



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Future
Friday 10th March 2023

PROVIDING LIFE EXPERIENCES



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Many thanks for your patience this week with the poor weather conditions and school closure. We always try and keep school open when we can for our families, but this is not always possible. Hopefully you and your families have had some fun in the snow today. Please do keep safe and warm this weekend.

This edition is full of some of the exciting experiences our children have had over the last couple of weeks including Duke of Edinburgh awards, an experience we offer all the way up to gold, to orchestras, fundraising and sport. We are so proud of our year 7 and 8 rugby team winning the county cup, a real result in getting rugby trophies back in our school reception! And as a community, the support Mr Lee feels from your children's fundraising effort, as you can see later, means a lot.

Incredibly exciting are the upcoming plans for our school performance for next year. After the success of Grease, we can't wait to see how year 7 to 13 (and staff!) come together to deliver what I know will be an outstanding show. You may find some further hints in the newsletter...

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

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NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

National Careers Week 2023: 6th - 11th March

VIRTUAL Careers Fair.

[Visit Now](#)

Students across the school have been exploring their futures with a careers week focus.

Visit the website to find out more here:

[Welcome - National Careers Week](#)

Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



GOLD DOFÉ STUDENTS NAVIGATE THE PEAK DISTRICT

Gold training

On Saturday, the Gold team started their walk from Barber Booth and explored the Brown Knoll hill, one of the highest hills in the Peak District, just south of Kinder Scout. They travelled along the Chapel gate track taking bearings, leapfrogging, aiming off and pacing, learning navigation techniques that they will be able to put into practise on their expedition in the future.

It was a pleasure to be out with a very positive group of young people who showed enthusiasm, willingness to learn and tackled all the task that they were given. Well Done to everyone!



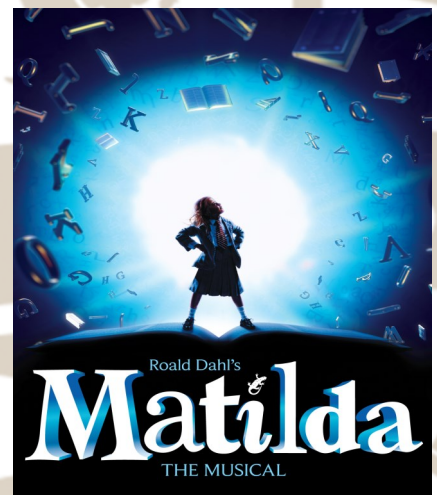
PERFORMING ARTS TAKES CENTRE STAGE

Year 12 Drama students made their debut practical examination this week which sparked this season's run of practical exams in Drama. The students showcased their 'reinterpretation' pieces which were a culmination of a published text deconstructed using a practitioner or theatre company of their choice. One group chose the musical 'Into the Woods' and used a Frantic Assembly physical theatre style and another group took a Steven Berkoff approach to the text 'Beautiful Burnout' working with grotesque and stylised physicality, facial expression and exaggerated vocality.

The final performances were professional and worthy of an external audience. Miss Solly, Head of sixth form thoroughly enjoyed being an audience member and commented that the students were 'very good and had made so much progress since the early days'.

Their work stems from a series of workshops exploring a range of practitioners and workshops. A proud Mrs Cook feels this exam sets the tone for the remaining practical assessments and looks forward to Year 11 and 13 performing their work later in March and April.

Did somebody mention.....



ORCHESTRA PLAY WITH PROFESSIONALS

We are excited to share with you an amazing experience that the school's up-and-coming orchestra had during their educational school trip on Tuesday at the Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham. Our 14 young musicians, ranging from year 7 to year 13, had the opportunity to participate in a colossal 150-piece orchestra comprising of students from around the West Midlands, whilst learning from professional musicians from Orchestras For All.

During the trip, our students received guidance from experienced conductors and music teachers, who provided valuable feedback and helped refine their skills. Our students were also able to meet and network with other musicians from different schools and backgrounds, creating new friendships and musical connections.

We are incredibly proud of our students' dedication in preparation for the trip, setting off at 7:30am, and the trip itself. Their hard work and commitment to their music were showcased with the fantastic sound that was produced when the day concluded.

This trip has inspired our young musicians to continue pursuing their passion as Josh Sheth commented, "I enjoyed playing with professional violinists, which has boosted my interest in the violin – the whole day was amazing!" and Katie McClay saying, "I liked getting to improve my trumpet skills and learning how to play in a large ensemble". The positive energy of the day was so infectious that Mr Riley couldn't miss out on playing alongside the musicians on the violin!



We look forward to seeing their continued growth where there is another event on July 4th at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire where they will be performing to an audience.

The students that participated were:

Jack Dallinger

Louie Ewart

Jack Goodayle

Tom Hardy

Ethan Quinney

Haydn Rose

Josh Sheth

Ed Shipley

Grace Vaughan

COUNTY CUP WINNERS FOR 2023!



Congratulations to our Year 7/8 Rugby team who were crowned the 'Hinckley cup county champions' with a fantastic win over Lutterworth College 6 tries to 4.

