

Hinckley

NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th June 2022

A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD -



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we said a fond farewell to our Year 11 students as they finished their final exams. As the Class of 2022 they should be incredibly proud of their time at Hinckley Academy, with five years of success, memories and experiences to help shape their future path. Over the exam period the year group has shown great maturity, dedication and kindness to each other and I am extremely proud of them all. Next week many Year 11 students will enjoy participating in our Year 11 Leavers Prom and I look forward to an evening of celebration to bring their time with us to a close.

We are delighted that so many of our Year 11 students have decided to continue their journey with us for another two years by joining our sixth form. With these students participating in a Getting Started Day next Monday to think ahead and prepare for their A Level and BTEC Level 3 study. Whatever their path, I wish all our Year 11 students the very best for the future and I am already looking forward to

congratulating them all on results day in August.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman, Headteacher

INSPIRING FUTURE FEMALE ENGINEERS



To celebrate International Women in Engineering Day, students from Year 9 and 10 spent the day at Caterpillar to learn more about the Engineering sector.

During the day students heard from 6 female engineers who shared their journey to their current careers. The speakers were form a variety of different engineering roles: Validation, mechanical, manufacturing, analysis and quality assurance.

Students heard that in the UK 57% of university entrants were women, however only 21% of those took up STEM subjects. Events such as this are aimed to inspire more women to take up STEM subjects and explore careers within these industries due to the growing variety of job roles.

Students learnt about the different routes into engineering careers, from university study to apprenticeships and foundation degrees. In addition, the group were able to have a tour of the caterpillar assembly plant and look around the visitor centre.

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BIDDING A FOND FAREWELL TO YEAR 11



Our Year 11 students signed off in style after finishing the last of their GCSE exams on Thursday morning. The year group were able to meet afterwards for doughnuts in the sunshine while enjoying a final chance to say goodbye to friends and staff.



Miss Key, Mr Arnold and Mrs Simmons, Year 11 Year Team said, "The Year Team are extremely proud of the way Year 11 have managed themselves throughout the exam period and cannot wait to see them again at the Year 11 Leavers Prom next week".

Everyone at Hinckley Academy wishes our Year 11 students all the very best for their future and look forward to celebrating with them on GCSE results day in August.





Year 11 students enjoyed the nice weather as they celebrated their final day at Hinckley Academy with doughnuts on the field.

Last Day of Term -

Please note that the last day of term, Friday 8th July 2022, will be a non uniform day, with school finishing earlier than normal at 12pm.

BEAVER BUS REMINDER

A reminder for all parents that the <u>deadline to sign up for travel on the</u> <u>Beaver Bus is 01/07/2022</u>. Please sign up before this date by using the following link <u>www.beaver-bus.co.uk/school-buses/</u>

Beaver Bus Company are now also able to accept entitled passenger reservations for 2022-23 by using the following link <u>www.beaver-bus.co.uk/</u> school-buses-entitled-reservation-form/

Farewell Feast for Year 11 Health & Social Care



As well as a whole year celebration on the field to mark the end of their final year at Hinckley Academy, many subjects also celebrated with class activities to mark the close of a fantastic chapter.

Ms Mullaney, Teacher of Health and Social Care, describes her Year 11 class as 'outstanding' and enjoyed saying farewell to students during a pancake feast! A wonderful and well earned memory for students and staff to treasure after months of hard work.

Ms Mullaney said, "I have taught this year's leavers for the last 3 years since they joined me on the 'taster class' in Year 9. They have been on a great learner journey of discovery, absorbing all the challenges of roles within the health and social care section during a global pandemic.

Wishing you all the best of luck for a happy and healthy future."

Food Investigation Task

Year 10 Food and Nutrition GCSE students have just started a practice food investigation task in preparation for their controlled assessment in September.

Students were given the following task: "Investigate the functional properties of chemical raising agents in baked goods". Students completed the first of four investigations – most students chose to complete the balloon expansion test using baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and cream of tartar.

Great fun was had by all, especially when the gasses produced caused the balloons to suddenly rise!







Year 10 Rewards

Over the last term, our Year 10 students have continued to look for opportunities to demonstrate PRIDE within their lessons, accumulating PRIDE points to acknowledge their continued efforts. During last week's assembly, Miss Webster revealed the final leader board for this academic year, rewarding the students achievements with a range of prizes and privileges including; films & pizza, queue jump passes, VIP breakfasts and gift cards..... and lots of doughnuts, that can be redeemed over the coming few weeks.

Both Miss Webster and Mr Tallis were really pleased to see that a huge number of the year group placed on the leader board with their overall achievement point totals.

A huge congratulations to all of the students and we hope that you enjoy your prizes!

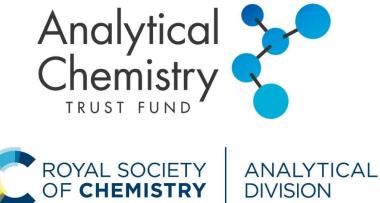


RSC SCHOOL'S ANALYST COMPETITION

In their Chemistry lessons this week Year 12 students have been competing in the RSC Schools' Analyst Competition.

The students were tasked with helping the owners of Sanderson's Fish and Chip shop reduce their impact on climate change by changing suppliers for some of their ingredients to ones closer to the shop. In order to check the quality of the food on offer doesn't suffer, the students were required to help the owner out by analysing the local flour, potatoes and vinegar for qualities associated with truly excellent fish and chips.

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existing chemistry knowledge, skills and aptitude for analytical science, whilst completing the sometimes unfamiliar tasks. We look forward to hearing the outcome of their work!



DATE REMINDER INSET DAY -29th June 2022 A reminder that our original INSET Day on Friday 24th June has been <u>cancelled</u> and therefore our students are expected to be in school as normal on this day.

However, our INSET day on Wednesday 29th June <u>will continue</u> as planned.