



The Hinckley  
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# NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter  
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THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025



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

In this newsletter edition we share photos from our World Book Day Celebrations – including themed lessons (and of course fancy dress), The Bridge trip to Warner Brothers Studio Tours, KS4 Blood Brothers acting workshop, Oddballs Foundation visiting speaker, our Sixth Formers ‘Shakespearean Day Out’ to Stratford and thank you messages from community and national charitable causes we have supported recently. It has been yet another action packed week and I would like to thank our students for their enthusiasm, as they grab every exceptional opportunity with both hands.

We had the delight of welcoming our Year 13 community to our Parents’ Evening on Tuesday, as our teachers sat with families to discuss progress and support. These meetings, as our team sit shoulder to shoulder with parents and carers, truly showcase our wrap around support and united approach to our young people, demonstrating to them the power of working together with a common goal—building their brighter future. We have made some changes to the upcoming dates of our year group parents’ evenings, and the year group communities this impacts will be written to shortly, as I appreciate how important it is to have these dates in your family calendar as early as possible to ensure attendance around other commitments.

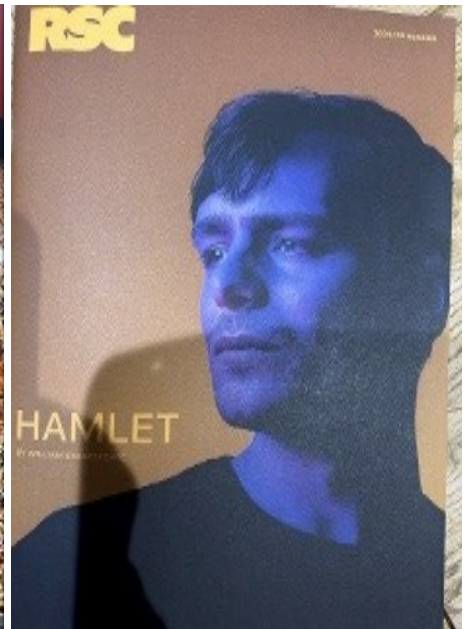
Yesterday, we hosted our second interview evening for 2025 applicants to The Hinckley Sixth Form. The uptake on our interview evenings this year has been incredible and we have already interviewed a higher number of students year on year. Our applicants are excited to join our vibrant student community and to enjoy the independence, opportunity and success being a part of our sixth form brings.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend. - **Mrs Rooke — Headteacher**

## A SHAKESPEAREAN DAY OUT

Last Thursday, Year 12 and 13 English Literature students were treated to a Shakespearean day out. After arriving in Stratford in the glorious spring sunshine, students were given time to explore the town (and purchase those all important souvenirs!) Our first appointment was at Shakespeare’s Birthplace Museum, where we learned about Shakespeare’s childhood, schooling, and his father’s trade as a glovemaker. Students enjoyed dressing up in theatrical costume and posing for photos! After that, we had some more time to explore Stratford in the sunshine before having an academic lecture from an RSC expert. She was very impressed with the contributions from the students, especially their knowledge of the play and thoughtful opinions about the possible staging of Hamlet.

We then moved on to the main event: the RSC production of Hamlet, which has been getting rave reviews in the national press. The production was breath-taking, with all the action taking place on a tilting ship, which the students agreed was an innovative spin on Shakespeare’s vision. - **Mrs Foers, Head of English**



## 'THANK YOU' FROM THE HINCKLEY FOODBANK



We have been delighted to receive an email from Jim Matthews, who collected our foodbank donations on behalf of Hinckley Area Foodbank, to share more information about the impact of our 'sizeable' donation:

- Donation weight - 279.8kg
- The monetary value is equivalent to - £775.77
- This is equivalent to providing approximately 650 meals
- Based on the usual 3-day emergency provision for a single person, this would therefore meet the needs of 72 people

Jim Matthews called our students 'enthusiastic' and 'helpful' and thanked our entire school community for showing such heart and generosity.

