



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

Thursday 26th October 2023

A FRESH START

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It has been a pleasure to welcome our students back after the half term break. I hope that they had a restful and enjoyable week off.

Returning after half term signals a fresh start, and an opportunity for students to reset and start a fresh. It is also an important time to ensure that our high standards are maintained and I appreciate the support of parents and carers. It is important that students arrive at school in correct uniform and with full equipment, so that they can make a positive start to each day.

Year 11 students have made a fantastic start to their mock exams this week and have impressed with their focus and maturity. I would like to thank them for the conduct and wish the year group the best of luck with their remaining mock exams next week.

This week we waved off our excited Year 8 students, as they began their PGL adventure. With zip lining, axe throwing, raft building and many more exhilarating activities in store, I hope that they enjoy making memories that they will treasure forever. Everyone at The Hinckley School is looking forward to hearing all about their adventures next week.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

YEAR 8 SET OFF ON A PGL ADVENTURE



Our very excited Year 8 students gathered in The Cube on Wednesday morning armed with their suitcases and rucksacks, ready for their three day PGL Trip to Caythorpe Court.



The group set off by coach at 10am and settled in well on their first day. Ms Wright, Director of Safeguarding and Student Welfare, who joined the group on the first day said, "Students settled in really well and have already taken part in exciting activities including learning bush craft/

survival skills by making shelters and fires, Zip Wire, working as a team on the High Swing, Vertical Climb and enjoyed an evening game of Cluedo around the grounds of Caythorpe Court. They have represented the school with PRIDE and thoroughly enjoyed the experience so far."

The Gateway
At The Hinckley School



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HARVEST FOOD BANK COLLECTION - UPDATE

The team at our local Hinckley Area Food Bank have shared their thanks for the generous donations made by staff and students recently during our harvest food bank collection.

A member of the team shared, "Please pass on our grateful thanks to all the staff and pupils involved in this initiative and the contributions that they brought in."

The Food Bank Team also shared that our total harvest donation equated to:

A value of £292.70!

123.5kg in weight!

Around 265 meals!

Our sincerest thanks to everyone who donated, or helped to decorate the hamper boxes, bringing a smile to the wonderful Food Bank Team.

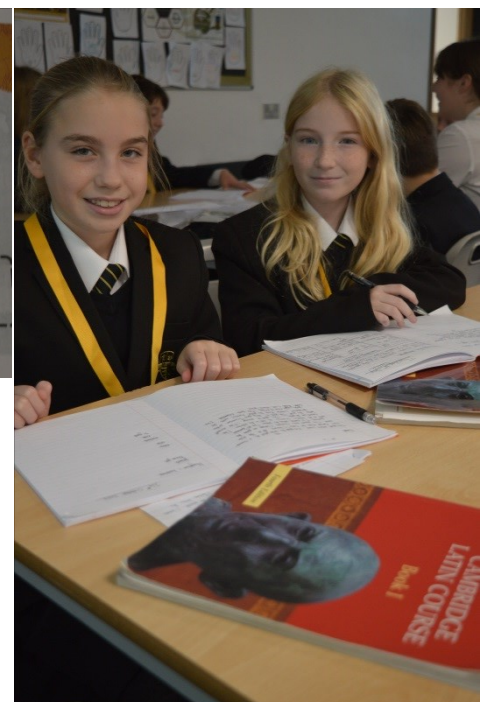
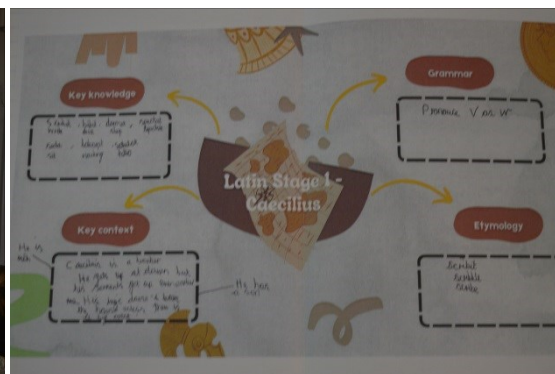
Thank you!



LEARNING LATIN VERBS IN CLASSICS

Students in Year 7 and 8 enjoy taking part in 'Classics' lessons at The Hinckley School, and today we are delighted to shine a spotlight on one of this week's Latin lessons! Classics sees our students learn Latin, to build root knowledge of languages and explore ancient civilisations to understand how our world today has been shaped.

Ms Sargent, English and Classics Teacher, shared, "Classics is essential for student's progress in reading and oracy. Students use Latin and etymological strategies to decode words. Classics is used to encourage students to have a voice; we want them to articulate how the world has changed and how they fit into it. In lessons, we are focusing on discovering origins; the origin of society, belief and storytelling."



Students in Year 7 have been using actions to retrieve their verb knowledge in their Classics lessons this week. Students then used etymology to unpick the word of the lesson 'negotium' and looked at examples of Roman jobs. Students shared how much they enjoyed Classics lessons and their interactive elements:

"I am really pleased that we get to study Classics at The Hinckley School. I look forward to my Classics lessons and when I see it on my timetable I always know it will be an enjoyable lesson. My teacher gives me lots of support and I enjoy learning a new language. Classics lessons are really engaging and our teachers bring the subject to life with interactive activities, such as group reading, challenges and actions to help us remember new Latin words. I like that I can impress my friends outside of school with my knowledge of Latin!" – Amelie

"Latin helps us to learn new words in English and for us to link words into Modern Foreign Languages, like French and Spanish. I enjoy learning the origin of where words began and this will help me to learn new languages in the future." – Charlotte

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

On Monday we welcomed Jo from Creative Learning Services for two 'Creative Writing Workshops' with groups of Year 10 students. The objective of the workshops was to help students to build their confidence when faced with a writing challenge in their GCSE English Language papers.

Jo started the sessions with some word games to get the student's creative juices flowing. She then got the students to write down their interests, skills and aspirations before either looking at an image or first line. They were then tasked to write a short story using the prompt and the information about themselves, while Jo guided them and gave the students strategies to come up with ideas.

Students shared how much they enjoyed the session, commenting on how much fun they had and that they felt it will help them in preparation for their GCSE papers.

Well done to everyone who took part!



PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE SPARKS 'FIREWORKS'!

Students continue to impress with their programming skills in Mr Holmes' challenges!

"It was very difficult to select the winning entry from the most recent Programming Challenge, with a number of students having submitted excellent landscape drawings using the Python programming language.

Ultimately, we had to draw the winner from Mr Holmes' Random Name Wheel, and Garnet came out on top for the second week running! A double champion! He takes home another £10 Apple Store Card as his prize.

Second place went to Richard for his excellent piece of work, and he wins the delicious orange chocolate ball (which is highly desired by the students!)" - Mr Holmes

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning £10 of either Apple or Google Play store vouchers, then take a look at this week's video on Teams or on The Hinckley School's website:

[The Hinckley School - Take on the Programming Challenge!](#)

With Bonfire night coming up, the Programming Challenge this week will create exploding fireworks on your computer!

"Watch the video, give it a go and submit your entry via recorded video on Teams. Good luck!" - Mr Holmes



VISIT ICELAND IN 2024!



We are excited to announce an upcoming trip to Iceland in October 2024 that we believe will be an incredible and educational experience for our students. This trip is open to Year 10, 11 and 12 Geography students and will offer them the opportunity to explore the unique natural wonders of this beautiful country, immerse themselves in its rich culture, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

During our time in Iceland, we have planned a number of exciting activities and tours for our students to enjoy. One of the highlights of the trip will be the



Golden Circle tour. This famous route will take our students to some of the most stunning sights in Iceland, including the mighty Gullfoss waterfall, the geothermal valley of Haukadalur where they can witness the erupting hot springs of Geysir, and the historical and cultural site of Thingvellir National Park.

To find out more, please read the letter on our website [—here.](#)

CHESS CLUB OFFERS COMMUNITY & CHALLENGE

We are delighted that students are enjoying our new enrichment timetable and it is great to see students supporting each other to learn new skills. A fantastic example of this is our Chess Club, based in the Library at lunchtime on Wednesdays.

Students from all year groups come together to play, learn and teach. It truly is a pleasure to witness.

Ms Crisp, Librarian shared, "Chess is one of the most popular clubs in the Library and it's great to see different year groups challenging and teaching each other the game."



**CHESS CLUB
LIBRARY**



**WEDNESDAY
LUNCH TIME**



JOIN THE SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL

Geography Teacher, Mrs Malin, is looking to recruit students to join our new Sustainability Council! Students involved will support the school as we work towards becoming a more sustainable community. The council will develop an action plan and set goals to turn our sustainability aim into reality. We want decisions to be student-led so that our young people can help share our sustainable future!

This is a wonderful opportunity for any student with a passion for sustainability and the environment, and will give our young people the chance to make a real impact. The council will meet every Wednesday afterschool, between 3:15pm and 4:15pm. Students involved will work closely with staff, school leaders and students from other year groups to make sustainable decisions. There is potential for those involved to work collaboratively with other trust schools and the local community, to continue to showcase everything we are doing at The Hinckley School. Students will also help the school to achieve Eco-School Awards.

Applications need to be submitted by **Friday 27th October**, details on how to apply can be found below:



How to get involved:

We would love as many students as possible to become a part of the Sustainability Council. If this is something you would like to be a part of please write a letter of application, no longer than one page of A4, including the following:

- Why you would like to be a member of the council
- Ideas you have in making The Hinckley School more sustainable

Please hand in your letter of application to **your year team base** or to **Mrs Malin** in the Geography/MFL office between **L1 and L2**.

You have until **Friday 27th October**.

We would love to read as many applications as possible!



9 For 9 Book Challenge!

Open to avid and confident readers in Year 9 that would like to challenge themselves with an exciting and carefully selected list of books to read with discussion and activities.

The 9 for 9 Book Club will meet one morning a week during tutor time.

If you are interested, speak to Mrs Crisp in the Library.

POST 16 OPTIONS EVENING—9TH NOVEMBER

We are writing to invite you to our annual Post-16 Options Evening, where you and your child can find out more about the opportunities and choices open to them after KS4. On **Thursday 9th November**, The Hinckley School & The Hinckley Sixth Form Centre will be open from **5pm – 8pm**, where you can meet with representatives from a wide range of providers of education and employment in our local area. This event is open to all students in KS4.

In the **Main Hall** there will be stands from local businesses, training providers, the services, Further Education Colleges and Universities. They will provide information booklets, leaflets and staff will be on hand to answer your questions. Staff will also be available to offer guidance and make appointments for one to one careers interviews. Exhibitors include:

RAF, ARMY and NAVY	Loughborough College
Midlands Group Training Services	Brooksby Melton & Stephenson College
Warwickshire College Group	University of Leicester
De Montfort University	University of Hertfordshire
Cadent	Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Services
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council	G Seller
Keele University	Nuneaton Borough Football Club
NWSLC & MIRA	Coventry University
Integra Accounting	Bleckmann

In and around **The Hinckley Sixth Form Centre** teachers and students will also be showcasing the wide range of courses available in our Sixth Form. Our current students will also be available to share an insight into student life and their experience and successes so far. You will be able to hear a talk about opportunities at The Hinckley Sixth Form in A9, downstairs in the Sixth Form Study Centre. The talk will take place at 5:30pm, 6pm, 6:30pm, 7pm and 7:30pm.

If you would like any further information about Careers information and guidance at The Hinckley School do please contact the Careers Office 01455 632183 (ext. 131). If you have questions about The Hinckley Sixth Form, and applying for 2024, then please email: SixthForm@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you at the event



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 9th November 2023 5pm - 8pm



Learn more about our **wide range of A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses**, meet our **sixth form specialists** and explore our **bespoke post-16 centre**.

PROUD TO BE
GOOD
IN ALL AREAS

Ofsted
Good
Provider

“Strong pastoral guidance”

“There is a real sense of community”

“Students in the sixth form are well prepared for higher education and their future careers.”

“Students in the sixth form value the personalised support they get to help them realise their ambitions.”

REMEMBRANCE DAY

WE WILL BE CONDUCTING A ONE-MINUTE SILENCE AT 11AM ON FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER TO MARK REMEMBRANCE DAY.

In addition, poppies and other items are currently on sale in the Library and Main Reception. Sixth Form students will also be visiting Tutor Groups to give students another opportunity to purchase a poppy should they wish to.

Below is a list of the items available and the suggested donations:



PAPER POPPIES: 20P
ZIP PULL: 50P
POPPY REFLECTOR KEYSRING: 50P
SILICON WRISTBAND: £1
SNAP BAND: £1

(We ask that students ensure they have the correct money for the donations, as we are unfortunately unable to give any change.)



