



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

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THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2024



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Firstly, I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term. It has been a delight to hear students share insights into their break and they have made a fantastic start back this week.

During half term, forty nine of our geographers travelled to Iceland to explore this awe inspiring landscape and learn more about the unique geographical features it boasts. From witnessing the northern lights, to seeing waterfalls up close, students and staff were blown away by what they experienced and it has been wonderful to hear them recount their time in Iceland with such joy.

A little closer to home, our Rugby teams took part in their fitness sessions over half term and it is great to see them showcasing such determination, team work and commitment. I would like to thank all students who represented the school with such pride over half term, whether that be at home or overseas, and our staff, for giving up their time to offer these exceptional experiences to our young people.

Earlier this week, we held our Year 8 and 13 Parents' Evenings which took place online. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to speak to families about support, progress and achievements and to come together to help our students as they build their brighter future.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming Year 11 students from across the local area to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November, 5pm-8pm. As well as an opportunity for students to learn more about our own sixth form and the wide variety of level 3 courses we offer, our Careers Fair will also allow our community to make informed decisions about the future that feels right for them and support their next steps.

Our Year 11 students have already visited the Sixth Form Centre this week, as they took part in a two day Halloween Escape Room event. We have had fantastic feedback about the activities and the sixth form team look forward to welcoming students back for our Open Evening next week. In this newsletter you will also find a 'Save the Date' for our Year 11 Mock Results and Revision Evening, I encourage all parents and carers of Year 11 students to make a note of this date and join us to discuss this important stage of their seven year journey.

Finally, I cannot end this week's newsletter without saying a fond farewell to Mrs Mason, our Year 8 Pastoral Leader, who is retiring after having worked for the family of schools that became The Hinckley School for over 20 years. During that time, her contribution to the lives of countless students has been immeasurable and on behalf of everyone here at The Hinckley School I would like to thank her for her service to our community.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## FREE BOOKS IN THE BRIDGE!



The Hinckley School has once again taken part in BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme, which aims to get children reading. As part of this annual event, just before half term, every child in Year 7 chose their own book from seventeen Bookbuzz titles to take home and keep.

Bookbuzz is run by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity that transforms lives by getting children and families reading and we hope that Bookbuzz will encourage Year 7 students to read more frequently. Reading helps to improve student wellbeing, sparks interesting conversations and inspires creativity.

**We hope students have enjoyed their new books and we can't wait to hear their reviews!**



# INCREDIBLE MEMORIES FOR ICELAND ADVENTURERS



**During October half term, staff and forty nine students from The Hinckley School took part in a once in a lifetime trip to Iceland.**

“When we arrived, the students were in awe of the volcanoes, the stunning scenery depicting the glaciers and the mountainous landscape. To start off our adventure we had a guided tour in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, on our first day. The tour saw us spend time exploring the famous Hallgrímskirkja church and taking a look at the Harpa Concert Hall.

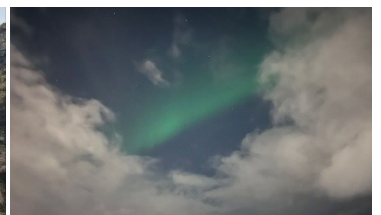
The next day saw the students take part in the Golden Circle Tour, providing a fascinating insight into the National Parks and physical features of the country. We saw the Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir geothermal area, Þingvellir fissure and more. The students, and staff, couldn't believe the beauty of these majestic sights and were amazed more was to come. At the end of the tour, we took a dip in the Secret Lagoon, a naturally heated body of water created by the tectonic activity. We couldn't believe the temperatures it rose to but the smell could have been given a miss!

The following day saw us complete the South Shore tour visiting the LAVA centre, the Reynisfjara black sandy beaches and the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Although the weather could have been better, this didn't stop the students chasing the waves on the Atlantic coast. After action packed daytime adventures, each evening gave us the opportunity to soak in the Reykjavik atmosphere, visiting local shops and indulging in the local cuisine.

