



The Hinckley  
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# NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



In this newsletter, we share two weeks of insights into student work, success and community events, including our activities to mark National Numeracy Day, Sixth Form financial education workshops, Year 11 creative revision strategies, impressive clay sculptures, 'Medical Mavericks' workshops and much more. I hope you enjoy finding out about our recent exceptional achievements and experiences.

As examinations continue to be the main focus for our community, I would once again like to congratulate students on their maturity and focus, as well as their commitment to revision. I have seen students reading flash cards on their walk to school, working collaboratively with their peers to share knowledge and engaging with subject team led sessions, to make the most of every last moment before their exams. This dedication, time management and ability to develop independent learning strategies are skills and qualities which mean are young people are now well placed to succeed in their next phase of education or employment after exams.

As we approach half term, I hope all students can look forward to spending time with friends and family and, especially for Year 11 and 13, enjoy a well earned rest! I urge these groups to balance revision with relaxation to make sure they feel refreshed to hit the ground running in their next exams. Everyone here at The Hinckley School looks forward to welcoming our community back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

NEXT WEEK IS HALF TERM : MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY - FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024  
WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A RESTFUL BREAK.

## AUTHOR Q&A INSPIRES CREATIVE WRITERS

On Tuesday 14th May, students from our Carnegie group took part in a live virtual event with author of 'Steady for This' and 'King of Nothing', Nathanael Lessore. Students impressed with their engagement and really got involved by asking lots of questions about his book and the writing process. Some students even shared how listening to Nathanael had inspired them to try their hand at creative writing.



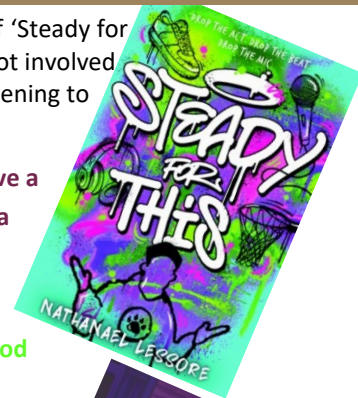
**"He told us the structure of the story, it made me want to have a go at writing. I liked being able to ask questions and being in a small group."** - Lucas

**"I like how he talked about how to write a book. I liked how we could ask questions. I found out that his favourite childhood author was Malorie Blackman."** - Anja

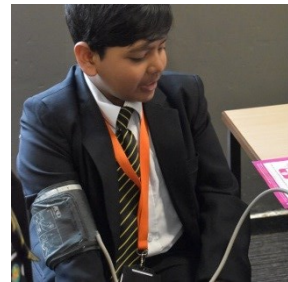
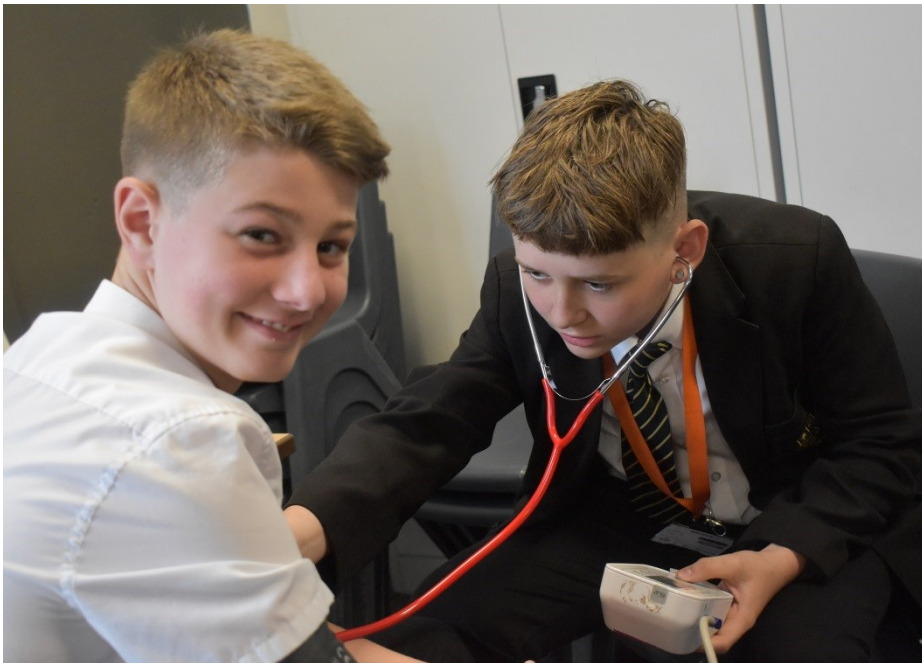
**"It was cool because we got to find out about the author and his inspiration to write the book. I liked asking questions, it made me want to read the book."** - Bethany

**"I enjoyed finding out about the author and how he wrote books. He didn't like English at school. I found out that he supported Arsenal football club!"** - Emily

**"I really enjoyed it. I wasn't sure about the book, but after I heard the author speaking about it, I want to take it out."** - Hayley







On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome back the 'Medical Mavericks' to run their Careers in Health workshop for Year 8.