**BBC**

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# DO YOU KNOW A YOUNG HERO?

make a  
**difference**  
awards  
2025

See full terms and to nominate: [bbc.co.uk/makeadifference](https://bbc.co.uk/makeadifference)  
Entries close Monday 31 March 2025 at 5pm.

# BLOOD BROTHERS DRAMA WORKSHOP



Drama students across year 9 to 11 had an exceptional experience this week, when they took part in a 'Blood Brothers' masterclass with London based 'Stage Ed' theatre company. Mike and Steve who played Sammy and Mickey in the West End production of Blood Brothers for over ten years, shared their expertise, passion and deep knowledge of the play with the students and navigated the workshop to help the year 10/11 students with their written paper and introduced Year 9 to the GCSE journey in Drama. The Drama Studio was buzzing with excitement all day as the students explored different scenes, context, themes and characters in the play and watched a fantastic performance of the iconic monologue 'I Wish I was Our Sammy'.

Maths teacher, Mr Hall, was delighted by the experience when he popped in, sharing his love of Blood Brothers and the theatre. It is wonderful for Core subjects to show their enjoyment of the arts and have the opportunity to see students shine in a different context. He said, "Having watched Blood Brothers myself I could see that the students were clearly enjoying their interactions and activities and really warmed to being put through their paces. This served as true motivation and inspiration for our students to proceed into a career on stage."

Mrs Cook, Head of Drama was thrilled with the feedback from Stage Ed who said that students from The Hinckley School were amongst the best they had worked with. She said, 'such a fantastic opportunity for our GCSE Drama students today, bringing Blood Brothers to life with this workshop, giving the students a great understanding of the play for their theory exam.



An inspirational day with a West End actor and the students embraced every second – Mike said we have so much acting talent at THS and I'm so proud of them! Well done guys.'

What an enjoyable and valuable enrichment experience for all who took part and all thanks to the generosity and support of the Foundation Governors who supported the day.

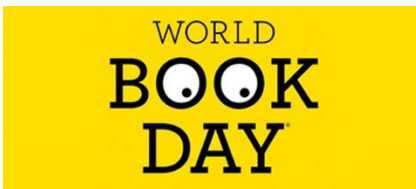


# WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

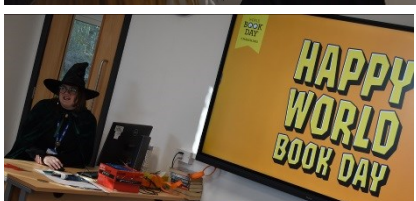
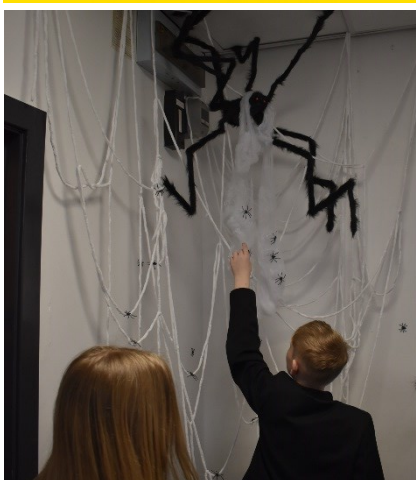


The Bridge went big on their celebrations for World Book Day this year, with the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters (including The Bridge Team!), door decorating and a character potato competition! Year 7 students also enjoyed themed lessons throughout the day including Percy Jackson flaming dodgeball, quidditch badminton, composing a Dr Seuss rap in music and Harry Potter potions classes in Science. All students in Year 7 also received a £1 World Book Day token to help them add to their book collection at home.

Science was a particular highlight for many, as classes entered the pages of Harry Potter to experience jaw dropping experiments and activities, including screaming jelly babies, dragons breath and methane bubbles!



