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NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK - THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I would like to start by sharing a heartfelt thank you for the warm welcome I have received from our community since I took over the role of Headteacher here at The Hinckley School at the start of January. Developing strong partnerships with parents and carers is vital in ensuring our young people feel nurtured, celebrated and can capitalise on every opportunity available to them. I look forward to meeting many more families in person over the coming weeks and months and would like to thank you for supporting students to make such a strong and successful start back this term.

I began this week by hosting a virtual whole school assembly. It was important that I welcomed all our young people back on the first day of the new term and had the opportunity to officially introduce myself. I have already been blown away by the talent, pride and sense of belonging our students have and feel truly privileged to now be guiding them as they build their brighter futures within this wonderful community.

This week, students have settled back into life and learning here at The Hinckley School exceptionally well, and have enjoyed reconnecting with their friends and teachers. This newsletter shares an insight into the events and celebrations that have kick started January and also takes a look back at our last day of term. I hope you enjoy reading about our exceptional experiences.

Best wishes,
Mrs Rooke — Headteacher



SIXTH FORMER WINS A FULLY FUNDED UNIVERSITY DEGREE

In 2024, our sixth formers joined students from across the Midlands to take part in the Coventry University Global Financial Planning Competition. Students began by taking part in a launch event at The Hinckley Sixth Form where they learnt more about this exciting opportunity, including how it presented the chance to win a fully funded university degree course.

We are delighted to announce that following an in depth application and interview process, Year 13 student Nikita has now been selected as the winner of the Global Financial Planning Competition. This is an outstanding achievement, and is a true testament to Nikita's studious and conscientious nature. To achieve this Nikita first completed a budgeting and rationale sheet based on financially planning her first year at university. Nikita was then, alongside another of our incredible Year 13 students, Jaya, named as one of seven students shortlisted for a final round of interviews with university professors. To have two of our sixth form students successfully progress to the final round of interviews is truly astounding and we would like to also congratulate Jaya on her achievement and hard work.

As the winner, Nikita will now receive a Certificate of Achievement, a fully funded CISI Qualification - Level 2 Award in Fundamentals of Financial Services and Timeline merchandise. The prizes do not stop there, as the winner Nikita now has the opportunity to be considered for work experience with Timeline in the future, will receive mentorship to support her bright future and have opportunities to attend industry conferences organised by university partners.

Still shocked to have won the competition and to have secured her dream degree, Nikita, who aspires to have a career in the financial sector said, "I'm very excited to be the winner. I appreciate the opportunity presented and it is a great step forward in achieving my goals and aspirations."

Everyone here at The Hinckley School and Sixth Form would like to share their congratulations on this tremendous achievement.



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CROWNING OUR NEW CHAMPIONS CUP WINNERS



Our end of term celebration assemblies allowed us to recognise the hard work, pride and progress of our wonderful students, with all year groups gathering together during the final week of the 2024 term to congratulate each other on their achievements since the start of term.



The Bridge celebration event took place on the last day of term and, led by Ms French and Mr Matharu, saw students receive awards for a wide variety of categories including, attendance, subject achievement awards and of course pride.

The highlight of the event for many was the announcement of which Tutor Group had been crowned the winners of The Bridge Champions Cup this term. This accolade is earned through the combination of weekly highest pride points, weekly lowest consequences, weekly best attendance and enrichment participation at the end of each half term. After a close race throughout the term, 7 Manchester were crowned the winners and students enjoyed a dramatic unveiling of the cup which is now decorated in Mrs Malin's Tutor Group colours.



Congratulations to everyone in Year 7 for a wonderful term and we look forward to continuing to celebrate as a community throughout 2025.



OUR STAR BAKER CREATES ANOTHER SHOWSTOPPER

Marlow in Year 11, now well renowned for his impressive baking ability, created another show stopper to thank staff for their hard work and support at the end of last term. The cake was shared on the last day at our staff end of term farewell, where we come together as a community of teachers and support staff to wish colleagues a very merry Christmas.

Marlow's previous Christmas cakes have included a snowman and a present, but this year's amazing creation took on a new daring design in the form of a tiered hot chocolate mug with snowflake and candy cane adornments. Staff once again raved about not only the creative design and painstaking attention to detail, but also the mouth watering taste.

Thank you once again Marlow for such a thoughtful and impressive creation!



HARVARD STUDENT INSPIRES THE NEXT GENERATION



This week, we had the privilege of being joined by Zak Adams, a former President Kennedy School alumni. Zak declined a place at Oxbridge to move to the US to study at Harvard and spent the morning with Year 12 students sharing his impressive story, inspiring them to grasp every opportunity and to follow their dreams.

Zak shared an insight into how his university place is financed, the opportunities living and studying in the US presents and dispelled myths about studying at Harvard or Oxbridge.

We would like to sincerely thank Zak for joining us and for sharing his remarkable story.

To learn more about Zak's story, you can read his blog via the link below:

<https://www.zerogravity.co.uk/blog/harvard-is-a-playground>



BOOK TALKING RESULTS TO RECORD BORROWING



This week, we welcomed back Marissa from Creative Learning Services to deliver a series of Book Talking sessions to our Year 7 students. During these sessions, students from The Bridge gathered in the library on soft seats and bean bags as they settled down to hear extracts from a new selection of titles now available in our library as part of Ms Crisp's Library 'January Refresh'.

Students really enjoyed the talks and Ms Crisp has shared that this resulted in the most ever Book Talking titles being taken out on loan! We are delighted that Year 7 were so captivated by these new stories and we can't wait to hear their reviews as they explore them further at home.

Thank you to Year 7 for being such a captive audience and for warmly welcoming our visitor.

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Enrichment After School

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Monday				
Mixed Dodgeball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7	M. Pallett	PE
Music Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	P. Williams	D14
Tuesday				
Rock School	3:00-4:15pm	Invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Girls Rugby – Hinckley Rugby Club	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-13	M. Tallis	PE
Table Top Role Play Games	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	J. Hunter	Library
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	Cube
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	A9
Wednesday				
Girls Basket Ball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-9	F. Godfrey	PE
Boys Rugby (split age groups)	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-13	M. Stocks	PE
Choir	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
War Hammer	3:00-4:00pm	Year 9-13 Invite	C. Hoffman	D11
Electronics Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	P. Harrison	D1
DofE Gold	5:15-7:30pm	Year 12 & 13	A. Fennell	A9
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:15-4:15pm	Year 9&10	C. Froome	PE
KS3 Girls Indoor Futsal	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7, 8 & 9	C. Gillett	PE
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Sixth Form Biologists	3:00-4:00pm	Year 13	T. Pratt	S5
Maths Club	3:00-4:00pm	Year 10	E. Jones	Gateway
Friday				
Music Club	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1

Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. Challenge yourself to try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions



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Enrichment Lunchtime

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Engage with Enrichment

Monday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE
Tuesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Read and Relax	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	G. Mathieson	H2
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Byrne	MPR
Strategy Boardgames	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Wednesday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Music Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	D. Riley	MU1
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
Bridge Drama Society	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Library Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Thursday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Girls Football	Lunchtime	Years 7 & 8	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Scrapbooking	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	A. Garcia	L3
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Badminton (Wk1 Boys Wk2 Girls)	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	A. Gadsby	L1
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Friday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
THS Dance Company (Wk 1)	Lunchtime	Years 7 & 8	A. Bennett	Dance Studio
THS Dance Company (Wk 2)	Lunchtime	Years 9,10,11	A. Bennett	Dance Studio
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 10	R. Byrne	H9