



HAPPY HALF TERM -



Dear Parents/Carers,

We find ourselves once again at the end of another half term and the first of a brand new year. This half term our students have made such a magnificent start to 2022 and I would like to congratulate them all on their determination, progress and attitude.

Things have definitely not slowed down here in the lead up to the break, with another action packed week of learning and enrichment. From Science experiments and book clubs, to designing 3D printed robots and Drama workshops. In the newsletter this week we share some of the wide variety of opportunities available to students in all year groups each and every week here at Hinckley Academy.

I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable half term and I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 21st February 2022 rested and ready to learn.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman, Head of School

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BOOK GROUP MEET MULTI-AWARD WINNING AUTHOR

This week members of our '10 for 10' book club took part in a virtual author event with multi-award winning children's author Manjeet Mann. The Year 10 book group enjoyed reading Manjeet Mann's book, 'The Crossing', which has now been nominated for the Carnegie Medal 2022. The book covers themes such as the refugee crisis, grief, hate crime and far right groups. Each of the 10 books on the book club's reading list is specially chosen to challenge students through either the content, style or language used and our students have enjoyed reading all the books so far. During the virtual author event, students heard the author read extracts from the book and got to ask her questions about the plot and characters. Rachel got to ask her question, "Is Sammy's decision to swim the channel based on a real life event or there purely to develop the connection between him and Natalie?"

The book group are now about to start their next book, with the tough decision of what to read first, 'Music from another world' by Robin Talley or 'Game Changer' by Neil Shusterman.
Happy Reading!



