



The Hinckley  
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# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

THURSDAY 11TH JULY 2024

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

I once again find myself writing the final newsletter of the academic year and it always acts as a reminder of just how quickly time goes by. This year, alongside a commitment to delivering an inclusive and aspirational curriculum which supports success for all, our students have enjoyed so much as a community to enrich their experience - international trips to places such as Austria, New York and Spain, outstanding extra curricular opportunities which saw our netball teams come home as County Cup Champions and students develop knowledge and skills in new fields such as Geology, Palaeontology and Robotics. As well as whole school events which brought us closer together as a community, as audiences applauded at Matilda shows, cheered on our young people at our Sports Festival and supported charity fundraisers. Another highlight was of course securing our Good Ofsted rating in all areas—a testament to our committed staff and wonderful students. We have created a unique sense of community and belonging here and it is a privilege to witness each student enjoy seven years of these exceptional opportunities which strengthen friendships, raise aspirations and create life long memories.

This week many of our students attended the first ever Arts Festival by The Futures Trust, a collaboration between our Performing Arts departments. This event was truly inspirational, as fifteen of our already accomplished poets, artists and actors worked with other students from the trust, met the Coventry Poet Laureate and worked with internationally recognised artists and theatre companies, in a true celebration of the arts and the power of creativity. This event was one not to be forgotten and I would like to thank the organisers on everyone's behalf for such an incredible event.

Today, we had the honour of hosting local industry leaders for an Employability and Skills Taskforce meeting. Guests got to meet some of our students to discuss their future aspirations, work experience placements and our careers provision. It was wonderful to connect our young people with these influential and inspiring professionals as they shared insights from the workforce of tomorrow. Thank you to all students who represented the school, you truly did yourselves proud.

School has continued as normal this week, to ensure our students benefit as much as possible from their time in the classroom. Tomorrow, our last day of term, will be slightly different, as we invite all students to participate in a non-school uniform day as a final act of support for the incredible fundraising led by Marlow and Katie for three cancer charities. We appreciate how supportive our community has been of their hard work and we look forward to sharing their fundraising total when we return in August.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

ON OUR LAST DAY OF TERM, FRIDAY 12TH JULY, THE SCHOOL WILL CLOSE EARLY AT 12:30PM.

## THE FUTURES TRUST ARTS FESTIVAL



This first ever Futures Trust Arts Festival was a truly unique event which saw fifteen students from The Hinckley School meet leading lights in the arts, including poets, authors, actors and artists, as well as working with their peers from our sister schools within The Futures Trust in a vibrant celebration of the Arts. Organised by Barr's Hill, it was a perfect example of the unique opportunities being part of The Futures Trust family brings for our community.

Ms Crisp our Librarian said, "It was such an amazing once in a lifetime experience for the students and very special to observe friendships develop between the different schools and different age groups. The theatre at 'Fargo Village' 'The Box' was filled to the rafters with parents and staff coming to watch the performance as a culmination of three days of workshops. The show was incredibly powerful and emotional, with all three art forms coming together on stage with their interpretations of what the poem 'Flag' by John Agard meant to them. It was a privilege to be able to be a part of this project."



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# THE FUTURES TRUST ARTS FESTIVAL (CONTINUED)

During the festival our budding actors worked with the Highly Sprung theatre company, future artists collaborated with artists from Venezuelan and our passionate poets met with Coventry's Poet Laureate, John Barnard. They were also treated to a talk with poet John Agard, who appears on the English GCSE specification. Over the course of the festival, students took part in workshops and created a range of work based on the stimulus of flags, with a final showcase evening at the Fargo Village Arts Theatre.

