



HAPPY NEW YEAR -



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to you all and I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable Christmas.

A new year is a chance for a fresh start, an opportunity to reset and brings with it a real sense of anticipation as to what the next twelve months will bring. I am incredibly excited about the year ahead here at Hinckley Academy, as we continue to develop rapidly and progress towards our vision of becoming an outstanding school. I cannot wait to celebrate with students as they achieve success both personally and academically throughout 2022 and I encourage students to make the most of every opportunity this year to create truly unforgettable memories here with us.

We have been delighted to welcome students back to school this week as they made a staggered return and have been once again impressed by their mature attitude towards Covid safety measures.

Our staggered return has given all students the opportunity to take part in a Lateral Flow Test before returning to the classroom and alongside the wearing of face masks, which are now required to be worn in classrooms during lessons and in corridors, will help to ensure that our school remains a safe home for learning and protect our students, staff and community. We will continue to adapt to the challenges the pandemic presents and will keep you informed.

Alongside warmly welcoming students back this week, with tutor sessions and face to face teaching, our staff have worked hard to simultaneously deliver a high quality remote learning provision. With live Teams lessons and work set online, we have worked to ensure that all our students received the same high quality teaching and learning to kick start their 2022 and all staff are looking forward to continuing this positive momentum over the next twelve months as our students secure outstanding outcomes.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman, Head of School

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A WARM WELCOME BACK!

It was with great delight that we welcomed students back to Hinckley Academy this week. As we begin the new term, members of our Pastoral Teams would like to share a few welcome back messages with their students to show their support for the year ahead.

YEAR 7 -

"We were really impressed with our Year 7 students resilience and engagement during the first day of 'live' lessons during their first week back. The Bridge Team are delighted to welcome Year 7 back to The Bridge and look forward to watching them achieve throughout the new term!"

- Year 7 Team

YEAR 8 -

"After a long, dark, busy Autumn term, we are now looking forward to longer days and shorter nights. Hopefully this will give us more time to spend outside in the fresh air. We can all try to 'spring' into the New Year with a positive outlook and great things to look forward to.

Let's enjoy time with our friends and family and appreciate the access we have to a great education! Take advantage of this opportunity – the time will soon fly by!"

- Mrs Mason, Year 8 Pastoral Leader



A WARM WELCOME BACK! (CONTINUED)

YEAR 9 -

"Welcome back Year 9! Do not let the frills of a long, relaxing holiday cause you to stray off the path of being the best student you can be. Aim to seize all the wonderful opportunities that will be offered to you this year to continue your path of being an outstanding student. Myself, Mrs Whittingham and the rest of the Year Team are excited to welcome you all back, and we look forward to working alongside you this year! Remember though!.. Sometimes you must choose between the easy choices in life and the tough choices that actually could change the world."

- Mr Stocks, Year Leader

YEAR 10 -

"Welcome back and happy new year Year 10! Wishing you all a wonderful 2022!" - Year 10 Team

YEAR 11 -

"Year 11 students have returned with a really positive mindset following the Christmas break. They are leading by example in terms of the way they are conducting themselves both in and out of lessons. The Year 11 team have been really impressed with the comments received by teachers about the quality of work that is being produced.

With mock examinations around the corner we are confident all of your hard work will pay off. Wishing all of our students a happy 2022!" - Mr Arnold, Pastoral Leader, Ms Key, Year Leader and Ms Simmonds



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 19th January - **Parent Forum** (This event will now take place online)

Wednesday 2nd February - **Year 12 Parents' Evening**

Wednesday 2nd February and Monday 7th February - **Second Dose Covid Vaccinations** (More details to follow. Any changes to these dates and arrangements will be communicated as soon as we are informed.)