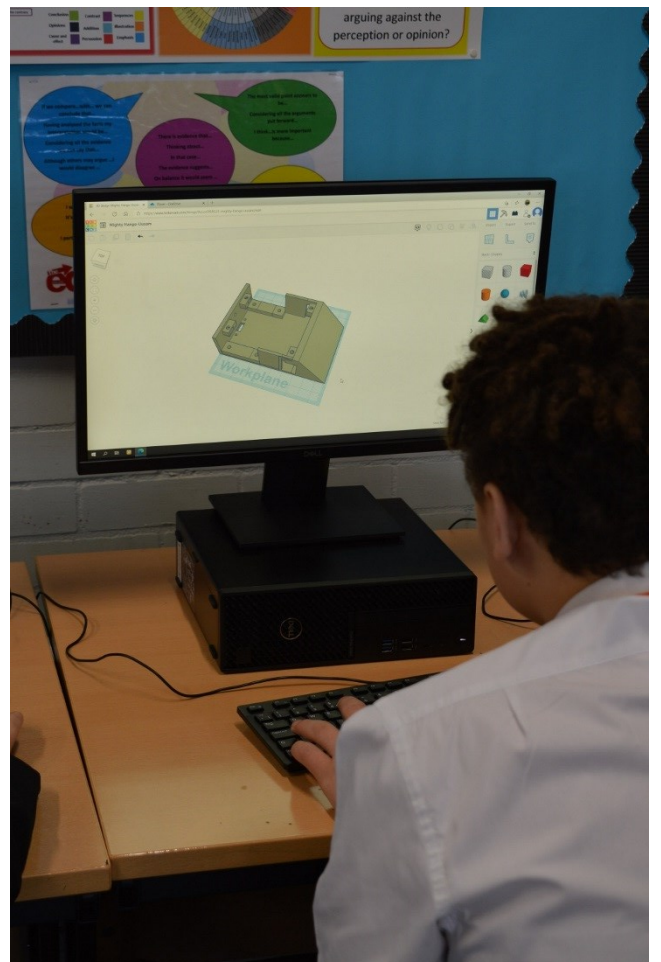
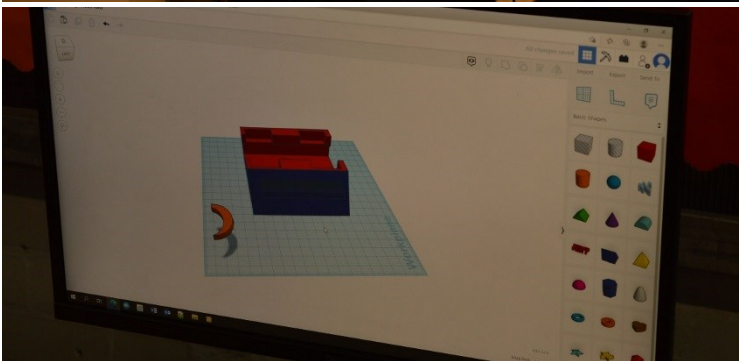
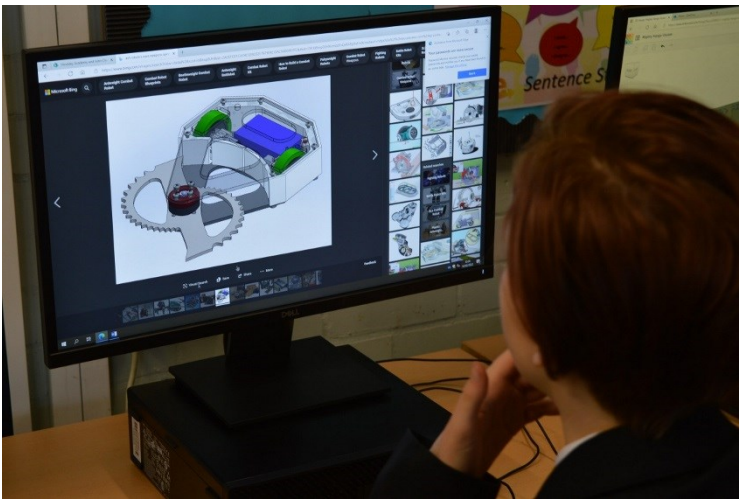
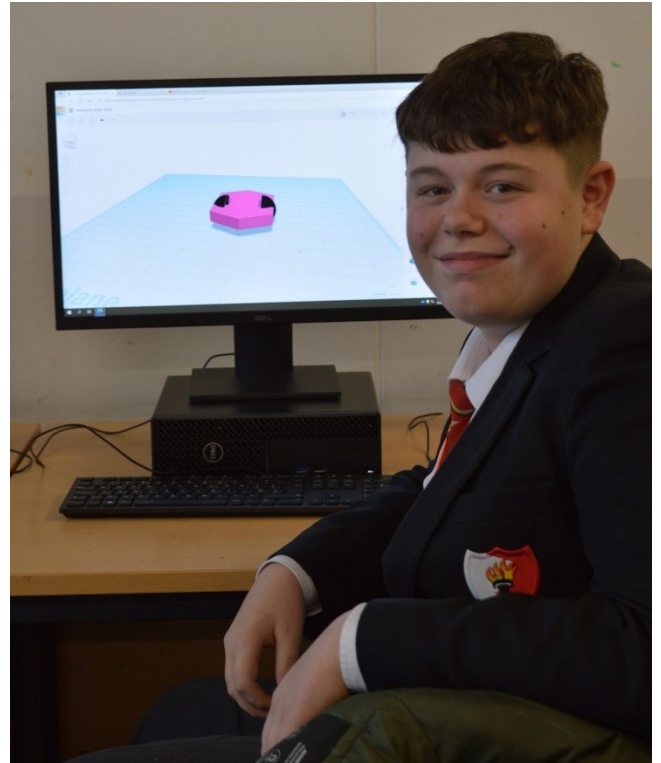
DESIGNING AND BUILDING ANT WEIGHT ROBOTS

Our Robot Club is an exciting new enrichment opportunity for students in Years 9, 10 and 11. The club, led by Dr Smith and Mr Harrison, supports students to design their own Ant Weight Robot using 3D CAD design software before bringing their creation to life using 3D printing.

After the robots have been built, students will then enter a 'robot wars' style competition alongside other schools within The Futures Trust. The competition is sponsored by Arup, who have kindly donated the equipment to build the robots.

This unique opportunity allows our students to get to grips with 3D CAD design, manufacturing processes, design skills and engineering. Dr Smith would love more students to get involved, and encourages students in Years 9, 10 and 11 to come to D1 on Thursday lunchtimes to find out more.

We can't wait to share the final robots and how we get on when they are put to the test later this year!



