



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR COMMUNITY



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

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 and as our students returned this year we decided to change the way we delivered our personal development programme at The Hinckley School. Students now have more time to discuss and debate with each other some of the most important aspects of life, including tolerance, diversity, friendships, relationships and their aspirations. By using formal language and training our young people in important communications skills, we are making sure that our students have a voice for good in the community. These discussions are happening now in form time and soon we will be sharing with you the nature of these debates so you can also continue these discussions at home.

Year leaders will be sending letters out later this week informing you of their year group's achievements and plans for this year. With year 9 options, year 11 mock exams and other events within the school, it will be a busy term.

Alongside warmly welcoming students back this week, I'd like to welcome Ms Garcia to The Hinckley School, who is our new subject leader of Modern Foreign Languages. Due to recent successes our school is expanding and soon we will be recruiting teachers for next September as student numbers grow.

We look forward to seeing many of you over this term for parents evenings and events.

Best Wishes

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

Each half term, students with 100% attendance are entered into a £10 voucher prize draw to celebrate their achievement. There are also treat rewards each month for those students who are in every day. The impact on not attending more than 96% of the time is statistically proven to impact on outcomes.

Over 5 years a student with less than 90% attendance misses 450 hours of teacher led learning time—that's the equivalent of 90 days (3 months!)

100%	0 DAYS	0 LESSONS MISSED
99%	1 DAY	5 LESSONS MISSED
98%	3 DAYS	15 LESSONS MISSED
97%	1 WEEK	25 LESSONS MISSED
96%	1.5 WEEKS	35 LESSONS MISSED
94%	2 WEEKS	50 LESSONS MISSED
93%	2.5 WEEKS	65 LESSONS MISSED
92%	3 WEEKS	75 LESSONS MISSED
90%	3.5 WEEKS	90 LESSONS MISSED
MAXIMISE YOUR POTENTIAL ! ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY !		

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Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



BREAKFAST CLUB STILL A WINNER



Due to continued demand we are delighted to say that we are planning to continue our Breakfast Club each morning.

Over 400 slices of toast and drinks are served each morning to students to get them off to a good start to the day.

It is a delight to see students taking advantage of this free offer and spending time chatting and catching up each morning before the school day begins.

What is also fantastic is the manners and respect they show the volunteer staff who provide this each day.

Students can access this each day at 8.10am.

BRIDGE STUDENTS GO CRAZY FOR BADGES!

Mr Stocks in the Bridge had to recruit an army of helpers this week to distribute all of the reward badges students had been awarded before Christmas.

Since returning we have already been able to give out badges to over 200 of our students. This includes Bronze Pride badges for students with over 300 achievement points, Silver Pride badges for student with over 500 achievement points as well as 100% attendance badges, Student Council Badges and Learning mentor badges. This is a clear reflection of the PRIDE our Bridge students show on a daily basis and the clear standards they hold themselves too.



REFLECTING ON THE GATEWAY'S FIRST TERM

Throughout last term Year 8 students worked very hard and there were lots of achievements to celebrate. This includes two teams of Year 8 students who represented the school at the Institute of Engineering and Technology Faraday Challenge Day, in December. The event was hosted in Cafe 6 at the Hinckley School and students competed against four other schools. Teams were given a brief to design and build a prototype which could be developed by the Future Flight Challenge Team for a drone airport. Students were required to demonstrate skills and attitudes such as creativity, planning, budgeting, resilience, and perseverance. Both teams demonstrated PRIDE throughout the day and were a real credit to the school.

In addition to the weekly hot chocolate reward, Year 8 students can cash in their PRIDE points for rewards in the PRIDE shop. The rewards range from chocolate bars for 100 points to body sprays, rugby balls and queue jump passes for 500 points. The PRIDE shop is very popular, and many students are currently saving up for some of the more valuable items.

Over the Autumn term we ran several 100% attendance challenges for students. These challenges are run as both form and individual challenges. In Year 8, 23 students achieved 100% attendance for the entire term and Mr Taylor's form group have continued to be the highest attending group.

Upcoming events in The Gateway include Smashed Live coming into school in February to deliver a live theatre experience to the students and the second parent forum that will take place virtually through Microsoft Teams on the 15th of March.

