



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

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**Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),**

This week, we welcomed Year 11 students and their families for our Year 11 Tutor Evening. It was lovely to meet the families of our students once again and to support their progress together in the run up to exams. On the same night, we also held a Post-18 Careers Fair, for Year 11 and 13 students to speak to employers, universities and apprenticeship providers, we had great feedback from our visiting exhibitors who enjoyed discussing future options with our students. Our extensive support for Year 11 and 13 students continues even over the Easter break, as we once again offer our Easter School programme. I encourage students to make the most of the sessions available. A full timetable is shown on the last page of this newsletter.

I had the pleasure of welcoming pupils from two local primary schools this week for our Matilda dress rehearsal, they were a wonderful audience and our cast and crew were truly incredible. I couldn't be more proud of their talent, effort and dedication and would like to thank them for being fantastic ambassadors for our school. I wish them the best of luck for opening night this evening and for the shows over the weekend.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be running an exciting programme of events as part of our first ever Classics Showcase Week in The Bridge, a celebration of our Classics curriculum. The week will see students enjoy talks by visiting keynote speakers, take part in archaeology workshops and lessons featuring VR headsets to explore ancient worlds. We have worked closely with Classics for All and Leicester University to put together an action packed timetable for students and we can't wait to share more soon!

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## NETBALL COUNTY CUP CHAMPIONS



Last Thursday evening, our Year 9 netball squads put on a fantastic display during their County Cup matches, with 'The Hinckley School Gold' team coming away victorious securing a clean sweep of games (5/5) bringing home the trophy in the shield competition. Mrs Cheney, Teacher of PE and Netball Coach said, "To say I'm proud is an understatement."

Success didn't stop there, as 'The Hinckley School Black' team came runners up in the plate! "Loosing only 1 game, they drew another, won the other 4....if we had gained one more point we would have won the entire thing." said Mrs Cheney.

The Year 9 team have been praised for their continuous commitment to training and impressive fixture results and really deserved to see their efforts rewarded in this way. In addition, Leicester Grammar School staff also congratulated the conduct of our sixth form coaches, who went to

umpire and support the team. The Head of Netball said, 'they were professional, encouraging and a joy to see them really helping both teams'. Well done everyone!

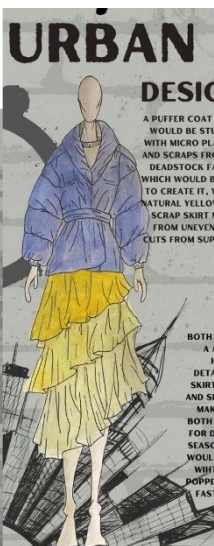


*Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers*



# YOUNG FASHION DESIGNER COMPETITION

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YOUNG FASHION DESIGNER UK



We are encouraging our students with a love of fashion and textiles to get involved in this year's Young Fashion Designer UK Competition— Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

This competition is open to students in all year groups and asks entrants to consider how they could REUSE OR RECYCLE to help REDUCE the environmental implications of a classic fashion staple garment. Can you take a classic fashion item and reinvent it into something new for the teenage consumer?

Students should submit one page of garment research, one page of technique exploration including patterns and print, fabric manipulation and construction ideas and a final page featuring four design ideas using the chosen garment and linked to the techniques explored.

**Deadline for entries Monday 13th May 2024**

To find out more click here: <https://www.youngfashiondesigneruk.com/competition-2024>

**Good Luck!**

## 'SIMPLY EXCELLENT' MATILDA DRESS REHEARSAL

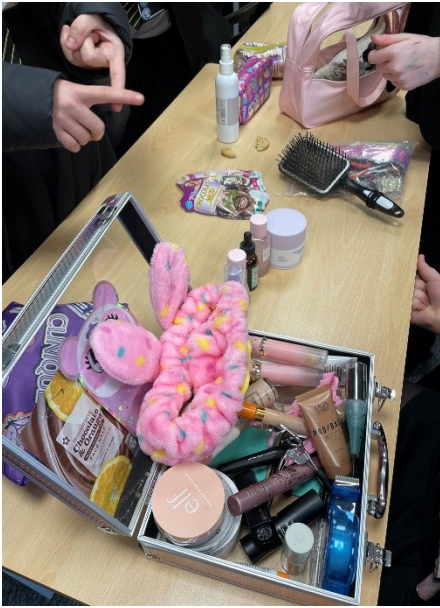


On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of welcoming over 120 pupils and staff members from Westfield Junior School and St Mary's CE School to enjoy our dress rehearsal of Matilda. It was wonderful to offer Year 5 pupils the chance to be the very first audience to see the show and they thoroughly enjoyed every second! Afterwards, pupils described the show as 'unbelievable' and 'amazing', while staff praised the cast and crew, calling the show 'SIMPLY EXCELLENT!'

