



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



Our students have shown great dedication, maturity and focus this week as they continue to sit their Summer examinations. As well as our revision and well-being support for students during this demanding time, Year 11 students can also enjoy a free grab and go breakfast throughout the examination period, to help fuel them for a successful day. We are pleased that so many students are making the most of this. Next week, students will sit exams in English Literature, French, History, Maths and Chemistry —to name but a few, and I would like to wish everyone the very best of luck.

This week, our Year 7 Tutor Showcase Evening and Year 12 Virtual Tutor Evening allowed us to celebrate and support our community. Each event allows us to share progress, success and targets to help our young people reach their full potential. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

We have received an update from our uniform suppliers that our new formal knee length day shorts have now been delivered and will be available for families to purchase from this weekend, should they wish to. Introduced as a direct result of parent, carer and student feedback and to ensure we continue our inclusive approach to our uniform policy, the new formal day short from our nominated supplier can be worn during hot weather in the May– July term, or at other times of the year at the school’s discretion, when temperatures exceed 25 °C. We hope that this will allow our community some flexibility to adapt to increasing temperatures sensibly, ensuring they still remain comfortable and cool, as well as smart and focused during the summer months.

In this newsletter, we shine a spotlight on our Maths department and their hard work to ensure our students not only engage with, but thoroughly enjoy and are enthused by the subject. I hope you enjoy reading about our students recent successes and our department’s dedication to providing exceptional experiences for all.

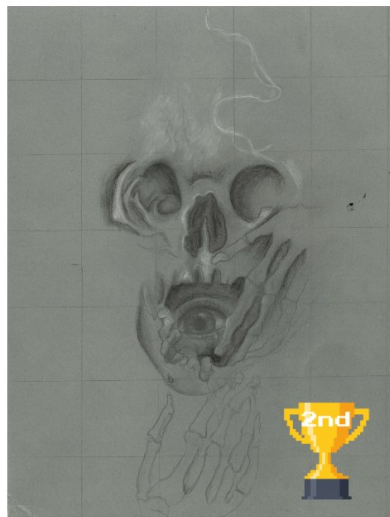
Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

OUR 'ART BYTES' WINNERS!



Japanese Sumi-E Painting 1

Lyla



Contemporary Vanitas Skull 1

Sophie



Skull Composition 6

Amber

Congratulations to Lyla, Sophie and Amber in Year 9 who have now been awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Art Bytes competition! Students, staff, parents, carers and the wider community were encouraged to vote for their favourite before voting closed on Tuesday 30th April. All three students produced impressive submissions and should be very proud of their achievement.

A celebration for these students will take place next month. We would like to congratulate everyone involved and thank our community for their support.



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In the pursuit of academic excellence, it's crucial to reach for the stars and set our sights on the highest goals possible. This week, The Hinckley School and Sixth Form welcomed Luke from Oxford University Outreach to engage with our Year 10 Aspiration Group and Year 12 students who are aiming for the pinnacle of academic achievement.

The session was more than just a talk; it was an opportunity for our students to expand their horizons, challenge themselves, and consider the remarkable possibilities that lie ahead. Luke, with his wealth of experience and knowledge, ignited ambition in our students, encouraging them to aspire towards the highest grades and to contemplate the journey towards Oxbridge universities. For our Year 10 students, this encounter was an initial inspiration, illuminating the path towards their future aspirations. Luke's insights shed light on the significance of laying strong foundations early on, emphasizing the importance of dedication, perseverance, and a hunger for knowledge.

Similarly, for our Year 12 students who are already on the pathway towards academic excellence, Luke's visit served as a reaffirmation of their potential. His guidance provided invaluable insights into the meticulous preparation required for Oxbridge applications, urging them to harness their intellect and passion to stand out in a competitive landscape, as well as sampling an Oxford seminar.



At The Hinckley School and Sixth Form, it is our mission to foster an environment where every student feels empowered to dream big and strive for greatness. Luke's visit not only enriched our students' academic journey, but also instilled within them a sense of belief in their own capabilities.

Now, more than ever, our students are poised to embrace the challenges that lie ahead, armed with the knowledge that they have the support and guidance needed to reach for the stars. The seeds of aspiration planted during Luke's visit will undoubtedly develop into a future where our students will no doubt excel beyond measure.

We will continue to support both groups of students as they move through Year 11 and 13 with additional activities, visits and personalised careers guidance, as well as outstanding teaching and learning.

