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THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2023

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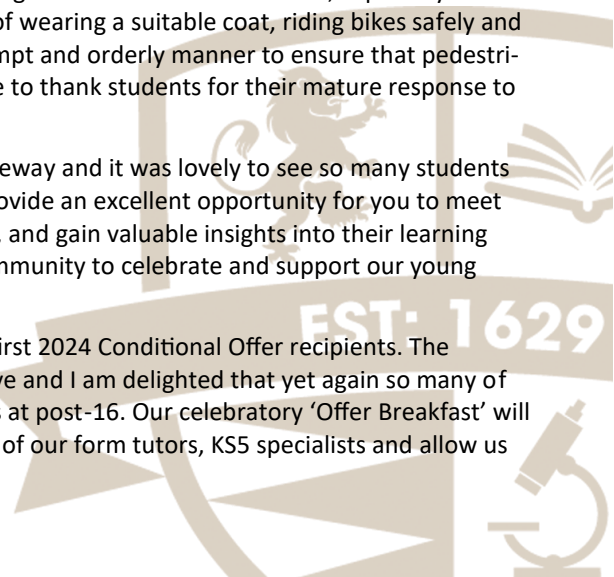
Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Now that the nights are drawing in and the weather is getting colder, the safety of our students is even more important. This week, a message has been shared with all our year groups which reminds them of the importance of keeping themselves and others safe, especially at this time of year. In this message, I shared the importance of wearing a suitable coat, riding bikes safely and that students should leave the school grounds in a prompt and orderly manner to ensure that pedestrians have clear and safe access to pathways. I would like to thank students for their mature response to these reminders.

This week, we held our Year 8 Tutor Evening in The Gateway and it was lovely to see so many students and their families in attendance. Our Tutor Evenings provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's tutor, discuss their academic progress, and gain valuable insights into their learning experience. They are wonderful events which allow us to come together as a community to celebrate and support our young people.

Next week, we will be holding our first ever Sixth Form 'Offer Breakfast' for our first 2024 Conditional Offer recipients. The number of applications we have received so far this year has been very impressive and I am delighted that yet again so many of our current Year 11 students want to finish their seven year journey here with us at post-16. Our celebratory 'Offer Breakfast' will mark the start of our applicant's sixth form journey and introduce them to some of our form tutors, KS5 specialists and allow us to congratulate them on their official offer.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher



GENEROSITY SHINES THROUGH OUR GIFT & TOY APPEAL



Throughout the month of November, we came together as a school in order to contribute to our wider community and help those in need - collecting donations of Christmas gifts for The Hinckley and Bosworth Toy Appeal.

Miss Hale would like to thank students, parents/carers and staff for the amount of generosity and kindness shown in the run up to Christmas time. The donations have been dropped off to a community hub this week ready to distribute to a number of local charities. Well done to all of those involved in making this a huge success!

We are pleased to announce that we are still currently accepting donations to gift to the residents of a local care home. Some of our students will be visiting the care home in the last week of term, to perform a pantomime and sing carols, whilst being able to chat to the residents and spread some Christmas joy.

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous by either donating or sharing our appeal.

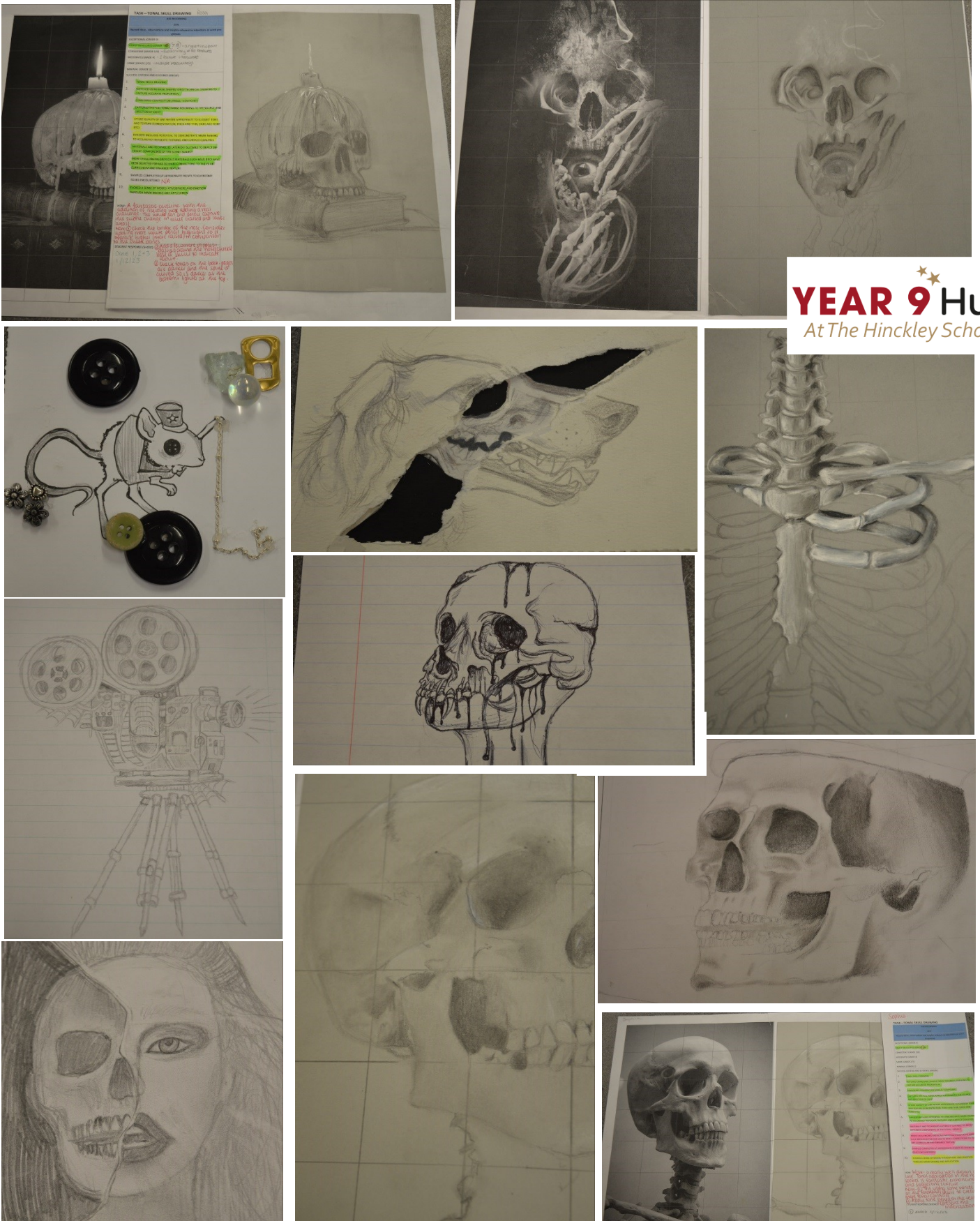


Students First, It's About Learning, No Barriers



COMPOSITIONAL STILL LIFE

After investigating and analysing Vanitas Paintings, Year 9 students are currently generating compositional still life ideas that represent the story/ life of a chosen individual. Informed by Vanitas, each composition must include a skull to make connections to this genre. Therefore students have been practicing drawing skulls and anatomy before including them in their compositions. Miss Webster has been absolutely astounded by the quality of the work produced!! After marking the work, identifying areas of strength and how to improve further, students spent their last lesson actively responding to guidance and refining their work. Miss Webster commented on the engagement of the students who were participating in discussion about grading and criteria, with some even asking questions about progression onto GCSE Fine Art in Year 10.



SHARING OUR FESTIVE PLANS

We have had the pleasure of sharing our plans for the end of term this week with parents, carers and students, including celebration assemblies, Christmas dinners, pantomime performances and a festive Bazaar.

To read our letter to parents and carers, which also details information about our return to school in January 2024, please click the link below.

[Click here to read our end of term arrangements letter on the school website](#)

12 Days of Christmas

Ho Ho Ho – The Hinckley School are launching our ‘12 Days of Christmas’ attendance challenge!

As of Thursday 7th December there are 12 days of school until the Christmas break.

If you attend school for each of the 12 days (until the 22nd December) you will be entered into a prize draw for a Chocolate Hamper which you can take home to enjoy over the Christmas break!



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Christmas Bazaar 2023

Friday 22 December

There will be a variety of activities in the Hall for you to have a go at, as well as food and drink to purchase.

£1=5 raffle tickets to spend at the stalls. These can be purchased in form time during the last week of term.

Don't forget your Christmas jumpers!

KS3 CHRISTMAS DINNERS

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional Christmas Dinner in December to celebrate the festive season. Christmas dinners are priced at the meal deal price of £2.40 and must be pre paid for on Parent Pay. Students in receipt of free school meals will have a dinner automatically allocated. Vegetarian and vegan options are also available.

