



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

9th December 2022

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES WITH CAREERS

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Dear Parents/ carers,

Last week we held our first parents forum. Thank you to those of you who joined us. It really is an invaluable way to gain your feedback, to know what you think we are doing well, but also what we can do to further improve. Post covid, relationships between school and parents have taken rebuilding and as a school we work hard to build positive relationships with our families. We look forward to carrying on this work in the future. Last week we also welcomed our year 11 families into school for our parents evening and careers fair. We hope to see as many of you as possible as we start to support students in the next stage of their education.

A letter has gone to you outlining the importance of attendance in school. This term is renowned for being a time where all of us can suffer with colds and other unpleasant bugs. This week has seen a rise across the school in regards to illness. Please support us and your child's learning by ensuring that your child is in school, unless they are genuinely too poorly to attend. We have an exciting week planned for all students next week to celebrate their achievements and would like them all to be involved.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes, **Lisa Hickman—Headteacher**

A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

It has been an incredibly challenging couple of weeks at school where COVID has affected our staff and student absence. We have contingency plans for events such as these and despite having nearly 25% of our teaching staff absent at times we have managed to keep students safe and in school.

Students have been incredibly patient with accepting different teachers, and we are proud to say that we have kept specialist teachers in front of our Year 11 classes. We would also like to thank our parents in their support of getting our students back into school after illness to continue their learning quickly.

Hopefully we are now over the worst and can look forward to our jam packed week of festive celebrations.



Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



FESTIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Introducing an exciting event upcoming! Myself, Mrs Cook, and a group of students are headed down to St Mary's Church last Wednesday lunchtime for a lovely Christmas concert. It has been a delight to work with these students from year 7 to 13s ranging from pianists, vocalists, flautists and even some Latin percussion! The music ranged from light classical music, to more contemporary numbers, and festive-themed songs. Myself and the students are raring the opportunity for them to share their talents with the wider community and we hope to be able to share this concert with the school so we can celebrate their musical talents.

'Break a legs' go to: Dylan, Will, Finley, Rosa, Alex, Olivia, Aimee, Melissa, Aimee G, Abie, Etha, Ella, Micky, Josh & Charlotte.



CHEMISTRY COMPETITION WINNERS PROCEED TO UNIVERSITY



A big shout out from Mr Toor for our Chemists who represented The Hinckley school in a east midlands regional chemistry competition three weeks ago.

These pupils came a close second to Leicester High and beating Dixie Grammar school to the East Midlands final at the University of Derby on the 28th January.

Credit especially goes to the Chemistry team from all year groups including Jake, Olivia, Oliver, Rachel, Zuzanna and Calum.

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FELT CRAFT THERAPY



Sometimes enrichment activities are an opportunity to talk and be creative in a quiet and therapeutic way. Mrs Mellor has been using her felting skills to provide such activities to our students this week—Christmas baubles are the theme - well done to Ruby and Bethan. Mrs Mellor says ' We do it once a week and the girls have enjoyed being creative. Ruby even had to design the alien pattern before she could actually create the decoration. Although they have both found aspects of the session challenging, they have both shown all the aspects of PRIDE, especially resilience.

ECO-TEAM ARE ADDING SOME HEAT TO THE COLD SPELL

Congratulations to our Eco-Warriors:

Abie
Irin
Ellie
Aisosa
Edward
Connor
Isla
Elliot



The Eco Team continued to work in the Science Department this week with help of Geography Teacher Mrs Tristam and Science Technician, Deb. This week they focused on chilli seeds and flower seeds. These will be kept in the greenhouse and looked after by Deb over the holidays. Students enjoyed learning about the different elements needed for seeds to grow and were shown an

example of a hydrangea being grown in water before being transferred to soil. A huge well done for everyone's commitment. The Hinckley School will hopefully have lots of new flowers planted on site in the Spring!

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NETBALL VICTORY OVER LUTTERWORTH

The last match of 2022 saw the 6th form take on Lutterworth College away on a cold Wednesday evening. The match started with fast play through the middle from Suzie and Liv seeing clinical shooting from both Eve and Maddie. Lutterworth stayed in game however our defensive unit, Trescha, Lucy and Hannah were on top form turning over ball at every opportunity, we started to pull away. With changes coming Sophie and Tiggy made an instant impact and there was no stopping us. The game ended with a convincing win 38-16 to The Hinckley 6th Form with Player of the match going to our sharp shooter Maddie. Well done girls.



IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS.....

We have many festive celebrations planned for next week—to give you a preview please see below:

Year 7 & 8 will sit down to a formal festive lunch with entertainment on Tuesday 13th December. Please pre-order via parent pay. If you do not wish to partake in the meal itself, students are asked to bring their own packed lunch to join in with the entertainment.