Parents, carers and friends came to watch the final performances, view displays and of course to congratulate all involved for their contribution to this fantastic spectacle. Mrs Cook, Head of Performing Arts, has shared how truly inspirational the event was, commenting, "This was such a unique experience for the students, to really champion and celebrate their interest and passion for the arts whilst working with some truly inspirational practitioners. It was great to meet students from our trust schools and our work together has forged some important connections for future collaborations. The students embraced every second and the final performance and exhibition evening was testament to all their hard work – we couldn't be prouder! "

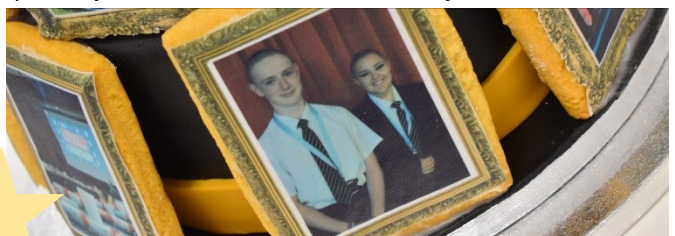


## SHOWSTOPPER CELEBRATES 12 MONTHS OF TREASURED MEMORIES



Staff would like to say a big thank you to Marlow for once again presenting our team with an incredible showstopping cake to enjoy at the end of term. This year's creation features three tiers adorned with edible biscuit photo frames to celebrate the success, events and opportunities enjoyed at The Hinckley School over the past year.

It will be a shame to cut this cake, it is truly incredible and photos just do not do the level of detail justice.



# NON-UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW



A reminder that all students are invited to take part in a non-uniform day tomorrow, Friday 12th July, to raise money for three cancer charities. This fundraising is led by Year 10 students Marlow and Katie, who following the cancer diagnosis of a close family member, have decided to take on this incredible fundraising mission.

Having already led an extremely successful Just Giving campaign, held bake sales, charity penalty shoot outs and been brave enough to participate in sponsored head shave, our non-uniform day is the final act in their fundraising calendar.

Students can donate a suggested £2 contribution via Parent Pay in advance, or can bring in a cash donation on the day.

It has been wonderful to see our community pull together in support of these extraordinary young people and this support will make a difference to countless individuals and families. Thank you to everyone for their support.

## Staff Cake Competition Gets Competitive!

Many of you may already know of Marlow's talent for baking, having regularly whipped up showstoppers to thank staff and mark key occasions—such as the one on the previous page! This week he presented our team with another cake, this time filled with sweets and challenged us to pay £1 a go to guess how many were in side, with the winner taking home the entire cake! It is safe to say staff have been very competitive and are all eagerly waiting to find out the total and the lucky winner.

Thank you to Marlow for channelling his creativity for such a good cause.



# KS3 ART COMPETITION - HAVE YOU ENTERED?

**BRIGHTON PIER**

- ❑ PHOTOGRAPHY: SCENES, CLOSE-UP'S AND TEXTURES, PATTERNS, CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY 'HACKS' AND TRICKS, LIGHTING, ANGLE AND VIEWPOINT
- ❑ DRAWINGS: SKETCHES, DOODLES, TIMED DRAWINGS AND MORE REFINED STUDIES, PAINTING
- ❑ TEXTILES: FABRIC AND PAPER MANIPULATION, APPLIQUE, HAND/MACHINE EMBROIDERY, PAINTING/ PRINTING ONTO FABRICS
- ❑ 3D: RECYCLED MATERIALS FROM THE LOCATION/ PLACE CONSTRUCTED INTO SUBJECTS/ BUILDINGS/ SCULPTURES ETC
- ❑ FOOD: RECIPES, MENU'S, PHOTOGRAPHS OF FOOD ITEMS/ MEALS (ESPECIALLY IF YOU MADE THEM YOURSELF!), REVIEWS/ STAR RATINGS

**YEAR 7, 8 & 9 SUMMER ART CHALLENGE**

'PRODUCE AN 'EXPLORER DIARY' THAT USES ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN MATERIALS AND PROCESSES TO VISUALLY RECORD YOUR SUMMER'

**SUBMISSIONS TO MISS WEBSTER IN D7**

Don't forget to enter our KS3 Art Competition! Prizes have kindly been donated by Turners Art in Matlock (Turners Art Supplies and Materials). We would like to sincerely thank them for supporting our students and this competition.

# POND DIPPING IDENTIFIES VARIED WILDLIFE



Year 7 Science class 7A2 tried their hand at pond dipping during their lesson with Dr Newbold on Wednesday. Using nets and collection trays students worked in groups to collect wildlife, then using a key, students were able to identify the variety that live in our school pond.

Students were thoroughly engaged throughout the lesson and showed great teamwork and oracy skills as they used the key and discussed what they had found. Well done Year 7.



## LET'S CELEBRATE!

Students all enjoyed Celebration Assemblies this week to mark the end of the academic term. Each assembly included words from each Year Team, certificates for PRIDE, Enrichment and Reading for Pleasure - to name but a few! As well as prize presentations, assemblies also included student performances, which impressed audiences with their talents.

These events were the perfect opportunity for each year group community to stop and take a moment to reflect on the progress, success and opportunities enjoyed over the last 12 months. Our Sixth Form are the final group to enjoy their celebration this afternoon, which will include interform competitions including a tug of war.

Students now move onto the next phase in their seven year journey and have all now met their new year teams. We hope they are all looking forward to returning in August and to another year of exceptional opportunities.



# ARRIVA 'STUDENT SAVER' TICKETS

The end of another school year is now fast approaching, and Arriva would like to take this opportunity to highlight the most cost-effective ticket options that are available for your students who will be traveling to school on Arriva buses during the 2024-25 academic year.

I would therefore be grateful if you could share the attached letter with the parents and carers of your pupils.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,

**Ian Davis**  
Business to Business Manager

Arriva Midlands



## Student & Child Travel 2024-25

Arriva would like to take this opportunity to remind you about the options we have available to support students travelling to school on our bus services. Arriva Student Saver tickets not only provide your child with reduced priced bus travel on their journey to and from school, but they can also use their pass to travel in the evenings, at weekends, and throughout all school term holidays.

You can spread the cost of our saver tickets over affordable monthly payments with our easy-to-use direct debit scheme. It is simple to apply and there is no setup fee or minimum contract, which means you can cancel your direct debit and stop your ticket at any time should your circumstances change. This makes it the ideal way to get reduced price bus travel without paying upfront.

To arrange your Direct Debit and for further information please scan the QR code or follow the link below:



*Child Saver tickets are valid for pupils up to and including year 11.  
Student Saver tickets are available for anyone aged 16+ in full time education.*

To ensure you get your saver ticket in time for the start of the new academic year, you can register for this ticket now but set your payments to commence after the summer. Once we have received your first payment, your ticket will be sent to you, then you won't need to worry about your child paying for tickets on the bus. You can choose to receive the ticket by post or if you download the Arriva UK bus app onto the ticket holders' phone and we can send an m-ticket to their app instead.

For travel Information including local maps and timetables please visit:

[www.arrivabus.co.uk](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk)

For further info, please email:

[Studenttickets.ams@arriva.co.uk](mailto:Studenttickets.ams@arriva.co.uk)



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phone with the Arriva UK Bus App.



## SUPPORT AND SAFETY OVER THE SUMMER

Please [click here](#) to read your latest Safeguarding & Well-Being Newsletter from Mrs Priestnall and her team. This includes important information about local support services available to families over the summer, as well as a reminder of how to keep safe over the break. If you have any questions about the information found in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the team using the email address found in the welcome address.

## Last Day of Term Information

### NON UNIFORM

The last day of term, Friday 12th July, will be a non-uniform day to raise money for three cancer charities. A £2 suggested donation can be made on Parent Pay or students can bring in a cash donation on the day.

### EARLY FINISH - 12:30PM

On Friday 12th July, the school will close at 12:30pm. School bus services have been made aware of this and their pick up times will reflect this early finish.