The aim of the session was to introduce students to the wide range of careers available within the Health Care sector and the different routes into them. During an action packed session students had an opportunity to take blood, record an ECG, try keyhole surgery and see inside their body with an ultrasound machine.

We would like to thank The Foundation Governors for their generous financial support which enabled this session to run.





We were thrilled to welcome Mike Flack from Wize Up Financial Education to The Hinckley Sixth Form last week. For many years, we've had the pleasure of hosting his father, Ed Flack, who has been instrumental in delivering invaluable financial education sessions to our Sixth Form students. It was great to have Mike follow in his father's footsteps and continue the tradition of insightful and engaging workshops.

In this session, Mike took our students on an exciting journey into the world of cryptocurrencies. With the rise of digital currencies capturing headlines worldwide, it's crucial for our students to understand this evolving landscape. Mike's presentation was not only informative but also interactive, as

students actively participated in a simulation where they took on the role of traders, striving to maximize returns from a hypothetical £100 investment.

The session was a perfect blend of education and entertainment, with students thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to immerse themselves in the complexities of cryptocurrency trading. Through hands-on experience and expert guidance from Mike, our students gained practical insights into the workings of this burgeoning financial market. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mike for his insightful session and to Wize Up Financial Education for their ongoing commitment to equipping our students with essential financial literacy skills and The Hinckley and Rugby Building Society for funding the sessions. We look forward to further collaborations in the future as we continue to empower our students with the knowledge and tools they need to navigate the complexities of the modern financial world.

**For more information about Wize Up Financial Education and their initiatives, visit their website:**  
[www.wizeupfinancialeducation.co.uk](http://www.wizeupfinancialeducation.co.uk)

## WOOD CARVING IN 3D DESIGN

**YEAR 10** Hub  
At The Hinckley School



As part of their work linked to the Artist Zaha Hadid, our Year 10 3D Design students have been looking at architecture and how it follows organic forms. This week, using their sample designs and inspiration from research, the 3D Design class tried their hand at wood carving for the first time. After this brilliant lesson, the group will now move on to carving their final piece next week.

Mrs Wilson would like to congratulate them on their hard work and we look forward to seeing their final pieces!

*Work by artist Zaha Hadid*





## STUDENT STORIES

We would like to congratulate Katrina in Year 8 who had her second international competition in Judo recently.

We are delighted to share that Katrina won every fight, making it to the semi final and final. She took home gold and is now Belgium International Champion, to go along with her previous victory in France!

Katrina demonstrates such discipline, focus and determination and we would like to congratulate her once again on her achievements. ***We can't wait to see what you achieve next!***



## JUNIOR DRAGSTER - UPDATE FROM THE CHERRY BOMB TEAM

Celebrating Our Incredible Young People



**We are delighted to share an update from our Junior Dragster racer, Ada in Year 7, and the team behind 'Cherry Bomb'...**

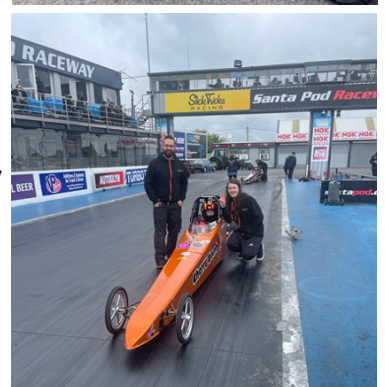
"Ada enjoyed her second race meeting of the 2024 season in the Lucas Oil MSUK Junior Dragster Championship recently. Unfortunately, due to poor weather again it was another challenging round. This event was scheduled to be a 3 day event giving racers 2 qualifying days followed by eliminations on the Sunday. The Friday gave us 3 qualifying rounds but the weather was very cold leading to a very cold track. A very cold track can lead to traction issues. Junior Dragsters qualify on reaction time so the drive needs to change their driving style to compensate for the cold weather and less grip. Ada took this in her stride and went out to do her best and have some fun with her race friends.