- Mr Boast, Sixth Form Year Leader and Careers Lead



MUD RUN FOR CANCER RESEARCH- GOOD LUCK!



We would like to wish students Isobel, Imogen, Sienna and Mila the very best of luck for their Mud Run at the weekend, in aid of Cancer Research. We can't wait to see lots of photos and to celebrate the amazing amount you raise for charity. Good luck!

- The Bridge Team, on behalf of everyone at The Hinckley School

AWARDING OUR UK MATHS CHALLENGE CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to all students in Year 7 and 8 who took part in the UK Maths Challenge recently and received their certificates this week. Students were awarded either a participation, bronze, silver or gold certificate, based on their results.

Ms O'Neill would like to share special recognition for Brayden in Year 7, "Brayden achieved the top score out of all our Year 7 and 8 pupils and also qualified for the next round of the competition, the Junior Kangaroo follow on round."

As well as a certificate, Brayden also received an accompanying letter inviting him to participate in the next round. This is an extremely impressive achievement and we can't wait to cheer him on at the next stage!

Well done to everyone who took part.



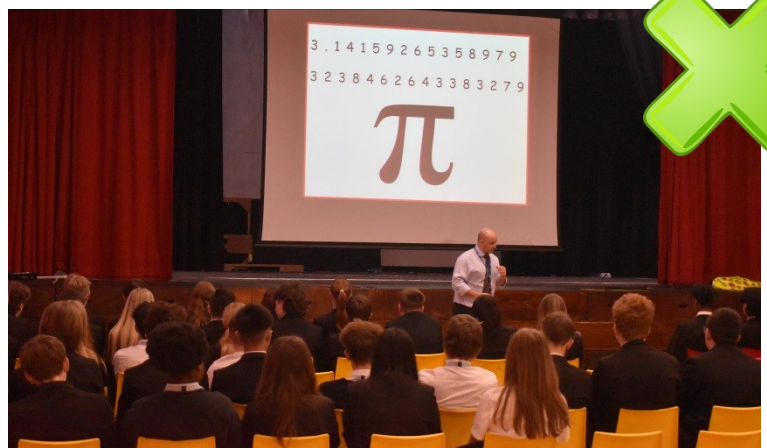
LOOKING AHEAD TO NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY

This week, we have begun our celebrations for Numeracy Day which is celebrated nationally later this month.

Over the course of this week and next, students in Year 7-11 will enjoy special assemblies led by Mr Hall, which explore the impact mathematics has had on history, including code breaking and putting man on the moon, see students and staff put their knowledge to the test in a competitive maths challenge using only three numbers and allow Mr Hall to show off his impressive party trick by recalling pi!

The assembly showed that numeracy is not only fun, but a powerful and vital tool in shaping the world around us. Mr Hall said, "Good numeracy is so important to us as individuals, as it is the bedrock of everything mathematical. It literally occurs every day of our lives. Everything from managing our income and expenditure to calculating the answer to equations in our employment is underpinned by our ability to use numbers correctly and efficiently. Without this skill, we run the risk of losing objective reasoning and logic and this can be costly as we enter life after education."

We look forward to sharing details from our Year 7 assembly next week, as well as our numeracy focused lessons in The Bridge, which Mr Hall has shared will have an intriguing Minions vs Dinosaurs theme!



DOFE - BRONZE NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING

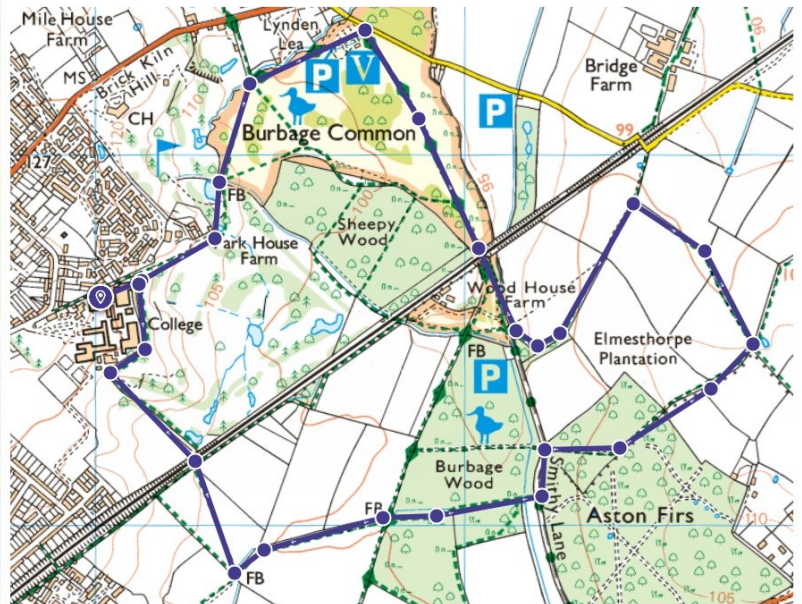
Amy Fennell, our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-Ordinator has praised the Bronze Award group for their effort during their navigational training on Tuesday. She said, "The Bronze group went for a lovely sunny walk to Burbage Common during our Tuesday training session to brush up on their map reading and compass skills ready for their expedition in couple a weeks. Well done all!"

