



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

5th May 2023

CELEBRATING WITH THE NATION



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

As you can see this edition is our special Coronation publication, celebrating the upcoming events of this weekend. In school we have had a brilliant day with Bake offs, live bands, Great British menu and of course, bunting. As you can see, the staff had just as much fun as the students. Thank you to everyone involved and for those of you helping with the cake making – we very much appreciate it!!

Also in this week's newsletter, you will see some of the other activities students have been participating in. Our Duke of Edinburgh programme continuities to be very successful across the school and our year 9 students are working with university professors to gain a real feel of what it is like to be a university student.

Enjoy this edition and a lovely long weekend

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher



NATIONAL WALKING MONTH

National Walking Month (May)

Walking is one of the easiest ways to improve physical and mental health and stay connected to our community, helping us feel less lonely and isolated.

Did you know that a 20-minute walk can reduce the risk of a number of preventable health conditions, including certain cancers, depression, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes? For more information and tips to get walking more,



Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Students celebrated the Coronation weekend with a street party style lunchtime today along with a Great British Bake Off competition.

Winner for the most creative goes to: Ellie, Anastazja and Chloe - how could we choose between these three amazing creations?



Winner for best taste test: Number 15 cupcakes—would our mystery baker please reveal themselves!



Mr (Paul Holly..) Wood Handshake winner:

The most beautifully hand crafted icing roses—a real skill and perfectly executed—Well done Courtney!



Raising £141
for our Place2Be charity



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Find the Hinckley School on the Big Lunch Map this weekend:

[Big Lunch Map](#) | [Eden Project Communities](#)



ENGAGING WITH THE NATION

BANK HOLIDAY HIKE FOR GOLD STUDENTS




Our Gold group were out and about in the Dark Peaks over the weekend, exploring Bleaklow, Upper Derwent Valley, Lose Hill and Mam tor. Our young people learnt and enhanced vital navigational techniques in preparation for their next adventure.

On Sunday, we visited the Edale Mountain rescue base and had a very informative chat with the rescue team and a tour around their base.


Despite the early mornings, long drive and heavy downpours, all of the young people showed positive attitudes throughout and showed enthusiasm and commitment. I am sure the weekend will definitely stand them in good stead for any challenges ahead of them.

Well Done all, look forward to the next one.




THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

BRONZE		<p>Current Year 9s can enrol onto the Bronze DofE award. (Completing their expedition in Year 10)</p> <p><small>*Expedition training will start in September</small></p>
Volunteering 3 months	<i>PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.</i>	
Physical 3 months		
Skills 3 months		
Expedition 2 days 1 night		



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

SILVER		<p>Current Year 10s can enrol onto the Silver DofE award. (Completing their expedition in Year 11)</p> <p><small>*Expedition training will start in September</small></p>
Volunteering 6 months	<i>Direct entrants must do a further 6 months in the Volunteering, or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.</i>	
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		



Registration for Bronze, Silver and Gold: Now Open

For more information email afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

STAFF READING SPOTLIGHT



Reading Spotlight

This week we have interviewed our RE teacher Mr. Dutchman



- What is your favourite children's book?
The Red Book by Barbara Lehman – a book told in pictures about how stories can bring us together.
- What is your favourite book of all time?
I, Robot by Isaac Asimov. It was the first science fiction book I read.
- What are you currently reading?
The Rivers of London by Ben Aaronivitch, an urban fantasy set in modern London.
- What book made you see the world differently?
1984 – It has a very sad ending.



RECOMMENDED READS FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKENDS:

Recommended Reads



Little Women, Louisa May Alcott

Come laugh and cry with the March family. Meg - the sweet-tempered one. Jo - the smart one. Beth - the shy one. Amy - the sassy one. Together they're the March sisters. Their father is away at war and times are difficult, but the bond between the sisters is strong. The family may not have much money, but that doesn't stop them from creating their own fun and forming a secret society. Through sisterly squabbles, happy times and sad, their four lives follow very different paths, and they discover that growing up is sometimes very hard to do...

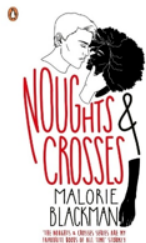
Recommended for: people who love stories, readers looking for a strong female hero



Great Expectations, Charles Dickens

While living with his abusive sister and her genial husband, the novel's protagonist Pip Pirrip briefly encounters and assists an escaped convict, Abel Magwitch. When the boy is summoned to the mysterious Satis House by reclusive Miss Havisham, he falls in love with her cold-hearted ward, Estella. Pip aspires to social advancement, and assumes the eccentric old lady is his sponsor. Reunited with Magwitch, he becomes conscious of darkness at the heart of his supposed rise in fortunes.

Recommended for: readers who want a challenge, fans of mystery



Noughts and Crosses (Noughts and Crosses #1), Malorie Blackman

Sephy is a Cross - a member of the dark-skinned ruling class. Callum is a nought - a 'colourless' member of the underclass who were once slaves to the Crosses. The two have been friends since early childhood. But that's as far as it can go. Against a background of prejudice, distrust and mounting terrorist violence, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum - a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger ...

Recommended for: older readers, fans of a tragic romance



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson #1), Rick Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction - Zeus' master bolt.

