

COMMITMENT TO CHARITY



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week, we welcomed year 9 parents for Options Evening.

Our teachers outlined the potential choices for our students, with subjects such as Media and Textiles being added to our

offer. Thank you to all who attended and our year 10 students who proved to be wonderful helpers on the night.

Year 11 have completed their mock exams and as a staff we have been incredibly proud of how seriously they have taken these assessments and the progress they are making. Next half term, we will inform parents of our plans for Easter school to ensure we support them as much as we can before the final exams in the summer.

As you will be aware, the NEU has announced more strike days to be held in March. Communication will be sent out regarding industrial action on the 1st March this week.

We have been raising money for different charities through bake sales and other events in key stage 3 this week. We will continue to fundraise for Place2Be after half term and keep discussing the important issues of mental wellbeing for young people.

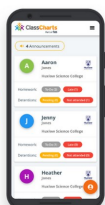
Have an enjoyable and restful half term

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

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ClassCharts
PARENT APP



Class Charts for Parents
Guide is found on the
link below:

[Slide 1 \(classcharts.com\)](https://www.classcharts.com)

INTRODUCING THE CLASS CHARTS PARENT APP

Parents/Carers will all have received an individualised email to help you to log into your own Child's account via the parent App. This is a real time app to be able to monitor and track all activity throughout the school day.

We are encouraging ALL parents to sign up to help improve our parental communication.



SUPERMARKET SUPPORT EXTENDS OUR BREAKFAST CLUB

A generous donation from ASDA this week has meant we are able to continue with our Breakfast Club beyond the planned schedule.

It is a pleasure to share a piece of toast with all of our students each morning and to talk about their days. We are experiencing over 300 students each morning who take advantage of this. Our thanks again to the local supermarkets for supporting this venture and to the staff who volunteer to make tea and butter the toast!

We are keen to hear from any parents who have contacts with other businesses that might be able to donate or support with our project so that we can continue especially to fuel our Year 11s as they enter their exam period.



PRIDE: PERSONAL AND CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

PRIDE Character Education



Year 10 Talking Points this week are as follows:

I am not racist towards others, but I do not dare contest it when I hear it.

Race has a greater impact on our life chances than nationality

The UK has always been diverse with many different cultures living together

I alone cannot tackle racism

British Values			
Respect & Tolerance	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	Democracy
Respect others. Embrace difference. Learn about and consider the cultures of other people. Accept the beliefs and faiths of others.	Commit to the school rules. Help others do the right thing. Be honest, truthful and loyal.	Be responsible for your actions. Work hard to improve. Diligently pursue your goals. Challenge bullying, prejudice or bias with confidence.	Respect all views. Debate in peace. Participate willingly. Express your views confidently.

Year 7 this week have been working on our RSHE curriculum talking and working around the subject of Puberty and Self worth.

Students have been a credit to the Bridge this week by maturely discussing this subject and have been tolerant in listening respectfully to each others views and perspectives.

Talking points to continue at home are as follows:

'Puberty affects everyone in different ways' 'its easier to criticise yourself than to praise yourself'

YOUNG PEOPLE CONTRIBUTE TO HINCKLEY'S 'WARM SPACES' AND 'FOOD BANK' PROGRAMMES

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council in partnership with young people from our Hinckley and Bosworth Voice Forum have created two videos focusing on 'Foodbanks' and 'Warm spaces'. Now more than ever it is important to know where to get help if needed.

Warm spaces are public buildings and spaces across the borough anyone can go to if struggling to heat their home due to the cost of living crisis, or for a listening ear. For more information about warm spaces please watch our video:

[Hinckley & Bosworth Youth Forum Interview the Barlestone Warm Spaces - YouTube](#)

For further information or to find a warm space in Hinckley and Bosworth follow the links below:

[Where can I find a warm place? | Warm places | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council \(hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk\)](#)

<https://warmspaces.org/>

To see the journey your food donation takes when donated to a food bank please watch our video:

[Hinckley Area Foodbank - YouTube](#)

PARENTAL SUPPORT IN NAVIGATING CURRENT AFFAIRS AFFECTING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON YOUNG PEOPLE

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ELITE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME IN YEAR 10 TAKES OFF

This week has seen the students in the Elite Scholars Programme start their Careers focus. This will provide the students with information about themselves completing a personality and skills profile, using our Unifrog software. Along with diving deeper into their careers journey, via the career's library section, students are able to research a variety of different careers available and the necessary route that will enable them to achieve them. Very exciting times, arming themselves with knowledge and focus moving forwards.