Students can bring in a packed lunch should they wish to instead, and all students in the year group will sit together to eat so that they can enjoy the entertainment and atmosphere as a community. For full details, please read the letter available via the link below.

[Click here to read our recent letter regarding Christmas dinners.](#)

CHRISTMAS ARRIVES AT THE HINCKLEY SCHOOL

This week we brought a little Christmas magic to The Hinckley School as we decorated the Library, Main Hall and Reception to spread a little festive cheer.

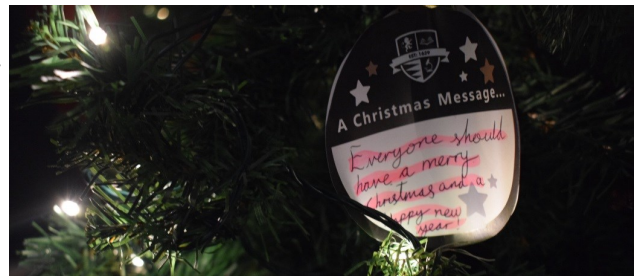
This year, we unveiled our new school Christmas tree. Standing in the main hall, the impressive tree and glittering decorations will be used year after year to mark the start of the festive period to our community. Students and staff have shared how much they love this new



addition and we have loved seeing the smiles it has put on their faces.

Students were also encouraged to make their own decorations for the tree, in order to share Christmas messages and wishes for our community. These now adorn the trees in the Main Hall and Reception and students can continue to add to the display with their creations throughout December.

Thank you to everyone who has made a decoration so far and we are so glad that students have enjoyed making them.



THE BRIDGE DROP IN - RESOURCES

As requested by families, the presentations from our recent Drop-In session in The Bridge are now available on our website for parents and carers to access from home. The presentation covered Classics: An Introduction and The Importance of Reading, which covered how and why to support reading outside of school.

Please [click here to access the Parent & Carer Resources section](#) of our website, where you will be able to download the power point presentation. Please contact The Bridge team if you have any questions.



Classics in the Bridge



The importance of reading



ALUMNI & SENIOR LECTURER DELIVERS CREATIVE INDUSTRIES TALK



Nottingham
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Art & Design

Thank you to Klaira Elton, Course Leader and Senior Lecturer in Textile Design at Nottingham Trent University, who delivered presentations to our

students throughout the day today. As one of our former students, Klaira was able to share her journey from GCSE's and A-Levels, through higher education and into industry and her current career as a lecturer. She also gave students valuable insights into course opportunities (qualifications) and employment potential in the creative industries to inform their options choices at GCSE, A-Level and Post-18.

Alongside this, A-Level students received more specific support and guidance in the construction and presentation of portfolio's for degree course interviews. Throughout the sessions students demonstrated PRIDE with high levels on engagement and we will look to make further links with the University to support outreach

Experience Days at NTU



sessions, during which students will have opportunities, including visits to the University, to see their facilities and participate in practical sessions and activities.

If this is something you would like to explore further in advance of this, please use the QR code on the left to sign up for further event information from the University administration team (please note that is only applicable to students in Year 11 or above).

Links to relevant resources and support materials linked to today's presentations will be made available on our school website from next week.



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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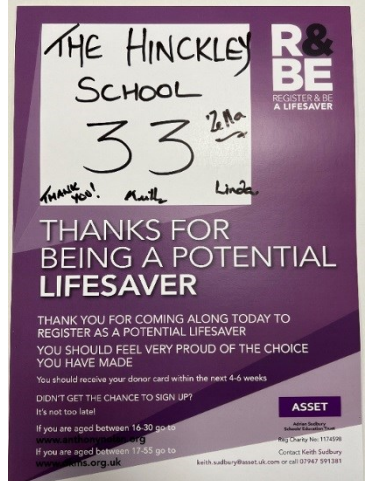
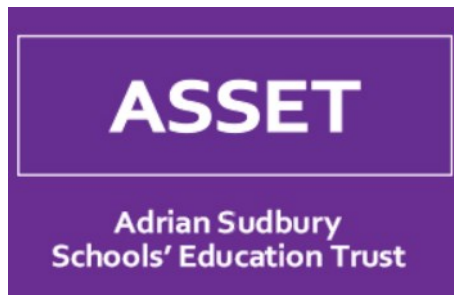


