



### BELONGING AND CELEBRATION -



Dear Parents/Carers,

Belonging and celebration are two things that we hold dear here at Hinckley Academy and regularly discuss with our students. We want our community to feel a real sense of belonging here and be proud to be part of an inclusive and supportive school which comes together to celebrate success on all levels. Engraining this sense of belonging is something we are working passionately to instil, from giving students increased opportunities to contribute positively to our development through student voice groups, to taking advantage of every opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students, whether that be for their hard work in, or outside of school. We are a community here at Hinckley Academy and our young people are extraordinarily talented, so it is only right that we mark their achievements as they develop into confident young adults with individual passions and interests. We want them all to understand the importance of congratulating and encouraging others.

With this in mind I am delighted that this week we are celebrating a student who has received their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the commitment of our sixth form learners as they work hard to embed and share A Level knowledge. In addition, one of our students in Year 8 who has demonstrated PRIDE through her commitment to swimming through an elite pathway outside of school. We encourage parents and carers to continue to share student success with us so that we may mark their achievements as a community.

Best wishes,

**Lisa Hickman, Head of School**

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### AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE OUR BROAD KS4 CURRICULUM



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#### KS4 OPTIONS EVENING

February 8th 2022, 6-8pm

*(Talks held at 6pm and 7pm)*

Designed to support our students and their families with the GCSE options process, our KS4 Options Evening is a self-guided event held at school. The event will allow our Year 9 community to visit subject stands to explore our broad curriculum, speak to subject leaders and listen to a talk led by our senior team.

Subject videos will also be available on our website:  
[WWW.HINCKLEYACADEMY.CO.UK](http://WWW.HINCKLEYACADEMY.CO.UK)  
following the event to offer additional information.



The Futures Trust  
Building Brighter Futures

We are delighted to invite Year 9 students and their families to our KS4 Options Evening on Tuesday 8th February.

This event is designed to introduce students to our broad and exciting KS4 curriculum and is an opportunity for families to meet with subject leaders to discuss courses in more detail.

Students in Year 9 will also receive an Options Booklet next week to introduce them to our expertly crafted curriculum ahead of the decision making process.

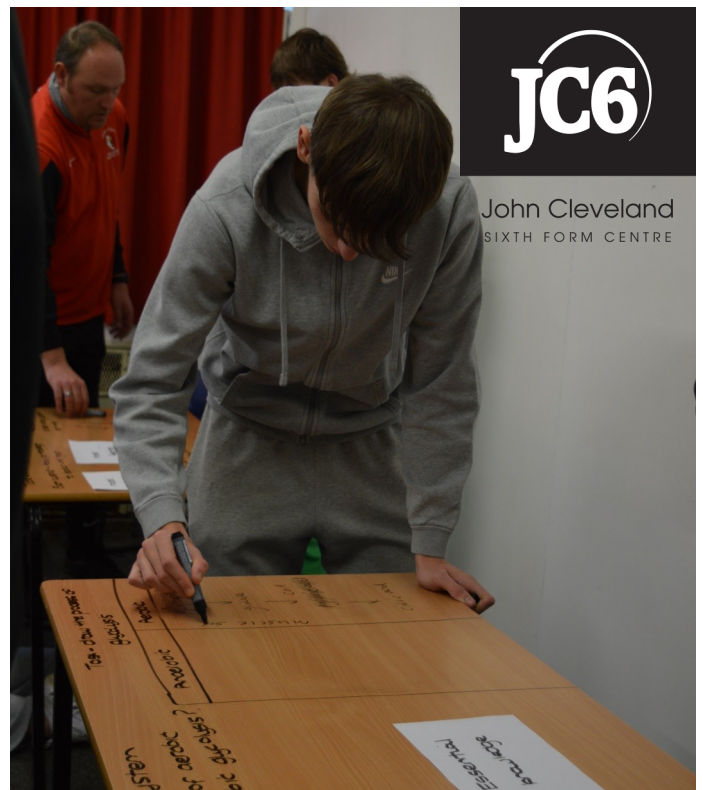
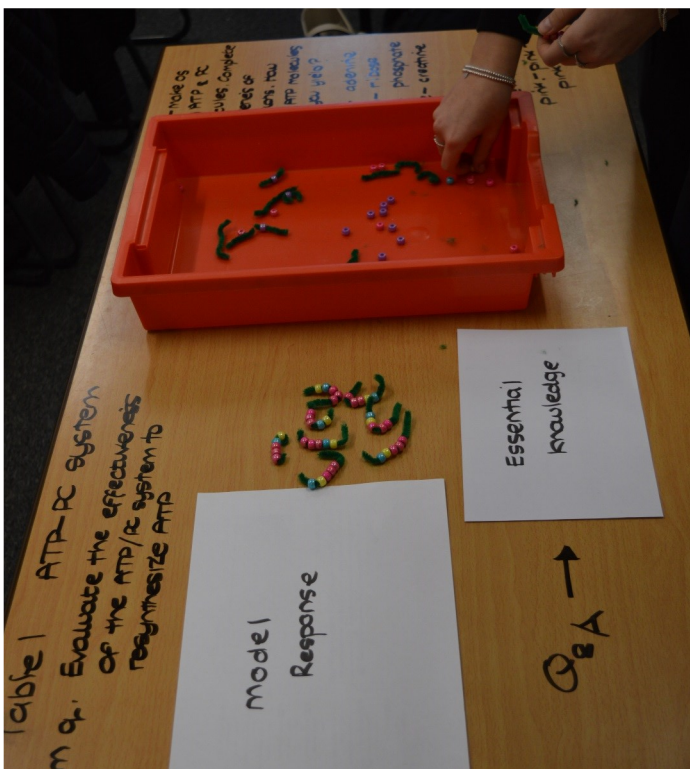