Student experiences will be featured next week.



MORE NETBALL SUCCESS FOR OUR KS4 TEAM

This week has been busy for The Hinckley School netball squads, seeing the year 11 and a few year 10s playing up taking on Lutterworth College.

This was a great opportunity to play lots of combinations in an extended game. Player of the match went to Rachel however there were a number of notable performances from Tilly's excellent drives



into the circle, Lilys sharp shooting and Hollys hard work in the middle. For the entire game we were in control seeing us take the win 29-17. The squad played so well and with the season end fast approaching this game was a fantastic opportunity to get all players on the court. An extra special mention to the year 10s who played up today, they were outstanding and played exceptionally well.

Well done team

STUDENTS PLAN TO SUPPORT THE TURKEY/SYRIAN EARTHQUAKE

Year leaders this week have been overwhelmed by the requests from students to find ways to support the emergency relief effort for the people affected by the most recent Earthquake event affecting Turkey and Syria. Year 8 have already planned for 'sponsored something' over the half term break to start the fundraising.

We are so impressed by the level of global citizenship our students have demonstrated, we are increasing their level of competitiveness by offering a treat to the student with the highest value of sponsorship. Please send photos to show us what you have done to raise your funds!

SPOTLIGHT ON



TWENTY BOOKS TO READ BEFORE YOU'RE 20

On Wednesday this week Marissa from 'Creative Learning Services', held a reading surgery in the library for our 6th formers with the theme of 'Twenty books to read before you're twenty'.

Marissa bought in a range of modern classics, contemporary YA and general adult literature to inspire the students to read something new. We spent an enjoyable hour discussing authors and different writing styles in the relaxed environment of the library while browsing through the selection of books that Marissa had bought with her. The books are now all available to borrow from the library.

Modern classics

- Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
- One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn
- Perfume by Patrick Suskind
- Trainspotting by Irvine Welsh



Contemporary adult publications

- People person by Candice Carty-Williams
- The devil and Miss Pym by Paulo Coelho
- Mayflies by Andrew O'Hagan
- The reason I Jump by Naoki Higashida
- The beach by Alex Garland
- Where the crawdads sing by Delia Owens
- Daisy Jones & the Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid



YA

- Perks of being a wallflower by Stephen Chbosky
- Clean by Juno Dawson
- Truth be told by Sue Diwan
- Gilded ones by Namina Forna
- Confessions of an alleged good girl by Joya Goffney
- Last Lesson by James Goodband
- The cats we meet along the way by Nadia Mikail
- Activist by Louise Reid
- Camp by L.C. Rosen



PERSONAL SAFETY VISITORS TACKLE TEEN TOPICS



This week we welcomed back the team from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and the local police to deliver some sessions to the Year 12s. The "Safety Crew" split the students into groups who took part in 3 interactive activities/talks for the hour.

The first one was about anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the community and the local police spoke to us about the types of behaviour that is actually illegal. A couple of students got to try on beer goggles to see the true effects of excessive alcohol consumption which really took some of the students aback! After that they moved onto talking to the council outreach officer who showed a video on consent. She then discussed

healthy vs unhealthy relationships with them and their opinions on the most important factor in a healthy relationship- which highlighted a lot of peoples' different priorities!

Finally they moved to another talk where the visitor presented the students lots of local statistics and showed them how they've changed since 2020. She emphasised how things like manipulation and grooming can take many forms, hence why they should be extra careful when they are online or talking to strangers. It was an eye-opening session that showed many students how these awful things are always happening. The Council and Police made the session really engaging and the visitors were so friendly which made it a much more comfortable environment to talk about these sensitive subjects. By Imogen Suett, Student Leader

SIXTH FORM NETBALL TEAM ARE A 'PLEASURE TO SPEND TIME WITH'...

... according to coach Mrs Cheney.