Also impressive were the many supporters who attended the match. Boys were awarded the cup by Hinckley RFUC President to the Captain George Hughes. Player of the Match went to Leo and proud coaches Toor, Taylor and Cheney took time to reflect on what a superb level of resilience the boys were able to demonstrate over the season. It must be down to their lucky new kit!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH RECRUITMENT IS OPEN



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

BRONZE

Volunteering **3** months

Physical **3** months

Skills **3** months

Expedition **2** days **1** night

PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.

**Current Year 9s can enrol onto the Bronze DofE award.
(Completing their expedition in Year 10)**

**Expedition training will start in September*



**Adventure, fun with friends,
enjoy the outdoors, personal challenge,
learn a new skill, enhance your CV,
create memories and much more.**

SILVER

Volunteering **6** months

Physical

one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months

Skills

Direct entrants must do a further 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

Expedition **3** days **2** nights



**Current Year 10s can enrol onto the Silver DofE award.
(Completing their expedition in Year 11)**

**Expedition training will start in September*

**Registration for Bronze, Silver and Gold:
Now Open**

For more information email afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

MENTAL HEALTH CHARITY SUPPORT CONTINUES WITH A MARATHON CHALLENGE



For our school's Mental Health Awareness week students and staff were encouraged to 'walk a mile' in support of Mr Lee's London Marathon in April. During PE lessons last week, students completed as many miles as they could. As a school, we have completed an amazing 790 miles which equates to just over 30 marathons! We hope this will provide Mr Lee great motivation in the 26.2 miles he will tackle in a few weeks time.

Students also kindly donated sponsorship money in aid of the Place2Be charity, a charity that supports the mental health of young people. A special mention goes to Rachel in Year 7 who raised a staggering £55!

Money was also raised through a pancake sale. Students very much enjoyed tucking into their American-style pancakes topped with lashings of golden syrup, marshmallows and brightly coloured sprinkles.

Overall, The Hinckley School has raised an incredible **£236** for the Place2Be charity and we thank you all for your support in last week's activities.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM MR LEE WHO HAS A CLOSE AFFILIATION WITH THE CHARITY

"I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the students and staff who have taken part in mental health awareness activities this week and for the money you have raised to support [Place2Be](#). Thanks also for all your well wishes for my upcoming London Marathon – I will carry those around with me and am sure they will help keep me moving!! I have loved getting out with you on your own "marathon miles" and whether you walked, ran, or both, I am so proud of every single one of you. The money you have donated will help to make a massive difference to students like yourselves who might be struggling. Young people's mental health is something of very deep, personal importance to me and my family, having recently lost one of our children to suicide. Everything that you have done has really touched our hearts. Thank you so much – you are all absolutely brilliant. Mr Lee. ☺"



CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS



The Hinckley
SCHOOL
PRESENTS

ROBOT WARS

Are you up for the battle?



Are you interested in Computing and Engineering?

Want to learn CAD (Computer Aided Design)?

Do you have a passion for Science, Technology and Maths?

Ever wanted to design and build your own 'Battle Robot'?

Are you committed to victory for The Hinckley School?

If you answered yes to the above.....

The Hinckley School needs you!

The Hinckley School, as part of The Futures Trust and in partnership with Caterpillar UK and STEM Learning UK, have entered into a 'Robot Wars Battle' Competition with other schools in Leicestershire, Warwickshire and Coventry. This 'Robot Wars Battle' will take place next academic year in 2024, which will give you and your teams time to design and build your robots. Once built, you will enter into the Battle Arena in an attempt to defeat robots from other schools.

THE ROBOT WARS DESIGN AND BUILD PROGRAMME WILL TAKE PLACE IN STEM CLUB ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS, SUPPORTED BY TEACHERS FROM ICT, COMPUTING, ENGINEERING, MATHS AND SCIENCE.



Want to get involved?



Where? D1

When? Monday 20th March 2023 at 3pm

Who? See Mr. Holmes, Miss Duffy or Mr Harrison if you would like more information.

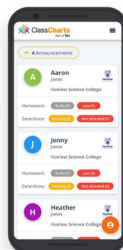
Let the battle commence!

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

CLASS CHART PARENTING APP

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

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



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.

YEAR 9 CELEBRATION AND CHALLENGE

Can we please praise and celebrate the following students for always getting it right in Spanish and displaying an **excellent attitude to learning, as well as outstanding behaviour and effort**: Alfie Thompson, Ethan Quinney, Ellie Hanes , Evie Orton , Ellie Webster, Katie McClay, Marlow Hull, Zuzanna Kalek, Dan Leather

Gracias! Mrs Garcia

March – Attendance Challenge



100% Attendance for the whole of March

2 x £10 vouchers

AMAZING ENGINEERING OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY STUDENT LIMITED NUMBERS SO BOOK SOON:



You are invited to Speakers for schools- A day in the life of an Engineer in Aviation



We would like to invite those who have chosen Engineering in their options but also welcome interest from other students.

Tuesday 14th March in A9 at 11 am.
We have limited spaces so please speak to Miss Duffy in D6 to find out more info and put your name down.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

INDUSTRIAL ACTION—WED 15TH YEARS 8.11,12,13,IN SCHOOL

INDUSTRIAL ACTION THURSDAY 16TH YEARS 10,11,12,13 IN SCHOOL

22ND MARCH—Y10 PARENT EVENING—VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS

31ST MARCH - BRIDGE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY