



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Future
Friday 10th February 2023

ENGAGING WITH CHARITIES



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week, all years have attended careers presentations from our local college, focusing on apprenticeships and T levels. NWSLC college were very impressed with our students and year 7 in particular had lots of questions. It is important that students are aware of the vast amount of opportunities available to them and for us as adults, it is never too soon to have conversations with them about their futures and aspirations.

Our year 7 and 8 students made us very proud this week at the Loughborough Rugby Tournament. To see so many of them take part in their new kit was brilliant. Thank you to Mr Toor and Mr Taylor for organising and supporting our students.

Next week we continue to interview for places in The Hinckley Sixth Form, which has proven very popular with external candidates this year. On Wednesday we also have our options evening for year 9, a very important event to help support our students make the right choices for GCSE.

Have a lovely weekend,

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

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NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK ENGAGES KS3



This week is National Apprenticeship week. All students have enjoyed having a talk from North Warwickshire South Leicestershire College (NWSLC) about the wide variety of apprenticeship courses that they run. Students found this talk very engaging and had lots of excellent questions to ask the staff at the end of the talk.

There will be more opportunities later in the year to explore vocational pathways to employment from a younger age. Its never too soon to start to think about their future aspirations.

Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



PARENTAL SUPPORT IN NAVIGATING CURRENT AFFAIRS AFFECTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CYBER SAFETY NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

The Hinckley School will be joining in with activities to support with the national Cyber Safety campaign this week and continue to educate our young people on the dangers of online use.

Much of the issues around cyber safety unfortunately occur when children are on their own in their homes so we urge our parents to work with us to keep all of our young people safe and educated on the potential dangers this can bring and the impact we see on their mental health. Please contact a member of our safeguarding team if you need individual support. The links below provide a wealth of resources for you to use at home.

[Safer Internet Day 2023 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)



PRIDE: PERSONAL AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT YEAR 8 TACKLE MENTAL HEALTH HEAD ON WITH A CHARITY FOCUS

Y8 Penalty Shoot Out competition to support Place2Be

The 'rules' - It is 50p for one shot and £1 for three. The student who scores the most will win a football, the second place will win some goalkeeper gloves and third place will win a box of sweets.

Please see Mr Froome and Mr Taylor for details



Over the past week Year 8 students have been talking about mental health in conjunction with Time to Talk Day. The focus of our discussions has been around the importance making time each day to talk about mental health. Talking about mental health is not always easy, but having conversations has the power to change lives.

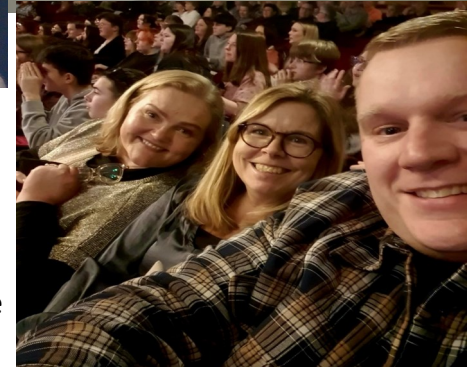
Next week Year 8 students will continue to talk and raise awareness about mental health. Form groups will be fundraising for Place2Be's children's Mental Health charity. This is a charity that works with students, families and staff in UK schools. They provide mental health support in schools through one-to-one and groups counselling.

Each form group will endeavour to raise the most money through running a bake sale at break time in the Cube. The bake sales will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during break times. Homemade or shop brought cakes are welcome and all students should bring some loose change to help support this fundraising idea.

