



INSPIRING ENRICHMENT -



Dear Parents/Carers,

We highly value the role of enrichment here at Hinckley Academy and aim to offer a wide variety of lunchtime, afterschool and one off trips and visits to inspire our young people. Whether it is joining a sports clubs - like our new rugby sessions led by Leicester Tigers coaches, rehearsing for the next school show, meeting a visiting author or participating in a lunchtime strategy game club, our students can spend their seven year journey with us making fantastic memories.

This week we have dedicated part of our newsletter to celebrating the commitment and hard work of all students taking part in the musical Grease in March. Rehearsals for the school show started in 2021 and the cast are working tirelessly to perfect musical numbers, choreography and learn lines and should be incredibly proud of themselves. We have a proud history of staging impressive shows here at Hinckley Academy and I am confident that this year will be no different thanks to the dedication of our Performing Arts Team and the incredible talent of our students. I cannot wait to take my seat in the front row on opening night!

This week we contacted parents and carers to advise on our response to the recent change of Government COVID-19 guidance regarding the wearing of face masks in schools. In line with the new guidance, our students are no longer required to wear a face mask in classrooms and from Thursday 27th January, there will no longer be a requirement for face masks to be worn anywhere in school. However, should any member of our community wish to continue to wear a face mask, they may do so as a personal choice. We will continue to follow the latest Government COVID-19 guidance and communicate any further changes as quickly as possible.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman, Head of School

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GREASE TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY!

Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre Proudly Presents



GREASE
SCHOOL EDITION

**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




On the 15th anniversary of our last performance of Grease at Hinckley Academy, we are delighted to be staging this wonderful show once again.

On Thursday 10th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th March, students will be taking to the school stage to perform this well known musical. Filled with favourite musical numbers such as Grease Lightning and Born to Hand Jive, the show is sure to thrill audiences and tickets are expected to sell out quickly.

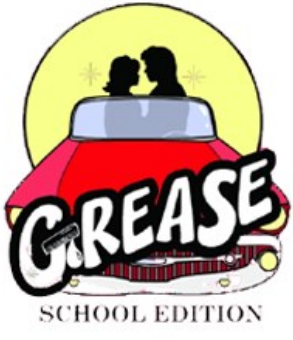
The show features students from all seven year groups and showcases how talented our young people truly are. Students are involved off stage too to help bring the show to life, with a student band and props team.

With a proud history of staging high quality shows, everyone at Hinckley Academy can't wait to once again be able to welcome audiences filled with students, parents, carers, staff and members of our local community to celebrate the hard work and talent of our students.

Tickets go on sale on Parent Pay on Monday 24th January. Adults: £10 Students and Children: £8



EXCITEMENT BUILDS AT GREASE REHEARSALS



It takes an incredible amount of hard work, commitment and passion to stage a successful school show and with preparations starting way back in 2021, the stage is now set for our next school show to impress audiences once again.

Led by the Performing Arts Team, Mrs Cook, Ms Radcliffe and Mr Riley, the cast of Grease is made up of students from all seven of our year groups and the camaraderie and bond between the cast members has been evident throughout rehearsals. Students Leigh and Charlotte in Year 10 said, "It has been really fun working together and there is a good sense of community, with a mix of all year groups working collectively on something." They went on to say, "We are spending almost 1-2 hours working on the show everyday, we all love being at rehearsals." The pair also shared that the musical number they are most looking forward to is Grease Lightning!

Off stage students also play a vital role. The show features a live band with students playing the guitar, drums, saxophone and keyboard. The live music really adds to the atmosphere of the performance and showcases the musical talents of our student community. The student prop department will also play an important part in the show to ensure that each performance runs smoothly.

The dedication, team work and talent of our students is truly impressive and the cast will continue to be hard at work learning lines, practising choreography and perfecting their American accents as they look forward to welcoming audiences on the opening night.



Tickets on Sale from Monday 24th January!



RUGBY TRAINING WITH THE LEICESTER TIGERS TEAM



Some of the students who took part in this week's session posed for a group photo alongside PE Teacher Mr Pallett and Leicester Tigers Coaching Staff

On Monday we welcomed a member of the Leicester Tigers Coaching Team, to lead the first of our new rugby training sessions. The first session was well attended by students in Year 7 and 8 who enjoying taking part in warm up games, training drills and building skills in the winter sunshine.

Open to students of any ability and experience, these new training sessions are a fantastic opportunity for our students to enjoy high quality enrichment whilst building team work, friendships and knowledge of a sport which may be new to them.

The Leicester Tigers led training sessions run every Monday afterschool from 3:15pm-4:15pm on the top school field and are open to all students in Year 7 and 8. The sessions are aimed at all levels (including entry/beginner) and are open to all genders. Students do not need to sign up to attend, they just need to bring their full PE kit.



A new extra curricular opportunity for Year 7 and 8 launched this week, with students enjoying a rugby training session led by a Leicester Tigers coach.

DEVELOPING TEAMWORK AND LEADERSHIP IN PE

Year 9 have been looking at team building and leadership in their core PE lessons with Mrs Cheney this week.

The class used a variety of different equipment to complete challenges based around leadership, while also demonstrating the listening and communication skills required when working as part of a team. Skills that are transferable across the curriculum and are vital in future careers.

Mrs Cheney explained, "Over the next few weeks the class are taking it in turns to deliver teambuilding activities that they have researched, planned and practised on each other."

Students Amy, Vimbi, Lilliya and Alycia went first and received special recognition following their lesson for doing such a great job leading the class.

Well done Year 9!



The Platinum Pudding Competition

We are proud to have some incredibly talented student bakers at our school and have enjoyed celebrating and sharing their culinary creations throughout lockdown. Now, Mrs Wilson, Teacher of Design and Technology is encouraging our student star bakers to enter **The Platinum Pudding Competition** to find a dessert dedicated to Her Majesty The Queen!

This nationwide competition aims to find a pudding to celebrate The Queen in her Platinum Jubilee year and the winner will be at the centre of the celebrations. Applicants should be aged 8 and over, and the recipes will be judged by experts including Dame Mary Berry!

This is an exciting opportunity to showcase your talents and we encourage you to share your entries with us along the way!
Entries close on February 4th.

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