Tuesday 8th February - **KS4 Options Evening**

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February - Half Term

Wednesday 23rd February - **Year 9 Parents' Evening**



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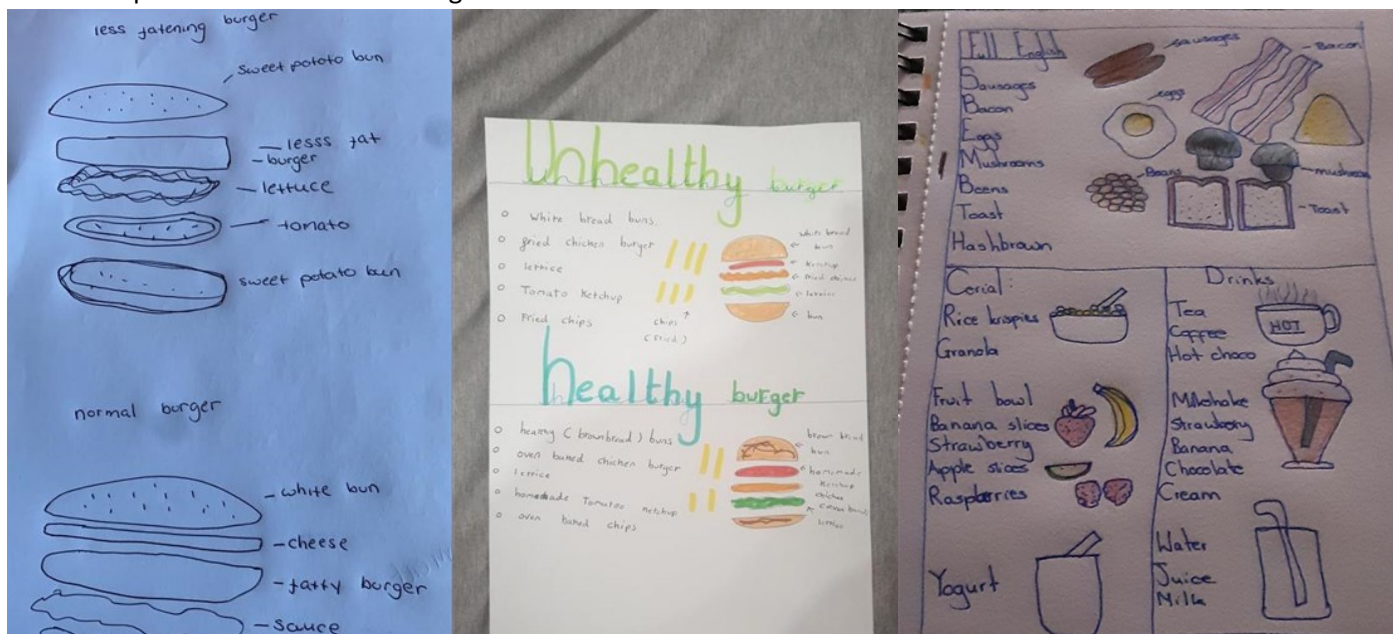
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STUDENTS PRAISED FOR PRIDE DURING ONLINE FOOD LESSONS

Year 8 have been praised by Ms Mullaney for their hard work during their remote Food and Nutrition lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Following the online lessons she shared, "I have been so amazed with their sense of pride."

Students Sydney, Amelia, Leonie, Cloe, Grace and Gracie all contributed to the work shown below, where their task was to produce a) a menu board for a breakfast bar, maybe a mobile camper at a festival or a village café and b) take a traditional burger and make it a more healthier option. The students should be extremely proud of their work and positive attitude to learning.



Unhealthy	Healthy
Seeded Burger Bun	Wholegrain Burger Bun
Cheese Slices	Grated Cheese
Chicken Burger	Quorn Burger
Bacon	Salad Cream sauce
Onion rings	Lettuce
Tomato Ketchup	Tomato Slices
Cheesy chips	Homemade Chips
Coca Cola	Water



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Breakfast Menu

Pastries	Sweet or savoury	Any three toppings	Extras
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain o chocolate Croissant Chocolate twist Cheese twist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast toasty/ wrap Ham Cheese Egg Bacon Sausage Halloumi Pancakes/waffles Syrup Nutella Sugar and lemon Bacon Blue berries Greek yogurt Fruit compote 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any three toppings £3.50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toast Tea cakes Crumplets Breakfast muffins Sauces 50p Marmite Nutella Jam Butter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full English £5 hash brown Bacon Eggs Sausage Beans Mushrooms Tomatoes toast 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drinks £1 Various cold drinks Coffee Hot chocolate Breakfast Tea Chai latte Smoothie milkshake



APPLY ONLINE TODAY TO START YOUR SIXTH FORM JOURNEY!

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following young people who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh's awards recently:

Bronze:

Cain

Gold:

Natalie

Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Achievement

Congratulations to Natalie who has recently achieved her Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award, she will now be invited to the palace at some point this year.

Natalie volunteered for 12 months with the Juniors at Hinckley Running Club, as well as helping with the vaccine programme during lockdown, supporting the essential work that they do and giving back to the community.

Physical: She continued to improve her overall fitness and stamina by running for over 6 months, increasing her distance over the time period and taking part in running races.

For her **Skill** section, Natalie has learnt to drive a car as well as learning the rules of the road.

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 socializing, camping, grounds maintenance and gardening, weeding paths, clearing out cattle grids on site, clearing brambles around the site, housekeeping, bed making, group walks in the New Forest, pumpkin carving and much more. This experience involves meeting the other members in the group for the first time, often stepping out of her comfort zone and working together with people she do not know.

Expedition: Natalie's was 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 team work and all grew in maturity. Natalie made an excellent team member. Her team members recognized someone who was helpful and showed concern for her team; she was great to talk to and importantly, a good listener. In doing so she boosted her team's morale, especially through the difficult times.

Congratulations Natalie, well deserved. "Well Done!" - A very proud DofE team.