A sincere thank you to all our parents for their ongoing support. Mrs James.

A BUSY SPRING TERM FOR YEAR 9

Firstly, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. It was a very busy first term for Year 9. I was amazed at how students and their tutors worked closely together on the community project, collecting for the Hinckley Food Bank, making food parcels for the homeless. The contributions from year 9 made a significant difference to the Christmas's of other less fortunate families. Service is such an important aspect to developing character in our young students. Some of our talented Year 9 musicians were involved in the Christmas concert at St Mary's Church supporting the local community.

We start the new Spring Term looking forward to the students choosing their options for KS4 and beginning their GCSE journey. This is an important and demanding stage in a student's education, with GCSEs playing a vital role in achieving entry to the Sixth Form, college or apprenticeships, securing future industry roles and entering Higher Education. At The Hinckley School, we put the students first and are committed to providing an expertly crafted GCSE curriculum which surrounds our students with support and removes barriers, enabling our students to reach their full potential. There will be the opportunity for students and parents/carers to speak to subject specialist staff at our KS4 options evening on 15th February 2023. You will receive a letter regarding the KS4 options evening closer to the date.

The key to success for our students is always communication. Please continue to contact us with your questions and we look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming evenings in person.

Mrs Wilson.

STUDENTS EXPLORE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS IN THEIR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME THIS WEEK

Our ongoing Personal Development Programme (PDP) takes themes and issues each week during our morning sessions. Students are encouraged to examine and explore these themes through conversation, discussion and debate.

Using our 'Talking Points' is an excellent way in which you can help support the growth in your child's own character development, help to form their own ideas, encourage questions and address misconceptions.

This weeks theme has focused on what a healthy relationship looks like. Students are asked to examine each statement and agree or disagree on them with evidence to back up their viewpoints. Examples of the talking points for you to use at home to continue the conversation and debate are as follows:

Year 7— 'Trust is the most important trait in a friendship.'

Year 8— 'A friend is someone who has your back no matter what.'

Year 9— 'A person who 'likes' your social media posts are a good friend'

Y10/11— 'A healthy relationship is one based on respect and honesty.'

Y12/13— 'Love at first sight really exists!'

CHRISTMAS BAZAR RAISES A RECORD AMOUNT

The Hinckley 6th Form and Year 10 leaders hosted our Bazar this year to raise funds for the Foodbank Charity.

Congratulations to all student leaders who demonstrated resilience in keeping the bazar fun filled for over 3 hours for all our students to enjoy!

An amazing **£836.21** was raised at this event which has been donated to The Foodbank. This amount feeds over 40 families for Over a week. Thankyou to all who donated.



YOUR FOOD PARCEL DONATIONS PROVIDED OVER 471 MEALS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

A lovely finish to the last week of school after the Hinckley sixth form has donated a huge 198.1 kgs for the food bank. This equates to £470 and 471 meals to help families in need this Christmas. Compared to this time five years ago the reliance on food banks in England has increased by 81%. We are so pleased that so many students got involved and the food bank fed back that they were overwhelmed with the amount of donations and they had to relocate food to their warehouse as they didn't have enough space for all of it. Congratulations to the tutor groups below for donating the most food:

Runner Up:

13HTO (Miss Hayto)
12CHN (Miss Cheney)
11KND (Dr Kendall)
10OWN (Miss Owen)
8TAY (Mr Taylor)
7RLY (Mr Riley)



**Overall winners
of the Hinckley School Charity Trophy
9NIC (Dr Nicastro)**

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PARENT EVENTS FOR THE SPRING TERM

10TH JANUARY—YEAR 12 PARENT EVENING AND CAREERS

10TH JANUARY—VIRTUAL Y7 PARENT FORUM (MSTOCKS@THEHINCKLEYSCHOOL.CO.UK TO REGISTER INTEREST)

27TH JANUARY—INSET DAY (NO ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS)

15TH FEBRUARY—Y9 PARENT & GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

15TH MARCH—PARENT FORUM #2

22ND MARCH—Y10 PARENT EVENING

31ST MARCH - BRIDGE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY