



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2024



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week, we have well and truly embraced the Christmas spirit! Students have helped spread Christmas cheer by performing at The Ashton Care Home in Hinckley - a heart warming annual festive tradition, enjoyed year group reward events together and participated in the highly anticipated 'Bridge Sing Off' to parents and carers, which, saw us welcome over 100 parents and carers to our community celebration. These events have created treasured memories for students and staff and I would like to thank our community for embracing these festivities and spreading a little joy by sharing their talents, compassion and warmth with others.

Alongside our festive celebrations, our lessons continue to offer students an exciting academic programme, with students in Year 11 benefitting from additional option block lessons this week to prepare them for future success. Their hard work and overall conduct in these sessions has been exemplary. Enrichment has also continued to inspire this week, with our Rugby programme in particular continuing to go from strength to strength. Our boys Year 7/8 and 10/11 teams enjoyed a highly competitive fixture vs Market Bosworth on Wednesday and did us proud once again with their determination. I would like to thank Hinckley Rugby Club for hosting and for their continued support. Our girls rugby team also enjoyed an unforgettable training session this week, as they welcomed former England rugby player and head of women's rugby at Leicester Tigers, Vicky Macqueen. This was a fantastic opportunity for our players to be coached by the best and I would like to sincerely thank her for joining us.

Next week, in our final week of term, we look forward to enjoying our celebration assemblies, year group Christmas dinners and our annual Christmas Bazaar. Our last day of term, Friday 20th December, will be a Christmas Jumper Day, with all students invited to bring in a £1 suggested donation to our Bazaar fundraising charities in return for wearing a Christmas jumper or other festive adornment to celebrate our final day together in 2024. On Friday 20th December, The Hinckley School will also close at 12:30pm as we gather to wave our students off on their December break.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## LAST DAY OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS - FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

- CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY-£1 SUGGESTED DONATION (CHRISTMAS JUMPER OR FESTIVE ADORNMENT)
  - EARLY FINISH AT 12:30PM FOR ALL STUDENTS. BEAVER BUS HAVE BEEN INFORMED.
  - ALL YEAR GROUPS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025

## CELEBRATING OUR BRITISH NATIONAL JUDO CHAMPION!

On Saturday, Katrina in Year 9 competed in the British National Judo Championships 2024. We are delighted to announce that for a second year running, Katrina won first place, meaning that she is now number 1 for her weight division in the United Kingdom.

Being crowned the winner is an extremely impressive achievement, with the GB Judo Community describing the competition as, "your chance to prove you're the best in Britain for your weight category. Victory here crowns you as the national champion, the pinnacle of achievement in UK Judo. Don't miss the opportunity to showcase your skill and dedication on the ultimate stage!"

Balancing training and competing alongside school work is no easy task and we admire Katrina's determination, dedication and resilience. Congratulations Katrina!



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## RUGBY TEAM DISPLAY 'GREAT HEART AND SPIRIT'



On Wednesday, our Year 7/8 and Year 10/11 boys rugby teams played two highly anticipated fixtures against Market Bosworth. With a 4:30pm kick off, the fixture was kindly hosted by Hinckley Rugby Club, so that our students could showcase their determination, team work and talent under the flood lights.

It proved a tough match, but our team showed determination throughout with Mr Stocks praising their 'great heart and spirit'.

Players and coaches look forward to continuing to write this exciting new chapter in our rugby legacy.

## FORMER ENGLAND RUGBY STAR LEADS TRAINING



On Tuesday 10th December, our girls rugby team were joined by former England rugby player and head of women's rugby at Leicester Tigers Vicky MacQueen. The training session, which saw Vicky return to the very rugby pitch where she played her first ever game, saw students take part in drills to improve their passing, movement and communication.



Students have shared how much they enjoyed meeting Vicky and benefiting from her knowledge and coaching expertise. Thank you to Vicky for joining us and for helping to inspire our players.