Please click [here](#) to read our full [‘End of Term Arrangements Letter’](#)



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## OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 18th September 2024

5pm-8pm

Tour 'The Bridge', our specialist Year 7 provision and learn more about our exceptional seven-year journey.

### TOUR SLOTS AVAILABLE NOW

As well as attending our Open Evening, why not book a tour to see school life in action?  
Call 01455 632183 to book.

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# CLASS OF 2024

## GCSE RESULTS DAY

Thursday 22nd August 2024, 9:00am-10:30am

We look forward to celebrating with you on **GCSE Exam Results Day** on **Thursday 22nd August 2024**, when The Hinckley School will be open for students to collect their results between **9:00am-10:30am**.

Please arrive via our Main Reception and make your way over to the Sixth Form Centre, where you will be presented with your results. Family and friends are more than welcome to join you on this special occasion.

Enrolment for The Hinckley Sixth Form will take place at the same time and our KS5 specialists will be on hand to offer support and advice.

**Good luck and see you soon!**



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## A LEVEL RESULTS DAY

Thursday 15th August 2024, 8:30am-10:00am

We look forward to celebrating with you on **A Level Exam Results Day** on **Thursday 15th August 2024**, when The Hinckley School will be open for students to collect their results between **8:30am-10:00am**.

Please arrive via our Main Reception and make your way over to the Sixth Form Centre, where you will be presented with your results. Family and friends are more than welcome to join you on this special occasion.

Our expert team will also be holding an 'A Level Results Clinic' until 12pm, to offer support and advice after you have received your results.

**Good luck and see you soon!**

**YEAR 12** - Please collect your results between 9:30am—10am

## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY TO HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY



Thanks again to Amy, Angela and their team from The Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council for coming in to run their "Healthy Holidays" roadshow at break time on Tuesday in our Sixth Form Centre.

We think that it is vitally important to remind all Hinckley Sixth Form students of the role they play in the wider community and how to ensure that (especially during holiday times) they are safe and responsible. This job is made much easier by the work of the council who deliver information on drugs, antisocial behaviour, alcohol consumption, personal safety, safer driving and contraception. The roadshow visits before all major holidays and the students always value the information. Congratulations to Sam who won the personal safety quiz and a box of Heroes!

## MILLIONAIRE'S TEA PARTY & SILENT BOOK CLUB



During the last lesson on Thursday, our library was transformed into a café for a Millionaire's Tea Party. Ms Crisp welcomed 19 students from Year 7, 8 and 9 who have all read over a million words as part of the Accelerated Reader programme. Well done to everyone for this impressive achievement and we hope you enjoyed celebrating at your tea party.

Later that day, after school ended, we held the last Silent Book Club' of the year. To mark the occasion, Malise from Year 7 baked a beautiful cake for Ms Crisp and her fellow students to enjoy. Thank you for this thoughtful gesture Malise, it was beautifully decorated and very tasty!

## YEAR 8 UNBOX THEIR FUTURE AT THE NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

On Friday, we took the final group of Year 8 students to complete their Unbox Your Future programme. This has been a pilot scheme run through the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) who we work with closely to ensure that all students have meaningful encounters with local businesses.

The National Space Centre ran an activity in school where the students took on the roles of graphic designers. At the Space Centre itself, they get to tour behind the scenes, meet employees and have a go at 3D imaging on the hi-spec computers in the design lab. Run by one of the lecturers at the Space Centre the students got the opportunity to find out a wide range of careers based at the site as well as to experience their work first hand in the largest Planetarium in the UK.

We look forward to running the Unbox Your Future programme again next year and working with the LLEP. This year as part of Unbox Your Future we have also had the pleasure of working with The Highcross Leicester and the GNG Football Club.

Thank you to all businesses involved.