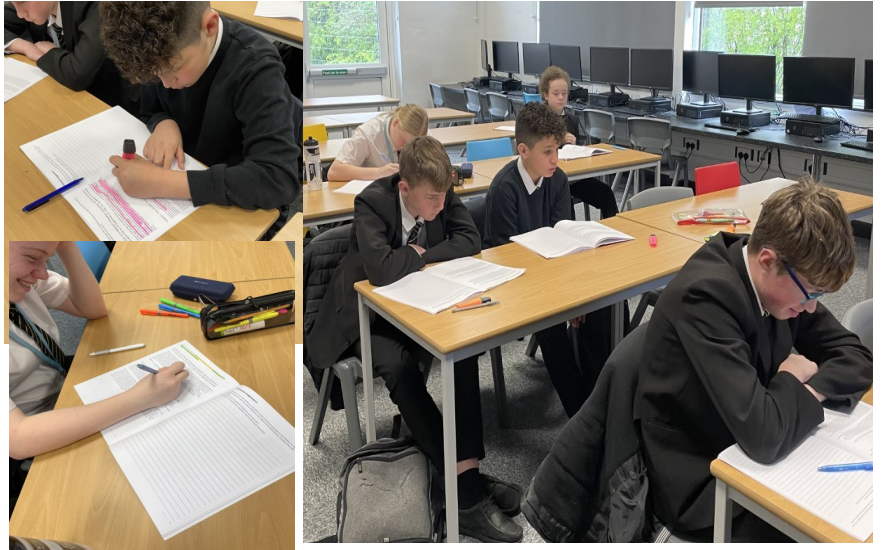
Recommended for: adventure seekers, fans of mythology



OUR 'BRILLIANT' YEAR 9S

Our Brilliant Club Scholars continue to make exceptional progress in their sessions with their PhD tutor each week as they prepare for higher education and learn skills to enable them to fast track to the best universities.

Led by the excellent Miss Hale, they are all now on track to be truly 'Brilliant' by the end of the year.



'HOLA AMIGOS!'

Hola!

We are now officially an "international school"! I've just received the first letters from Spanish students in our partner school IES Virgen de las Nieves in Granada, Spain. They've written to our Y10s in English, and our students will reply in Spanish this week. Exciting times!



NO BARRIERS

PE GCSE STUDENTS GET PROFESSIONAL GYM TRAINING THIS WEEK

Mrs Cheney put her GCSE PE group through their paces this week with a workout at a local Gym. Students learnt how to safely use machinery and free weights as part of their body conditioning learning. Looks like hard work....Well done!

Our Year 10 GCSE PE class have been studying methods of training in the classroom and we decided to bring the work to life.

We were very lucky to be invited by Darren down to Bodywise Evolved to investigate how weight training uses progressive overload and ways to exercise effectively.

Darren showed us a range of exercises to use in the gym and a wide number of machines to target certain muscle groups.

A huge thank you to Darren and Bodywise Evolved for hosting us we look forward to returning in a few weeks.



Enrichment

Activity	Time	Available for	Staff	Location
7 for 7 Diverse Voices	Registration	Invited	R. Crisp	Library
Colouring and Drawing	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Creative Writing	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	F. Carrigan	Library
Bridge Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Music Tech (start date TBC)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Hoffmann	MU1
Matilda Dance	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	PA Dept	Dance Studio
Robot Wars	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Holmes	D1
Football	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7 & 8	C. Froome	PE
Carnegie Book Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	E. Rayson	Library

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Board Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8,9,10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Science Outdoors - 6 week	1:30-2:00pm	Years 7 and 8	C. Smith	Cube
Film Club	Lunchtime	Year 9	E. Rayson	H7
Bananagrams Tournament	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Chess Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Film Club	Lunchtime	Year 9	E. Rayson	H7
Programming Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 10-11	C. Holmes	D14
CREST Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7, 8, 9	T. Pratt	S5
Orchestra	3:00-4:00pm	Invitation	D. Riley	MU1
Rugby 7's	3:00-4:00pm	Years 9-11	J. Elvidge	PE

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	E. Rayson	H7
Eco Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	W. Hillier	L2
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Matilda Singing	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	PA Dept	MU1
Strategy Board Games	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	M. Pallett	Library
Girls Football	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	S. Hayto	PE
Football	3:00-4:00pm	Years 9, 10, 11	C. Froome	PE
Rugby	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-8	L. Taylor/H. Toor	PE

Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	D. Riley	MU1
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9, 10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
X-Box	Lunchtime	Year 8	R. Byrne	Gateway
Cricket	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	M. Stocks	PE

Engage with Enrichment

SEND OFFER FOR PARENTS

LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL OFFER ROADSHOW

Thursday 9th May 2023

Please join us to find out about local SEND Services and Support at our next Local offer Roadshow:

- Thursday 9th May 10.00 am – 1.00pm at the George Ward Centre in Barwell

The roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place.

A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

Please follow the link [here](#) to book your **FREE** tickets.

Free parking is available at the front and back of the building.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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

MONDAY 8TH MAY—CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY

THURSDAY 11TH MAY—GCSE BESPOKE REVISION TIMETABLES BEGIN

MONDAY 15TH MAY—MAIN GCSE EXAMINATIONS START

TUESDAY 16TH MAY—Y8 ON-LINE PARENT MEETINGS