# A LEVEL STUDENTS SHARE KNOWLEDGE IN INTERACTIVE LESSON

Mr Barnacle's A Level PE class had a lesson with a difference on Monday, as they looked at the three energy systems and energy continuum in a unique and interactive lesson.

The class split into groups and made their way around five different stations in the classroom, each based on a different area of focus within the topic. At each station the class had to make models, write answers using wipeable markers, or take part in peer coaching to show and share their knowledge.



Sixth Form students share their knowledge of energy systems and the energy continuum during an A Level PE lesson this week



# DUKE OF EDINBURGH STUDENTS ENJOY FIRST OUTING IN 2022

"Our first outing for 2022 took place on Saturday as our Silver group headed to Fineshade Woods near Corby. The day consisted of learning how to micro navigate through the wood using pacing, timings and bearings. All of the young people were fantastic, engaged really well and had positive attitudes throughout. Well done all!"

- **Amy Fennell,**  
**DofE Co-Ordinator**



## GOLD AWARD RECIPIENT PRAISED FOR DETERMINATION

### Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Achievement

Congratulations to sixth form student Charlotte who has recently achieved her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award, she will now be invited to the palace later this year. Charlotte has completed all three levels of her Duke of Edinburgh's Award with Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre.

**Volunteering:** Charlotte volunteered for 12 months, teaching younger members to dance at Eloquent Dance Academy. One of her goals was to improve her communication skills which has been achieved by engaging with the young members using appropriate language.

**Physical:** For 12 months, Charlotte has continued to improve her overall fitness and stamina by dancing, learning routines and practicing them weekly.

**Skill section:** Charlotte has learnt to drive a car as well as completing driving theory practice.

**Residential:** Maintaining a youth hostel in the New Forest, the 4 night, 5-day experience involved cooking evening meals as a group, firepit cooking and socialising, camping, grounds maintenance and gardening, weeding paths, clearing out cattle grids on site, clearing brambles, housekeeping, bed making, group walks in the New Forest, pumpkin carving and much more! This experience involved meeting the other members in the group for the first time, with Charlotte often stepping out of her comfort zone and working together with people she did not know.

**Expedition:** Charlotte was part of a team of 6 who took on Snowdonia for their walking adventure. They set themselves a challenging route which tested their physical and mental stamina. They coped with and overcame all the challenges to complete a very successful expedition.