NETBALL NEWS

Year 7

The Year 7 Netball Team played their first match against Hastings this week. The whole team played incredibly well, especially considering that most students in the team had never played in a competitive environment before.

The team worked together well and supported each other to keep their heads up throughout. Mrs Cheney, PE Teacher and Netball Coach shared, "We had brilliant leadership from our captain Sofia, and Izzy also stepped up to work with her. It was impressive to see how they both analysed the game and worked together to identify errors.

Violet, Orla, Jess and Isabelle were our very determined defence, trying to win the ball back for their team. While Sofia, Izzy, Hayley and Eve calmly worked the ball into our shooters, Olivia, Amber and Evie. It was a tough first game and the girls all played very well!" Well done to everyone who took part!



OUR 2024/2025 TERM DATES CAN NOW
BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE :

[HTTPS://WWW.THEHINCKLEYSCHOOL.CO.UK/TERM-DATES](https://www.thehinckleyschool.co.uk/term-dates)

CLICK HERE

TO READ OUR RECENT LETTER ABOUT THE UPCOMING

**YEAR 13 RESULTS AND REVISION
EVENING**

[The Hinckley Sixth Form - Year 13 Results & Revision Evening](#)

ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

Our next Enrichment calendar has now launched, giving students a new selection of activities and clubs to get involved in during lunchtime and after school. Please encourage students to take part in as many activities as possible to explore new interests, meet new friends and make life long memories.



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

Enrichment

Activity	Time	Available for	Staff	Location
Monday				
Zines Crafting	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Bridge Wildlife Club (WK 2)	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Mason	Cambridge
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12
Maths Challenge	Lunchtime	Years 7&8	M. Swan	G3
Tuesday				
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Lewis	MPR
Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Board Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Learn Chess	Lunchtime	Years 10, 11 and 12	Student Leader	H10
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8,9,10	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
Philosophy Discussion	Lunchtime	Years 12 and 13	T. Dutchman	A2
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Gadsby	L1
Origami	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D10
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12
Computing and HW Club	Lunchtime	Years 7 and 8	P. Harrison	C1
Wednesday				
Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Chess Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
KS3 Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 9	M. Smith	H6
Creative Writing	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Hale	TBC
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12
Thursday				
Music	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	R. Crisp	Library
Script Writing	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	F. Carrigan	H6
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10, 11	I. Ratheram	Astroturf
X-Box	Lunchtime	Year 8	R. Byrne	G2
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12
Friday				
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 9	R. Byrne	G2
Meditation & Mindfulness	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	C. Jenkins	A3
KS4 Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 10 and 11	Z. Owen	H6
Working Lunch	Lunchtime	Y10&11 Art/Textiles	Art and Design	D7&D12

Engage with Enrichment – LUNCH TIME



Enrichment

Activity	Time	Available for	Staff	Location
Monday				
Matilda Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	PA Dept	Dance Studio
Bridge Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 9	C. Froome	PE
Netball	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7, 8 and 9	S. Cheney	PE
Gardening Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	T. Pratt	S5
KS4 Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 9, 10 and 11	F. Nichols	PE
Senior Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10-13	J. Elvidge D. Solly	PE
Robot Wars	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Holmes	D1
Tuesday				
Sixth Form Book Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 10-13	R. Crisp	Library
Rock School	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11 <u>invite only</u>	D. Riley	MU1
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
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 8	C. Froome	PE
Girls Netball	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10 -13	S. Cheney	PE
Sustainability Group	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11 <u>invite only</u>	G. Malin	L2
Strategy Games	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	M. Pallett	Library
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	Dance Studio
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Hoffman	MU1
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 10	A. Barnacle	PE
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 11	M. Pallett	PE
KS3 Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7, 8, 9	F. Nichols	PE
Rugby	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7 and 8	L. Taylor/H. Toor	PE
Orchestra	3:00-4:00pm	Invitation	D. Riley	MU1
Artist Retreat	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Year 7&8	L. Taylor	PE
Read outside the box	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	E. Rayson	Library
Friday				
Indoor Cricket	3:15-4:00pm	Years 7-11	M. Stocks	PE

Engage with Enrichment – AFTER SCHOOL