Ms Crisp also held a series of activities and events in the Library to mark the occasion. Students had the opportunity to take part in a 'guess the shelfie' competition, - with staff anonymously submitted a photo of their book shelves, 100 word writing competition, and finally a lunchtime game of 'Give us a Clue'. Congratulations to 'Team Paddington' for being crowned the winners of the lunchtime event!



# ODDBALLS TALK RAISES AWARENESS FOR TESTICULAR CANCER



A member of the Oddballs Foundation team joined us last week to speak to Year 11 students about their work as foundation ambassadors and to spread awareness of testicular cancer. Thank you to the team for joining us to spread such an important message.

Year 11 were mature and engaged and we would like to thank them for welcoming our guest so warmly.

OddBALLS

# THE BRIDGE GO BEHIND THE SCENES OF HARRY POTTER



Our Year 7 students enjoyed exploring Warner Brother Studios this week, as they went behind the scenes of Harry Potter!

The trip not only saw them explore the attraction, walking through sets and seeing first hand iconic stages and props from the film, but also learning more about careers behind the scenes.

During their visit, the year group took part in a workshop about the art of folly, where, in groups of six, they were given a famous clip from one of the Harry Potter films which had had the sound removed. The group then had to use items given to them to create their own sound effects. This trip formed part of our events for National Careers Week, and we hope that students enjoyed learning about careers in this exciting industry.



TheBridge  
At The Hinckley School

YEAR 11



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You are cordially invited to attend the

# 2025 Leavers Prom

## A Night to Remember

*Join us for a truly  
Unforgettable Evening*

Venue:  
Badgers Mount Hotel,  
Elmesthorpe, LE9 7SG

Date:  
Friday 4th July 2025

Time:  
5:45pm - 11:00pm

Dress Code:  
Prom Wear/Formal  
Attire

Cost:  
£25 deposit to be paid  
via Parent Pay by 24th  
March

**YEAR 11 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School

5:45pm  
Arrival with Red Carpet Photos

6:15pm  
Welcome Drinks

7:00pm-8:00pm  
Live Band

7:00pm-7:30pm  
Dinner Served

9:00pm-9:30pm  
Group photos and photobooth

9:30pm-11:00pm  
Disco


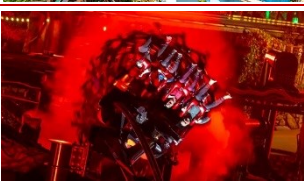




11:00pm  
Farewells

*Celebrate as the Class of 2025*

# INSPIRE DAY-HAVE YOU CHOSEN YOUR TRIP?

On the last day of term, we shared a letter regarding 'Inspire Day' with our Year 7 -10 community. On Thursday 26th June 2025, students will be able to enjoy participating in an exceptional experience from a menu of end of year activities, which was created following recent student voice. To download our Inspire Day letter and related consent form, please [click here](#).

Students in all year groups can pick from the following menu of experiences. Allocation to each trip is first come, first served:

<p><b>Drayton Manor</b> Cost: <b>£36.50</b></p>	<p>Explore over 50 exciting rides and attractions at Drayton Manor Resort. With exciting new lands to discover, including a 15-acre zoo, there's fun for everyone!</p>	
<p><b>Alton Towers</b> Cost: <b>£36.50</b></p>	<p>With over 40 rides and attractions, if you're after pure adrenalin pumping experiences, there are rides for you!</p>	
<p><b>Cadbury World</b> £31.50</p>	<p>The Cadbury factory is located in the historic village of Bournville, where they first started making chocolate over 100 years ago. In August 1990, Cadbury World opened its doors and now welcomes over 600,000 visitors each year. The attraction gives guests the chance to step into the amazing world of Cadbury, with a self-guided tour that explores an assortment of chocolatey zones, showcasing the history, making and magic of Cadbury.</p>	
<p><b>Water World</b> Cost: <b>£38.00</b></p>	<p>The UK's No.1 tropical indoor aqua park is located at the Waterworld Leisure Resort, in the heart of the Midlands, Stoke-on-Trent! Open all year round, Waterworld Aqua Park is an epic adventure for the whole family to enjoy, with over 30 different rides and attractions including Thunderbolt, the UK's first trap door drop waterslide!</p>	
<p><b>Trentham Monkey World</b> Cost: <b>£27.50</b></p>	<p>Trentham Monkey Forest is a 60-acre woodland of which 140 free-roaming Barbary macaques call home. It is the largest primate enclosure in the UK. The woodland focuses solely on the conservation of this endangered primate. Each visit contributes to their conservation and protection.</p> <p>Visitors can walk amongst the monkeys and also observe their fascinating natural behaviours from up close! This is the only place in the UK you can do this! Making it one of the most unique days out in the country.</p>	
<p><b>Burbage Common</b> Cost: <b>No Fee</b></p>	<p>Burbage Common is Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Borough Council's largest countryside site and is located on the edge of Hinckley, within easy reach from both East and West Midlands.</p> <p>Burbage Common features walking routes, picnic spaces and play areas.</p>	