THE REVIEW: DRAMA TRIP TO LONDON

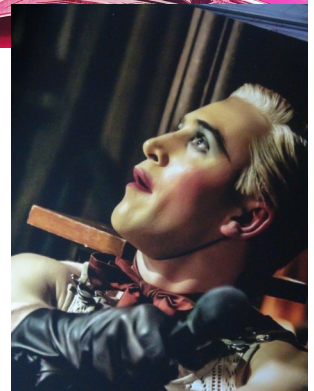
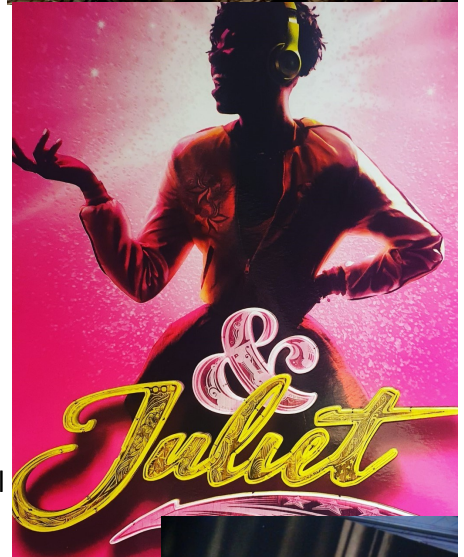
The Performing Arts London trip was a resounding success with all 30 students and 3 staff all having a fantastic time throughout the one night residential.

Students from Drama, Dance and Music were treated to two west end musicals 'Romeo and Juliet', a comedic 'Horrible Histories' style re-working of Shakespeare's classic Romeo and Juliet at the Shaftesbury Theatre and the revival of 'Cabaret' at the 'Kit-Kat club'; an immersive, highly creative adaption of the original compelling story of Sally Boules in 1930's Berlin and the rise of the Third Reich.



Both shows have won awards for 'Best New Musical' and 'Best Musical Revival'. The live performances were complemented by a practical workshop led by a member of the ensemble of Cabaret at Pineapple studios in Covent Garden. They commented on our students being 'highly engaged and talented' as they embraced the physical theatre and theatricality essential for a show like Cabaret. She got a very special cheer as we saw her perform later in the matinee.

The trip encompassed experience that prepares them well for live theatre reviews in their Drama exams as well as taking part in a Q and A with an industry professional to get some tips about working in the theatre industry and the realities of related careers. Mrs Cook said 'as always this trip was much enjoyed by all and our students were an absolute credit to themselves and our school community. The shows were amazing and I'm sure all the actors loved the attention at the Stage Door afterwards being showered with attention and requests for autographs from the group. Miss Cook is Looking forward to planning next year's trip already!'



YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Year 9 parents and students are invited to attend a parent evening for English, Maths and Science, and an Options Marketplace on Wednesday 15th February.

Students will be experiencing taster sessions for GCSE option choices in tutor time next week. They are encouraged to choose a variety of experiences to allow them to make an informed decision.

For further information please see the website for the

online options booklet [download.asp \(thehinckleyschool.co.uk\)](http://download.asp(thehinckleyschool.co.uk))

or contact Mrs Wilson for more information jwilson@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

The graphic features the word 'PRIDE' in large, bold, black letters, with 'Character Education' in smaller, brown letters below it. To the left of the text are five shield-shaped icons, each containing a letter: 'P' (black shield), 'R' (brown shield), 'I' (white shield), 'D' (dark grey shield), and 'E' (tan shield). To the right of each icon is a definition of the corresponding character trait. At the bottom, the text 'Building Brighter Futures' is written in a red, cursive font. The background of the graphic includes a faint illustration of a lion and the text 'EST: 162'.

PRIDE
Character Education

P
PRIDE
To have pride in everything I do. To approach everything with discipline, integrity and self-worth. To be proud of my achievements and celebrate the achievements of others.

R
RESILIENCE
To be persistent in my endeavours and courageous, tackling any challenges I may face both in my learning and in life.

I
INDEPENDENCE
To be self-motivated in my learning, to be curious in my thinking and able to solve problems that are presented to me.

D
DISCIPLINE
To demonstrate self-control in school and in the community. To always be the best I can be.

E
ENGAGEMENT
To be motivated and enthusiastic about my learning and to collaborate successfully with others to reach my goals. To show empathy and compassion in my dealings with others at all times.

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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