



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I hope that you enjoyed a restful and happy holiday spent with friends and family during the festive period. It has been wonderful to welcome our community back to school this week and a delight to hear our students share spirited stories of celebrations and time spent with those they love.

The new year brings new beginnings, a fresh start and the chance to reflect on the successes and challenges we have all faced over the past 12 months. I am incredibly proud of what our community achieved in 2023, and I am excited to see what 2024 holds for our students, staff and school. I encourage our young people to use this new year to think about how they can truly make the most of their experience and time here with us.

It is important that we start as we mean to go on, and our high expectations remain unchanged. I would like to thank parents, carers and students for their support in ensuring that members of all year groups represent the school with pride in correct uniform and full equipment every day. This allows for a focus on learning and we will be supporting students to meet these expectations. I will be sharing a letter with parents and carers tomorrow which reiterates our high expectations and non negotiables.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

GENEROUS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT RAISES IMPRESSIVE TOTAL



It would not be right to begin 2024 without a nod to the fantastic activities that took place on our final two days of term. From Year 10 'Cube' games centred around our PRIDE character traits, to the Christmas Bazaar, packed full of games, food and drink stalls, henna designs and much more, there was a lovely atmosphere as staff and students enjoyed celebrating the festive session and making great memories while raising money for charity.

We were delighted to support Place2Be, the children's mental health charity for the second year running and would like to thank students and their families for their kind donations.



We are pleased to announce that we raised an impressive... £491.42 !

Thank you!



We will be supporting Place2Be again through our upcoming 'Regifting Raffle', more details about this can be found on the next page.



Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



YEAR 7 'SECTIONAL' DRAWINGS


The Bridge
At The Hinckley School

This week, Miss Webster's Year 7 Art Class submitted a fantastic selection of homework outcomes. Their aim was to produce 'sectional' drawings to enable them to produce close-up and magnified details of animals to improve their observation and application of tone and texture. It was amazing to see such creativity in image selection and material application – there was evidently a lot of effort that had gone into the completion of each piece of work. Students spent time reflecting on the work, with individuals nominating and awarding their peers for the demonstration of PRIDE through their artwork. Here are just some of the examples produced by Leo, Sienna, Charlie, Noah and Zachary.



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SPOTLIGHT GALLERY



Charlie
Sectional Drawing



Leo
Sectional Drawing



Zachary & Sienna
Sectional Drawing



Noah
Sectional Drawing



SUPPORT OUR REGIFTING RAFFLE

Following on from the fundraising success of the Christmas Bazaar, The Hinckley School will continue to support Place2Be through running a 'Regifting Raffle'.

If you have any unwanted gifts that could be used in our raffle we will be collecting these throughout January, these should be handed in during form time or can be dropped at the school reception. Our raffle will take place during Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week, 5th-11th February 2024.

The deadline for donations is Friday 26th January.



The Hinckley
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Proudly Presents



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Thursday 14th, Friday 15th &
Saturday 16th March 2024, 7:30pm

Adults: £10 Under 18s: £8
Tickets on sale soon!

ROCK SCHOOL RETURNS!

After the recent success of Rock School in the first term, Rock School is once again taking place this term.

This is aimed at pupils who can play a little already or who would like to learn the skills to be part of a band featuring drummers, guitarists, bassists, keyboardists and singers. Students will be learning to play a selection of popular rock and contemporary songs with the aim of putting on a concert later in the school year.

This enrichment activity will not focus on teaching an instrument in too much depth but will focus on encouraging pupils to work together, how to play as a band and have some fun!

We are expanding Rock School to any students in Year 7, 8 and 9 to ensure more students have an opportunity to learn and perform in a band context.

As professional teachers are visiting, there will be a charge of £2.50 per week for pupils wanting to take part. Payment will be required via parent pay. This term will have 9 weeks' worth of sessions so the total amount to pay is £22.50. This payment should be made as soon as possible. If your child receives pupil premium then this cost will be fully covered and will not need to be paid via Parent Pay.

The activity will be led by two qualified music teachers from the Junior Academy of Music who are fully DBS checked. The sessions are from 3:00-4:30 every Tuesday.

Please note that spaces are limited and we also have a minimum number for the activity to run. If you would like your child to participate in these sessions then please fill in the form below, return to Mr Riley (Head of Music) and pay via Parent Pay by Monday 15th January as the first session will be Tuesday 16th January.

Kind regards,

Mr D Riley

[Please click here to view the full letter and permission form](#)



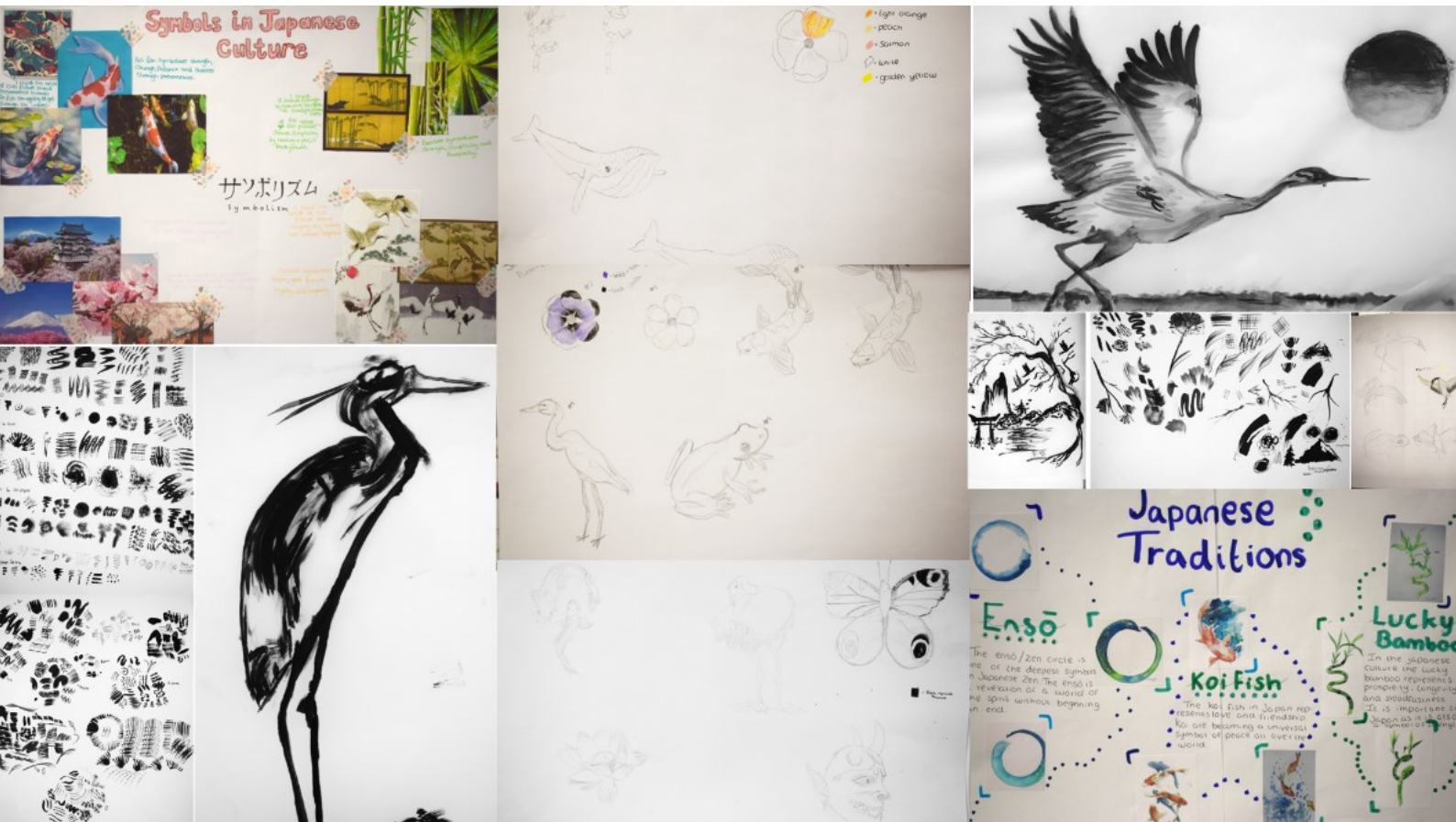
EXPERIENCING A GYM ENVIRONMENT



Year 11A PE class were fortunate to visit Fields Fitness on a number of occasions during the Autumn term. They were taught to use the cardio equipment, weight machines and free weights by the PE staff and a member of the Fields Fitness team. Students really enjoyed the experience of 'working out' in a gym environment and represented the school with PRIDE. The Hinckley School would like to thank Fields Fitness for this opportunity and hope to return with other groups in the future.

- Ms Hayto, Teacher of PE and Uniformed Protective Services

3D DESIGN STUDENTS INVESTIGATE JAPANESE CULTURE



After being given the challenge to design and construct a 3D clay lantern, Miss Webster's Year 9 3D Design Class have been investigating Japanese Culture and Artwork, producing initial observational drawings and Sumi-E painting samples that encouraged them to closely observe shape and form whilst using gestural marks to capture atmosphere and mood through limited numbers of brush strokes that represent the subject matter. Moving forward they will use their understanding of shape to construct 3D forms and vessels to create the base of their lantern, whilst the ink work will support creative application of their glazes and 'finishing techniques'. I'm sure you'll agree, they have produced some fabulous work and we cannot wait to see how their ideas develop and translate in to 3D models and lanterns.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Thank you to Zuzanna, Natasha, Isabelle, Josh and Faith, who volunteered their time last term to promote DofE. Whether it was producing fantastic posters, setting up for open evenings or talking to potential new students, they just got on with it. They also did an amazing job keeping the stores tidy! **Well Done Team!**

A big thank you also to Holly who has stepped in this week to tidy up roll mats, rucksacks and tents!

- Miss Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator

<p>Congratulations to Bob who has recently completed his Silver Duke of Edinburgh's award.</p>		<p>SILVER</p> <p>Direct entrants must do a further 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Volunteering 6 months</td> <td>one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Physical</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Skills</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expedition 3 days 2 nights</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> 	Volunteering 6 months	one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months	Physical		Skills		Expedition 3 days 2 nights	
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NEW CREATIVE LEARNING SERVICES DISPLAY

Set up and titled 'Bones' by our wonderful sixth form Library helpers, Ms Crisp has unveiled a new Library display this week provided by Creative Learning Services. The display features five skeletons of different members of the animal kingdom and has been accompanied by facts and books from the Library about the animal world.

The antique skeletons and display cases, thought to be of significant age, have been loaned to The Hinckley School as part of our link with Creative Learning Services who allow us to loan interesting artefacts to bring learning to life for our students, giving them museum and gallery experiences in school. This new display allows students to learn more about natural history, anatomy and the animal kingdom. We hope students enjoy viewing the items up close over the coming weeks.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM EVERYONE AT THE HINCKLEY SCHOOL

