



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



Tomorrow, we will say a fond farewell to the majority of our Year 11 students, as they finish their final Summer exams. It is always a bitter sweet milestone for students and staff, as we celebrate their achievements over the last five years and the dedication and hard work they have demonstrated over the past few months, during exam season. I am incredibly proud of this year group and the mature young adults they have become, we look forward to continuing to support many of them when they return to study in our sixth form after a well earned break! We now look ahead to a long list of events which mark their new beginnings, such as our Sixth Form Offer Holder Day and celebrate their hard work, friendships and community on GCSE Results Day and at our Year 11 Prom. It has been a privilege to get to know each and every one of our Year 11 community and I wish them all the very best of luck for the future.

In addition, on Friday we will be welcoming schools from across the local area for the FEI Regional Robot Wars Heats. We are delighted to be hosting this unique event and to offer such a wonderful opportunity to our students, who have shown such creativity and hard work while designing and building their very own robots. I would like to wish our own Year 7 and 8 competitors the very best of luck and I can't wait to see their battles in person tomorrow.

Inspire Week draws ever closer, with an action packed timetable of trips, guest speakers, community events and of course, our annual Sports Day. This week of exceptional experiences will allow students to broaden their horizons, create treasured memories and enrich their learning beyond the classroom. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for planning such an impressive selection of opportunities.

Within this newsletter you will find an article which focuses on the fundraising of two Year 10 students, Marlow and Katie. Due to a cancer diagnosis within his family, and first hand experience, Marlow has been moved to fundraise for three cancer charities. We are proud to support his fundraising goals in any way we can. We will be holding fundraising events in school over the coming weeks and have shared the link to their [Just Giving page](#) for any families who feel able to make a donation, or can simply share the link far and wide to help our wonderful young people make a difference to as many lives as possible.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR ROCK STARS

Sat, 15 Jun | Market Bosworth Country Park

### Big Weekend 15 & 16 June

Our highlight event this year is the BosFest weekend, a real celebration of the arts. Come and enjoy two days of music, crafts, children's activities and food. All the much-loved events from previous years but this year even bigger and better.

MARKET BOSWORTH FESTIVAL

**BOSFEST**

**The Big Weekend**

June 15th and 16th  
Bosworth Country Park

10am - 9pm Saturday  
10am - 4pm Sunday

Free Entry

Throughout the year, over a dozen musicians in KS3 have been preparing for an upcoming gig at **Bosfest—Market Bosworth Country Park on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** organised by JAM Music. Students from **The Hinckley School** will be performing at around **12:45-1:15pm** and have planned a set which features a selection of pop and rock songs. The event is free for the public and food stands will be present too.

Our students have worked incredibly hard since September, learning and improving their music skills, so the event this Saturday should be a great chance for them to showcase and celebrate their hard work and talent. In addition to KS3, some of our Year 10s have dedicated their time tutoring younger students throughout the year, and they will also be performing. All the students would really appreciate the support of our community, we encourage everyone to come down and enjoy their performance - fostering a good sense of community, during what should be a wholesome afternoon out.

Come along and show your support! - [Find out more here.](#)

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# ALUMNI AND DRAMA SCHOOL GRADUATE DELIVERS WORKSHOP



The Drama department had an exciting addition to the team last week with Joe Snape, an alumni student who has since graduated from Drama School in London, volunteering in school between acting jobs. For those of you that remember 'Little Shop of Horrors', he played the villainous dentist! Joe worked with Year 10 and 12 students offering Brecht and naturalism workshops in the style of Katie Mitchell with the view of inspiring the students as they prepare for their practical devising unit. It was fun to explore the idea of comedy and the use of music in Brechtian work, as well as multi-roling and breaking the fourth wall. Mrs Cook was thrilled to welcome back to the department a student she taught at GCSE, 'It is always such a pleasure to see

former students thriving and inspiring the new generation of Drama practitioners. Having Joe back with us and in this role of working with the students is wonderful and I'm looking forward to working with Joe more in the Autumn term to continue to offer the Drama students a breadth of experience and expertise.'

## FUNDRAISING FOR CANCER CHARITIES



**Two students in Year 10 are aiming to raise £1,000 for three cancer charities, for a very personal reason and we are proud to be supporting their incredible fundraising plans.**

On their Just Giving page Marlow shared, "In April of this year, our family was given the devastating news that my mum had got breast cancer. There were no signs or symptoms; it was only diagnosed through a routine mammogram. After several weeks and tests, she has now started her battle against breast cancer. She is the strongest and most positive person I know and I know this journey she has to face will only make her stronger.

In support of my mum's journey me and my friend have decided to do a sponsored head shave in school, where my friend will donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust. We will also be raising money for The Osbourne Trust, Little Lifts, and Breast Cancer Now. These charities have become a lifeline to our family, providing us with much-needed support at a time when we need it most."

The pair are currently planning a **Charity Bake Sale for Year 9 and 10 which will take place on Friday 21st June**, a non uniform day for the last day of term- with a £2 suggested donation to be paid in advance via Parent Pay and of course, a sponsored head shave—which we will share more details of very soon. In the meantime, please visit their Just Giving page to read more about the charities they are fundraising for and to donate: [Crowdfunding to Raise money for several charities that are supporting our family since my mum was diagnosed with breast cancer. on JustGiving](#)

# WOLF RUN RAISES MONEY FOR BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



STUDENT STORIES

We would like to say a massive well done to Lilly-May in Year 7, who completed a 6k Wolf Run recently to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. We are delighted to share that she raised an amazing £155!