Students worked on 3D CAD software to design their Ant Weight Robots

AMBASSADORS PLAN 'TALKING POINT TUESDAY'

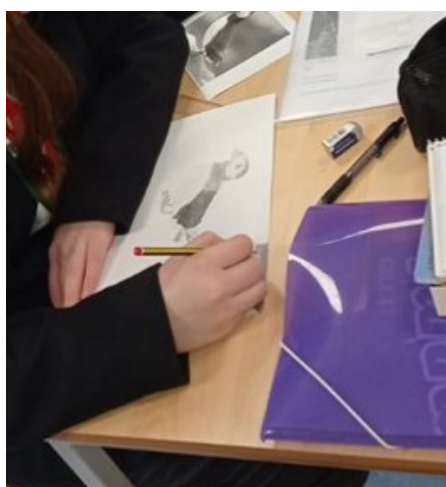
This week, our Year 8 student ambassadors took an active role in planning the 'Talking Point Tuesday' tutor time activity, following recent student voice.

The student ambassadors planned a series of thought provoking statements to highlight protected characteristics, covering important topics such as black history within the curriculum and gay marriage. Ambassadors said the session made students think and helped to make students aware of important topics, as well as giving them an avenue for positive discussion.

Ambassadors Gem and Zuzanna form part of the Year 8 ambassador Group where each student has their own role and focus, including Charity, Environment, Sports, Community, Education and STEM. Ambassadors play a vital role within our school, championing student voice and contributing to school improvement.

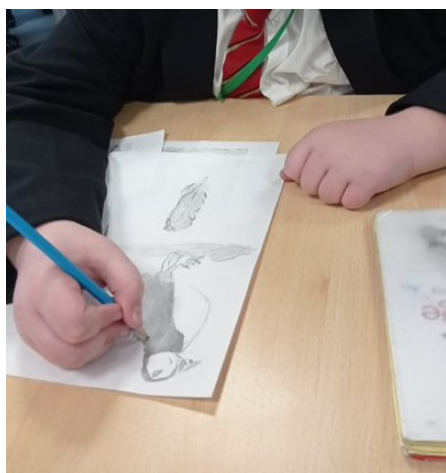


PERFECTING PROPORTIONS



Art students in The Bridge have been putting their newly acquired skills to the test this week.

Mr Moore, Head of Art, challenged the students to draw an accurately proportioned Puffin, that contained a full tonal range; whilst considering appropriate mark making techniques.



Ms French, Year 7 Pastoral Leader, came into the lesson and was amazed by the wonderful artwork and hard work on display.

Well done Year 7!

Year 7 students produced drawings of a puffin, using accurate proportions and a full tonal range

Do You Love LANGUAGES?

Mrs Wilson, Year 8 Year Leader would like to encourage her students with a love of languages to attend a new lunchtime club after half term.

From when we return after February half term, the Languages department will be offering a lunchtime enrichment club for those students who want to extend their love of languages. The lunchtime club will consist of enrichment games and conversations and will be supported by our sixth form students.

This is a great opportunity for our students to expand their knowledge and explore a new interest. *More details to be announced shortly.*

MISS KEY'S TOP REVISION TIPS

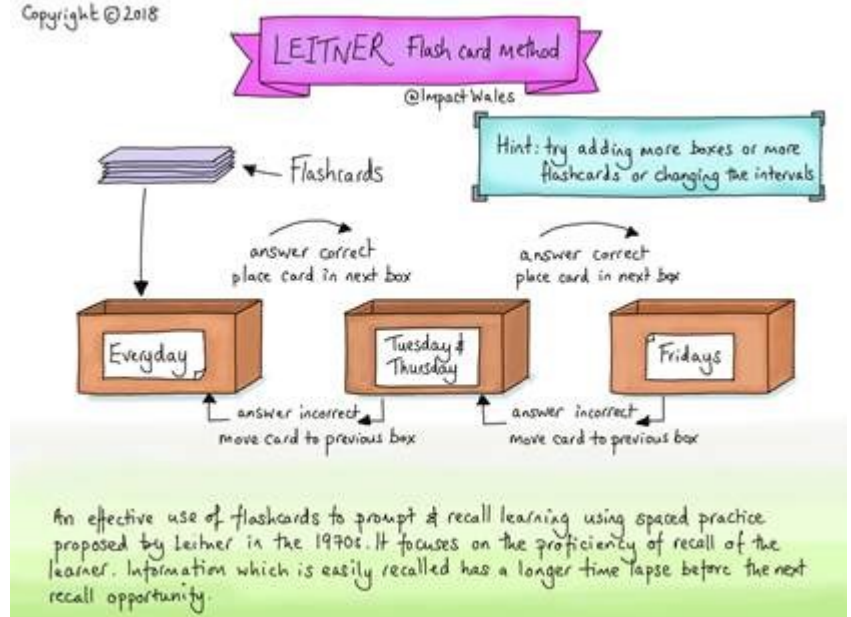
Each week, Miss Key, Year Leader for Year 11 will be sharing a revision tip to help support students through the exam period.

