

Hinckley

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th May 2022

COMMUNITY SPIRIT -



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 11, 12 and 13 students continue to show determination, commitment to learning and maturity as they sit their summer exams, and I would like to once again congratulate them on their positive attitudes. We have held revision top tip assemblies and revision sessions prior to exams to ensure students enter the exam room confident, calm and ready to achieve their full potential.

Our students demonstrate a wonderful community spirit, whether this be in their classes as they celebrate the work of others and contribute supportively and positively to group discussions, work together to create displays and artwork to commemorate national events, such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, or join our wider local community as they pay their respects during the Centenary War Memorial Service in Hinckley. Our school is a large community of learners, educators and families, all

working together to ensure students build a brighter future for themselves, whilst also being part of our wider local community, who we are proud to serve and support.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman, Headteacher

STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Our students have been busy decorating the Student Support Centre ready for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Mr Clark has praised students for working together during their break times to create a commemorative display filled with their own artwork. He said, "students have worked really hard coloured in pictures to create a fantastic display for the occasion, they have been very enthusiastic and should be very proud of themselves." Students from Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 have all worked together to create this eye catching display for students and staff to enjoy—it's definitely fit for royalty!



Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers

CENTENARY COMMEMORATION - HINCKLEY WAR MEMORIAL





Students and staff joined members of the local community at the Centenary Commemoration of the Hinckley War Memorial on Friday 20th May 2021. The service marked 100 years since the war memorial was unveiled and saw the memorial re-dedicated. The service featured hymns, prayers, the Salvation Army Band of Hinckley and an opportunity to learn more about the history of the war memorial.

An opportunity for reflection, contemplation and remembrance, the service allowed students, staff and the local community to pay their respects to those we sadly lost in the first and second world war. Students proudly represented the school during the event and conducted themselves with maturity throughout the service.



Jekyll and Hyde Movie Trailers Prove a Big Hit



10B4 have been studying their 19th century text 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. To consolidate their learning they recently created movie trailers which they shared as a class and with Miss Hickman, receiving high praise for their hard work.

Their English Teacher, Ms Martin said, "Having never used the software before, I was so impressed by their resilience and determination to produce fabulous trailers! A BIG well done does to: Georgia, Jared, Jamie, Frankie, Harrison, Frazer, Toby, Alfie, Stanley, Rose and Brooke."

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.

BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S ASSESSED EXPEDITION

Our young people were out and about in Leicestershire this weekend for their Bronze assessed Expedition. The five teams were dropped off in the minibus at two different start points, Peatling Magna and Coutesthrope, before journeying to their campsite at Ullesthorpe.

In the evening they enjoyed playing frisbee as well as entertaining the Brownies at



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD their campfire by teaching them new songs and taking part in their science experiments.

Day 2 was an early start with all teams off the site by 8am, they managed to successful navigate back to school. They coped well with carrying their rucksacks in the hot weather conditions over the two days. Amy Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator said, "They were all very positive and showed lots of enthusiasm throughout the two day experience. Well done to them all, and many thanks to the leadership team for giving up their time over the weekend."





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>

OUTSTANDING WORK CELEBRATED IN ENGLISH



Students in 8B3 have been looking at World War I poetry, stories and letters in their English lessons. Students have studied the work of Wilfred Owen and Jessie Pope and compared and contrasted their different writing styles, learning how Owen uses graphics images of war, while Pope focuses on propaganda poetry.

Students were set a task to write their own poem in the style of either Wilfred Owen or Jessie Pope or to produce their own propaganda poster and have been commended by Ms Martin for their efforts. The class produced impactful propaganda posters which they displayed and evaluated as a group, as well as examples of well considered and emotive poetry to show their understanding of the time period and poetry styles. Members of the class continued the discussion at home by creating posters with context which even linked to their own family history.







Who's ready for the big game? Who's for the game? Is every men ready for the biggest game they're ever going to play in their life ? Your country needs YOU! Sirens going an and off every morning. Who'll survive on the first day and make it to the end? Or are they going to lose and fail the game ? Who'll give their country a hand and turn up to join Who's going to sit and who's going to play ? Who knows if its a game for picnic or not? Who would rather lie low it home then come back in crutches? Come along, lads be strong and brave Your country is shouting for your up to her neck. So come play the game And she's looking for YOU!

Year 8 student Janice wrote a fantastic poem in the style of Jessie Pope which we are delighted to share above.



There will be a new after school activity club for Year 7 and 8 starting Wednesday 8th June for those that would like to do some extra baking!

So, if you would love to bake some...

Brownies, Doughnuts, Muffins, Flapjacks, Iced Cup Cakes or Rocky Road

...Then sign up to become a 'Cool Cook'!

There are 5 session in total,

you can take part in 1 or all 5 - you decide!

The food ingredients will be provided at a cost of just £3* and you can take your fabulous food home.

Payments need to be actioned via parentpay

<u>Click here to register your interest to</u> <u>become a 'Cool Cook'!!</u>



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

BRONZE

Skills R

Expedition 2

Volunteering 3 months

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Physical 3 months

Current Year 9s can enrol onto the Bronze DofE PLUS a further 3 months in the award. Volunteering. (Completing their expedition in Year 10) Physical or Skills

Expedition training will start in September



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Current Year 10s can enrol onto the Silver DofE award. (Completing their expedition in Year 11)

*Expedition training will start in September

Registration for Bronze, Silver and Gold: Now Open

For more information email afennell@hajc.leics.sch.uk

A YEAR 11 MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers.

This week marks the end of the first proper week of GCSE exams and our Year 11 students have done themselves and us proud!

Despite stress levels being high, they conducted themselves professionally and we are confident that they have given it their all in each exam.

To our students: get some rest at the weekend and be ready for next week. We are super proud of you!

Ms Key, Year Leader and Mr Arnold, Pastoral Leader