



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

4th November 2022

RESPECT AND REMEMBRANCE



Dear Parents/ carers,

As we begin to approach Christmas and the cost of living crisis is a concern for all, The Hinckley School has been considering how we can help our school and wider community.

As of Monday, we will offer free breakfast for all of our students. Tea and toast will be available from 8.15 in the school hall for all students and The Cube for year 7 and 8 students. We hope that this will provide students with the good start they need for a day at school. To support our local community, we have also started a foodbank challenge. Form groups have been asked to collect food for the local foodbank, with prizes for forms who can collect the most. Most importantly, we hope this helps families in the local community who are finding things difficult at the moment.

This week saw the first open evening for our newly refurbished Hinckley Sixth Form. As headteacher, I truly believed our sixth form will be the hub of excellence for the next generation, a place where students can thrive and reach their potential, going on to universities, apprenticeships and fulfilling careers. It was wonderful to see so many local families there.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

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NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

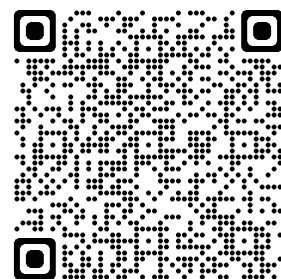
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2022!

**REACH
OUT**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Assemblies and PSHE lessons this week will be focusing on the impact of bullying. We encourage our students to speak out if they feel they are a victim of bullying or indeed a bystander to it. In this way we can act swiftly to educate and restore relationships. Students can talk to any adult in school at any time.

Please use the QR code to look at the national project for yourselves in more detail.



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COMMEMORATING REMEMBRANCE DAY



All students this week participated in a moment of reflection to commemorate Remembrance Day and to consider the impact of conflict across the world.

Assemblies focus on these themes and culminated in the Last Post . Students demonstrated exceptional respect and maturity in collectively talking, enquiring and reflecting on the topics that arose from the weeks' work.

A very heartfelt thank you to Katie who learnt and played the Last Post at the end of the minutes ' silence.

PLEASE SIR—CAN I HAVE SOME MORE?

YES PLEASE is the answer to this question for budding actor Marlow who has landed a part in the Concordia Youth Production of Oliver!

Congratulations from a very proud Year Leader Mrs Wilson, and we hope to see more of Marlow in forthcoming Hinckley School productions.



PREPARATION EVENING FOR NEW DOFE RECRUITS

Thank you to Trevor and Dave who delivered a thorough expedition kit talk and the importance of what to wear on the hill to keep safe ahead of our Expeditions. A well supported event, thanks to all the Silver and Gold Parents/ Carers and young people who have attended. Much appreciated.



FURTHER NETBALL SUCESS

The Hinckley 6th Form attended the Leicestershire County finals on Tuesday afternoon. We had an extremely tough start facing Loughborough High (eventual finalists) and Oakham (semi finalists). We then went up against Harrington and QE, we came into our own with some excellent play across the board. With a large squad we were able to make lots of changes to keep fresh legs on the court. Both games were in our grasp clinching a draw against Harrington and loss by one goal against QE seeing us finish



Year 8 secured their first win of the season last night. The first quarter was goal for goal with both teams struggling to take a lead. A strong performance at the back from Mia, Grace and Rosa kept our attack on the front foot and by half time we started to get in control of the game. With Olivia coming in at half time and making her mark instantly, Paige and Beth started to find their rhythm in the shooting circle and with excellent supporting play from Lois and Izzy the girls won with a fantastic final score of 15-6. POM went to Grace for a solid defensive performance.

GEOGRAPHY INSPIRES FUTURE ECO WARRIORS



Students from across all year groups have had the opportunity to join the Geography and Science department during a lunch time Eco Club. They have come up with many excellent ideas on how to make the school more environmentally friendly and we will work on these over the next year. Recently they have been working in the school greenhouses, learning about different plants and how to care for them. They will be preparing a number of plants to sell round Christmas time where the money will hopefully be invested into a vegetable patch. Mrs Tristam would like to thank them for their commitment and enthusiasm so far.'

'All Geography students have been sent the optional homework opportunity to enter a poem in to this years' Greenpeace Poem Competition Please follow the link for more information [Poems for the planet competition](#) | [Greenpeace UK](#) Students are also encouraged to hand a copy of their poem to their Geography Teachers.'

About the competition

If you care about nature or protecting the planet, we've got the competition for you.

Greenpeace's first Poems for the Planet competition, in collaboration with National Poetry Day, invites you to put your poetry hat on. We want your lively limericks, heartfelt haikus and polished prose on the theme of hope and the environment.



For this year's National Poetry Day on 6 October, explore the beauty of the natural world around us and the need to protect the planet. Maybe you love whale song and want to capture it as poetry. Or maybe you felt moved at an environmental protest. We'd love to read about whatever inspires you to write a poem for the planet.