**Good luck to everyone who is playing in the girls rugby fixture at HRFC at the weekend, we can't wait to hear how you got on.**

# PANTOMIME SPREADS FESTIVE CHEER



Our Year 10 students have been impressing audiences with their pantomime 'Shrek the Musical' this week.

As well as performing at The Ashton Care Home, students have been entertaining their peers here at The Hinckley School by putting on their pantomime for students in their Year Group assemblies.

With wonderful comic timing, humour and creativity, audiences have loved participating in this seasonal tradition and we look forward to continuing to watch their wonderful performances next week.

**YEAR 10** Hub  
*At The Hinckley School*



# CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE AT THE ASHTON CARE HOME



The residents of the local Ashton Care Home were in for a treat on Tuesday, as the Year 10 Drama students and musicians of The Hinckley School entertained and brightened up their December morning.

The event commenced with the talented Year 10 Drama students performing an entertaining and engaging rendition of 'Shrek the Musical', filled with humour and creativity. Their hard work and dedication shone through as they encouraged the residents to participate and filled the room with joy.

Following the pantomime, our brilliant musicians took the spotlight, performing an array of classical, jazz and popular music to impress the residents. At the end, the choir joined in, leading the residents in a rousing sing-along of Christmas classics and carols.

The morning was a resounding success, showcasing the skill of all performers. We are immensely proud of their commitment and talent which helped brighten The Ashton Care home residents' morning with cheer and festivities.

—Mr Riley, Head of Music



# 'BRIDGEMAS' CHRISTMAS SING OFF

On Tuesday afternoon, we had the delight of welcoming parent and carers of Bridge students to our 'Brigemas Christmas Sing Off'. Over 100 guests enjoyed a merry mix of music and mince pies as we celebrated our community this festive season.

Competing in their tutor groups, students performed a range of classic Christmas hits featuring impressive vocals, costumes and dance routines. Some students even showed off their musical talents by accompanying the performances on the piano, guitar or double bass. The event was a true showcase of our sense of community and belonging, after the show Mr Matharu congratulated students and thanked staff who supported the event, "This is what it is all about creating treasured memories for our students. Everyone left the event with a smile on their face and it was a joy to welcome families to our festive celebration." When all tutor groups had impressed with their performances, guests cast their votes and crowned Cambridge as very worthy winners—who then took to the stage for one final rendition of 'Step into Christmas'. Alongside the incredible entertainment, guests enjoyed hot drinks, mince pies and received 'The Bridge Christmas Card' filled with staff end of term messages and a look back at events and celebrations since August.

We would like to sincerely thank students, staff and parents and carers for supporting such a special event and The Bridge Team wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.



## MOVIE AND POPCORN EVENT

Year 7 settled down to watch 'That Christmas' in the heart space this week as they enjoyed their community reward event on Thursday.

Accompanied by popcorn cones distributed by Mr Matharu, students sat with their friends for a relaxed afternoon of entertainment.

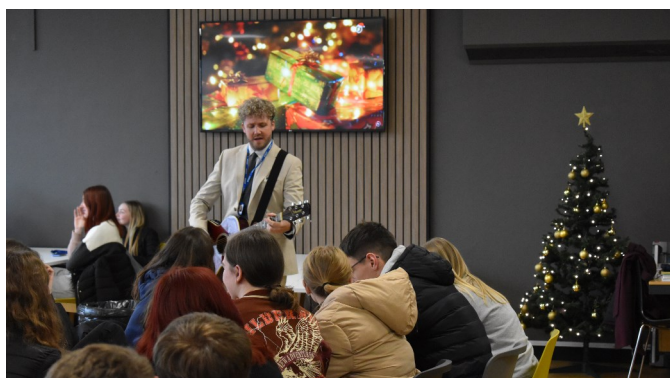
Next week, students will continue their celebrations as they enjoy their year group Christmas dinner, celebration assembly, watch our Year 10 pantomime 'Shrek the musical' and attend the Christmas Bazaar.



