



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

*25th November 2022*

## WELCOMING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

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Dear Parents/ carers,

This 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.

I have sent a letter this afternoon 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.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming 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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, **Lisa Hickman—Headteacher**

## FOOTBALL IS COMING HOME



Whilst we must always focus on learning in school, A World Cup does have its place. Students were excited to see that a lunchtime 'cinema' has been set up for them to view the matches in real time during their breaktimes. Who knows what might happen if we get to the final

*Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers*



# SILVER NIGHT NAVIGATION EXERCISE FOR DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Tuesday evening saw our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's award group taking part in a night hike, a circular route starting and finishing at school, that took them through Burbage common, learning to navigate in the dark and picking up some vital skills. This will help them be prepared, should the weather be poor visibility on their expedition.

There was a cold wind in the air, our young people certainly needed to wrap up warm with their hat and gloves but this did not stop them engaging, listening and continuing to develop and enhance some life skills.

Well Done all.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT DOFE AWARD WINNERS:

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| <p><b>Bronze</b></p> <p>Dylan</p>                |  | <p><b>BRONZE</b></p> <p>Volunteering <b>3 months</b></p> <p>Physical <b>3 months</b></p> <p>Skills <b>3 months</b></p> <p>Expedition <b>2 days 1 night</b></p> <p>PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.</p>   |
| <p><b>Silver</b></p> <p>Oscar</p> <p>Trescha</p> |  | <p><b>SILVER</b></p> <p>Volunteering <b>6 months</b></p> <p>Physical <b>one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months</b></p> <p>Skills <b>one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months</b></p> <p>Expedition <b>3 days 2 nights</b></p> <p>Direct entrants must do a further 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.</p>     |
| <p><b>Gold</b></p> <p>Molly</p>                  |  | <p><b>GOLD</b></p> <p>Volunteering <b>12 months</b></p> <p>Physical <b>one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months</b></p> <p>Skills <b>one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months</b></p> <p>Expedition <b>4 days 3 nights</b></p> <p>Residential <b>5 days 4 nights</b></p> <p>Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or longer of the Skills or Physical sections, if you haven't got Silver.</p>    |

# YEAR 11 CAREERS EVENT ON WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

**Post -16**  
**Options Evening**

Wednesday 30th November

3:30pm - 6:30pm

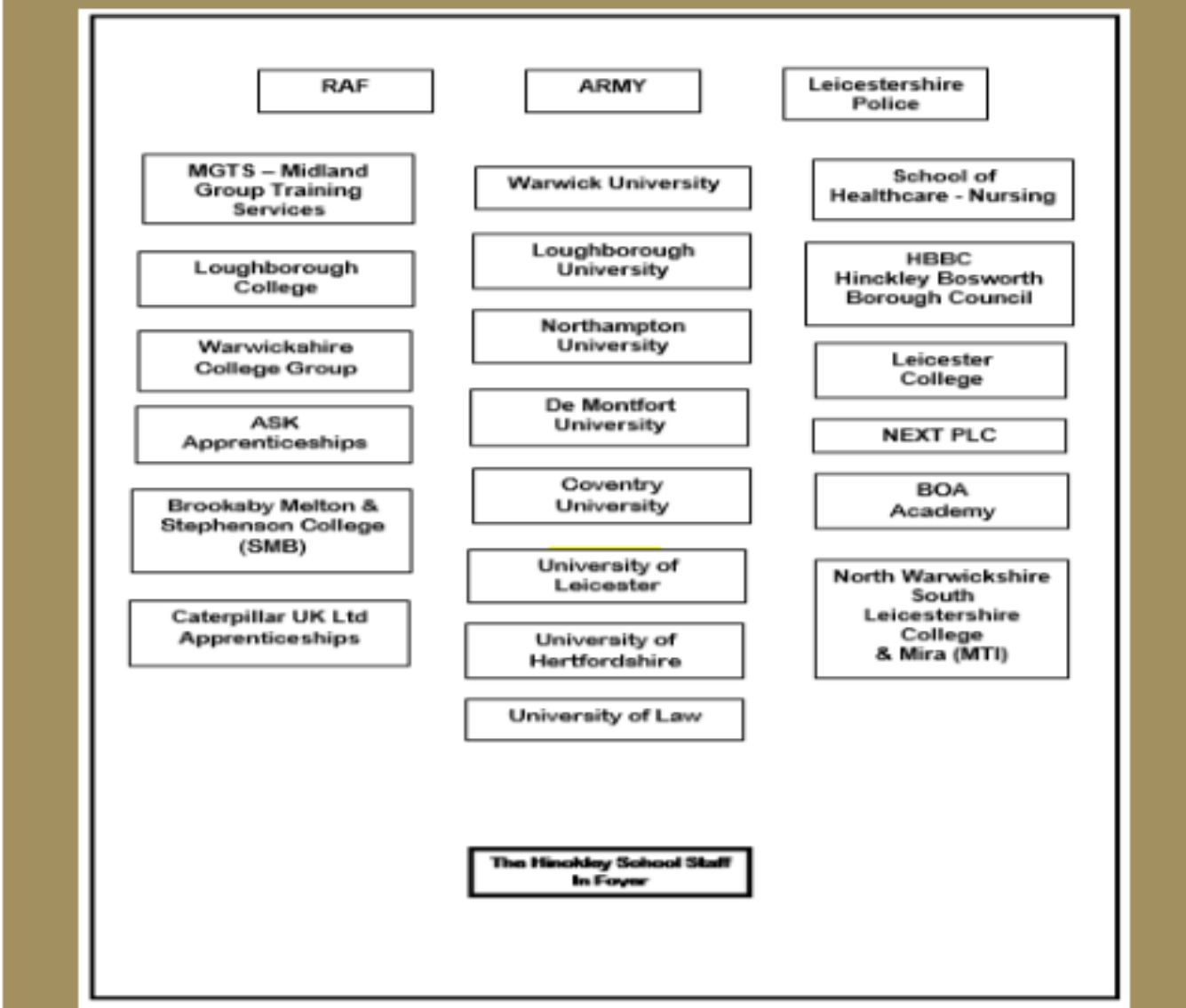
**Including:**

- Sixth Forms
- Further Education Colleges
- Universities
- Apprenticeships
- Employers

Year 11 parents are invited to attend a Careers fair alongside the Parent Evening scheduled for the 30th November. This is 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.

Further details and information will be available from the 23 providers on the evening.

**WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME :**



**Please book you parent evening appointment now.**

**If you are unable to attend, please contact your head of year to make alternative arrangements.**

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# CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS REVEAL SOME PROMISING AUTHORS

On Monday and Tuesday this week, we hosted 2 creative writing sessions in the library with a group of year 9 and year 10 students, run by Joanne Sennitt from Creative Learning Services. The workshop from CLS was aimed at enhancing the skills needed for GSCE English language. "The sessions focus on generating ideas, plot and structure, characterisation, point-of-view, dialogue and descriptive writing, and aim to help young writers develop their confidence and hone their writing skills". The students started the sessions with some word games and exercises, followed by an in depth exercise on writing using a single image as a starting point.

This is some of the feedback we had from the students at the end of the workshops.

- *I came up with a lot of ideas learnt new words and had fun with the games.*
- *Got me thinking creatively. Enjoyed the session. Enjoyed both of the games at the end.*
- *It was great fun and I definitely learned something I wanted to learn about structures of story.*
- *I really enjoyed the fun activities and being shown an example of plotting and characters and stories and I feel more confident for my GCEs in creative writing ☺*
- *I really enjoyed the session, it makes you feel relieved about creative writing.*
- *I enjoyed it and I may use some of the techniques in some of my own writing.*
- *I like this session as it helped me structure the writing but have a good laugh and a good time.*
- *I enjoyed this session as it helped me with my creativity and constructing stories.*



## EXCLUSIVE: Y9 ZUZANNA'S OUTSTANDING PIECE CREATED IN THE SESSION

They lost...The smell of cigarettes and alcohol hit powerfully. A pair of eyes is sat directly onto me, their eyes glistened, reflecting a mythical card with flowers at the corners and another in the centre. The light sunk to near faint and the world washed away and was replaced; the walls collapsed into an infinite sea of greenery and leaves, instead of people there were towering trees. The pair of eyes struck with terror yet still stared as if glued. Confusion and muse poured into the intense stare before the progress began. They let out a dissonance ear-splitting scream of pure terror and torture. The fiendish process began. The pair of eyes began to sink into the skull, their arms and legs collapsed to turn into a stem and a leaf, it's face transformed into a radiant circular shape, whereas the hair and ears into contrasted, beautiful petals. Torture to beauty, just like everything and what everyone has to go through.

It all began with great envy and greed. The purpose of my invention was to take revenge upon the ones my owner despised, who stood in the way of their success and fame. I was used against the ones that deserved great pain, however, it all escalated to murdering the innocent.

After the success of eliminating evil, someone found a way to safely look at me. That is where a twist happened for my use as I was sent in envelopes to the innocent in a way of a banter. Crammed, murky envelopes. The stale smell of ink and ancient documents. They all had their own purpose.

Once, I was sent to a far off location. That is when I was used as a tool to eliminate others for joy. The few flowers drastically increased into a gargantuan field of many colours.

However, none of my owners lasted long. I served my purpose and I was left to another to find and be taken advantage of. Oh-What I would have done to be able to be freed from the infinite cycle.

## SPOTLIGHT ON



## EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE RESCUE

A big thankyou sent from sixth form to our visitors from the ambulance, police and fire services this Wednesday, who shared their expertise with our year 12 and 13 students. The day started off with quizzes, games and information but I think all of the students will agree the excitement of day reached its peak when the team dismantled a car the way they would in an accident with a student sitting inside!! With so many of our students starting to drive and passing their tests it is essential to make sure everyone remains safe whilst experiencing the fun and freedom. Although drivers aged 17 to 19 only account for 1.5% of UK

licence holders, they are involved in a huge 12% of serious and fatal car accidents. The presentation a fireman and police officer gave to the students was eye opening and shed light on the realities and serious consequences a driver could experience from using their mobile phones, not wearing seatbelts and drink driving. Overall a great day with



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# PRIDE SHOP IS NOW OFFICIALLY OPEN

Students are encouraged to spend their well earned PRIDE points in the shop—open in the CUBE for Year 7 and 8 students every Friday.

Older Year groups have other ways in which they are rewarded for their efforts in demonstrating our PRIDE characteristics in their daily life. Some are saving up for tokens to enter the Cash Prize draw at the end of the year or can redeem them against trips and activities later on in the summer term.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LYLA M WHO IS OUR SECOND WORD MILLIONAIRE OF THE YEAR!

## RUGBY SUCCESS FOR KEY STAGE 4



The year 10/11s won 15-10 against Lutterworth college in a physical but cold game. A special thank you to Hinckley RFC for the hospitality, it was a great evening all round and just the start of our new rugby journey.

## PSHE TACKLES RACISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGH FOOTBALL THIS WEEK

This week, Students have been using the World Cup as a focus for exploring themes around self discipline and Human rights in their PSHE curriculum.

Alongside learning about the History of the World Cup and the growth of football in general, students were also encouraged to debate the political issues that world sport events often highlight.

Using news reports, students discussed issues around racial tolerance, self discipline (on and off the pitch) and explored the political debate that the hosts Qatar have prompted around their view on human rights.

Our students were exceptional in being able to discuss and debate these themes in a mature manner and to start to understand that sometimes football is bigger than just a game.

### FIFA to allow rainbow hats and flags at World Cup stadiums in policy U-turn

Wales fans during their World Cup match with Iran on November 25, 2022 in Doha, Qatar. Credit: Hannah McKay - Pool / Getty ...

NME · 2h



### World Cup finals: Why is Qatar 2022 controversial?

Qatar is expecting 1.5 million football fans to visit during the World ... Qatar has also built an entire new city around the Lusail stadium, in which the final match will be played.

BBC · 1d

### FIFA urges World Cup countries to 'focus on football' not Qatar human rights issues

FIFA has written to World Cup countries urging them to "focus on football" not human rights issues ahead of the tournament in Qatar ... of a political nature all around the world.

ITV · 20d

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

APPOINTMENTS ARE NOW OPEN PLEASE SEE YOUR EMAIL TO FIND  
OUT MORE INFORMATION

### ADVANCE NOTICE FROM OUR UNIFORM SUPPLIER HOLE IN THE WALL

Just to let you know we are closing our shop for an extended Christmas break from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

If any of your parents or carers need anything from 5th December or up to the end of term could you ask them to please visit our website; <https://www.holeinthewall.shop/> to place an order, and a member of staff will deliver to their home address free of charge within one to two days.

Kind Regards—Hole in the Wall

TERM DATES FOR THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN UPDATED—PLEASE CHECK  
THE SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

GET YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AT THE READY—OUR BAZAR  
WILL BE ON FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER, OUR LAST DAY OF THE  
AUTUMN TERM