Students are now being encouraged to enrol for the start of the next Bronze and Silver Award Programme and to start their DofE adventure! More information about each group can be found on the posters at the bottom of this page.



If you have any questions about DofE please email:

afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

SILVER

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

Volunteering 6 months

Physical one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months

Skills one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months

Expedition 3 days 2 nights

Students in Year 10 can now enrol on to their Silver DofE award.

*The expedition section will be completed in Year 11 starting in September.



It has made me more confident and I have enjoyed the activities

It has been a life changing experience and if I could do it all again I would.

I enjoyed being with the people in my expedition team and have made lots of new friends.



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



For more information email afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk



THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

The Hinckley School



“Because there's no better way to... try new things, meet new people, discover new talents, learn new skills, see what you're made of, give to your community, feel more confident, make a difference, recognise your potential, boost your wellbeing – and know that whatever life throws at you, you're ready.”



BRONZE

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

Physical 3 months

Skills 3 months

Expedition 2 days 1 night

Students in Year 9 can now enrol on to their Bronze DofE award.

*The expedition section will be completed in Year 10

For more information email afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

SPRING ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

We are delighted to share our new Enrichment Calendar for the first part of the Summer Term. Providing another opportunity for our students to enjoy participating in extra curricular activities, creating life long memories, making new friends and learning new skills. Please familiarise yourself with the new opportunities on the next two pages.

Enrichment Lunchtime – Summer 1

Monday				
Crafting	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Maths Challenge	Lunchtime	Years 7&8	M. Swann	G3
Bridge Wildlife Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Mason	Cambridge
Crochet Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	L. Wills	D10
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Tuesday				
Strategy Board Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Girls Football & Y8 Inter-form	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Origami	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D12
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Birks	MPR
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Gadsby	L1
Sustainability Council (week 1)	Lunchtime	Invite only	G. Malin	L2
STEM Food Club (week 2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-10	J. Wilson	D20
Boys Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Wednesday				
Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Creative Writing Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Hale	H7
KS3 Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	M. Smith	H6
KS3 Electronics	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	P. Harrison	D1
Summer Science	1:30-1:55pm	Years 7&8	C. Smith	Cube
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
Thursday				
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Boys Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Friday				
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 9	R. Byrne	G2
Bridge Badminton (mixed)	Lunchtime	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE

Enrichment After School – Summer 1

Monday				
Senior Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10-13	J. Elvidge	PE
Robot Wars Construction	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	P. Harrison	D1
Tuesday				
Rock School	3:00-4:15pm	Invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars Tournaments	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Holmes	D1
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	A9
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	Cube
Wednesday				
Programming Challenge	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	C. Holmes	D1
Badminton	3:00-4:00pm	Years 10-11	G. Nicastro	PE
DofE Gold	5:15-7:30pm	Year 12 & 13	A. Fennell	Cube
Y11 CNat Drop in	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	M. Pallett	Library
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 8	C. Froome	PE
Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-11	F. Nichols	PE
KS3 Rugby	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-9	M. Stocks	PE
Music and Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Artist's Retreat	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	Art
Maths Y10 Catch Up	3:00-4:00pm	Year 10 Higher	H. Bailey	G2
Reading Outside the Box	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	E. Rayson	Library
Friday				
Touch Rugby (mixed gender)	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-11	M. Stocks	PE
Gateway Beauty Room	3:00-4:00pm	Year 8	M. French	G5

Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. As we enter 2024 why not try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions

