



Friday 18th March 2022

INCREDIBLY PROUD -



Dear Parents/Carers,

There is not a week that goes by when I am not proud of the hard work and achievements of our students. Their talent, determination and passion make our community truly amazing and I was so incredibly proud to sit in the front row on the closing night of Grease to see our young people shine yet again.

The cast and crew staged a highly professional musical that I know audiences enjoyed from start to finish, with our students' confidence and a sense of community clear for all to see. Students from all year groups worked together and supported each other to create unforgettable memories. I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work and to congratulate the cast, crew, band and Performing Arts Team for staging such a joyful and impressive show.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman, Headteacher

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Grease wowed audiences on Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th March, as students from all year groups joined together to stage an impressive and professional musical for our community. Audience members praised the show as 'the best production yet', calling it 'amazing', 'incredible' and a 'professional production'.

Daisy and Isaac performed in the leading roles of Sandy and Danny, embodying their characters perfectly as they convincingly conveyed the highs and lows of a high school summer romance, through dramatic dialogue and impressive solos and duets which audience members claimed, 'stole the show'. Alongside them, the talented cast of Pink Ladies and T Birds brought comic timing and even more amazing vocals, as the show moved from one incredible moment to the next. While the performances of 'Beauty School Drop Out' by Nathan as Teen Angel and 'Hand Jive' by Ayesha as Johnny Casino gave visitors yet more stand out moments. (Continues overleaf...)



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The large cast had high energy throughout and brought the house down with high impact group dance numbers with amazing choreography.

Led by Mr Riley, a live band made up of students and external musicians helped bring the long list of musical favourites to life, meaning that the audience couldn't help but tap their feet and sing along! Meanwhile back stage, an organised and professional student stage crew ensured that each scene ran perfectly by placing props and scenery smoothly between scenes.

From Year 7 to Year 13, the student cast and crew performed in perfect harmony in order to stage a truly magical musical that audience members will remember for years to come.

The quality of the show was not only testament to the incredible talent of our students, but also the dedication of our Performing Arts Team in the form of Mrs Cook, Head of Performing Arts and Director, Ms Radcliffe, Teacher of Dance and Choreographer and Mr Riley, Teacher of Music and Musical Director.

Everyone at Hinckley Academy is bursting with pride and would like to congratulate all students involved in this truly fantastic show. We look forward to sharing more professional photographs from the show with our community in the coming days as mementos for you all to treasure.



STUDENTS ATTEND MIRA STEM NETWORKING EVENT



Last Friday, six students in Year 8 visited the MIRA Technology Institute for a STEM Speed Networking Event. The event aimed to inspire students to consider a career within a STEM environment and was attended by professionals from leading businesses and organisations.

Students involved were nominated by their STEM teachers and the group enjoyed a series of networking rounds throughout the day. During each networking session students got the chance to interview an industry professional from a STEM background about their job role, qualifications, day-to-day activities and how they got to where they are today. The group found out about their work milestones, educational background and how they overcame challenges, to hopefully inspire their own STEM ambitions.



The MIRA STEM speed networking event allowed students in Year 8 to find out more about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths from professionals first hand.

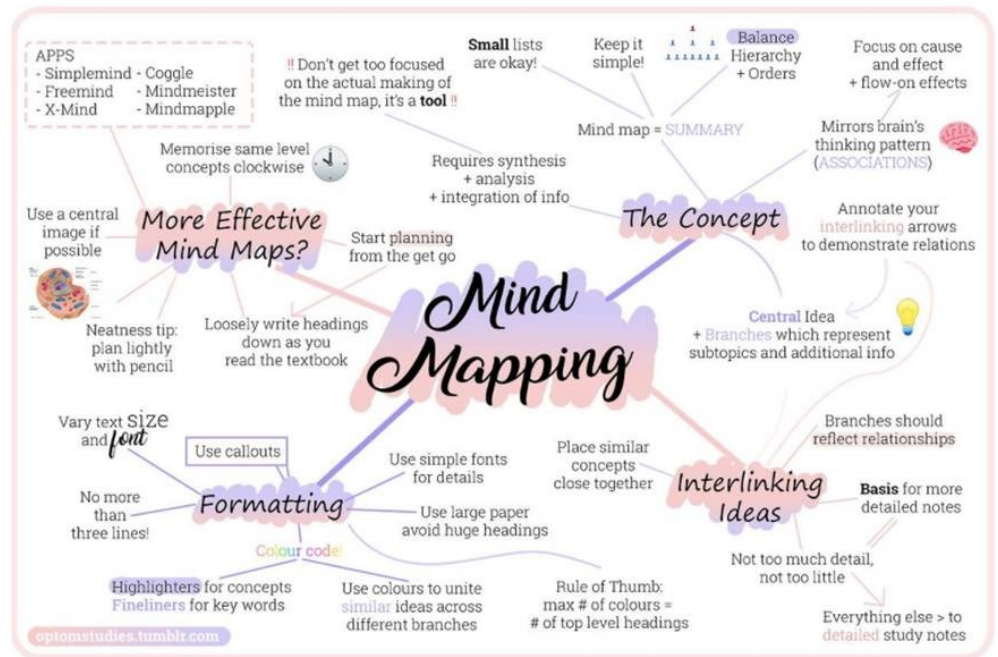
Ms KEY'S REVISION TOP TIP

To support Year 11 students with their revision, Ms Key, Year 11 Year Leader, would like to share another revision top tip...

The MAGIC of Mind Mapping!

"There is a real art to constructing an effective mind-map. It's not about trying to get all the information from a topic or an entire GCSE on one page! An effective mind-map should include the essential knowledge and processes from a topic that are linked to show the journey through that topic. Use of colour and drawings or diagrams will help to cement the knowledge into your long-term memory that will enable you to recall at a later date during your review process. Check out the structure on the right...."

- Ms Key, Year 11 Year Leader.



WORLD CUP MATHS

Delivering engaging and exciting lessons is a priority of all staff at Hinckley Academy, as we continually investigate new ways to bring topics to life in the classroom.

This week, Mr Hall's Year 9 Maths class enjoyed 'World Cup Maths' as they studied algebra. Complete with a football shirt worn by Andrea Pirlo and World Cup team hand outs, the lesson used football as a vehicle to explore substituting values into expressions.

The lesson began with Mr Hall giving an introduction to the football themed lesson and running through some example equations on the board. The class then took part in a competitive mini whiteboard challenge as they solved equations in the hope of winning points for their team. For their main task, the students were then given a World Cup hand out which asked them to work out the total value of a team of football players using the knowledge they have developed throughout the lessons to substitute values into expressions. Students will now go on to build upon this understanding in future lessons.



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ELLIE COMPETES IN ESSA CHAMPIONSHIP

Year 8 pupil Ellie attended the English Schools Swimming Association championships held in Coventry on 12th and 13th March. She was selected to swim the junior girls 200m freestyle and 200m butterfly for the East Midlands. (200m is 8 lengths of Hinckley Leisure Centre's swimming pool!) Ellie also competed in the junior girls freestyle and medley relay team events.

ESSA is a national event with the best swimmers across the country competing for their region in a two day championship. The standard of swimming was exceptional, and the East Midlands team came in 7th position overall. Ellie had a brilliant time: it was her first experience of travelling, training and competing with a squad, and she made new friends with swimmers from Derbyshire and Lincolnshire.

Ellie now has a weekend off swimming, before traveling to competitions in Sheffield and Nottingham later in March, hoping to qualify for this year's East Midlands regional championships.



Congratulations to Ellie for her participation in the ESSA Championship

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 [click here](#).

DIVERSITY ASSEMBLIES

Students in Year 7-11 were joined by Isla Dixon, Diversity and Inclusion Officer for Leicestershire Police this week for a Diversity Assembly.



Building a supportive, tolerant, inclusive and understanding community is extremely important to us here at Hinckley Academy and it was a privilege to welcome our guest speaker this week to talk about such an important topic.

The assembly aimed to provide students with knowledge that will enable them to consider how their actions might impact others and to give them the confidence to challenge inappropriate behaviour and support others. Topics covered included understanding what a hate crime is and the impact it can have on victims and society, banter, and bias and stereotyping.

An assembly this week looked at tolerance, the impact of actions on others and diversity.

Assemblies such as this give our young people an opportunity for mature discussion and to ask questions in a safe environment, as well as supporting them to gain the knowledge to contribute positively to our wonderfully diverse world.

VACCINATIONS

WHO, WHAT, WHEN?

To help students and their families to understand school vaccinations and when they take place, we would like to share a useful infographic from the NHS. This clearly explains when each vaccination will be offered, to which age group and the consent process.

SCHOOL VACCINATIONS OVER SUMMER TERM		
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust		
What	Who	When
Teenage Booster <small>aka tetanus, diphtheria and polio</small>	Year 9	March - May 2022
Meningitis ACWY	Year 9	March - May 2022
HPV <small>(two doses are required)</small>	Year 8 <small>and Year 9s who have not yet had it</small>	May 2022
MMR	By invite only - Year 8	May 2022
Catch up clinics <small>Clinics for those who miss the above vaccinations will be held from June 2022</small>	COVID-19 <small>Most in-school COVID-19 vaccinations will finish in March 2022. The vaccination will still be available at local clinics across the county.</small>	Consent explained <small>Parents or carers need to provide consent for each vaccine their child is eligible for. Your school will send out a letter confirming the date that the immunisation team will be attending your child's school and how to provide consent using an online form. If you are having difficulty filling out the online form or want to speak to someone, please call the immunisation service on 0300 300 0007.</small>
For more information about all of these vaccines visit the Health For Teens website .		

Click the image to read more.

HANDBALL TEAMS PRAISED FOR TOURNAMENT PERFORMANCE



On Tuesday 15th March the Level 2 Handball Competition took place at Bosworth Academy, with two Year 10 teams from Hinckley Academy in attendance.

The boys from both teams played incredibly well, with the HAJC Team 1 finishing the tournament in 2nd place. HAJC Team 2 fought valiantly and finished the tournament in 6th place. Mr Pallett, Teacher of PE shared how proud he is of all students that participated and said, "Well done to all who took part!"

HAJC Team 1

Josh
Mikey
Rhys
Matthew
Luca
Elliot
Jack

HAJC Team 2

Liam
Alistair
Mikey
Henry
Robert
Aaron
Jack
Jamie

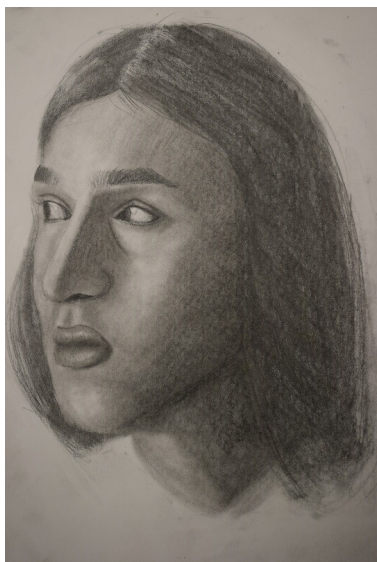
DIARY DATE

YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING - TUESDAY 22ND MARCH

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENTS!