On a glorious spring afternoon the 6th form netball team took part in the South Leicestershire netball tournament at Leicester Grammar.

We finished in 4th place with some outstanding netball on display, we faced lots of schools and colleges over the afternoon including Wigston Academy, Charnwood College and Robert Smyth to name a few. It's been a real pleasure coaching the girls this season and with only one more game to go we have made vast improvements in every element of our game. After a small break the team will be back training along with year 11 in preparation for our summer tour to Malta. Lots of things to work on as the excitement builds.



YEAR 8 CHARITY FUNDRAISER COOKS UP A STORM!

Mr Froome And Mr Taylors competitive spirit delighted the year group with a HUGE THS branded cake this week, that Mrs Hickman delighted in slicing!

So far the tutor teams have hosted a bake sale, 'celebrity make over' and a penalty shootout competition and are set to raise

over £350

for the Place2Be charity supporting children's mental health.



CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Y8 CHARITY EVENT GALLERY



PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DOFE FIRST AIDERS

Our Bronze, Silver and Gold participants completed a one day First Aid training course over the weekend in preparation for their Duke of Edinburgh's award expeditions.

The course covered a variety of topics including primary and secondary survey, CPR and the use of an AED, recovery position, the effects of heat and cold, choking, burns and bleeds, strains and sprains, bites and stings and much more.

The practical course was hands on, encouraging our young people to get fully involved. The afternoon saw them looking for casualties and treating them as if it was a live situation.



This year, World Book Day falls on Thursday 2nd March 2023. In school, we will be spending time talking about and sharing a love for books with our pupils. We will also launch some exciting competitions for pupils to take part in.

Reading is an essential life skill and reading for just 20 minutes per day exposes you to 1.8 million words a year! This has a huge impact on vocabulary development and students' ability to access subjects across the curriculum. Furthermore, research has shown that reading for pleasure can support positive mental health and develop empathy and understanding of others.

At The Hinckley School, we recognise the significant impact that reading for pleasure can have on the life chances of our students and we encourage pupils to read as much as possible and would ask parents to support us by doing the same; just 20 minutes per day can be lifechanging!

This year, to celebrate World Book Day, we have a £1 book token to share with pupils. This can be used to purchase one of the £1 books released for World Book Day or it can be redeemed towards the cost of a full price book. This year's tokens are digital so please scan the QR code below to access the voucher.



YEAR 9 OPTIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

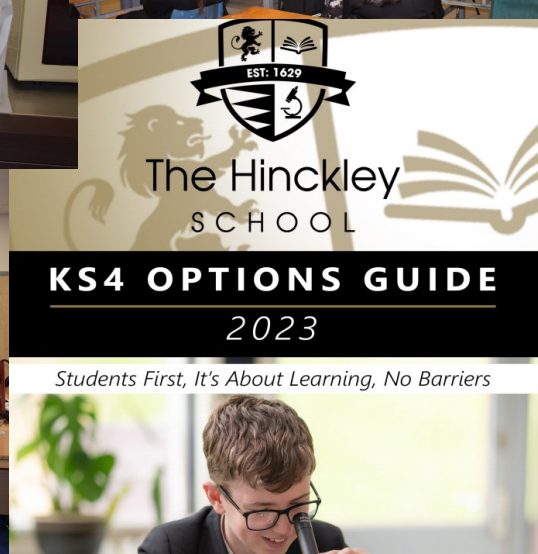
After an incredibly successful evening this week, Year 9 students are now invited to send in their request forms using the following link:

[KS4 OPTIONS 2023 \(office.com\)](#)

This has also been emailed out to the parents/carers of individuals.

If you would like to view an electronic copy of the Options Booklet for 23/24 please use the following link: [download.asp \(thehinckleyschool.co.uk\)](#)

Students have been enjoying their 'Taster Day' Options every morning this week in order to make more informed decisions.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE SPRING TERM

INDUSTRIAL ACTION—PLANNED FOR MARCH 1ST
WORLD BOOK DAY EVENTS—THURSDAY 2ND MARCH
15TH MARCH—PARENT FORUM #2
22ND MARCH—Y10 PARENT EVENING
31ST MARCH - BRIDGE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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