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NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



It is hard to believe that we have now arrived at the February half-term break. The students here continue to astound me with their infectious enthusiasm, impressive talent and sense of community and I have watched in awe since the start of the year as students display a real passion for learning, excel in enrichment, make unforgettable memories, forge life long friendships, and show PRIDE in all they do. Our community has achieved so much this half term and with this week bringing the mock exam period to an end, I hope that our students can now enjoy a well earned rest before coming back refreshed and revitalised on Monday 24th February 2025.

Tomorrow, our community will be supporting 'Tins for Trainers' as part of The Hinckley Community Cup. This event will show support for our local area food bank and I would like to thank families in advance for their generosity. It is vital that we teach our students the importance of thinking of others, empathy and community spirit, so that they can continue to shape the world around them positively with care and consideration. We are not only supporting our students to find academic success, but to develop into responsible and conscientious role models within the community and events such as this help them to not only grow, but provide an opportunity for them to organise events for community causes close to their hearts.

I wish you all a peaceful half-term break.

Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES DURING FOOTBALL CUP

Our Year 9 and 10 girls football team put up a determined performance in their recent cup fixture against John Ferneley College. Despite their best efforts, the team fell to a tough defeat. Isla was outstanding in goal, making some brilliant saves. In defence, Tilly, Izzy, and Lexi worked tirelessly to stop the opposition, while Paige, Neve, Lexi, and Sadie battled hard in midfield, controlling play, and creating chances. Ava provided a great moment with a well-taken goal, and Elsie and Bethan came on as substitutes and made a real impact, adding energy to the team. Throughout the match, they exhibited outstanding football, and the girls should be extremely proud of their efforts!

- Ms C Gillett, Teacher of PE



SIX THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT SIXTH FORM

This Valentine's Day, there will be sweet treats and heart-warming messages hidden around our Sixth Form Centre for Year 12 and 13 students to find. We hope that our Year 12 and 13 students enjoy taking part in 'Heart & Seek' tomorrow!

In addition, as part of our efforts to stay connected with students who have applied to join The Hinckley Sixth Form in September 2025, we have sent all applicants a small gesture of positivity, some sweets and a little positive message, to brighten up their day and congratulate them on their hard work during the mock exam window.

Alongside these sweet treats, a flyer and video sharing six things to love about sixth form has also been created by our Year 12 community to support students with their post-16 decision making. We hope you enjoy hearing our students share what they love about our community!

[Click here to watch the video!](#)



Happy Valentines Day
from The Hinckley Sixth Form



6 things to love about sixth form

1 #

Bespoke Facilities

"The Sixth Form Centre is the perfect place to make a fresh start with great facilities such as a university style study space and newly refurbished Cafe6."

- Brad, Year 12
(The Hinckley School Alumni)



2 #

Student Leadership

"One thing I love about sixth form is the amount of student leadership opportunities. I love leading a British Sign Language enrichment group for Year 7 students."

- Eve, Year 12
(Saint Martin's Catholic Academy Alumni)



3 #

Friendship

"I'm part of the sixth form rugby team and I've found it a really good way to make new friends and play rugby for the school."

- Thom, Year 12
(Hastings High School Alumni)



4 #

Subject Specialists

"There is a wide variety of courses available at our sixth form. I study Psychology, Biology and Chemistry and benefit from the knowledge and support of subject specialists."

- Anisa, Year 12
(Hastings High School Alumni)



5 #

Enrichment

"At The Hinckley Sixth Form we offer a range of enrichment activities, including Duke of Edinburgh Gold which I personally take part in. To complete this award, you do not have to have completed Bronze or Silver."

- Rosie, Year 12
(Hastings High School Alumni)



6 #

Applications are Open

You could be joining our vibrant student community in 2025!
www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk

"The Future Starts With Us"
- So why wait?

Apply online today!

Scan to apply!



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Scan to watch the full video!



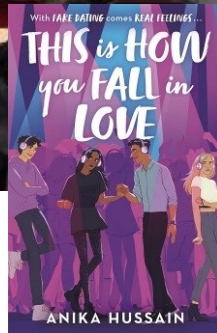
LIVE VIRTUAL AUTHOR EVENT WITH ANIKA HUSSAIN



