



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter  
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THURSDAY 20TH MARCH 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

In this week's newsletter we celebrate the hard work of our students in the classroom, at home and on the sports field. From producing a fantastic display in their Classics lessons to depict the story of Medusa, to taking pride and pleasure in homework as they create impressive volcano models - Year 7 have a lot to celebrate and their hard work and enjoyment in learning is a pleasure to see. This love of learning that is nurtured in The Bridge sets our students up for success throughout their seven year journey and is visible throughout our community, in every year group every day.

I am delighted that so many of our sports teams have had cause to celebrate this week, with victories in Year 7/8 and Year 11 rugby and in The Futures Trust Football Cup where our girls and boys teams were unbeaten. Our sports teams teach team work, communication, team spirit and collaboration and provide opportunities for growth as future leaders, with strong decision making skills and confidence. It is a joy to see how involvement in our sports teams not only develops skill, but helps students to flourish as they mature and develop as young adults.

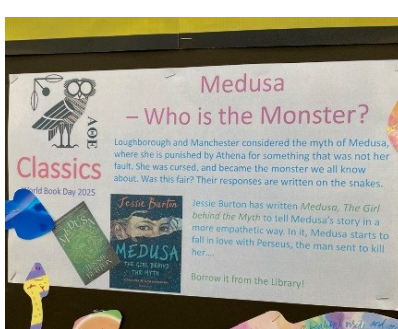
Finally, I would like to say well done to our Year 12 students who have been sitting their mock exams this week and good luck to our Year 10 Art, Craft and Design students who have their 10hr assessment taking place today and tomorrow.

- Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

## MEDUSA - WHO IS THE MONSTER?



To celebrate World Book Day, Bridge Classics classes considered the myth of Medusa. They discussed whether she was really the monster of legend, or rather a wronged women punished by Athena for something that wasn't her fault. We used Jessie Burton's book 'Medusa; The Girl Behind the Myth' to do this. Most of us concluded that Medusa was just a mortal woman caught up in the competition between the Gods at the wrong time. We rewrote the story, wrote notes to, and from, Medusa on snakes and set the record straight on our new display!



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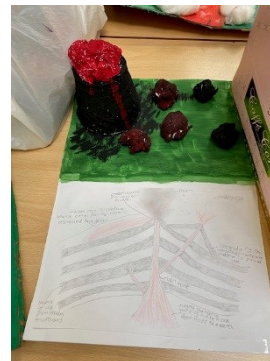
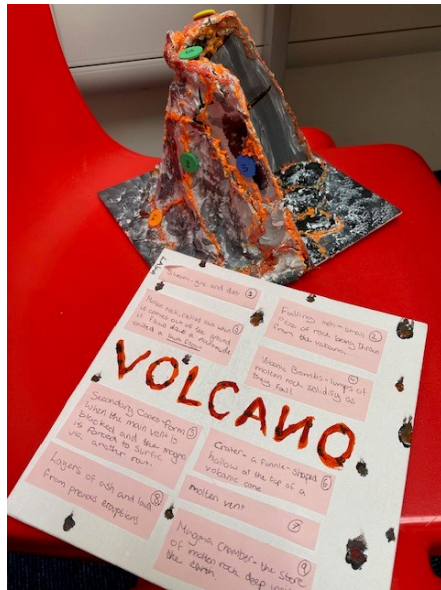
# 3D VOLCANO MODELS

As part of our Africa topic in Geography, Year 7 students have been studying the Structure of the Earth, types of plate boundary and impacts of a volcanic eruption. The students were tasked with a creative homework task to build on their work in Geography lessons.

The task was to create a 3D model of a composite volcano; a steep-sided volcano with a number of features. The students were able to work on their own or in groups. We had a wide range of creative ideas from a baked cake to an actual eruptive papier-mâché volcano!

All of the students who took part should be really proud of their efforts and we look forward to seeing other Geography creations in the future!

- Mr Hillier, Head of Geography



# SAVE THE DATE

Year 11 and Year 13 Easter School

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 9am-1pm

**YEAR 11 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School

 The Hinckley  
SIXTH FORM

## BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



**BRONZE**

- Volunteering **3** months
- Physical **3** months
- Skills **3** months
- Expedition **2** days **1** night

PLUS a further 3 months in the Volunteering, Physical or Skills section.



Congratulations to Vincent in Year 11 who has completed his Bronze awards this week.

# RUGBY - MATCH REPORT: THE HINCKLEY SCHOOL VS STOKE PARK



Capping off an amazing two weeks of rugby at The Hinckley School, this match marked the perfect conclusion to a period of outstanding achievements. We have seen our Year 7/8s secure their first victory, our KS3 students take part in their first competition, and our Year 10/11s triumph in their final match. The excitement and passion displayed across all year groups have been truly inspiring, setting the stage for a bright future for rugby at the school.

In a thrilling conclusion to an incredible season, The Hinckley School edged out Stoke Park with a dramatic 27-26 victory, sealing the win in the final five minutes of the match.

From the first whistle, both teams showcased their talent and determination, producing an enthralling contest that had the crowd on the edge of their seats. Tries were scored throughout the match by GB, CH, CB, LT, and FC, with each player making a crucial impact in a fiercely competitive game.

Stoke Park, however, were relentless in their response, capitalising on key moments to keep the game evenly poised. The match remained a tense, back-and-forth battle, with both teams refusing to back down.

With just five minutes remaining and Stoke Park holding a narrow lead, The Hinckley School found another gear. The decisive moment came when FC powered over the line for a crucial try, sending the home supporters into rapturous celebration. The successful conversion sealed the dramatic 27-26 victory, a fitting finale to a hard-fought contest.

What made this triumph even more special was the sense of community surrounding the occasion. Staff, students, and parents gathered in full force to cheer on the team, creating an atmosphere of unwavering support and pride. The spirit of togetherness was evident as the final whistle blew, with celebrations reflecting the unity and camaraderie that has defined this team's journey throughout the season.

The leadership displayed by the Year 11 players was truly commendable. GB showed immense resilience, playing through injury to contribute to the team's success. CB led by example with his determination and work ethic, setting the standard for his teammates. Meanwhile, BL epitomised what rugby at The Hinckley School is all about, showcasing passion, teamwork, and sportsmanship in every moment of the game. Their efforts not only helped secure the victory, but also cemented their legacy within the school's rugby programme.

The support from the student body was truly electric, with chants and cheers echoing throughout the match. A special mention goes to the drummers, whose relentless energy and rhythm created a sensational atmosphere, lifting the team when they needed it most. Their presence added to the incredible sense of occasion, ensuring that this match will be remembered not just for the rugby, but for the community spirit that surrounded it.

This remarkable win marks the end of a fantastic campaign for The Hinckley School, with the boys finishing on a high by securing victory in their final game of the year. Their dedication, teamwork, and resilience have been truly inspiring, and this final triumph serves as a testament to their hard work and passion for the sport. Mr Stocks reflected on the season, stating, "It has been a privilege to coach these boys who have shown time and time again resilience and toughness. They have given new life to rugby here at The Hinckley School, and their legacy will never be forgotten."

We look forward to our upcoming games for the remainder of the season next week, with our Year 8/9 All-Stars match, which will see our boys compete for their starting spots next year. We would like to thank all parents, staff, and students who attended for their incredible support throughout the season.



# VICTORY IN TRUST FOOTBALL CUP!



## The Bridge *At The Hinckley School*

The Hinckley School's Year 7 boys and girls football teams demonstrated excellent teamwork and discipline as they triumphed in the Trust Cup this week. Both teams showcased remarkable commitment, skill, and sportsmanship throughout the competition, making the day a memorable one for all involved.

