



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures 2023

9th June 2023



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It's hard to believe that it is our last five weeks of school. As year 11 and 13 start to see their exams coming to an end, I must say again how brilliantly they have been over the past few weeks. Well done to year 12 who sat mocks this week and now year 10 ready themselves for their mocks in a couple of weeks.

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This week lunch time has been busy across the school. Live bands have helped to raise funds for the prom and on Thursday we marked Empathy Day, where students during form and lunch time took part in activities to help them understand other people's points of views and consider books where they could appreciate other world perspectives. It was excellent to hear students reflections on a variety of characters.

Please look out for school communication over the next week. As the end of term draws near, we have a lot going on. Lots of trips, careers education and visitors will feature large. We are also carefully planning your child's transition into their next year groups, to make sure they have the best start in the new academic year as possible.

Best wishes

Lisa Hickman—Headteacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DOFE TEAM!



The Hinckley School have gained recognition for achieving an astonishing 962 hours of voluntary service. This achievement formed part of the Duke of Edinburgh's programme, due to a limited number of opportunities, the volunteering section can be one of the hardest to complete - but not for our students!

The Duke of Edinburgh's group have not only gained skills themselves, but have also made a significant contribution to our local community, they should be immensely proud.

Well Done everyone!

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NATIONAL EMPATHY DAY EVENT

On Thursday 8th June, we celebrated 'Empathy day' in the library! Students made art, completed puzzles and made an empathy resolution. Lots of students could be found in the corridors searching for quotations all about empathy in order to complete the empathy trail and win a prize. Most importantly, students were discussing and checking out a range of books that generate empathy in different ways. We had lots of fun and can't wait for the next library event!



GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH STUDENT COMPLETE FINAL PRACTICE

Our Gold group ventured to the Brecon Beacons over half term to tackle their Gold practice. The group stayed at a Youth hostel on Friday night. After breakfast on Saturday, we drove to their start point of Ystradowen car park. The group completed a 16k walk and camped the night at Blaenau farm, Llanddeusant. Day 2 was a little shorter although a tough climb along the Brecon Way finishing in Glyntawe, after cooking their evening meal, they enjoyed making friends with other DofE groups and playing ball games. Day 3 was the final day, a lovely stretch up and over the hill of Fan Nedd was completed with ease. The weather was kind, we had 3 glorious days of being able to see the beautiful scenery and also the local wildlife including Red kites.



Well Done to the all, You are now fully prepared for your next adventure in Snowdonia. Good Luck with this is August.



The Carnegie reading group have been working hard over the past few weeks reading a selection of different books. Their votes have been cast – now we just need to see who the winner of the Shadowing award is when it is announced on 21st June!

Check out some of our reviews:

The Eternal Return of Clara Hart

I really enjoyed reading *The Eternal Return Of Clara Hart*. I feel like Spence was very focused on Clara's death and everyone else instead of himself, which was his downfall. I liked that in the end, he finally realized that he had to fix his action's instead of trying to change everyone else's. When I first picked up the book, the cover really threw me but as I got through the story I understood why the title was repeated over and over. The cover was there to represent the time loop for Spence. I also found it interesting that the book is named after Clara, but she wasn't actually the main character. Overall it was a really good book. – Ellie

I Must Betray You

This book is very interesting, and you can clearly see the amount of detail put in to both the writing and the research; it really feels like you're there. The worldbuilding is incredible and the characters all feel like they have their own motivations. I think the story is well fleshed out and makes sense (I did get a bit confused but it made sense once I got to the end). Overall, a very well written story with believable characters and interesting twists. – Lyla

The Blue Book of Nebo

Personally, I did not enjoy this book as I felt it was written poorly despite its best potential for a great story. To me, the book lacked empathy and felt very rushed towards the end. Certain parts of the story or details I considered unnecessary as it didn't add any structure or development to the story. Overall, I think this book had great potential but could've been executed a lot better. – Olivia

We are continuing to meet on Wednesdays from 3-4 in the library. All are welcome!

YEAR 9 SET FOR A BUSINESS CHALLENGE

On Monday 12th June, ALL Year 9 will be off timetable to take part in a Business Challenge Day run by Willmott Dixon.

Willmott Dixon are currently building an Eco School off of Normandy Way in Hinckley – Their education team will lead a whole day of activities tailored specifically for our Year 9's.

It's a very fun and interactive day, students get to learn lots of new skills such as teamwork, communication, negotiation, budgeting, planning, time management and so much more - all the skills that are required within the world of work. Students will work in groups of four to plan, design, cost and build a model eco village.

We look forward to seeing what their project designs look like at the end!

Every student taking part in the day is awarded with an Industrial Cadets Bronze accreditation (The equivalent of the Duke of Edinburgh award albeit for industry).

ALL year 9's have the opportunity to enjoy a bit of fun with their year team playing crazy golf at Treetop Golf, Leicester on either Tuesday 4th or Thursday 6th July. The cost of the trip will be £16.32 (including the cost of the coach). There will be prizes for the lowest score and anyone who gets a 'hole in one!'. Letters

MS FRENCH SHARES HER READING SECRETS....

Reading Spotlight

This week, Chloe and Elizabeth find out what Ms. French likes to read.



Ms. M French Year 7
Pastoral lead



What is the first book you remember reading?

The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe. I loved the snow and the magic and I always wished my wardrobe could be like that!

What is your favourite book ever?

James and the Giant Peach. I love the fantasy and escapism. It's the book I always choose to read aloud to children.

What book character are you most like?

Mrs Trunchbull from Matilda of course!!

Is there any book that you hate?

I don't hate any book, but I'm not very keen on Horror.

CALLING OUR CREATIVE ALUMNI

As our Art, Design and Technology Faculty continues to develop its Careers Education Programme, Miss Webster would like to hear from any of our past students (JCC, HAJC or THS) who have completed further study and/ or pursued a career in the creative sector.

We understand that your time is precious and appreciate any support that you are able to offer to promote pathways and careers in Art and Design. This could include, but is not exhaustive to:

1. Information regarding your further education, training and career progression
2. Teams/ Zoom calls with our GCSE and A-Level students to discuss the above, showcase practical work and complete a Q&A
3. Presentation and practical workshops for specific groups of students at GCSE and/ or A-Level
4. Visits and tours of the workplace/ studio

If you would like to be involved in the above, please contact Miss Webster directly for further infor-



FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13TH JUNE—Y7 PARENT EVENING

YEAR 11 LEAVERS DAY—FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

PARENTS ARE ASKED TO KEEP CHECKING EMAILS FOR THE
ARRAY OF YEAR GROUP SPECIFIC EVENTS AND
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