



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures 2023

19th May 2023



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week exam season began for year 11 and 13 students. They have been brilliant, with our invigilators commenting on how hardworking and resilient they have been. We wish them all the best for this important time in their lives, but know that they have worked hard and are ready for the challenge. We are very proud of them.

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Also this week, year 8 had their Medical Mavericks road show. The session was designed to introduce them to the world of medicine and the future careers that they may be interested in, or even were unaware of. A big thanks to the science department for organising the day and to year 8 for really getting involved and making the most of the opportunity.

Year 7 have started their university trips this week, visiting Warwick University and experiencing first-hand what university is like. All students in year 7 will receive the opportunity this year and be given information on university life and the pathways to achieve this. Whilst year 7 may seem young, it is important that they experience as much as possible so they are aware of all future options. In year 10 next week we also have Oxford University visiting our Elite Scholars group. These experiences contribute to our careers education for students, that includes information on a variety of pathways including qualifications and apprenticeships. Please log on to Unifrog for more information.

Best wishes

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

PLANS TO CELEBRATE CULTURAL DIVERSITY NEXT WEEK



"On this Day, UNESCO would like to call upon everyone to celebrate cultural diversity, through which we will be able to build the intellectual and moral solidarity of humankind."

Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



MARVELLOUS MEDICAL MAVERICKS

On Wednesday this week year 8 students participated in a 'Careers in Health' workshop run by the Medical Mavericks. The aim of the workshop was to introduce students to the large variety careers in the NHS whilst at the same time giving them an opportunity to apply their learning from the Y8 Biology curriculum in real life.

After an initial introduction, students were able to get hands on trying out a range of activities from taking a sample of blood, to viewing muscles and growth plates using an ultrasound and trying out key hole surgery.

Many thanks to the Foundation Governors for the generous sponsorship of the event.



STAFF READING SPOTLIGHT

Reading Spotlight

This week, Chloe and Elizabeth find out what Ms. Virdee has been reading.



Ms. Virdee – Teacher of History

What is the first book you remember reading?

The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy. About Mildred who starts her 1st year at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches and what she gets up to. I was 6 at the time and loved the character of Mildred.

What is your favourite book of all time?

Soul Mountain by Gao Xingjian, a fictional memoir of a journey on the Yangtse River. It's a very thoughtful book about loneliness that stays with you for a long time after you've read it.

What are you currently Reading?

Unfortunately it Was Paradise – selected poems by Mahmoud Darwich. He writes very beautiful political poetry.

What book has made you laugh or cry?

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole 13 ¾ by Sue Townsend. A fictional diary of an ordinary boy from Leicestershire writing about his hopes, dreams and family. It's a hilarious and satirical look at the 1980's.

THIS WEEKS 'RECOMMENDED READS':

This week's recommended reads



One of Us is Lying, Karen M McManus

Yale hopeful Bramwyn has never publicly broken a rule. Sports star Cooper only knows what he's doing in the Baseball diamond. Bad body Nate is one misstep away from a life of crime. Prom queen Addy is holding together the cracks in her perfect life. And outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again. He dies 24 hours before he could pass their deepest secrets online. Investigators conclude it's no accident. All of them are suspects. Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you'll go to protect them.

Recommended for: older readers, fans of mystery



The Hobbit, J R R Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely travelling further than the pantry of his hobbit-hole in Bag End. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard, Gandalf, and a company of thirteen dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an unexpected journey 'There and back again'. They have a plot to raid the treasure hoard of Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon...


Recommended for: adventure seekers, readers seeking a challenge



Animal Farm, George Orwell

Having got rid of their human master, the animals of Manor Farm look forward to a life of freedom and plenty. But as a clever, ruthless elite among them takes control, the other animals find themselves hopelessly ensnared in the old ways.

Recommended for: fans of the dystopian, sci-fi lovers, readers looking for something different



The Gruffalo, Julia Donaldson

A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood. A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good. Walk further into the deep dark wood, and discover what happens when a quick-witted mouse comes face to face with a fox, an owl, a snake . . . and a hungry Gruffalo!

Recommended for: younger readers, adventure seekers

YEAR 9 TACKLE MENTAL HEALTH WITH THE 'BEHIND THE BANDANA' CAMPAIGN

[Children In Need removes Pudsey's bandana to show not all challenges are visible \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)

Year 9 have been focusing on National mental Health week in assembly in particular finding and signposting resources to help and support friends and family who might

National Mental Health Awareness Week

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BODYWISE EVOLVED PUTS STUDENTS THROUGH THEIR PACES AGAIN

Today saw our final session at Bodywise Evolved with Daren and his team. We looked at HOW we can achieve progressive overload linking our GCSE theory work to a practical environment. Our students added heavier weights, added more reps and sets and tried to push ourselves with lots of encouragement from each other. We also had the opportunity to ask Daren some questions around diet, nutrition and what a training program may look like over 12 weeks. The Q&A session really helps us with the next element of the GCSE course, all about training programs and how we can improve on baseline fitness tests.

A massive thank you Daren and Bodywise Evolved for your time and expertise the students gained some really valuable experiences.



NO BARRIERS

HALF TERM CAREERS EVENT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

May 31

Leicester Employability Day

An inspirational opportunity for young people to interact with Black role models in a variety of professions.

By University of Leicester and FFRS
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[Leicester Employability Day Tickets, Wed 31 May 2023 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

When and where



Date and time

Wed, 31 May 2023 10:30 - 15:30 BST



Location

University of Leicester Sports Hall, Charles
Wilson Building University Road Leicester LE1
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UNIFORM UPDATE AND REMINDERS

Hole in the Wall, one of our Uniform suppliers informs us that they are fully stocked with larger sized blazers in particular and taking orders for uniform ready for next year.

Could we please take this opportunity to remind parents how valuable their support in maintaining our standard of uniform and appearance towards the end of the school year. We have many of our induction and transition days coming up so now more than ever it is imperative that we set a good example to all of our community.

Blazers should be brought to school even in hot weather. In particular we expect students to present themselves according to our guidelines in their personal appearance, including a reminder that in particular, false lashes, nails, excessive make up and piercings other than ear studs are not permitted.

We have been so very impressed with all our students so far this year who represent The Hinckley School with PRIDE, and trust that parents will support us during the final term with this too.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY AND JUNE GCSE EXAMINATIONS START
DON'T FORGET YOUR ENTRY STATEMENTS AND FULL UNIFORM

SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY WB 29TH MAY
SUMMER TERM RESUMES MONDAY 5TH JUNE

13TH JUNE—Y7 PARENT EVENING