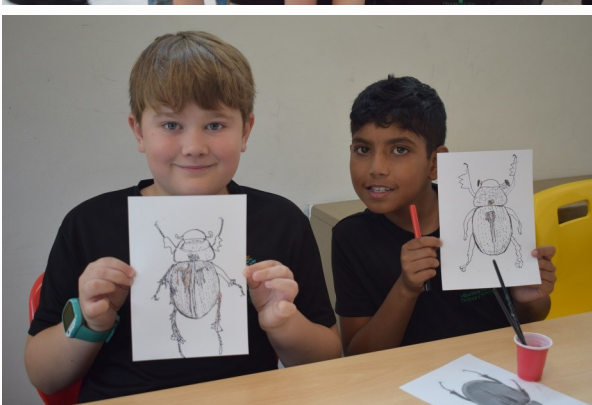


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During the day students got to sample five lessons—English or Humanities, Art or Design, ICT or Maths and Science. All students also enjoyed a 'Mini Olympics' at lunch on the school field where they took part in javelin, discus and sprinting.

Each session showcased the opportunities and KS3 curriculum within The Bridge, our dedicated Year 7 area, and gave students an insight into what they could enjoy in Year 7. During the day groups prepared for an ancient banquet, cracked codes, built pyramids, investigated Archimedes theories, took part in physical theatre and much more. The event finished in true Bridge style with a celebration assembly where all students received a certificate and additional prizes were awarded to the students who had collected the most PRIDE points throughout the event.



Following the event Miss Bull, Director of The Bridge said, "There is no doubt that all 240 students who joined us today, and their parents and carers, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and many are already looking forward to revisiting The Bridge at our Open Evening on the 21st of September."

Enjoyed by staff, students and parents and carers alike, The Hinckley School's successful first Ancient Adventure Day is sure not to be the last!



STUDENTS CAN'T WAIT TO 'GET STARTED'!

The Hinckley Sixth Form welcomed their new Year 12 students this week during the annual 'Getting Started Day'.

Students from all over Leicestershire came together for the first time to prepare for their first day of post 16 study. The new student community enjoyed sampling their new A Level and BTEC Level 3 subjects, meeting their subject specialists and finding out more about why it is such an exciting time to be joining our sixth form.

Mr Boast led the event, with students hearing more about the sixth form building refurbishment and new team members during a talk in A11.

Our new intake received a 'Getting Started Pack' to answer FAQ's and share important diary dates, as well as summer preparation work to help them prepare for the transition from KS4 to KS5 learning and to help them get excited for where success in their new subjects could lead to.

We wish all our new sixth form students the very best for exam results day in August and look forward to enrolment!

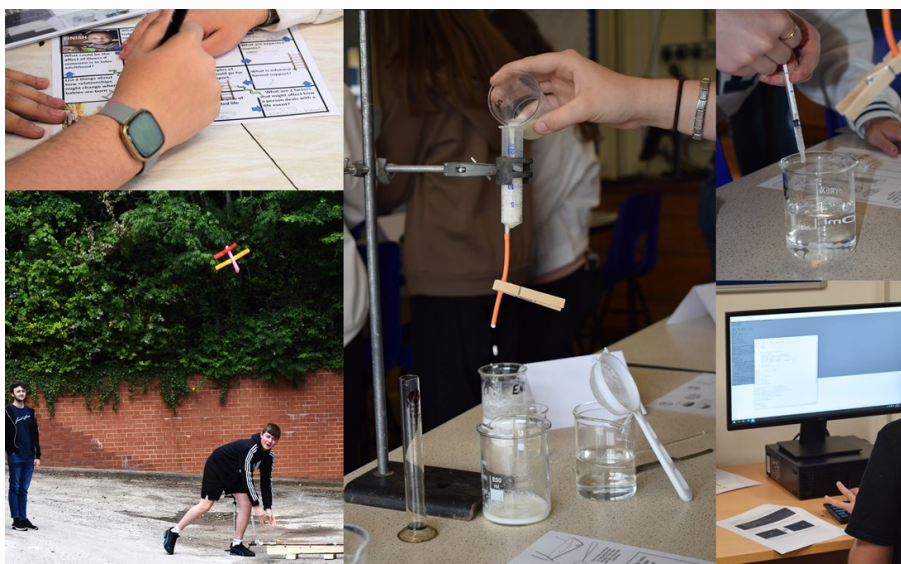


SAMPLING SIXTH FORM LIFE

On Wednesday, our sixth form, formerly known as JC6, had the pleasure of hosting our own Year 10 students who had expressed an interest in progressing onto Sixth Form in the future.

Considering that it was an INSET day, it was lovely to see that so many of our students made the effort to join us, enjoying a complimentary breakfast and a music quiz— during which students were encouraged to make links and connections between the lyrics and the experiences and expectations of an A Level Student.