All of the students had an incredible time and I just want to say a massive thank you to the students for their incredible conduct and thank you to the staff for all their hard work.

We will be going again very soon and maybe we will see you there!”

*- Mr Hillier, Head of Geography*







The Hinckley  
SIXTH FORM

# OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 6th November 2024  
5pm-8pm

Learn more about our wide range of A-Level and BTEC Level 3 courses, meet our subject specialists and explore our bespoke Sixth Form Centre.

Your Brighter Future Starts Here





## TOURS SLOTS AVAILABLE NOW

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



## DOFE SILVER AND BRONZE

- We would like to say a huge thank you to Faith and Daisy, who continue to volunteer their time tackling the DofE stores, keeping it organised and making sure the equipment is expedition ready.
  - Congratulations to the following young people who have recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh's award.
- A Fennell, D of E Co-Ordinator

<p>Ava (Year 11)</p>		<p><b>BRONZE</b></p> <p>Volunteering <b>3 months</b> PLUS a further <b>3 months</b> in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.</p> <p>Physical <b>3 months</b></p> <p>Skills <b>3 months</b></p> <p>Expedition <b>2 days 1 night</b></p> 
<p>Faye (Year 12)</p>		<p><b>SILVER</b></p> <p>Volunteering <b>6 months</b> Direct entrants must do a further <b>6 months</b> in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills sections.</p> <p>Physical one section for 6 months, the other for 3 months</p> <p>Skills</p> <p>Expedition <b>3 days 2 nights</b></p> 



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## Sonic the Hedgehog 3 BBFC Competition




BBFC's Create The Card Competition 2024

Sharpen those pencils and get out the paintbrushes! The BBFC's Create The Card Competition is back, and this year they have teamed up with Paramount Pictures UK to invite children across the UK to design the official BBFC Black Card for Sonic the Hedgehog 3. (Open to Year 7 students only due to age criteria)

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# ANNOUNCING OUR PE PARTNERSHIP WITH BODYWIZE



We are delighted to announce that our PE department have secured a joint partnership with the BodyWize Gym in Hinckley. This partnership will see all Year 10 PE core students take part in one gym session per fortnight at BodyWize, where students can work independently on their own physical development with expert professionals on hand to support individual training needs.

Mr Barnacle, Head of PE said, "As a school we recognise the increasing demands and environmental factors that affect our students as they move through their GCSE's and we as a department want to provide a safe space where students can exercise and promote a lifelong love for the style of physical activity that many adults use to balance working and de-stressing."

This is an incredible provision that BodyWize have made possible for our community and we would like to thank them for partnering with us to support our young people. We look forward to sharing insights into this new gym lesson format in future newsletters.

*Letters will go out to parents and carers later this week to share more information and arrangements.*



## SIXTH FORM HOSTS YEAR 11 ESCAPE ROOM

Students were challenged to 'Escape Year 11' this week as part of The Hinckley Sixth Form's 2024 Escape Room.

A two part event which took place during Wednesday and Thursday registration, Year 11 students worked in teams within their tutor groups to crack cyphers, solve riddles, hunt for clues and complete maths challenges. Students worked in their tutor rooms during the first event and had to solve three puzzles to 'escape' Year 11 and progress to the next day of puzzles over in our dedicated Sixth Form building which was decorated with a Halloween theme for the occasion.

Answers and clues were all based around destinations and post 16 decision making, but with a spooky twist, and linked back to the information shared about The Hinckley Sixth Form during our recent assembly. The fastest three teams to complete the escape room received a prize and staff were impressed by Year 11's logical thinking, team work and resilience.

The Sixth Form team now look forward to welcoming Year 11 students to their Open Evening on Wednesday 6th November.



# 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



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SAVE THE DATE

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DAY

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MONTH

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YEAR

YEAR 11 MOCK RESULTS  
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