



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Future
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COMPETING IN EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week we have finished preparing our student for year 11 and 13 mocks. These exams are crucial so that teachers know the progress students have made and students themselves understand what to do to achieve excellent results. We have been really impressed with their positive attitude, and attendance to year 11 intervention has been excellent.

This edition also includes more information on our visiting author and success at our recent university competition and sporting events. It's lovely to see students engaging in extracurricular experiences

This week also saw the public consultation for our new build. This will now go to planning with a view to work starting at the end of the academic year.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

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'BOOK TALKING'

.This week, year 7 students enjoyed 'Book Talking' sessions during their English lessons in the library. Marissa from Creative Learning Services visited the school to give the talks where she introduced and read extracts from many books both fiction and non fiction. The theme of the book talks was to introduce books of all different genres and to inspire students to delve into something new. The books are now on display in the library for students to browse, find out more and borrow any that they are interested in.



Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers

The Futures Trust
Building Brighter Futures

PARENTAL SUPPORT IN NAVIGATING CURRENT AFFAIRS AFFECTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

'TIME TO TALK' MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

What feels like the best way of talking to a young adult or child?

The first thing to consider is what feels best for them – ask them what they'd find most comfortable. It's always better to ask than assume you know what they need. You might want to talk face-to-face, but if either of you find this difficult or overwhelming you could:

- Talk on the phone
- Send a text
- Write a letter
- Talk while walking or driving

Talk during an activity together, like cooking, playing a game, or watching TV

Remember to take breaks or set up regular talking times – it doesn't have to be one long conversation.

[Time To Talk Day - Time To Talk Day](#)



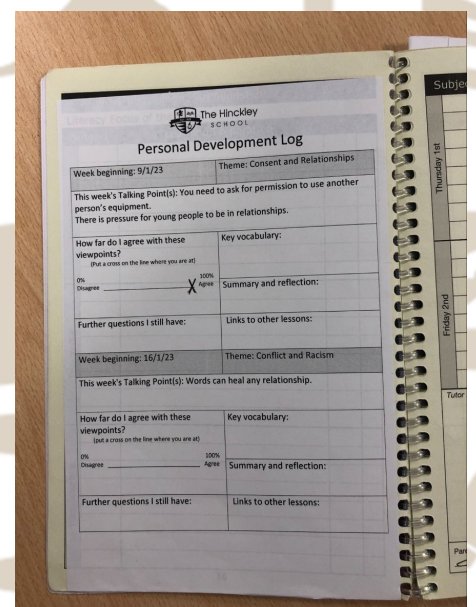
PRIDE: PERSONAL AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Year 7 Personal development this week continued to explore the issues around multiculturalism and race as part of their healthy relationships focus.

The following talking points were being explored in their PD sessions this week:

'Multiculturalism should be celebrated'

'Racism can only be solved by talking about it'



VISITING AUTHOR BEN DAVIS

Last week, we were thrilled to invite well known author, Ben Davis, to our school to meet our year 7 and 8 students. Ben is the author a number of funny books for teenagers including the hilarious 'Joe Cowley' series and his latest book. 'My Dad is Definitely not a Crime Lord'

Ben's year group talks were incredibly engaging with lots of humour and funny readings from his books culminating in a hilarious collective character creation and ending with Q and A's giving the students a chance to ask Ben questions about his books, writing career and getting inspiration for stories.

The talks were followed by 2 creative writing workshops where Ben developed the theme of writing a funny story based on an embarrassing moment. The students all got a chance to speak to Ben about their ideas and learn how to turn real life situations into fiction. The students really enjoyed Ben's easy going, approachable style and silly sense of humour.

We will be getting more copies of Ben Davis' books for the library for students to borrow and I'm sure that the visit will have a lasting effect and be remembered for a long time to come.



BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

NEW KIT SUPPORTS WIN FOR KS3 RUGBY PLAYERS

Congratulations go to the Hinckley schools KS3 rugby team who put on a mighty fight against rivals Lutterworth. Having suffered a big defeat In December, the team reflected on their performance to rise again with a renewed energy.

On Thursday our team challenged Lutterworth and showed them who Hinckley really are. In our new kit we were proud to represent The Hinckley school and we drew in a magnificent battle (5-5). We are incredibly grateful in the community support we have received to fund our new kit which we are sure helped see us to victory!

Mr Taylor and Mr Toor are super proud of what the team achieved. Let's keep the vision strong for our next tournament on the 8th February at Loughborough University.



TOP OF THE CLASS TO 'TOP OF THE BENCH'

Each year the Royal society of Chemistry hosts a "Top of the Bench" competition to decide the top Chemistry school in the local region. This year Hinckley's own Rachel Lynch, Oliver Tallis-Walters, Zuzanna Kalek and Calum Dawkins completed for such title. All students finished top in their regional heats and were invited to the finals at the University of Derby.

The finals entailed challenging quizzes and practical experiments which fuelled curiosity and excitement.

I am proud to announce that the Hinckley school came 4th place across all the competing schools in the East Midlands. This is an amazing result for the school and especially for our bright scientists.

Thank you to Mr Toor as well for giving up his weekend to support his students at this event.



YEAR 9 VICTORY OVER LEICESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The Hinckley School hosted Leicester Grammar on Monday with some excellent netball on display.

The year 10s took an early lead with outstanding work from the girls. Despite a come back from LGS we took the win, 19-13 with Millie getting player of the match.

The year 9s took the court and were 1-3 down in the first quarter but with fantastic spirit they fought back. With sharp shooting, tough attacking play and a tough defence we drew the game 9 all. Brooke gained player of the match this week.

Massive well done for all involved and for the support from the girls in year 11 and 12.

Also thank you to the staff that popped in its great to have so many cheering for us.

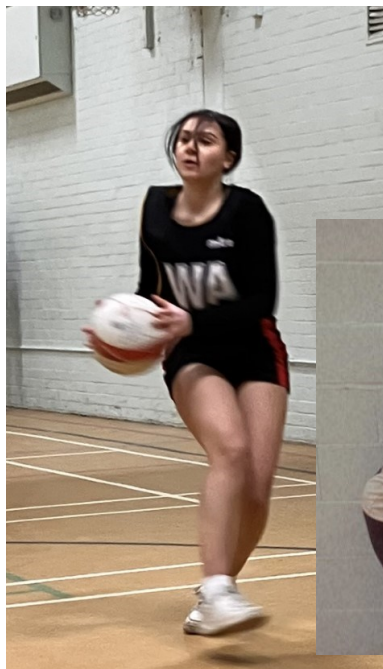
Pictures

Theya taking the shot

Millie on a jumping interception

Maddie on the attack

The Year 9 team



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE SPRING TERM

15TH FEBRUARY—Y9 PARENT & GCSE OPTIONS EVENING

15TH MARCH—PARENT FORUM #2

22ND MARCH—Y10 PARENT EVENING

31ST MARCH - BRIDGE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS