



WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS -



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the Autumn Term and nearly the end of 2021. There is no denying that this has been another challenging year, as the pandemic continues to impact our lives, however, the resilience and determination of our community has once again shone through.

Alongside celebration assemblies and Christmas lunches this week, lessons continued for our students until the final day of term. Our young people have been out of the classroom for an unprecedented amount of time and every lesson counts to ensure they achieve at the highest level moving forward. All staff at Hinckley Academy are committed to ensuring that our students thrive now that they are back in the classroom, capitalising on as much face to face teaching time as possible to ensure our students fill any gaps in their knowledge and can reach their full potential.

The last day of term always has a special atmosphere, with festive celebrations, charity initiatives and the sharing of cards and well wishes, there is a real buzz around the corridors. Our students have used the season of goodwill to spread joy throughout our community, supporting wreath making fundraisers, organising charity Christmas fairs and donating gifts and food to those less fortunate. Their generosity, kindness and commitment to helping others is truly moving and I would like to thank not only our students, but you as their parents and carers, for supporting their initiatives.

It has been a pleasure to work with your children during my first term as Head of School and I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas filled with unforgettable memories. I look forward to welcoming students back in January, well rested and ready to learn and I ask that you please take a moment to read our [January return to school letter](#) for information about our staggered return to help ensure we all return to school safely.

Best wishes, **Lisa Hickman, Head of School**

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AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT FROM BOOKBUZZ!

Hinckley Academy takes part in the BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme, which aims to get children reading. A highlight of this annual programme is seeing all students in Year 7 take home a free book!

This year students in The Bridge were able to choose from seventeen Bookbuzz titles and on Monday students were excited to receive their new book! By breaktime students had already started reading and shared how excited they were to carry on at home.

It is wonderful to see our youngest students so engaged in reading and we hope that by choosing their own book to take home and keep, students will be able to ignite their imaginations and spark a life long passion for reading.



Happy Reading!



CELEBRATING A MAGNIFICENT FIRST TERM



On Friday 10th December students and staff took part in an end of term Celebration Assembly in The Bridge. Recorded for parents and carers, the assembly saw students receive certificates, badges and sweet treats to celebrate their successful first term as Year 7 students.

Accolades students received included, musical and sports participation certificates, achievement point awards, tutor awards, department nominations and the PRIDE of Hinckley award. The event also celebrated 100% attendance and the winners of the inter-form dodgeball competition -7HLL!

Our new PRIDE badges were also launched at the event. Students are awarded a badge for each letter of PRIDE as they accumulate points, receiving their first badge 'P' after they receive 300 PRIDE points. The ten students with the most



Top PRIDE Points -

Mia	7MOI	560
Ruben	7STH	509
Jack	7HLL	487
Maja	7HLL	460
Sanija	7HLL	431
Noah	7RLY	429
Ashton	7RLY	425
Rosa	7PNS	411
Emily	7RLY	411
Kellan	7HLL	407

300-499 PRIDE Points= 'P' Badge Awarded
 500-699 PRIDE Points= 'R' Badge Awarded
 700-899 PRIDE Points= 'I' Badge Awarded
 900-1,099 PRIDE Points= 'D' Badge Awarded
 1,100- 1,299 PRIDE Points= 'E' Badge Awarded

PRIDE points can be seen below, with two students having already received two badges! This wonderful celebration of student achievement was a fantastic way to bring the term to a close and The Bridge team would like to congratulate every Year 7 student for showing PRIDE this term and wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas!





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["COVID Testing in School for Jan
2022 Return"](#)



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["2022 Uniform"](#)

LOCAL COMMUNITY ENJOY WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



The PE department recently held their annual 'Wreath Making Evening', with help from our Year 10 netballers. The event saw 60 members of the local community take part in a wreath making workshop to raise money for future PE tours.

PE Teacher and Event Organiser, Mrs Cheney said, "I would like to express my thanks to Morrison's Hinckley for donating the mince pies and refreshments and also to Hinckley RFC for hosting. Tickets sell out fast for this event every year and next year the event is planned to be held on Monday 5th Dec 2022." Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



CHRISTMAS FAIR FUNDRAISES FOR ALZHEIMER'S UK



On the last day of term students were able to wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation. This donation was then swapped for tokens to be used at charity events organised by Year 10 and JC6. In the Main Hall Year 10 held a Christmas fair for their year group, complete with performances on stage and stalls. The year group organised the event themselves and the result was a fantastic festive celebration with a great atmosphere.