From the very start, the players displayed a strong sense of unity, with every pass, tackle, and goal reinforcing their collective effort. Their communication on the pitch was superb, ensuring they were always in sync and working together towards their common goal. The boys team fought with determination, while the girls teamwork in both attack and defence was equally impressive.

We are incredibly proud of them all - well done!



# 100 WORD WINNERS

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we invited students to take part in a 100 word writing competition in the Library. Students needed to compose a short piece of writing using their own creativity and imagination, but working to a tight 100 word limit! Our Librarian, Ms Crisp, has thoroughly enjoyed reading all entries to the competition and is very impressed by the talent our student have for writing. It is with great pleasure that we can now announce the worthy winners and share their wonderful work below. Congratulations to Freya and Evie!

## **Freya—Year 8**

### ***Blossom's Journey***

Spring is a blessing. Spring represents new life. A little Blossom started to bloom, a magenta coloured blossom. A dead silent wind whistled quietly and blew the magnificent blossom away...Quite unfamiliar smell of gas came out the back of a pipe. The wind carried the blossom away. The sun set, shining across the ocean. Each day the blossom came to think it is forgotten ....until...a woman in her 20's looking after her young kid. The blossom fell on top of the kid's cap. The woman recognised the blossom. She smiled all the way home.

## **Evie—Year 7**

### ***Race till you're dead***

"Start!" the voice boomed from the loud speaker as all the race cars rushed past the start line. The elite driver Carmela Wood's face was dripping with sweat as her eyes were darting in front of her. Suddenly, the car beside, collided with her. In a matter of seconds Carmela Weed the champion race car driver was DEAD. The family and friends call it "Brutal and intentional". Press call it "Accident". 4 years later a figure arrives at the door, "She did it." Carmela says...

# NUNEATON ARTS FESTIVAL - YEAR 9 WINNER!

We would like to congratulate Lexie in Year 9 for taking part in the Nuneaton Festival of Art this year, with her and two other members of her family winning prizes! Lexie won 1st and 3rd place in her 'Computer Aided Category' (on age and art type).

All the art works are now exhibited at the Nuneaton Museum and will remain on display over the weekend - we encourage members of our community to visit to appreciate this wonderful work.

Lexie's winning pieces were selected from over 500 entries and we would like to share how proud we are of her. Her family shared, "it is a massive win for them as she was up against several students including college students for the Under 18 categories aided by their tutors, and she worked on her art on her own."



# LEICESTER TIGERS GIRLS RUGBY FESTIVAL



**Girls School Rugby Festival |  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
March | 1-3pm at  
Lutterworth RFC**

Our Year 7 and 8 rugby players took part in a Girls Rugby Festival recently organised by Leicester Tigers. The afternoon was open to all girls no matter

their experience or ability and included coached activities and games. A great event for girls rugby, which saw over 100 girls from across the local area compete, we were delighted to be a part of this occasion. Mr Tallis, Head of Girls Rugby, shared how well the girls did, describing them as, "showing great skill, ability and work rate." Well done!

YEAR 11



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You are cordially invited to attend the

# 2025 Leavers Prom

## A Night to Remember

*Join us for a truly  
Unforgettable Evening*

Venue:  
Badgers Mount Hotel,  
Elmesthorpe, LE9 7SG

Date:  
Friday 4th July 2025

Time:  
5:45pm - 11:00pm

Dress Code:  
Prom Wear/Formal  
Attire

Cost:  
£25 deposit to be paid  
via Parent Pay by 24th  
March

**YEAR 11 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School

5:45pm  
Arrival with Red Carpet Photos

6:15pm  
Welcome Drinks

7:00pm-8:00pm  
Live Band

7:00pm-7:30pm  
Dinner Served

9:00pm-9:30pm  
Group photos and photobooth

9:30pm-11:00pm  
Disco

11:00pm  
Farewells

*Celebrate as the Class of 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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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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