The competition is open to all ages from 7 and above. Read on to [find out how to enter](#).

Be inspired by [Benjamin Zephaniah's poem 'Nature Trail'](#) or [explore our youth resources](#) for under 18s.























BOOK BUZZ TAKES OFF

This week, all students in year 7 received a 'BookBuzz' book. This is a programme from BookTrust that our school takes part in to encourage reading for pleasure and build on the reading culture that we have here in the school. Each book has been chosen by the students from a specially selected list of 17 titles. The book that your child has bought home is for them to keep and to share with friends and family, as we know that book ownership is so important along side access to reading and borrowing books during lessons and in the library.

It was fantastic to witness the excitement around the books as they were given out and the buzz of anticipation amongst the students about starting to read them. Alongside the books, the students were given 'book bingo' cards. This is a reading challenge that will be running for the rest of the year, where students will have the opportunity to win awards and prizes for reading and taking Accelerated Reader quizzes on the titles shown. All of the 'Book Buzz' books are part of the challenge.



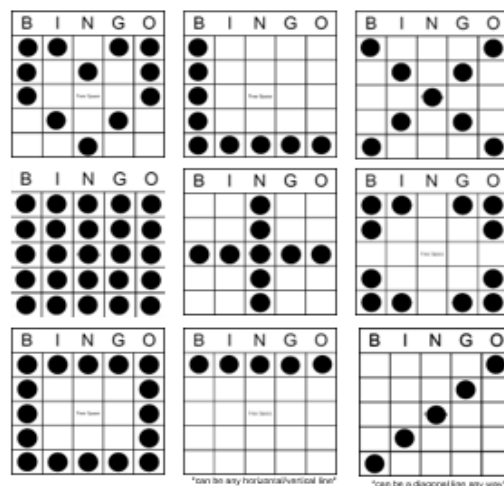
The Hinckley School Reading Challenge Y7

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<p>YOUR PICK! Choose a book from home or the library and put it here</p>				
		<p>YOUR PICK! Choose a book from anywhere on the board (any book from home or the library) and put it here!</p>		
			<p>YOUR PICK! Choose a book from home or the library and put it here</p>	
				

Ways to win!

You're welcome to print this out and keep track on paper. Or, make a copy of the document for yourself and highlight the boxes you complete. Remember to do an Accelerated Reader Quiz on all the books you read.

Complete any of these BINGO designs and submit a picture of you & your BINGO board to Miss Mathieson or Ms Crisp in the Library
There will be lots of prizes up for grabs for those who take part!



SPOTLIGHT ON



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING WELCOMES UNPRECEDENTED NUMBERS

The Hinckley Sixth Form is an educational community that promises high quality outcomes and experiences for all of our students. We have the highest aspirations and guarantee the best possible academic experience, combined with exciting enrichment opportunities. **At The Hinckley Sixth Form we put students first to ensure that each and every individual is well prepared for their onward destination**, be that university, employment or a high

level apprenticeship, thanks to impressive exam results and a skill set developed to support their journey through our ever-changing world.

We thrive on supporting our students' aspirations and constantly aim to inspire, challenge and support them as they chase their dreams. Our students enjoy creating a personal programme of study, choosing from a wide variety of A Level and BTEC courses, all led by experienced subject specialists, including staff who are highly regarded nationally for their work within education, hold doctorates in their fields or have gained prestigious qualifications from leading universities.

With their own hard work and the commitment of our team, year after year our students achieve amazing things. We were delighted to receive over 300 students into our newly refurbished Sixth Form centre. Apply now via the website to secure your place with us in 2023.



A WIDE VARIETY OF COURSES WERE ON DISPLAY WITH SPECIALIST TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO SUPPORT THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS FOR THE NEXT STAGE IN THEIR JOURNEY



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB FOR ALL

As part of our community work we are committed to engaging with our local charity the Hinckley Food Bank to support during this current period of considerable economic strain. We are also very conscious that many of our families will also be starting to feel this in their own households.

In response, we are now offering free Tea and Toast each morning to ensure that all of our students feed their brains before the start of the day. Students can come through to the hall from 8.15 to take advantage of this if they wish to.

PARENT FORUM—HAVE YOUR SAY

The parent forum is a valued partnership between parents and the school, the forum meets 3 times over the academic year and provides an opportunity to collaboratively improve the education provided for all students at The Hinckley School.

Any parent/carers are welcome to join any meeting, the forum will be chaired by your child's Year Leader.

The dates of the parent forum this year are:

Wednesday 23rd November 2022 5:00-6:00pm

And:

15th March 2023

7th June 2023

YEAR 11 CAREERS FAIR AND PARENT EVENING WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

Y13 PARENT EVENING WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

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