Our students once again did us proud and everyone involved, from the principle cast and ensemble members, to stage hands and back stage support, were incredible. We know the shows, which start tonight, will be a glorious success and we wish the cast and crew the very best for what will be a busy, but unforgettable few days!

**Haven't got a ticket yet? Tickets are still available to purchase at our Main Reception, on Parent Pay or on the door.** Doors open at 7pm. Programmes and refreshments available for £1. Show features strobe lighting and haze/smoke machines. *(The first 30 door tickets each night are half price! On a first come first served basis, subject to capacity.)*

# NEW ENRICHMENT FOR YEAR 8 - THE GATEWAY BEAUTY ROOM



On Friday afternoon, we launched our after school 'Beauty Room' for The Gateway Students. This is an enrichment activity for Year 8 students where they can come to relax, unwind and pamper ready for the weekend ahead! Having this space allows the students to feel rewarded after their successes of the week, while spending time with friends and staff outside of the classroom. Our first week saw students painting each others nails, styling hair and applying face masks!



Every week, the students will be set a challenge to achieve a set number of reward points, and if they pass this target, they will be able to choose a brand-new makeup product as their prize!

Ms French and Ms Hale would love to see more Year 8 students come along and join in the fun!

**Beauty Room, 3-4pm, Fridays in The Gateway**

## SPACE CENTRE PROJECT SPARKS CREATIVITY

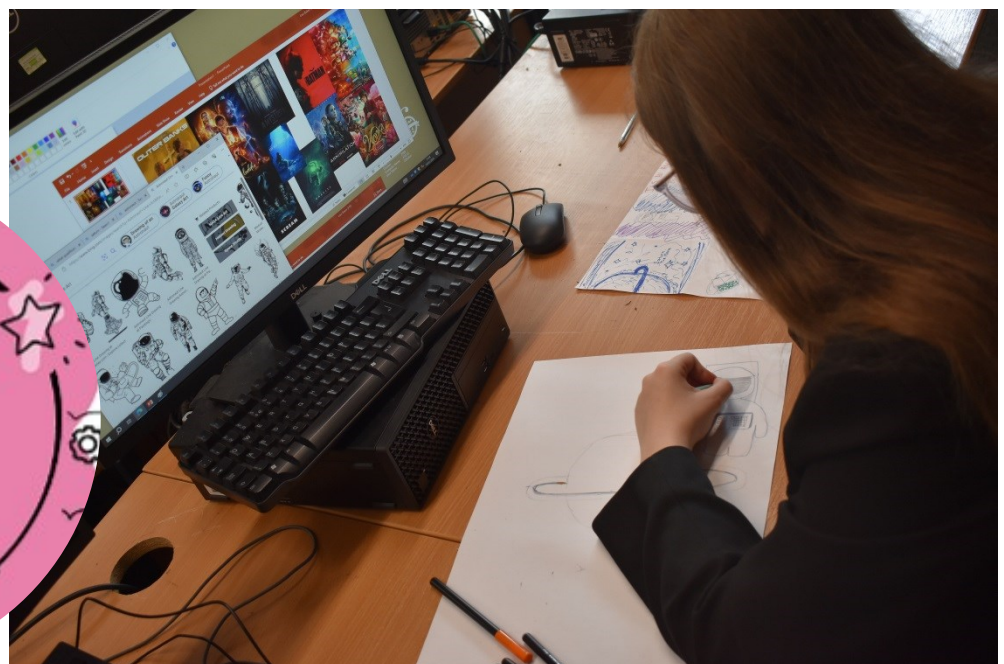
Students continued their Unbox Your Future projects this week, using their work books along the way.

On Thursday morning, we welcomed the team from The National Space Centre back to support students in their work place project. In this session, students shared how they had enjoyed researching the solar system and their favourite planet before creating a story board of poster ideas. The group then developing their best concept with the aim of creating an impactful poster to engage with and inspire school children.

**Well done Year 8 we can't wait to see your project develop further!**



**The Gateway**  
At The Hinckley School



# INVESTIGATING JAPANESE DESIGN WITH CLAY RELIEF



Year 9 3D Design students have been investigating Japanese Design, generating 2D pattern based designs inspired by iconic imagery.

This week, they began to translate these 2D ideas into relief outcomes using clay and air dry clay. It has been fantastic to see so many students being so inquisitive, willing to explore and experiment with the application of different tools and modelling techniques to replicate their designs. Resilience in the face of obstacles has been evident, with students reflecting on why it was difficult to translate certain elements of their design (due to the nature of clay and its advantages and disadvantages), before making appropriate modifications using their understanding and knowledge.

- Miss Webster, Head of Art



## OUR FIRST MONTHLY COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

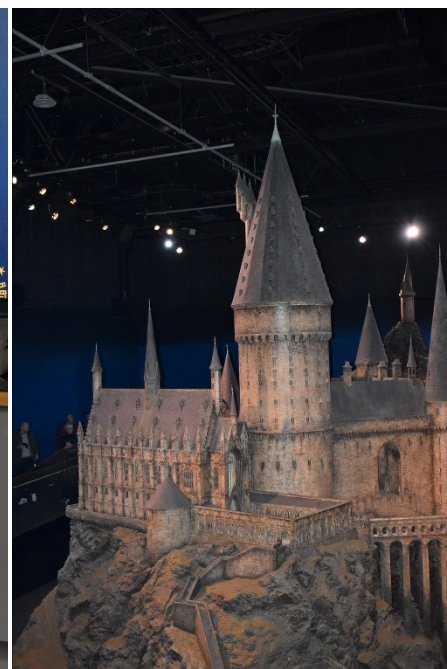
Three amazing young women showed they have PRIDE in their surroundings and strong student leadership by volunteering to spend an hour litter picking the roads around The Hinckley School this week. Alongside Mr Boast, the students managed to fill three sacks with litter, improving the environment for not only the local community, but our wildlife too. *Thank you Teigan, Tawana and Tadiwa!*

We would like to say a big thank you to the Wombles in Litter Education (<https://womblesinlittereducation.co.uk/>) for donating our litter picking kit and to Bleckmann logistics (Lutterworth) our enterprise champions, for providing the branded hi-vis! ([www.Bleckmann.com](http://www.Bleckmann.com))

**We will be inviting students to take part in a THS Community Litter Pick each month, to take pride in our local area—look out for our next event!**



# CAREERS WEEK—HARRY POTTER WORLD



**Last week, as part of our 2024 Careers Week, students in The Bridge enjoyed action packed trips to Harry Potter World!**

During each visit groups took part in a guided tour, where the career opportunities involved in the production of the films were explored. Some students took part in a STEM lesson where they delved into the mathematical skills including scale factor, percentages and fractions which were used to bring the half-giant Hagrid to life on screen, while other groups enjoyed a lesson focusing on the Art of Foley, where students discovered the importance of sound in film and learnt about one of the most intriguing jobs in film, the Foley artist.

Students, and staff, had a wonderful time on this magical adventure through careers in film production and we hope it inspired many of our young people to consider the vast array of careers out there in the industry.



# EASTER SCHOOL - BOOK ONLINE

We will once again be running Easter School this year to support our students in Year 11 and 13 as they approach their examinations. Easter School will run from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April and will offer drop in sessions between 9am-1pm.

A full session timetable can be found below. To book your seat, please click the links below and register for your chosen session:

[Year 11 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April](#)

[Year 11 - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April](#)

[Year 11 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April](#)

[Year 13 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April](#)


[Year 13 - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April](#)

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A letter with more details has been emailed to parents and carers of Year 11 and 13 students today.

If you have any questions, please contact your year team.

<b>YEAR 11 Hub</b> <i>At The Hinckley School</i>		<b>Year 11 Easter School</b>		
		<b>Tuesday 2nd April</b>	<b>Wednesday 3rd April</b>	<b>Thursday 4th April</b>
9.00-10.15am	Maths Foundation- Mr Wincote	Science Foundation Biology & Chemistry- Mrs Birks	Maths Higher- Mr Wincote	
	Art- Miss Webster	Business- Paper 1- Miss Bull	Art- Miss Webster	
	Health & Social Care- Miss Naulla	Art- Miss Webster	Health & Social Care- Miss Naulla	
	EP- Mr Froome	Health & Social Care- Miss Naulla		
		History- Miss Beale		
10.20-11.35am	Maths Foundation- Mr Wincote	Science Higer Biology- Mrs Birks	Maths Higher- Mr Wincote	
	English- Mrs Foers	Business Paper 2- Miss Bull		
	Art- Miss Webster	Art- Miss Webster	Art- Miss Webster	
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	EP- Mr Froome	History- Miss Beale		
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	Art- Miss Webster	Art- Miss Webster	Art- Miss Webster	
	English- Mrs Foers	History- Miss Beale		
	EP- Mr Froome			

 <b>The Hinckley SIXTH FORM</b>		<b>Year 13 Easter School</b>		
		<b>Tuesday 2nd April</b>	<b>Wednesday 3rd April</b>	<b>Thursday 4th April</b>
9.00-10.15am	Psychology- Mrs Kelly	Art- Miss Webster	Art- Miss Webster	
	Engineering - Mrs Wilson	Media- Miss Sargent	History- Miss Beale	
	Art- Miss Webster	Media- Miss Owens	Media- Miss Owens	
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