This week her top tip is...

REVISION TIP OF THE WEEK –

Use flash cards effectively to measure your progress over time.

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DOFE STUDENTS COMPLETE FIRST AID TRAINING

Our Bronze, Silver and Gold participants completed a one day First Aid training course in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh's award expeditions recently.

The course covered a variety of topics including primary and secondary survey, CPR and the use of an AED, recovery position, the effects of heat and cold, choking, burns and bleeds, strains and sprains, bites and stings and much more. The practical course was hands on, encouraging our young people to get fully involved. The afternoon saw them looking for casualties outside and treating them as if it was a live situation. Amy Fennell, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator said, "Well done to everyone who took part!"

Congratulations to Thomas, who has completed his Silver Duke of Edinburgh's award this week!



WEST END ACTOR LEADS BLOOD BROTHERS WORKSHOP

On Friday Year 10 and 11 students had the pleasure of taking part in a acting workshop led by professional actor Mike, who studied his craft at LIPA P.A school, before going on to play the role of Sammy in the West End and touring production of Blood Brothers for many years.

Blood Brothers features within the GCSE Drama syllabus, and this unique workshop gave students a fantastic opportunity to not only hear from a professional actor who has played a leading role, but to also get the students to explore the play in a practical space to deepen their understanding ahead of their written exam.

The workshop included a practical warm up, playing a selection of the filmed scenes and a Blood Brothers Q&A. The class were encouraged to consider some of the actors performance choices in specific scenes and make reference to Physicality, Body Language, Energy, Vocal Tone, Pace, Eye Contact and Proxemics and to discuss how their choices help to create tension or humour. After the workshop the school will receive the studio recorded workshop for classes to continue to use to support their preparation right up until their exam.

It is hoped that this enrichment opportunity will positively impact students ahead of their upcoming exam and help to embed their knowledge of the play. Students thoroughly enjoyed the session, contributing positively and energetically throughout. Mrs Cook, Head of Performing Arts said, "this was such a fantastic opportunity for our GCSE Drama students, bringing Blood Brothers to life with this workshop and giving the students a great understanding of the play for their theory exam. An inspirational day with a west end actor and the students embraced every second – Mike said we have so much acting talent at HAJC6 and I'm so proud of them! Well done!"



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NETBALL TEAMS PRAISED FOR DETERMINATION

Well done to the Year 7 students who competed in the netball fixture against Lutterworth High School. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite the take home the team had hoped for, however, the girls learnt so much from the game that they can now take forward into our upcoming fixtures.

The girls continued to show determination and resilience throughout both games and should be extremely proud of themselves. Well done Year 7!



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES JANUARY STARS

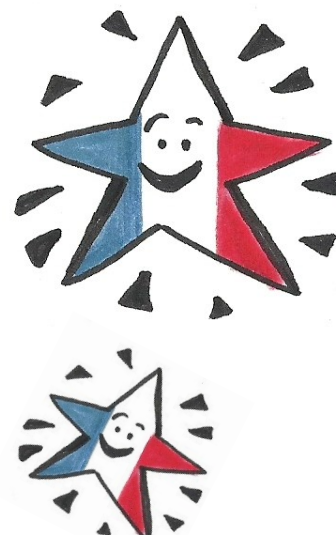
The following students have demonstrated PRIDE values in lessons and in their work throughout January. Well Done!

Miss Melody, MFL Teacher



7ASP1	Freya
7ASP2	Lois
7BSP1	Lauren
7BSP2	Robbie
8ASP1	Ellie
8BSP1	George
8BSP2	Thomas
9ASP1	Rylie
9BSP1	Tyla
9BSP2	Ruby
102SP1	Isobel
11DSP1	Dani

7AFR1	Sapphire
7BFR1	Olivia
7BFR2	Ellie
8A1FR1	Isla
8A2FR2	Callum
8BFR1	Sophie
9AFR1	Olivia
9AFR2	Stanley
9BFR1	Jack
102FR1	Shanna
11DFR1	Hannah



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