EXPLORING TONE, TEXTURE AND DEPTH


The Bridge
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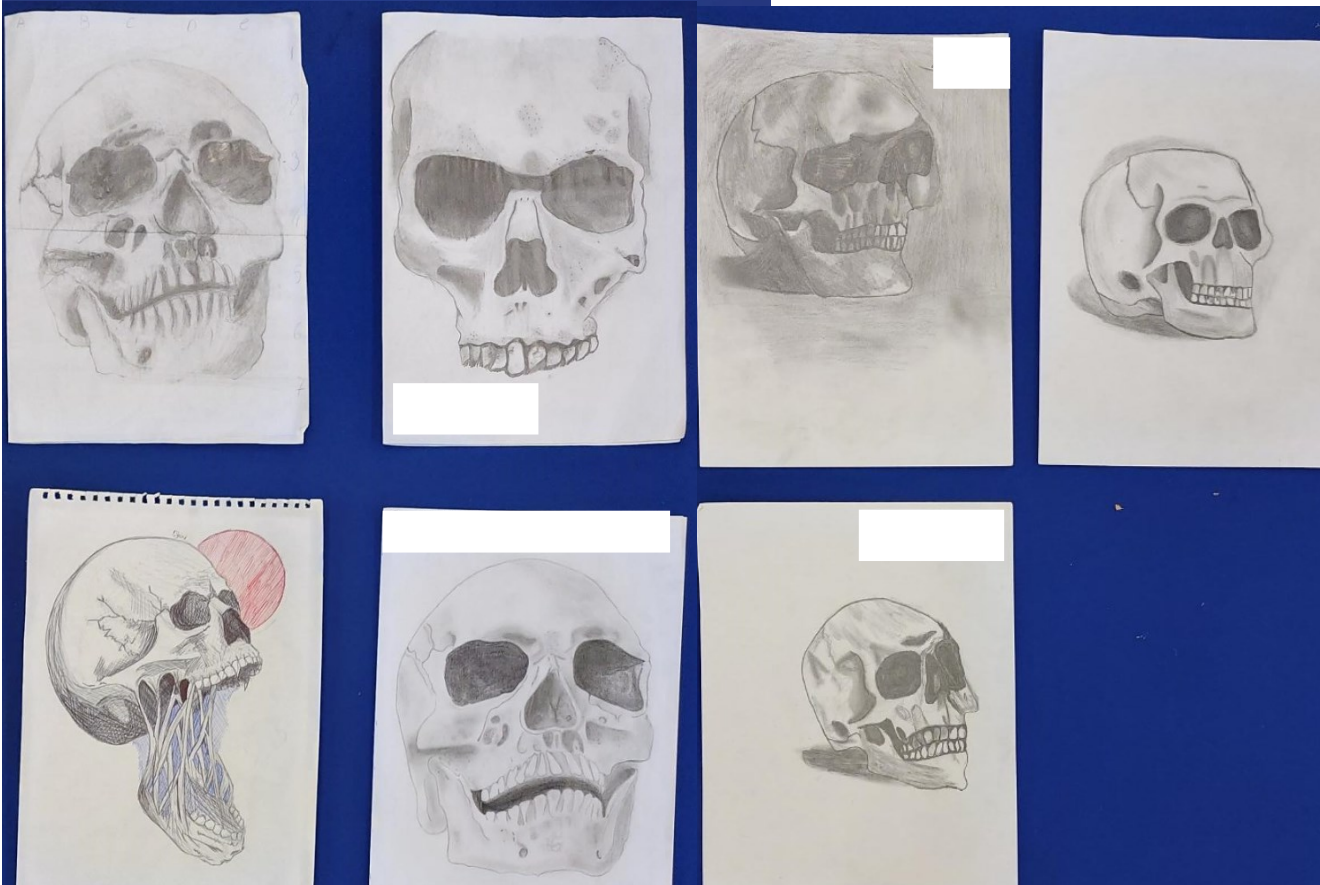
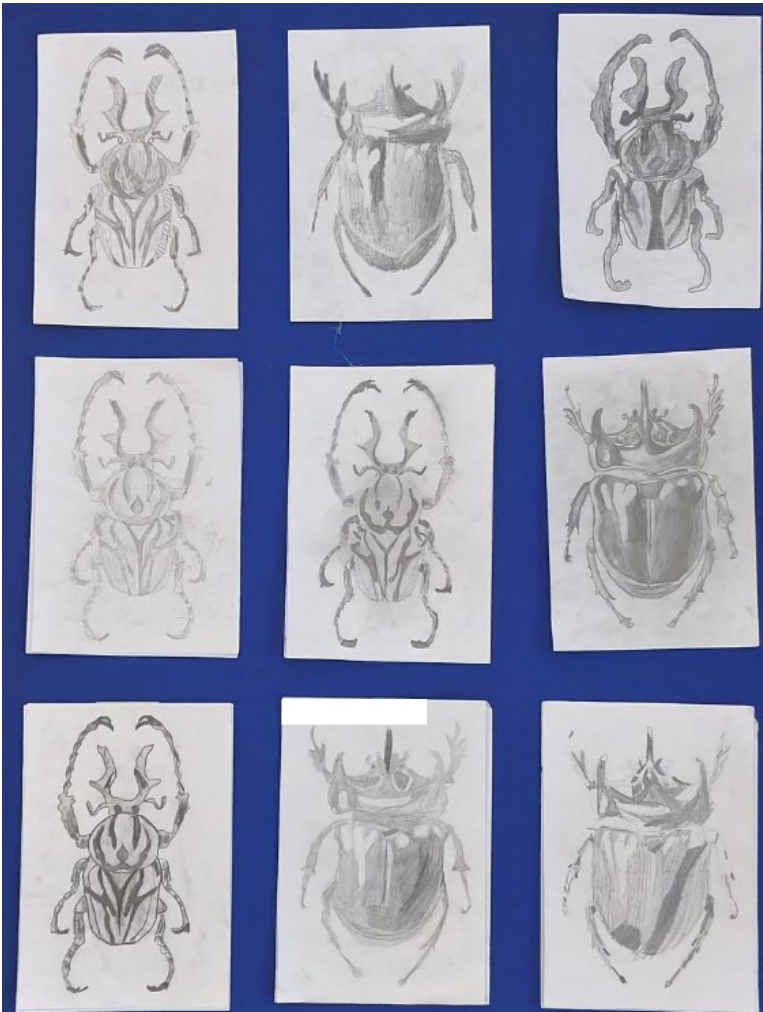
Year 7 Design– Students have been praised for making a great start to their design project based around bugs. Focusing on adding tonal range to their work using graded pencils to develop an understanding of how to imply form using various tones, students in Year 7 have created some impressive work that they should be very proud of!