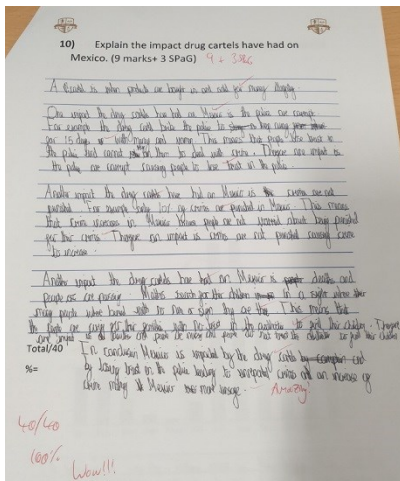
As part of our '8 for 8' book group with 'Creative Learning Services' we have been reading 'This is How you Fall in Love' by Anika Hussain. The book is a story of best friends, fake dating, twists and secrets with a wonderful Desi girl Zara at the heart. On Wednesday afternoon we had a virtual event with author Anika Hussain for our book group members and a year 8 English class. Anika spoke about how she got into writing, her inspiration for the book, read an extract and answered questions from schools taking part. We sent her a number of questions together and were really pleased when she answered at least 3 of them for us, including "What is your favourite Rom-Com film?" to which she answered "How to lose a guy in 10 days" from 2003.

Meeting authors of the books we have been looking at is so inspirational for our students and we are fortunate to have a number of both virtual and in person author events booked in over the next few months. —*Ms Crisp, Librarian*

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FULL MARKS IN GEOGRAPHY ASSESSMENT



This week, Mr Gadsby would like to congratulate Charlotte in Year 8 for her hard work in Geography.

Charlotte even achieved 100%, 40/40, on her South America assessment! The answer she gave to one of the 9 mark questions can be seen on the left, Mr Gadsby's feedback was simply, 'Amazing!' and 'WOW'!

Congratulations on achieving full marks Charlotte, keep up the great work!

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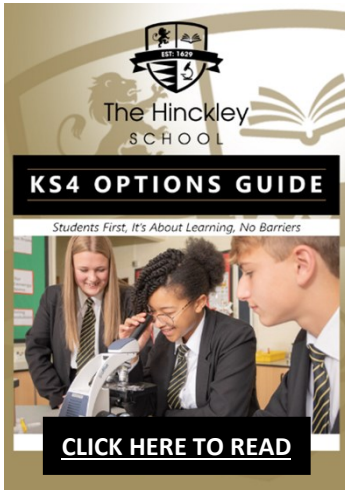
2025-26 TERM DATES ARE NOW ONLINE

Our 2025-26 term dates are now available on our website.

[Click here](#) to view them online.

We would like to remind parents, carers and students that the last day of the summer term is **Friday 11th July 2025.**

YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING



This week, we welcomed Year 9 students and their families to our Options Evening. The attendance was fantastic and our team thoroughly enjoyed sharing insights into their subjects and supporting students with their decision making. In addition to Options Evening, Year 9 students have also sampled a selection of option subjects this week to further support their upcoming decisions around KS4 courses.

Options need to be submitted online (all families have been sent the form link via email) by **Monday 3rd March 2025**. Click the link image to the left to explore our KS4 Options Guide.

YEAR 9 Hub At The Hinckley School

TEENAGE VACCINATIONS

The School Immunisation Service is coming to school to offer young people in **Year 9** the free, safe and effective teenage booster and MenACWY vaccines on **28th February 2025**. The teenage booster protects against tetanus, diphtheria and polio. MenACWY protects against meningitis and meningococcal septicaemia. Both are given as a quick injection into the upper arm.

Parents and carers: please register your consent decision online: www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk - our school code is **LE141682**

or call the service on: 0300 3000 007.

A poster from the NHS Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. The title is 'Teenage Vaccinations'. Below the title, it says 'Boost your protection against serious diseases with the'. There are two star icons: one next to '3-in-1 teenage booster' and another next to 'MenACWY'. On the left, there is a 'LEVEL UP' graphic with a heart icon. At the bottom, there is a purple box with the text 'Contact the School Aged Immunisation Service' and contact details: 'lpt.sais@nhs.net' and '0300 3000 007'.

The Hinckley School logo, featuring a shield with a lion, a book, and a ship, with 'EST: 1629' below it.

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Summer Coursework Collection

Students who certified in Summer 2024 can now collect their GCSE/A-Level Art/Photography coursework.

To collect, please contact Miss Webster (24-48 hours' notice is required) Please collect from reception between 8am-4pm Mon-Thursday and 8am-3:30pm Friday.

**Any work not collected by Friday 14th February will be disposed off.
Don't loose your masterpieces!**

SPANISH FLASH CARDS

Year 8 students have been preparing for their Spanish assessment on the topic of Environment by creating their own flash cards. Ms Garcia is delighted with their brilliant work and students have enjoyed getting creative while making these visual learning resources. Well done!

Environment - medio ambiente	Pollution - contaminación	Recycle - reciclar
Trees - árboles	Nature - naturaleza	Climate Change - cambio climático



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WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR STUDENTS, PARENTS, CARERS AND STAFF A HAPPY HALF-TERM BREAK.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING OUR COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2025.

NEW

Enrichment Lunchtime

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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

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Enrichment After School

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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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