## SIXTH FORM CHRISTMAS MIXER

Sixth Form students enjoyed their festive celebrations this week, as they held a Christmas mixer in Cafe6. Celebrating the end of a wonderful year, our sixth form community gathered together to share memories, celebrate student awards, enjoy live entertainment and eat Christmas food.

It was a delight to mark the end of the year with this community event in our newly refurbished café and our sixth formers sense of community was clear to see. Thank you to our Year 12 and 13 students for a wonderful afternoon.



## SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

The December edition of our regular Safeguarding and Wellbeing Newsletter has been sent to parents/carers this week and can now be found on our website. This edition contains information on Christmas hygiene boxes, e safety assemblies, warm homes information, community notices and more. [Click here to read and download your copy.](#)

If you have any questions about an item featured in our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Newsletter, please contact a member of our team:

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# ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CAREER AS AN ILLUSTRATOR?

**MYPATH**

**ILLUSTRATOR**

Have you ever considered a career as an illustrator?

An illustrator is paid to create drawings and other images to meet a client's needs. These could be used for advertising, branding or to be used in print and other formats. Illustrators need to respond to feedback and communicate well with clients to meet their needs.

[Click here to learn more about a career as an Illustrator.](#)

**FALMOUTH**  
UNIVERSITY

[Click here to learn more about studying Illustration BA \(Hons\) at Falmouth University.](#)

December Art, Craft and Design Challenge:

## 'Trashion'

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Launch: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Deadline: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Challenge:**

Select, manipulate and construct found and recycled materials into a fashion garment or accessory

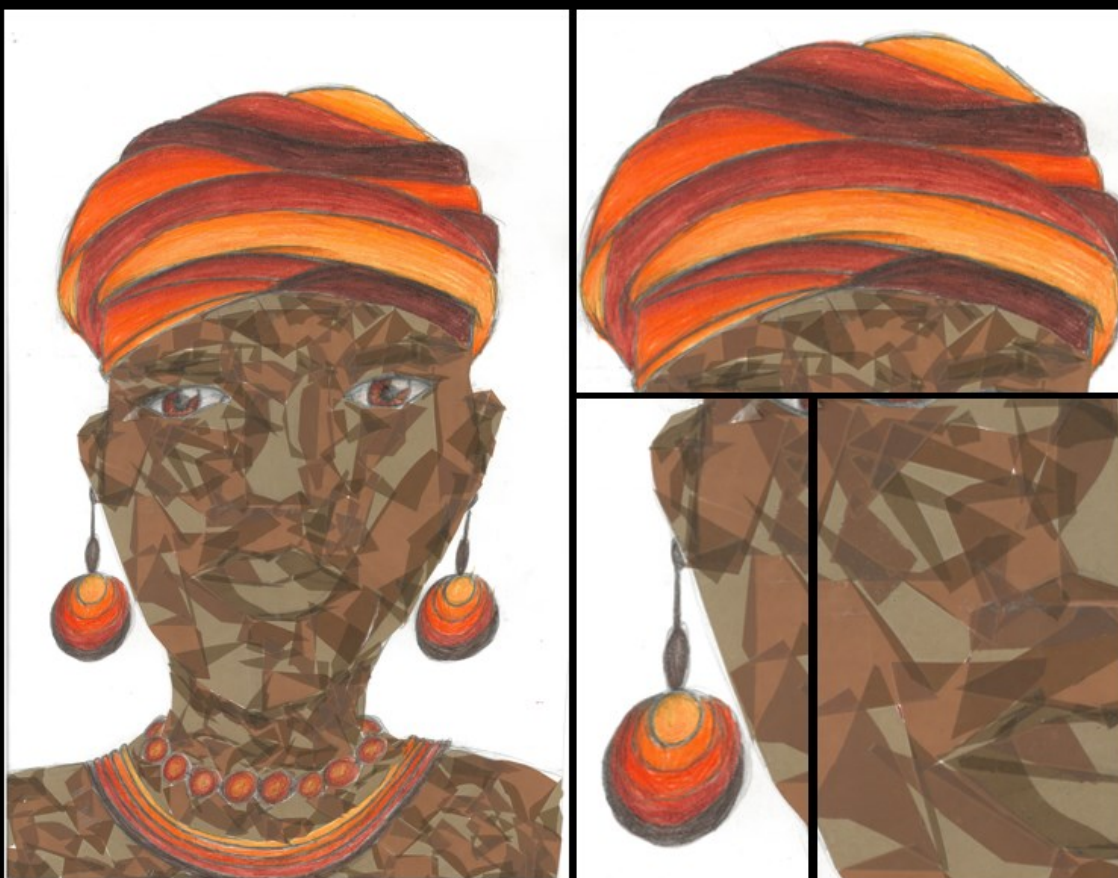
Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to [kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)