## STUDENT RECOGNISED AT NUNEATON FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Celebrating Our Incredible Young People



We would like to congratulate Year 8 student Lexie on being awarded 2nd place in category 7 of the Nuneaton Arts Festival! The festival covers work from ages 5 to 70+, and Lexie was placed in category 7 due to her age. There were a large number of entries in each category, therefore to be awarded 2nd place is a tremendous achievement.

The official that selected Lexie's work was internationally known artist Nathan Parker, known for his impressive spray paint murals all over the world. Lexie and her family were encouraged to participate by Neal Evans, the head of department at Hinckley College and Lexie plans to follow her passion by studying a creative subject in the future.

Battling nerves to collect her award in front of an audience, Lexie truly did herself proud. Well done from everyone here at The Hinckley School.



## PROM RAFFLE WINNERS

Last week, we were delighted to share the names of the students who won our PRIDE means Prizes competition in Year 11 and in turn will receive a free prom ticket. In addition, students also had an opportunity to win a prom ticket if they had their name entered into the "PROM PRIDE Revision Raffle". When a student completed additional work and revision beyond what was set for homework, and showed their subject teacher the work they had done for that subject, their name was entered for the PROM PRIDE revision raffle. For each piece of additional work students completed their name was entered into the raffle to win a prom ticket. The more additional work completed, the more chance students had of winning a prom ticket.

We are delighted to share that the following four students names were drawn out of the raffle:

**Tammy 11FRS**

**Julia 11SMT**

**Ryan 11HLL**

**Josh 11HOL**



Later this month, week commencing 24th June, we will be holding our 'Inspire Week', four days of events, trips, visiting speakers and much more to captivate the minds of our young people, create treasured memories and spark curiosity. The week is designed to provide enriching experiences for our community, as well as to offer insights into potential future careers.

Opportunities for student groups in each year hub include -

**Year 7** –Cadbury World, Geography Fieldwork Trips, Nottingham University Trip

**Year 8** - Skegness Trip, World of Work Days with visiting guest speakers

**Year 9** - THINK TANK, Task Master Challenge Day, Coombe Abbey Trip

**Year 10** - The Hinckley Sixth Form Taster Day, Mock Interviews, Film Club, Alton Towers

### Sports Day

Thursday will also see our annual 'Sports Day' take place, with year group competitions and whole school events for students to participate in, as well as cheering on their peers.

A highlight in the calendar, it is always a tribute to our sense of community, sportsmanship and school spirit.

An ice cream van and food truck will be on site during the day for students to purchase from using cash. We ask that students do not buy/ consume food before participating in events and races.

*(Please note that Friday 28th June is an INSET Day)*

## EMPATHY MONTH

### Did you know that June is Empathy Month?

Explore this new dashboard on our library webpage all about Empathy. Remember to sign into your account so you can discover all the dashboards that we have to offer. - Ms Crisp, Librarian

<https://uk.accessit.online/hnc01/?serviceId=ExternalEvent&homepageSn=15>



## STUDENTS CELEBRATE COMPLETING THEIR BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's award programme finished this week, to celebrate we played a game of rounders and enjoyed an ice-cream in the great British weather. Our young people were all presented with their first aid certificates and those that had completed their full bronze award, received their certificate and pin badge. Congratulations and well done to all.

- Amy Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator

***Congratulations to the Zuzanna and Grace in Year 10 who have completed their full Bronze awards!***

# TOMORROW - LOROS BAKE SALE

The Gateway  
At The Hinckley School

**LOROS**  
Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

Tomorrow lunchtime, our Gateway students will be hosting a charity bake sale, fundraising for the LOROS Hospice who provide care across Leicestershire and Rutland.

All students are welcome to contribute to the cause by baking something, helping out on the stall or supporting us by buying a sweet treat!

**Please speak to Miss Hale if you would like to be involved.**

We look forward to seeing how much we can raise!

## LOROS Charity Bake Sale

**Friday 14th June**

**The Gateway**

**Lunchtime**



## VOLUNTEERING SUCCESS

The Hinckley School have gained recognition once again for achieving an astonishing amount of voluntary service hours!

Completing a remarkable 871 hours of voluntary service in total, this achievement is a testament to the dedication of our students and their selfless nature. The social value these hours equate to is an amazing £4598.

This achievement formed part of the Duke of Edinburgh's award programme; due to a limited number of opportunities, the volunteering section can be one of the hardest to complete - but not for our students!

The Duke of Edinburgh's award group have not only gained skills themselves, but have also made a significant contribution to our local community, they should be immensely proud.

Well done to all participants!

**If you would like to join the Duke of Edinburgh's award programme, please contact Amy Fennell—**  
[afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:afennell@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)



THE DUKE  
OF EDINBURGH'S  
AWARD



**YOUTH  
WITHOUT  
LIMITS**

# Thank you

to  
**The Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants**

from

**The Hinckley School**

who spent

**871 Hours**

**volunteering between  
1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.**

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and achievement of young people making an impact in their community.

The social value of these hours is

**£4598**

Ruth Marvel, Chief Executive

June 2024

# SPRING ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

We are delighted to share our 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



## YOUR MAY SAFEGUARDING & WELL-BEING NEWSLETTER

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