The cold weather continued on the Saturday, along with some showers leading to stoppage time in the racing. This does get very frustrating as the stoppages lead to a lot of waiting around, we are extremely grateful to the Santa Pod track crew for all their hard work drying the track and giving us a safe track to race on. Ada was even stopped on track and instructed to shut off her engine as rain started to fall just before she was about to start her race—an excellent call from the track crew. This obviously affected Ada's focus but she remained calm and was ready to start her engine when we were instructed the track was dry and safe. Qualifying saw a close field where Ada managed a best reaction of 0.078 seconds which was only good enough for 18th place. This shows how tight the qualifying was with number 1 qualified with a 0.007 seconds!

The team noticed that the drive belt from her transmission was slipping which would not have been helping Ada's reaction times. Unfortunately, we didn't have a spare and need to order one from America. Although disappointed that she wasn't higher in the field, Ada was in good spirits and accepted that sometimes we have to work with issues on our race cars and adapt to the new challenges.

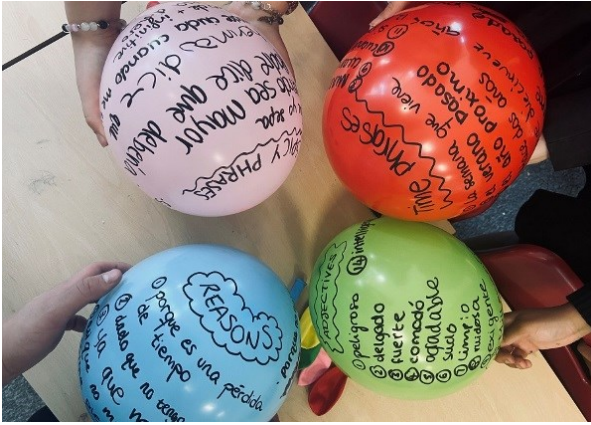
Ada was ready to go on Sunday morning for the first round of Eliminations but unfortunately heavy rain prevailed until the early afternoon meaning the organisers had to call off the event early for safety reasons. Again, disappointing, but we understand that safety comes first and we need to accept "that is racing!" Ada was also extremely helpful with the team, helping out in the pits over the weekend and especially when packing away. Ada set the tyre pressure on both race cars, the trailer and her Mother's car. Ada even got busy with the tools helping her Dad remove the wheelie bar from the big Dragster and helped service it ready to be loaded away.

Ada and the LFR Racing team are very much looking forward to the next event at the end on May, as it is not only the next championship round for the MSUK, but also the first FIA European round of the season." ***Good luck from everyone at THS!***





# UNIQUE REVISION STRATEGIES



It was great to see our Year 11 students trying new revision techniques in their period 5 MFL session on Monday. Ms Garcia brought colour and movement to the class to help motivate and refresh students knowledge retrieval practice. The group inflated balloons and used each one as a category, including connectives, opinions and time phrases. Every 30 seconds students threw their balloon to someone else to add a different sentence into that category using a whiteboard maker.

Well done Year 11 and thank you Ms Garcia for such a creative revision idea!

## NATIONAL NUMERACY DAY - MINIONS VS DINOSAURS

All year groups have enjoyed assemblies in the run up to Numeracy Day, and this week, on the day itself, Year 7 students took part in a unique 'Minions vs Dinosaurs' lesson in the hall. Thoroughly enjoyed by all, the lesson saw students run an imaginary business where they could earn profits from sending minions to picnic island or risking shifts on t rex island for the chance of a higher return! The group paid income tax and even faced the impact of minion industrial action in what proved to be a truly unique and memorable activity.

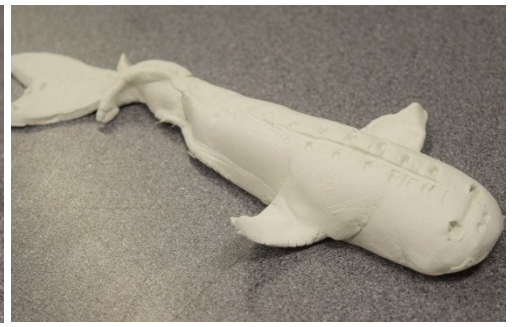
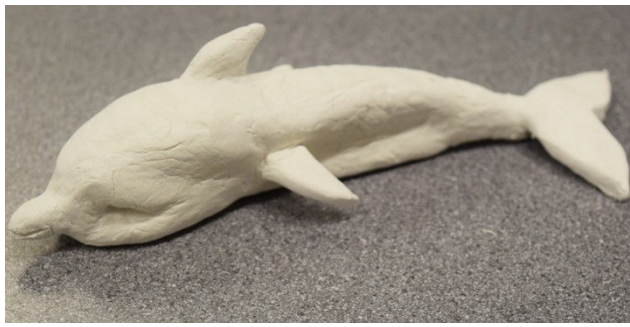
During the action packed hour long sessions, the students were taken through a balance sheet that incorporated many mathematical skills such as; multiplication, addition, subtraction, probability, percentages and rounding.

A big thank you to Mr Hall for organising such an exceptional experience.





## 3D CLAY SCULPTURES



### YEAR 9 Hub At The Hinckley School

Last week, Year 9 3D Design students finalised their 3D animals and creatures inspired by Japanese Koi, Dragons and Pandas.

The task enabled them to explore the potential and limitations of constructing forms using thumb/ pinch pots with hollow centres, making appropriate selections to support the final structure. They also further developed the application of surface qualities representative of texture and scales. Well done Year 9, some really detailed work and effective use of techniques.



## BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S ASSESSED EXPEDITION



Our Bronze assessed expedition took place over the weekend, starting at Burrough on the Hill, Leicestershire. The participants walked 12-15k each day carrying their personal and group equipment for the 6 hours of their planned journey time.

Once they reached the campsite at Tilton on Hill, they put up their tents, cooked their tea on Trangias and then enjoyed the evening sun playing ball games. On day 2, they continued their walk through Rollaston Estate, finishing at the village of Tugby.



Congratulations to all of our young people who took part in their Bronze assessed expedition on their fantastic achievement.

Although they found it tough at times due to the hot weather and the early morning starts, they all showed positive attitudes, determination and teamwork throughout.

Well done to all and many thanks to the leadership team for giving up their time over the weekend.

- Amy Fennell, DoFE Co-Ordinator



# DOFE BRONZE VOLUNTEERING



Students Faith and Daisy have completed the Volunteering component for their Duke of Edinburgh's award, tackling the DofE stores, keeping it organised and making sure the equipment is expedition ready. Well done both, you have done a fantastic job over the 3 month timescale. Thank you so much! - Amy Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator

## DRAMA WORKSHOPS



Year 10 and 12 Drama students were treated to workshops from external volunteers this week, as they got some inspiration for their practical work.

Joe Snape, alumni student and newly graduated from Drama school, worked with students on their naturalistic skills of method acting in the style of Katie Mitchell, while Bekki Maddox, Drama coach, inspired the students in a masterclass of screen acting.

Both workshops were thoroughly enjoyed by students and gave them food for thought for their own devising work, 'it's so refreshing to get a myriad of ideas through the work of different practitioners; it really inspires the imagination and ignites the devising work', said Mrs Cook, Head of Performing Arts, 'the students responded as always with energy and commitment; great work!'

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# SPRING ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

We are delighted to share our new Enrichment Calendar for the first part of the Summer Term. Providing another opportunity for our students to enjoy participating in extra curricular activities, creating life long memories, making new friends and learning new skills. Please familiarise yourself with the new opportunities on the next two pages.

## Enrichment Lunchtime – Summer 1

<b>Monday</b>				
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	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Maths Challenge	Lunchtime	Years 7&8	M. Swann	G3
Bridge Wildlife Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Mason	Cambridge
Crochet Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	L. Wills	D10
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Strategy Board Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Girls Football & Y8 Inter-form	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Origami	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D12
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Birks	MPR
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Gadsby	L1
Sustainability Council (week 1)	Lunchtime	Invite only	G. Malin	L2
STEM Food Club (week 2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-10	J. Wilson	D20
Boys Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Creative Writing Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Hale	H7
KS3 Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	M. Smith	H6
KS3 Electronics	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	P. Harrison	D1
Summer Science	1:30-1:55pm	Years 7&8	C. Smith	Cube
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
<b>Thursday</b>				
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Boys Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
<b>Friday</b>				
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 9	R. Byrne	G2
Bridge Badminton (mixed)	Lunchtime	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE



## Enrichment After School – Summer 1

Monday				
Senior Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10-13	J. Elvidge	PE
Robot Wars Construction	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	P. Harrison	D1
Tuesday				
Rock School	3:00-4:15pm	Invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars Tournaments	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Holmes	D1
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	A9
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	Cube
Wednesday				
Programming Challenge	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	C. Holmes	D1
Badminton	3:00-4:00pm	Years 10-11	G. Nicastro	PE
DofE Gold	5:15-7:30pm	Year 12 & 13	A. Fennell	Cube
Y11 CNat Drop in	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	M. Pallett	Library
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 8	C. Froome	PE
Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-11	F. Nichols	PE
KS3 Rugby	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-9	M. Stocks	PE
Music and Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Artist's Retreat	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	Art
Maths Y10 Catch Up	3:00-4:00pm	Year 10 Higher	H. Bailey	G2
Reading Outside the Box	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	E. Rayson	Library
Friday				
Touch Rugby (mixed gender)	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-11	M. Stocks	PE
Gateway Beauty Room	3:00-4:00pm	Year 8	M. French	G5

### Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. As we enter 2024 why not try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions



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