# A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM MR BOAST

Mr Boast, one of our longest serving members of staff will sadly be leaving us on Friday. We would like to thank him for his commitment to building brighter futures and share a farewell message from him to our current and former students, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the thousands of parents and students of the Hinckley area that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past 27 years. Arriving at JCC in 1997 I was immersed in what can only be described as a legendary institution with equally legendary staff that many of you will remember. It was here that I learnt my craft from some outstanding teachers and support staff. As the school has changed over the years the one constant has been the amazing young people that I have had the honour to teach, many of those today are children of ex-students. So, to all the many staff, students and parents, I hope I have managed to play small role in your lives, as you have played an enormous role in mine."



## The Hinckley Area Schools Orchestra

The Hinckley Area Schools Orchestra is an orchestra set up to give young orchestral players in the area a chance to meet and play a varied repertoire of music.

Formally known as the JCC Orchestra, a new orchestra was born incorporating all schools in the area.

Who is it for?	School aged/sixth form students from approximately grade 3 upwards.
Which Instruments can play in it?	All instrumentalists welcome from all orchestral families, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion.
Where's it at?	St Martin's Catholic Academy, Stoke Golding
When?	Every Friday after school, from 4pm – 5.30pm
What do I need to bring?	Yourself and your instrument. A drink is advisable too.
How much is it?	It's FREE!!

*If you're interested, just come along & have a go!*

**First session back after the summer holidays is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

You will be asked to complete a contact details form upon arrival.

All staff are DBS checked and have completed the necessary safeguarding courses.

Any further queries please contact your school music teacher, your instrumental teacher or

Jane Kimberley  
Woodwind teacher/Orchestral admin  
scello\_jflute@yahoo.co.uk



## Would you Like to Start Singing Lessons?

**1-2-1 singing lessons are held on Thursdays at The Hinckley School**

- ♪ Develop your voice within lessons; find your own vocal style and tone
- ♪ Performance opportunities
- ♪ Grow an understanding of sheet music and master your musical ear
- ♪ Learn how to sing safely and build repertoire
- ♪ Musical theatre, pop, folk, jazz, classical... All styles welcome
- ♪ Opportunity to gain music qualifications and UCAS points

**For more information and to sign up, please contact [saz.woodall@ntlworld.com](mailto:saz.woodall@ntlworld.com)**



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## Return to School Arrangements for 2024-25

We are welcoming our students back to school next term as follows:

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**  
Year 7, 11 and 12 only at 8.30am.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August**  
All students return for an 8.30am start.

*We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming you back to school in August.*



## Piano Lessons at The Hinckley School

Emma Stapleton BMus (Hons), DipABRSM

Would your child like to play the piano?

All abilities welcome

Individually tailored lessons

Pop, rock, jazz and classical

Duke of Edinburgh skills, GCSE music, music grades

Experienced and qualified teacher

Lessons will be held during the school day on Thursdays or Fridays



### Fees

20 mins: £12.00

30 mins: £16.50



Children with FSM or with Pupil Premium have the lesson paid for by school

Please contact Emma Stapleton at [emmacaseymusic@gmail.com](mailto:emmacaseymusic@gmail.com)



## Drum Kit Lessons at The Hinckley School

Emma Stapleton BMus (Hons), DipABRSM

Would your child like to play the drum kit?

All abilities welcome

Individually tailored lessons

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# JUNIOR ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Dear Parents / Carers,

Starting in September 2024, Junior Academy of Music have vacancies for pupils to begin **Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Drum and Keyboard Lessons**. The lessons will take place during school hours and instruments can be provided for use during the sessions.

Lessons will be taught by qualified music tutors who are all DBS checked.

Our music lessons are based on popular contemporary music. Our method is one of positive encouragement to promote both instrument skills and self-confidence. Whilst we do offer pupils the chance to study towards Rock School graded examinations our main focus will be on learning the skills to perform popular music in our annual live events.

If you are interested in joining JAM Music, please [click here to visit our website for more information.](#)