The day also enabled the Year 10 students to experience the life of a Sixth Form student; participating in a number of taster sessions to introduce the broad range of courses and qualifications on offer at The Hinckley Sixth Form.



Some of the session activities included:

Formulating a disaster relief response to a volcanic eruption | **Programming a game in Python code**

Making a model of a pair of lungs | **Modifying cows milk for lactose intolerant people and cats**

Exploring Brechtian drama techniques | **Debating the ethics of psychology experiments** | **Building and testing rockets**

"It's clear to see that the activities on offer really encouraged Year 10 to work collaboratively as a team to overcome obstacles linked to these challenging and thought provoking tasks. Their engagement throughout and the maturity and perceptiveness of their responses was really impressive. It's been good to discuss with students their developing plans for study after GCSEs and to give them an opportunity to focus on the future," Miss Webster, Year 10 Year Leader

Year 11 will of course offer many more opportunities for students to consider their options and all students received an invite to our sixth form Open Evening on Thursday 10th November 2022. Any students who were unable to attend the event are more than welcome to speak to the Sixth Form and Year 10 Team to further discuss their options and collect the 'Mini Guide' to The Hinckley Sixth Form. - **Ms Paterson, Mr Boast, Miss Webster, Mrs Tomkins & Mr Tallis**

STUDENTS WELCOME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BLADDER CANCER RESEARCH CENTRE



On Thursday Miss Cook's Year 12 Biology class were delighted to welcome Doug Ward, Deputy Director of the Bladder Cancer Research Centre and Theme Lead for Proteomics and Biomarkers.

The visiting speaker joined the sixth form class to lead a talk on cancer, particularly focussing on bladder cancer, as well as sharing an insight into studying biology at university and future career paths.

Thank you to Doug for such an informative talk.

A WARM WELCOME FOR OUR NEW YEAR 7s!



We welcomed over 220 Year 6 students on Thursday and Friday, as students joining The Bridge later this year took part in their Transition Days. The hall was packed with students at the start of the first day as students met Ms Hickman, Miss Bull and Mr Stocks and were introduced to PRIDE. They then made their way down to The Bridge, their dedicated area, to meet their tutor and take part in challenges and team building activities to help them settle in and make new friends.

On the second day, students enjoyed their first official lessons in The Bridge, sampling our specially crafted KS3 curriculum for the first time. Students made a magnificent start this week and should be incredibly proud of themselves for their attitude, behaviour and enthusiasm. We hope that all our new students enjoyed themselves and are excited about starting secondary school. We look forward to seeing many of them again in August at our Summer School!

SCHOOL SPIRIT AT NETBALL SUMMER FRIENDLY

Monday saw the Year 7 and 8 netball team host Hastings in a summer friendly.

Mrs Cheney, Teacher of PE said, "Although unfortunately the results didn't go our way, there were still some great netball skills on show and excellent play from both sides." Players of the Match were Year 7 student Mia and Year 8 student Natasha.

Mrs Cheney and Miss Lewis shared how they and the team are now looking forward to returning in the new year for lots of training and fixtures.

The PE Team would like to say a special thank you to the Year 7 students who stepped in to help at the last minute, it really demonstrated true school spirit and team work.

Well done to everyone who took part.



SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Our young people achieved their Silver assessed expedition in the Shropshire hills this week. They coped very well with the 3-day journey, particularly with the changeable weather.

Their journey started at Clee Liberty Common, Clee St Margaret, with their first night at Coates Farm, Church Stretton, before travelling to Hamerpley on their second day. During their final day the group explored the Long Mynd, walking up to Pole Bank before dropping down to finish at The Bridges pub in Ratlinghope.

Ms Fennell, DoFE Co-Ordinator said, "Their teamwork, perseverance and positive attitudes certainly helped them to achieve their goals. They were able to navigate well and despite some issues with footpaths being overgrown, they managed to work through this together to stay on track."

On their debrief the teams were particularly pleased with their teamwork, problem solving, time management and staying focused throughout. Well done and congratulations!



HISTORY FIELD TRIP TO KENILWORTH CASTLE



On Tuesday our Year 10 Historians enjoyed spending the day exploring Kenilworth Castle.

Ms Beale, Head of History and Trip Leader said, "The weather smiled on us and it was dry and sunny, if a little windy at the top of the castle! A study of Kenilworth is part of our GCSE course so it was good for the students to see the castle 'in person'. They enjoyed touring the gardens and museum and were a credit to the school."

We hope students enjoyed seeing this vast medieval fortress up close.





The Hinckley SCHOOL

You are warmly invited to our

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 21st September 2022
3:30pm - 5:30pm & 6pm-8pm



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