YEAR 9 Hub
At The Hinckley School

Year 9 Art - Meanwhile, Year 9 students have been developing their use of tones through skull drawings using pencil and biro. Students have demonstrated their skill in applying a range of tones to add depth and texture to their drawings.

As you can see from the examples of their work below, their final pieces show great attention to detail.

Well done Year 9!



SPRING 1 ENRICHMENT

A brand new enrichment timetable is now available for students to enjoy! Please take a look through the afterschool and lunchtime timetables on the following pages to see the amazing new opportunities students can enjoy.

Enrichment – Afterschool

Monday

Matilda Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	PA Dept	Main Hall
Netball	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7, 8 and 9	S. Cheney	PE
Senior Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10-13	J. Elvidge	PE
Robot Wars Design	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Holmes	D1
Sewing Project	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11 (sign up)	L. Wills	D12

Tuesday

Sixth Form Book Club (2)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 12-13	R. Crisp	Library
Rock School	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11 <u>invite only</u>	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars Construction	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-11	P. Harrison	D1
D of E Bronze	5.30-7.00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	A9
D of E Silver	5.15-7.30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	Cube

Wednesday

Programming Challenge	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	C. Holmes	D14
Netball	3:00-4:15pm	10, 11 & 6th Form	S. Cheney	PE
D of E Gold	5.15-7.30pm	Year 12 and 13	A. Fennell	A9
Matilda Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	PA Dept	Main Hall

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	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	M. Stocks	PE
Music & Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Artist Retreat	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Read outside the box	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	E. Rayson	Library

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

Enrichment - Lunchtime

Monday

Zines Crafting	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club		Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Maths Challenge		Years 7&8	M. Swann	G3
Football		Years 7, 8, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Bridge Wildlife Club (WK 2)		Year 7	K. Mason	Cambridge
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12
Latin for Beginners		Year 10-13	H. Foers	H6