To secure a place for your child on their chosen trip, please complete and return the permission slip attached to our letter, stating clearly which trip your child has chosen and make the deposit payment for the corresponding trip via Parent Pay no later than **Monday 10th March 2025**.

*Please do contact us if you require financial support. All conversations will be handled with confidential discretion.*

**Don't forget to make your Inspire Day choice by  
Monday 10th March 2025!**

*Spaces on each trip are first come first served, so don't miss out!*

# CANCER RESEARCH PASS ON THEIR THANKS

We have received a wonderful letter from the Head of Support Led Fundraising & Engagement at Cancer Research UK, to thank our community for the donation of £655.95 as a result of our annual Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who donated as part of the event and to our Sixth Formers for the substantial time and effort they put into planning and running their stalls and activities.



Together we are  
beating cancer

**Cancer Research UK**

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Oxford OX4 9GZ

United Kingdom

**cruk.org**

**supporter.services@cancer.org.uk**

**0300 123 1022**

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Our Reference: REO2401

20 February 2025

Dear Wonderful Students,

On behalf of everyone here at Cancer Research UK, thank you so much for your generous donation of £655.95 raised at your recent non uniform day. I hope you all had a lovely day in your home clothes.

Over our 120-year history, we've been at the forefront in the fight against cancer by investing in the highest quality research. But our fundraising income isn't enough to fund all the excellent research that comes through our doors. We're having to say no to incredible research that has the potential to save lives.

The more money we raise, the faster we can change the outlook on cancer – and that's why we're so grateful for your support. By investing in our scientists and their vital research, we can prevent, detect and treat cancer so that everybody can live longer, better lives, free from the fear of cancer.

I thought you might be interested to know that your wonderful donation could fund a research assistant for 1 week. Research assistants carry out vital experiments in the lab, helping us to find the next breakthrough in cancer research.

If you've chosen to hear from us, we'll keep you updated about the progress we are making and the ways you can support our work in the future. If you'd prefer not to hear from us, you can contact us using the details at the top of this letter.

Together we are beating cancer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trudy Stammer".

Trudy Stammer - Head of Supporter Led Fundraising & Engagement



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# EASTER CLUB

**Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th April**

**9am-12pm**

**£2 Members and £4 Non-Members per session**

**Those entitled to free school meals can attend for free  
using their HAF code**

**Limited spaces available, booking is now open!!  
Please contact us at [office@greentowers.co.uk](mailto:office@greentowers.co.uk) to  
register**

**Breakfast and  
Lunch  
provided for  
all children**

**8-18yrs  
Only**

***Sports, Games, Crafts, Easter Egg Hunt,  
Disco and more....Come along and join the fun.***

**\*NEW\***

# Enrichment Lunchtime

**\*NEW\***

## Spring Term 2025



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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

**\*NEW\***

# Enrichment After School

**\*NEW\***

## Spring Term 2025

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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