Years 9-11 will be able to buy a 'festive baguette' from the Cube on this day.

Friday will host our traditional Christmas Bazar, run by our sixth form leadership team and Year 10 students. A £1 donation to the Lawrence House charity will give students raffle tickets to spend on the stalls. Extra tickets can be purchased if student wish to bring in more money.

Those students who are eligible for Pupil Premium will receive their Christmas meal and raffle tickets as part of their entitlement.

There are many celebration assemblies also planned with Bridge parents invited to attend. Please reply to your email to confirm and book your place as seats are limited.



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YEAR 11 CAREERS EVENT INSPIRED OUR STUDENTS

Year 11 parents were invited to attend a Careers fair alongside the Parent Evening last week. This was an excellent opportunity to talk directly to key provider of KS5 courses. Students also had an assembly this week providing information regarding Degree apprenticeships and how to apply.

The careers fayre also opened its doors early to smaller groups of students in years 9 and 10 as an opportunity to start to visualise what they might want to do in their future and to give them some aspirational ideas to help inform their Option choices.



If you have yet to provide us with feedback from the evening please do so using the QR code below.



SOLUTIONS TO STAFF ABSENCE AT Y11 PARENT EVENING

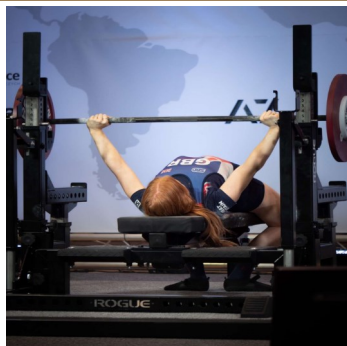
Due to high volume of staff absence last week, many of you were unable to meet your son/daughter's teachers at the recent parent evening.

Please contact the Year Team or the class teacher via email if you would like a telephone appointment instead, if you did not leave your details on the night.

SPOTLIGHT ON



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP SILVER MEDALLIST!



Big congratulations to Skye in year 13 at the Hinckley Sixth Form for coming in 2nd place and winning a silver medal in the European championships for power lifting. Skye travelled to Poland on the 25th November for the competition and achieved a squat of 147.5kg, bench of 82.5kg and deadlift of 157.5kg. Amazing and impressive achievement!



INTRODUCING THE REST OF OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM



My name is Adam I am part of the student leadership team. I am head student of Sport. I was Interested in this role as not only do I take sport as an A-level but I'm also very passionate about playing sport and as well as inspiring others to also play. I organise for year 12 and 13s to assist in lower year lessons for example I coach the year 7 rugby team.



Hi we are Dylan and Fran. We are the two heads of charity and community at the Hinckley Sixth Form. Through this role we aim to improve people's life experiences both in and out of school, whether this be raising money for food banks or helping mentoring schemes in school. We are most proud of a mentor scheme we are setting up between the Sixth Form and Cleveland House (an Autism Specialist provision who share the Hinckley School Site) as this helps to improve the school experience for the pupils who currently attend there. Along with this we help set up school events such as the schools winter fair and donating to Lawrence House in the local community. We hope to expand the committee to help people on a larger scale.



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SPOTLIGHT ON



My name is Eloise, I represent English Literature and Language on the Student Leadership Team. My passion for English paired with a voice on the Leadership Team helps me to inspire and help others across both Sixth Form and Main School. I am currently mentoring in Yr11 offering one on one help in the lead up to GCSE exams next year.

My role on the Leadership Team has given me a rewarding feeling, as I can see how I am making a difference within my community, whilst still using and furthering my skills in English.

Hello our names are Erin and Macy. We are in charge of teaching and learning. So far we have recruited over thirty post-16 student volunteers to support lower school lessons. We aim to ensure all students are satisfied with their learning at Hinckley and hope that we will leave a legacy with our input.



FORTHCOMING HINCKLEY SIXTH FORM EVENTS

TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY:
Y12 PARENT EVENING AND CAREERS FAYRE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PRESENTING THE CHRISTMAS BAZAR

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AT THE READY—OUR BAZAR WILL BE ON FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER. STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO DONATE £1 TO THE FOODBANK CHARITY TO GAIN ENTRY TO FUN AND ACTIVITIES ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM.

STREP-A ADVICE FOR PARENTS

PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR FURTHER ADVICE ON THE CURRENT CONCERN REGARDING YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE INCREASED OCCURRENCE OF STREP-A
DFE.INFORMATION@NOTIFICATIONS.SERVICE.GOV.UK

OUR LAST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM IS FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER WITH AN EARLY CLOSURE AT 12.30PM.

WE RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY 2023

TERM DATES FOR THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY—PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

TEACHER TRAINING DAY IS PLANNED FOR
FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH 2022

THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO STUDENTS ON THIS DAY.