Meanwhile, in the Sixth Form Centre, JC6 Year 12 students held their annual Christmas Bazaar. Stalls filled the sixth form building and outdoor spaces and gave Key Stage 3 students the chance to take part in activities, challenges and to purchase items to eat and drink. Our sixth form students saw weeks of planning and hard work all come together to create a wonderful winter event.

We are delighted to have been able to end the term with a series of festive celebrations once again, whilst implementing measures to help keep our community safe. During the events safety measures included encouraging the wearing of masks, PPE on refreshment stalls, utilising outdoor spaces and ventilating rooms.

Enjoyed by students and staff alike, we would like to say a big well done to all students who helped to make the Christmas Fair come to life and spread some festive cheer.



YEAR 9 ENJOY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Year 9 students gathered in the Main Hall on Thursday for their end of term celebration. Led by their Year Leader, Mr Stocks, students spent a moment thinking about the KS4 options process, which will begin for them next year, before moving on to a series of awards and celebrations.

As well as distributing subject awards, the assembly congratulated 16 students in the year group who have collected between 300-399 achievement points, as well as 1 student in particular who has collected over 400 to date! **Well Done Year 9!**



FOOD APPEAL SUPPORTS LOCAL FOODBANK



Our Year 10 Ambassadors organised a Christmas food donation recently for Hinckley Foodbank, with students in Year 7, 8 and 11 also showing their support.

Students were given a list of suggested items and created festive parcels to donate to Hinckley Foodbank, part of the Trussell Trust. The boxes will help local people in need over the Christmas period and Year 7 Charity Ambassadors shared how pleased they were with the generous donations, delighted that they could help those less fortunate than themselves. Representatives from the foodbank thanked students, staff, parents and carers for their generous donations and said, "without donations the foodbank wouldn't happen, whether it is a bag full of food or simply a single can, it is all vital."

A fantastic initiative to support our local community, we are incredibly proud of the generosity and thoughtfulness of our students. Thank you to all students, parents and carers for supporting the appeal and for thinking of others over the Christmas period. Due to the overwhelming response, our Student Ambassadors plan to run more collections in 2022.



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READ 'SPOTLIGHT'](#)

OUR *NEW* BRIDGE
NEWSLETTER!


At Hinckley Academy

SIXTH FORM DONATE HAMPERS TO LAWRENCE HOUSE



JC6 students have once again shown their support to Lawrence House in Hinckley through their now annual fundraising events, when they take a moment to focus on others over the festive period by creating hampers for residents.

JC6 students worked in their tutor groups to create a hamper full of gifts for one of the young men or women staying at Lawrence House, part of the Hinckley Homeless Group. These thoughtful gifts ranged from toiletries and sweets to socks and make up sets with students putting a lot of time and thought into their donations. As the young people in Lawrence House are between 16 – 25 years of age, the cause is particularly close to students hearts, as they imagine what it would be like to put themselves in someone else's shoes during the Christmas period.

Mrs Tomkins, Sixth Form Pastoral Leader said, "Students have all worked together to create truly special hampers to put a smile on someone's face. It is great to know that our students' acts of kindness will make a real difference"



[CLICK HERE TO READ OUR
NEW SIXTH FORM
NEWSLETTER!](#)



YEAR 7 INTERROGATE A ROMAN RAT!



The History department are working with the University of Leicester School of Archaeology and Ancient History on our study of Roman Leicester. This means we have access to lots of information about artefacts and buildings found in Ratae Corieltavorum (the Roman name for Leicester). We have explored some of the finds made in recent years including curse tablets and love tokens found on the site of the Vine Street Villa, under what is now the John Lewis carpark! We also found out that 6% of the skeletons in the large Roman cemetery near the River Soar had African heritage, showing Leicester has been a diverse city for 2,000 years.

As part of our study we have been able to handle Roman and Celtic artefacts and coins, including a 2,000 year old coin from the Corieltavi tribe who lived in this area before the Romans came.

We have also been able to email Cori our questions about life in Leicester in Roman times and he responds straight away! Cori is a Roman Solider Rat (Ratae Cori – get it?) who the team at the University use with schools.

Through this we found out that objects in Leicester range from pottery from just down the road in Northamptonshire, to items all the way from Egypt. Talking of Egypt, Roman soldiers stationed there were advised to bang their sandals on the ground in the morning to check there wasn't a scorpion hiding inside. The oddest thing we found out, in response to Jasmine's question, was that spider web was used to stop a wound bleeding!