As the expedition developed, they learned the importance of good teamwork and all grew in maturity.

Charlotte made an excellent team member. Her team members recognized someone who was always encouraging, showed real determination and by her attitude helped build the team morale and bonding.

**"Congratulations on becoming a Gold Award holder Charlotte, well deserved. Well done!" - A very proud DofE Team.**





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SIXTH FORM CENTRE

## FUTURES FAIR

**Wednesday 2nd February  
5pm-7:30pm**

Held in our Sixth Form Centre, our Futures Fair will allow students and their families to meet with experts to discuss future aspirations and opportunities.

### Exhibitors include:

- Expert Careers Advice
- ASK Apprenticeships
- LEBC - Leicester Education Business Company
- Nuffield Science Programme
- The University of Leicester
- Loughborough University
- The University of Sheffield
- Cardiff University
- University of Lincoln
- University of Birmingham

**Plus  
many  
more!**

**Open to all JC6 and local Year 11 students**

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HOW PARENTS/CARERS REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE

## STUDENT SELECTED FOR SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

We would like to celebrate the success of Year 8 student Ellie this week, who has been selected to swim for the East Midlands at the English Schools Swimming Association inter-divisional championships, which will be held in Coventry in March. Ellie from 8PHP, will be swimming the junior girls (years 7 and 8) 200m freestyle, 200m butterfly, and two relays during the national event which has seen many Olympians compete in over the years.

Ellie has been swimming since she was in Year 5 and was accepted onto the elite pathway for Leicestershire, currently holding the time for the fastest 200m butterfly for her year group within the East Midlands. She shows real commitment to her sport and regularly fits in early morning training before school.

Ellie is very modest about her achievements, therefore we wanted to take a moment to congratulate her through our newsletter and to say how proud we are of her. She demonstrates our PRIDE values through her resilience, commitment and determination and the entire Hinckley Academy community wishes her the best of luck with her upcoming competitions.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
ELLIE!**



# UNDERSTANDING APPRENTICESHIPS



Year 12 students were joined by a representative from The ASK programme this week, to learn more about higher and degree level apprenticeships.

With higher and degree level apprenticeships ever increasing in popularity, it is important that our students receive in-depth information about these opportunities, as well as university study and industry roles, in order to find the best option for them and their ambitions.

The year group learnt about how apprenticeships offer blended learning, with a mix of earning, working and learning. The session covered salaries, accountability, entry levels, the role of a work place mentor and progression routes and gave students an insight into the competitive nature of higher and degree pathways.

With apprenticeships allowing individuals to spend 80% of their time on the job and 20% studying, 9 out of 10 people who complete an apprenticeship secure full time employment at the end. It was explained how this route is perfect for young people who learn best through 'doing'.

To give themselves the best chance of gaining a place on a competitive apprenticeship, students were advised to research the opportunities available thoroughly and to prepare to be the best they can be in every situation.



*Year 12 had the opportunity to learn more about higher and degree level apprenticeships this week thanks to an informative PDP session*

## COMMEMORATING HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



Year 9 and 10 had assemblies this week to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the day Auschwitz camp was liberated in 1945.

The Year 10 assembly was built around remembrance, learning and hope and featured snippets of a memoir written by a staff member's mother about her life as a Jewish child in Nazi Germany. This brought home to students how we remember the Holocaust because, although it seems a long time ago and far away, it has repercussions for many people, including those in our own community. We thought about the lives cut short, the children that were never had, the careers and dreams never fulfilled and we linked this to more modern events like the current killing in Darfur, Sudan. Finally, we touched on the hope that their generation will help to chip away at prejudice and discrimination – through the language they use, the decisions they make and their actions.

**- Ms Beale, Head of History**



**DON'T MISS OUT!**  
**TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!**

Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre Proudly Presents



**Thursday 10th, Friday 11th  
& Saturday 12th March**  
**7:30pm**

**Tickets on Sale from Monday 24th January!**

**ADULTS : £10**

**STUDENTS & CHILDREN: £8**

**Tickets are available to purchase on Parent Pay**

  
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