**Top Tips:**

- The garment/ accessory can be for a male or female
- The garment can be made to size OR scaled down to a sample size
- The materials can be assembled together using stitch and/ or with other adhesive such as glue (but please get guidance from a parent/ carer when using these materials)
  - Could you photograph a model wearing your garment?
  - Could your design take inspiration from shapes and silhouettes popular in historical periods?



## NOVEMBER ADT COMPETITION - WINNER CROWNED



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*'This fusion of both parcel tape and coloured pencil in the mixed media response demonstrates such creativity and consideration to ensure that each component remains defined and distinguished. The coloured pencil is fantastically well blended and harmonises with the tones of the parcel tape to create a cohesive piece. The observation of tones within the face is accurate, with pieces of tape carefully layered to replicate the full tonal range, enhancing the shape and 3D form of the face'*

Miss Webster, Head of Art

Art, Design & Technology Department

**November Art Challenge: 'Tape Art'**

Prize Winner: Laura Y7

## 'THE BEAUTIFUL TRUTH' - CELEBRATING OUR PUBLISHED POETS

We are delighted to announce that seven of our incredible writers have had their work selected to be published following their submissions for 'The Beautiful Truth' Poetry Competition. The Beautiful Truth Poetry competition was organised by Young Writer's, for students aged 11-18. The competition was to empower and inspire students, create a passion for poetry and help them discover the freedom of creative expression.

Students will now receive a certificate to congratulate them on this wonderful achievement, and we cannot wait to see their poems in print!



The Hinckley  
SIXTH FORM

Evie —Year 7  
Mia —Year 7  
Leah —Year 7  
Ella —Year 7

Isla —Year 12

Courtney —Year 7  
Lorelai —Year 7







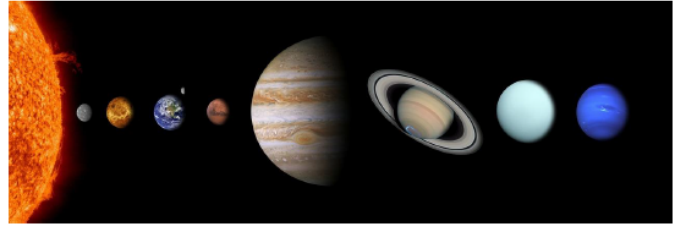
FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

# TEA & TOAST

MAIN FOYER

8:15AM | EVERYONE WELCOME

## Intro to Astronomy Counting Stars



Do you want to explore the planets stars and galaxies?

Learn

- How many stars are in the milky way
- How the size of different planets compares to Earth
- How to measure vast distances