Students in The Bridge enjoyed investigating ancient artefacts

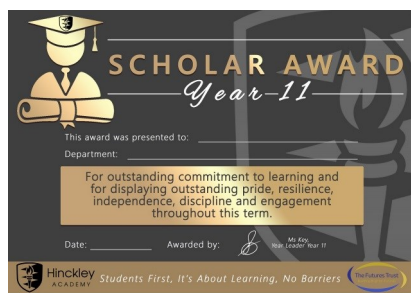


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Thank you, University of Leicester, we have enjoyed learning about life around here 2,000 years ago.

- Ms Beale, Head of History

CELEBRATING SUBJECT SCHOLARS



Key stage 4 students also had their celebration assemblies this week, receiving recognition for

hard work, resilience and PRIDE and receiving invitations to a golden ticket breakfast on the last day of term.

A student for each subject was awarded the 'Scholar Award', nominated by department teachers for displaying impressive commitment to learning due to their inquisitive nature, enquiring mind and wider subject investigations.

Congratulations to the following recipients of the 'Scholar Award' -

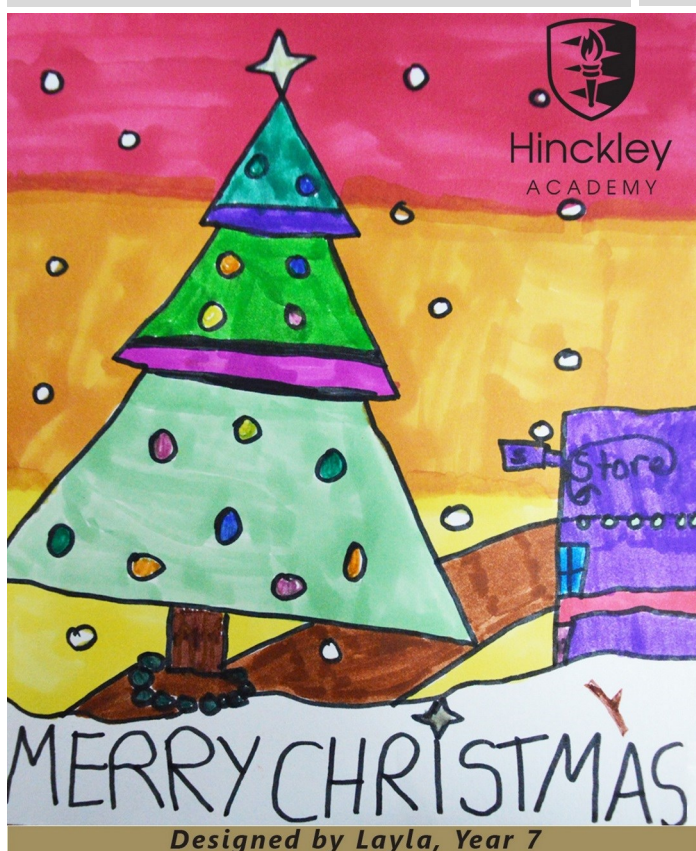
Year 10

Engineering—Alfie	Chemistry—Aimee
Art— Leigh	Physics—Jack
Biology—Jade	Combined Science— Theo
Drama—Charlotte	French—Jack
Music —Aimee	Maths— Rhys
PE— Rachel /Mikey	EPM - Sophia
Dance—Holly	Business Studies - Jasmine
Photography—Peyton	Spanish— Holly
Food & Nutrition—Millie	IT—Nikita
History—Grace	English—Jasmine / Morgan



Year 11

Engineering—Alex	Chemistry—Olivia
Art—Nathan	Physics—Anna
Geography—Amelia	Biology—Jess
Drama—Alyssa	French—Seth
Music Mickey	H and SC—Tayyba
PE—Eve	English Lit—Alex
Dance—Lucy	Art and Photography—Ellie Mae
Food & Nutrition—Tayyba	IT—Kayla
History—David	EPM - Rawdah
English Lang—Rachel	Business Studies - Nathan
Maths—Trescha	Textiles—Ashleigh
Combined Science—Kiera	Spanish—Olivia



**"Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!"**

Best wishes from,

*students and staff at
Hinckley Academy and John
Cleveland Sixth Form Centre*