Tuesday

LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Lewis	MPR
Music		Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Board Games		Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football		Years 8,9,10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Boys Basketball		Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
Girls Football		Years 7-11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Geology & Palaeontology		Years 7-11	A. Gadsby	L1
Origami		Years 7-13	N. Vora	D10
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12
Sustainability Council (1)		Years 7-11 <i>invite only</i>	G. Malin	L2

Wednesday

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
KS3 Electronics Club		Years 7-9	P. Harrison	
Chess Club		Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football		Years 7, 9, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
KS3 Film Club		Years 7, 8 & 9	M. Smith	H6
Creative Writing		Years 7-11	A. Hale	TBC
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12

Thursday

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Card Games		Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football		Years 7, 10, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
X-Box		Year 8	R. Byrne	G2
Crochet for Beginners		Year 7-13	L. Wills	D12
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12

Friday

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Scrabble		Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football		Years 8, 9, 10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
X-Box		Year 9	R. Byrne	G2
KS4 Film Club		Years 10 and 11	Z. Owen	H6
Working Lunch		Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12

SPRING 1 ENRICHMENT– SPOTLIGHTS

With so many new clubs and activities on offer from January, we wanted to share a little more information about some of them to help students decide what they would like to take part in. We can't wait to see what students learn and create!

SPRING TERM – TEXTILES ENRICHMENT

Make Your Own Reading Pillow

Learn how to follow a pattern, use the sewing machine, and make your own reading pillow to get cozy with and store your favourite book

- OPEN TO ALL KS3
- MONDAYS - 3PM-4PM
- D12 IN ADT BUILDING
- 5 WEEK COURSE

Places Are Limited!

Maximum 10 pupils per course!

Students need to pre register with Ms Mills

Pupils who do not secure a place for Spring 1 term will be placed on a waiting list.

Pupils are welcome to bring their own fabric if they wish. All equipment is supplied.



Geology and Palaeontology	Location	Day and Time	Lead Staff Member	Year Groups
Geology and Palaeontology - looking at and analysing rocks and fossils to discover what they are and how they formed. Watching documentaries on this topic.	L1	Tuesday lunchtime	Mr Gadsby	All

Electronics Club	Location	Day and Time	Lead Staff Member	Year Groups
Build some gadgets! Learn some simple circuits. Explore the tech that drives your world! Students will explore lighting/sound effects, micro controlled robots, clocks, counters and more!	TBC	Wednesday lunchtime	Mr Harrison	KS3



YEAR 9 ART COMPETITION

This academic year, The Hinckley School will be entering and competing in the Art Bytes competition; Raising aspirations for better futures by championing the creativity of the nation's next generation, using art and virtual technology. Art Bytes is a national EdTech programme that utilises a bespoke, immersive, virtual gallery incorporating augmented reality elements, to give young participants the opportunity

to see their art exhibited online and engage with new technology from the safety and convenience of their own home or school. After a shortlisting panel and an online public vote, the winning artist from each school sees their work displayed in our virtual gallery. Art Bytes culminates every June with a celebration event at a high-profile cultural venue in each of the nine regions of England, which is also available to schools to stream in the classroom or assembly. Regional winners are announced, certificates and prizes are presented, and the virtual gallery goes live. Miss Webster is looking for submissions of artwork from 30 of our fantastical-ly creative and innovative students to enter into the national competition. The deadline is February half-term 2024.

When submitting work, key things to note:

- **Artwork created by Year 9 students in this academic year, whether at home or in school, is eligible.**
- **One entry per student.**
- **No set theme, allowing students to express themselves as they wish through their artwork**
- **Artwork in any fine art medium or technique is acceptable, rather than textiles/design.**
- **2D or 3D artwork (please note all 3D work entries will be exhibited as a photograph).**
- **Artworks created at home should be made without parents or guardians help.**

We will of course keep you up to date with entries submitted (with photographs of artwork in our newsletter) and will provide information regarding the vote once the submission window is closed. For further information please speak to Miss Webster.

APPLY NOW

Applications to join The Hinckley Sixth Form in 2024 are now open. Apply via our website or PS16 today!

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Call: 01455 632183