This course will be Online

Monday 16 December 6.30 – 8.30 pm

To book your place call 0800 988 0308 and quote the course code: 24SN574N

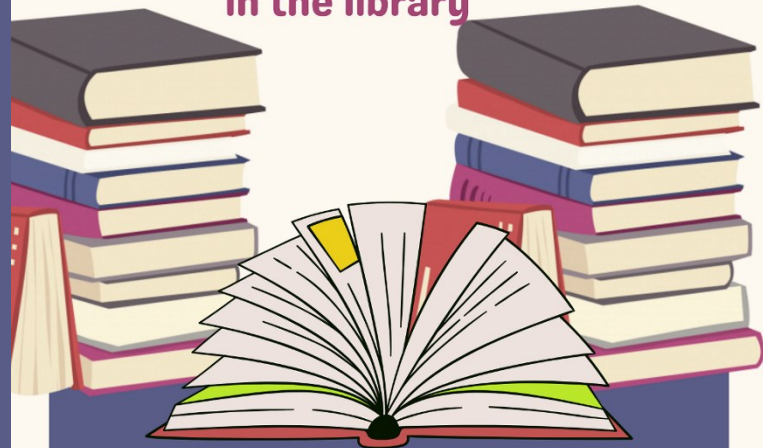
Eligibility requirements apply. If you have any queries please email [elanor.m.andrews@leics.gov.uk](mailto:elanor.m.andrews@leics.gov.uk)



## silent Book Club

Everyone Welcome

November 28th 3pm -4pm  
in the library



Drinks and biscuits provided

# EXCEPTIONAL ENRICHMENT - NEW ACTIVITIES ADDED!

We are delighted to share our **updated** Enrichment Calendar for the Autumn Term, now featuring even more opportunities! We encourage all students to get involved in three activities a week either during lunchtime or after school and log all attendance in order for students to work towards their Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond Enrichment Awards!

## Enrichment After School

### Autumn Term 2024

Monday				
Boys Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	M. Pallett	PE
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	F. Godfrey	PE
Music Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Fine Art Masterclass	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Robot Wars (Oct Half Term Onwards)	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
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	Cube
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	A9
Wednesday				
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 11-13	F. Godfrey	PE
Boys Rugby	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7-13	M. Stocks	PE
Football (GCSE & A Level)	3:15-4:15pm	Years 11-13	A. Barnacle	PE
Girls Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 9&10	C. Gillett	PE
Pond Renovation & Eco study	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-9	T. Pratt	S2
War Hammer (start TBC)	3:00-4:00pm	Year 9-13 Invite	C. Hoffman	D11
Choir	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Electronics Club (Oct Half Term Onwards)	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	P. Harrison	D14
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
Girls Football	3:15-4:15pm	Years 7&8	C. Gillett	PE
Netball	3:15-4:15pm	Years 9&10	F. Godfrey	PE
Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	C. Hoffman	MU1
V&A Innovate Competition	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7	K. Webster	D7
Film Club (Last Thurs of Month)	3:00 onwards	Years 7-9	G. Mathieson	Library
Friday				
Music Rehearsals	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Y11 Food & Nutrition	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	J. Wilson	D20

### 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



# Enrichment Lunchtime

<b>Monday</b>				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Drama Society (Wk1)	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Read and Relax	Lunchtime	Year 7	G. Mathieson	Loughborough
Latin for Beginners	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	H. Foers	H3
Fine Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
F1 Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	I. Wincote	G1
Creative Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Fine Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 11	K. Webster	D7
Drama Society (Wk2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Mindfulness Colouring	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	P. Johnson	D10
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Birks	MPR
Cultural Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	J. Payne	D15
Strategy Boardgames	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Music Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	D. Riley	MU1
Drama Society (Wk1)	Lunchtime	Years 10-13	K. Cook	Drama
Drama Society (Wk2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	K. Cook	Drama
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Science Buskin (C. Smith)	Lunchtime	Years 9-11	G. Kendall	S11
Crafts	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D12
Library Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
<b>Thursday</b>				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10 & 11	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
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	A. Gadsby	L1
Eco Council (Wk 2)	Lunchtime	Year 7-13	G. Malin	L2
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
<b>Friday</b>				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Meditation and Mindfulness	Lunchtime	Years 12&13	C. Jenkins	A3
National Cipher Challenge 27 <sup>th</sup>	Lunchtime	Years 9-13	L. Stone	D14
Bridge Lunch Clubs	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Art Open Studio	Lunchtime	Year 10	K. Webster	D7
Writers Workshop	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Mathieson	A9
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 10	R. Byrne	H9
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library