'REGISTER & BE A LIFESAVER' - ASSET

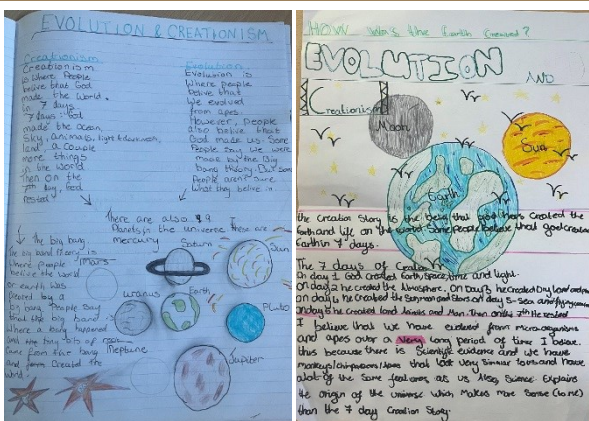


A big thank you to ASSET for joining us this week to deliver their 'Register and Be a Lifesaver' presentation. The presentation helped our sixth formers to learn more about joining the Anthony Nolan register and the lifesaving impact they could make. Students heard Adrian Sudbury's story and learnt the facts behind stem cell, blood and organ donation, to dispel any myths.

Following the informative talk, the team then visited us again to register any students who decided to join the Anthony Nolan registry. We are delighted to share that 33 of our sixth form students registered to potentially become life savers and will now receive their donor cards in 4-6 weeks.



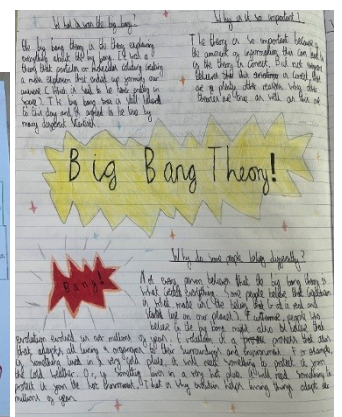
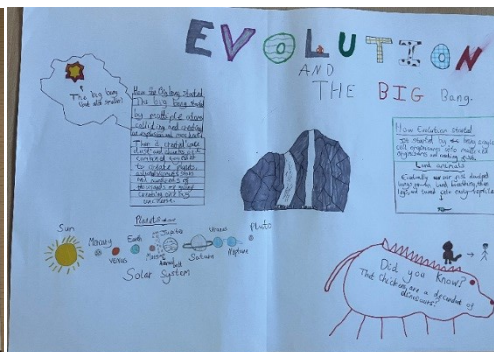
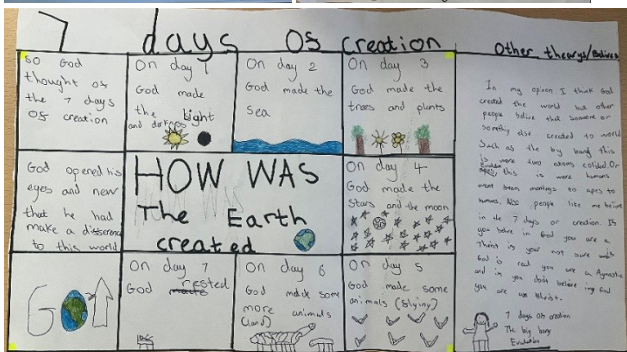
ORIGINS OF THE WORLD IN ETHICS & PHILOSOPHY



Mr Froome would like to celebrate some of the recent work produced in EP by his Year 7 students.

He shared, "The year group have been learning about the origins of the earth so far this year and were tasked to produce pieces of work that could display their belief on how either the world was created or how humans have come to exist today. These are just a few examples of the great pieces of work they have completed."

Well done Year 7—A great showcase of work!



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



The annual wreath making event organised by Mrs Cheney, Teacher of PE, kicked off Christmas celebrations for many of our staff and local residents on Monday 4th December.

Mrs Cheney's event is always incredibly popular and this year was no different. She shared, "We raised lots of money for our upcoming sports tour (to be announced) a massive thank you for everyone attended we had so many beautiful creations."

Thank you to Mrs Cheney on behalf of everyone who attended, for yet again organising such a great event.





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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 fantastically 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.

CELEBRATING STUDENTS IN ART & DESIGN

Ms Vora would like to celebrate the incredible work of her students in Art & Design this week.

In GCSE Textiles, students Gracie and Evie have created impressive studies based on Textile designer, Alison Willoughby. As you can see from the photographs on the right their sketchbook work is very detailed and features wonderful sampling of 'slashing' techniques.

Meanwhile, Year 10 3D Design students have produced a collection of modelled clay samples. This work is part of students' portfolio work based on the theme of aquatics and these specific pieces show students interpretation of working the style of ceramic artist, Heather Knight. Well done!