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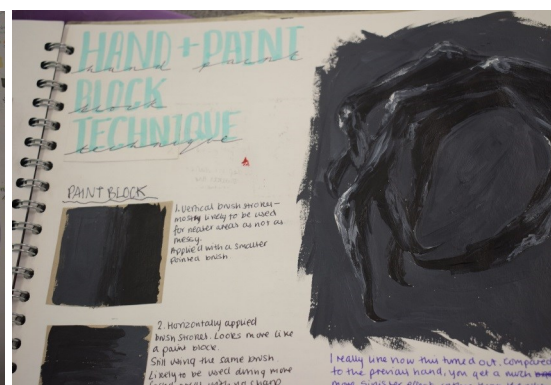
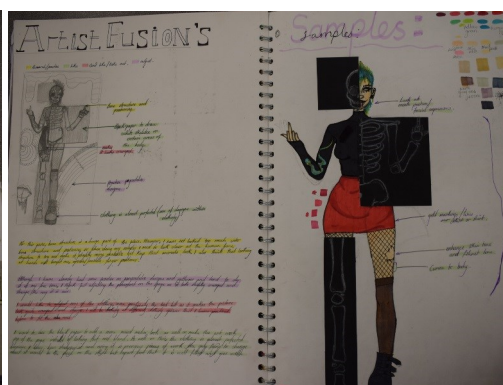
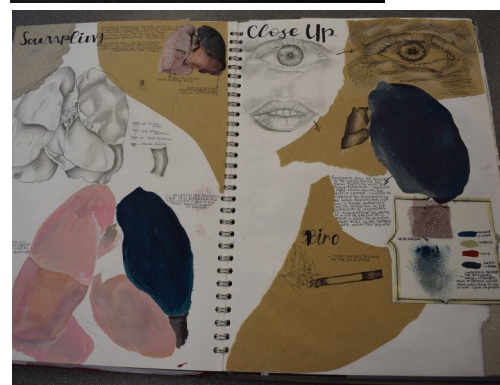
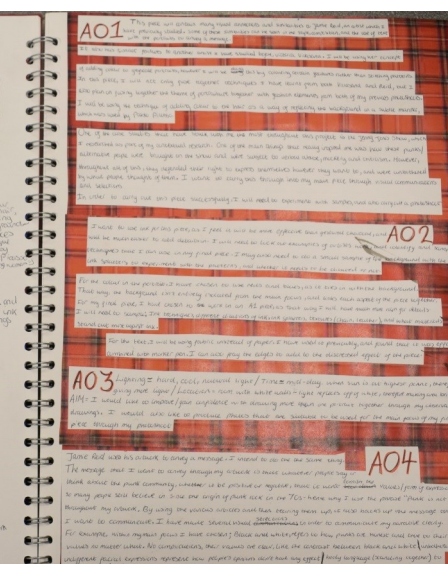
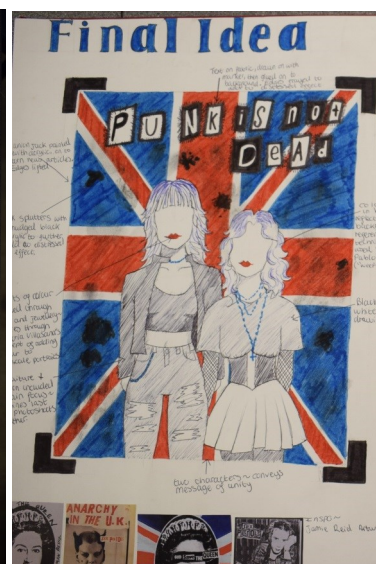
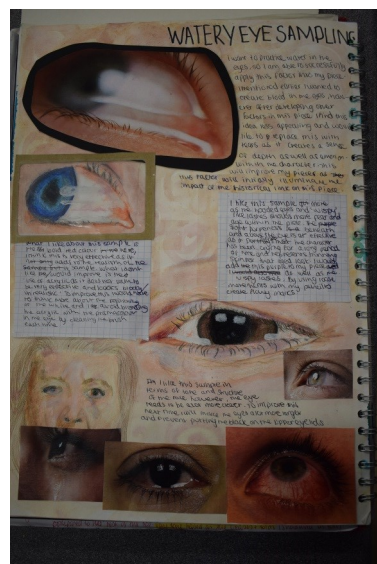
AN INSIGHT INTO THE CREATIVE PROCESS



Year 11 Art students have been developing their ideas by investigating different sources ahead of creating their final assessed piece. Students have filled their sketchbooks with amazing ideas, observations, experimental techniques and sampling to show their creative process.

Ms Webster, Teacher of Art, shared how the group did really well in their mock exam and have approached feedback with a mature outlook, using it to constructively inform their work. Thanks to this the group now have a good understanding of how to evidence exam criteria.

Their impressive sketchbook work gives an insight into their final assessed pieces which they will complete in four weeks time. We look forward to sharing their final masterpieces after Easter and showing how the sketchbook work you see on this page has developed into their final pieces.



Impressive Year 11 sketchbooks give an insight into the creative journey which has led to the start of their final assessed pieces