

NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th June 2022

SUPPORTING SUCCESS IN SUMMER EXAMS -



Dear Parents/Carers,

The first week back after the half term break has flown past, with students settling back into their regular routines and enjoying being back to learning in lessons with their friends. From making jam in Food and Nutrition and enjoying Library Millionaire Reader Tea Parties, to celebrating our UK Maths Challenge results and sharing students volunteering success —it has been yet another busy week here at Hinckley Academy.

Summer exams have also continued, with our students once again impressing with their commitment to learning and attendance to make the most of their personalised revision timetables. They have not only shown how hard working they are, but have also been incredibly supportive of each other. We hope that they have felt supported by us too and that the free breakfasts, bespoke revision sessions and 'top-tips' core subject assemblies have helped to ease the stress of the exam season and allowed them to make the most of the support available. From next Monday, students in Year 11will only be

expected to be in school for exams and bespoke revisions sessions for the subjects they are still studying for, parents and carers will have received an email today from Ms Key containing additional information. We will provide a suitable quiet place for them to study if they wish to during this time and will continue to run Breakfast Club in the mornings between 8.15am-8.30am. I would like to personally wish every one of our students all the very best with their remaining exams.

Best wishes, **Lisa Hickman, Headteacher**

RECOGNITION FOR VOLUNTEERING SUCCESS



If you are interested in joining the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme, please email: afennell@hajc.leics.sch.uk

OF EDINBURGH'S

AWARD

Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre students have gained recognition for achieving an astonishing 689 hours of voluntary service.

This achievement formed part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Programme and is even more impressive due to a limited number of opportunities in the volunteering section, making it one of the hardest to complete - but not for our students!

Amy Fennell, Duke of Edinburgh
Co-Ordinator said, "The Duke of Edinburgh's
Award group have not only gained skills
themselves, but have also made a
significant contribution to our local
community, they should be immensely
proud."

Well done to everyone involved!



The Futures Trust
Building Brighter Futures

Students Congratulated on Their Performance in The UK Maths Challenge

Students in Year 7 and 8 took part in the UK Maths Challenge in April, an event which sees young people from across the UK test their mathematical knowledge.

The UK Maths Challenge is a 60 minute, multiple choice challenge and encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

Having now received the final results and with a history of strong performance in the challenge, it is wonderful to once again be able to congratulate all students who took part this year.

Every student who took part will receive a certificate with students in the top 50% of participants awarded a Bronze, Silver of Gold award on the ratio 3:2:1.

Well done to everyone who took part!

YEAR 8

Student	Certificate
Brandon	Bronze
Drew	Participation
Ellie	Silver
Emma	Participation
Eva	Participation
Grace	Participation
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Harrison	Bronze
Katie	Bronze
Logan	Participation
Loreley	SilverBiS
Marlow	Bronze
Nathan	Participation
Oscar	Participation
Sydney	SilverBiS
Tom	Bronze

YEAR 7

Student	Certificate
Charlotte	BronzeBiY
Connor	Bronze
Josh	Participation
Matthew	Bronze
Mia	Participation
Noah	Participation
Oliver	Participation
Rosa	Bronze
Sam	Participation
Spencer	Participation
Tilly	Bronze





Making Jam in Food and Nutrition

The Food and Nutrition department was filled with the smell of sweet fruit this week, as Year 10 created fantastic jars of jam.

The GCSE class, led by Mrs Wilson, followed a recipe closely to produce the end result. She said, "Students in Year 10 made Strawberry or Raspberry Jam this week, alongside their theory work on primary and secondary processing. During the lesson we also covered the topics of setting agents and shelf life. Smelt and looked great!" Well done Year 10!









MILLIONAIRE READERS TEA PARTY



School Librarian, Mrs Crisp, held a Millionaire Readers Tea Party in the Library this week, with students enjoying hot chocolates and sweet treats to celebrate their achievements.

The 13 students in Year 7 and 8 have all read more than a million words, from an impressive 1,025,115 all the way up to an incredible 5,990,780!

During the tea party students played games and were each awarded a certificate and pin badge to take home.

A love of reading opens new worlds to young people, as well as improving all important literacy and oracy skills. Extremely proud of our students achievements, Mrs Crisp said, "The dedication that these students have shown towards reading really is inspiring. I have enjoyed following their reading progression throughout the year immensely and it's been so lovely to be able to reward them with a special 'tea party'."



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</u> continue as planned.

STUDENTS ENJOY NEW CATERING PROVISION

This week we officially welcomed our new catering providers Taylor Shaw, who have now taken over the Main Hall Food Hub, The Cube and Sixth Form Café 6.

As well as brand new menus, our new provider has introduced new menu boards, displays and signage to help create fantastic areas for students to enjoy their break and lunch times.

Café 6, over in our Sixth Form Centre, now also features a card machine for students in Year 12 and 13 to purchase items with their card or mobile phone, in addition to the parent pay facility.

Please click on the links on the bottom right to read an introduction and view sample menus.











REGISTER NOW FOR OUR YEAR 10 SIXTH FORM TASTER!



On Wednesday 29th June our Year 10 students will have the opportunity to experience life as a 6th form College student, at 'The Hinckley Sixth Form Taster'. Students will choose from our broad range of 6th form courses, experience taster lessons with our experienced 6th form teachers and be able to explore the options and opportunities available to them as 6th form students. Part of the careers programme for Year 10, helping students to make well-informed decisions about their future plans, the morning will show how sixth form choices can link into future opportunities.

An assembly this week shared <u>additional details</u> with our Year 10 students and a letter will also be sent home today. To take part in the event students need to register their place online — <u>Click here to register now!</u>



Duke of Edinburgh Award News







Gold Expedition

"Our Gold group ventured to the Brecon Beacons over half term to tackle their Gold practice. The group stayed at a youth hostel on Friday night. After breakfast on Saturday we drove to their start point of Ystradowen car park. The group completed a 16k walk and camped the night at Blaenau farm, Llanddeusant. Day 2 was a little shorter although a tough climb along the Brecon Way finishing in Glyntawe. Day 3 was the final day, a lovely stretch up and over the hill Fan Nedd was completed with ease. The weather was kind, we had three glorious days of being able to see the beautiful scenery and also the local wildlife including red kites.

Well Done to the all, you are now fully prepared for your next adventure in Snowdonia. Good luck." - Amy Fennell, DofE Co Ordinator



Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following young people in Year 10 who have completed their Bronze awards:

Holly Maisie Jake Morgan Lily





SHOWING OUR
SUPPORT FOR AN
IMPORTANT ROAD
SAFETY PETITION

We are supporting a petition to have a permanent pedestrian crossing installed near St Peter's Primary School on London Road in Hinckley. The safety of our students is our top priority and the addition of a permanent crossing would enable not only our students, but all pedestrians to cross this busy main road safely. To view and sign the petition, please <u>click here.</u>