



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

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THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2024



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week, we hosted an SSAT conference for local education specialists, with colleagues from Redmoor, Thomas Estley, Hastings, Dorothy Goodman and Fusion Academy all in attendance. It is wonderful to be able to open our doors to host events such as this more frequently and to hear such lovely feedback about our facilities, hospitality and welcoming atmosphere. With some of our own colleagues attending this meeting, it also further embeds our commitment to supporting our staff to develop additional knowledge and skills to help our students and wider community flourish.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming parents to our Iceland trip meeting. This Geography trip will set off over half term and is set to be a trip of a lifetime as students explore this incredible location, including the mighty Gullfoss waterfall, the geothermal valley of Haukadalur - where they can witness the erupting hot springs of Geysir, and the historical and cultural site of Thingvellir National Park. I know they will all have an unforgettable experience and I look forward to seeing photos and hearing about their adventures when they return.

Parents and carers of Year 12 will join us next Tuesday, as they meet with subject teachers and their year team to discuss the progress their child has made since joining our sixth form and how we can work together to further support their pathway to success. We have had a great response to this event via our online booking system and I would like to thank parents and carers for booking their subject meetings.

It has been a pleasure to read the feedback received via our Bridge Feedback Form, where families of Year 7 students were asked to share insights into how they feel their child has settled in as part of The Bridge and their thoughts on our recent Showcase Evening. It was a delight to read how well you feel your children have settled in and to know how much families enjoyed our recent event. We truly value the feedback of our parents and carers and use this to shape future events and experiences for our community, it is this supportive collaboration that helps to make The Bridge community so special.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher



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.



GIRLS RUGBY TEAM SHOWCASE IMPRESSIVE POTENTIAL



Taking place every Tuesday afterschool, our Girls Rugby Training is now open to all year groups and abilities and with a fantastic 14 students taking part to date, the future looks bright for girls rugby here at The Hinckley School.

Training carried on despite the rain this week, as students were joined by a coach from Hinckley Rugby Club, with a temporary move into the Sports Hall. With some students trying the sport for the very first time, Mr Tallis was impressed with their effort, engagement and communication, as they took part in passing drills to develop their skills.

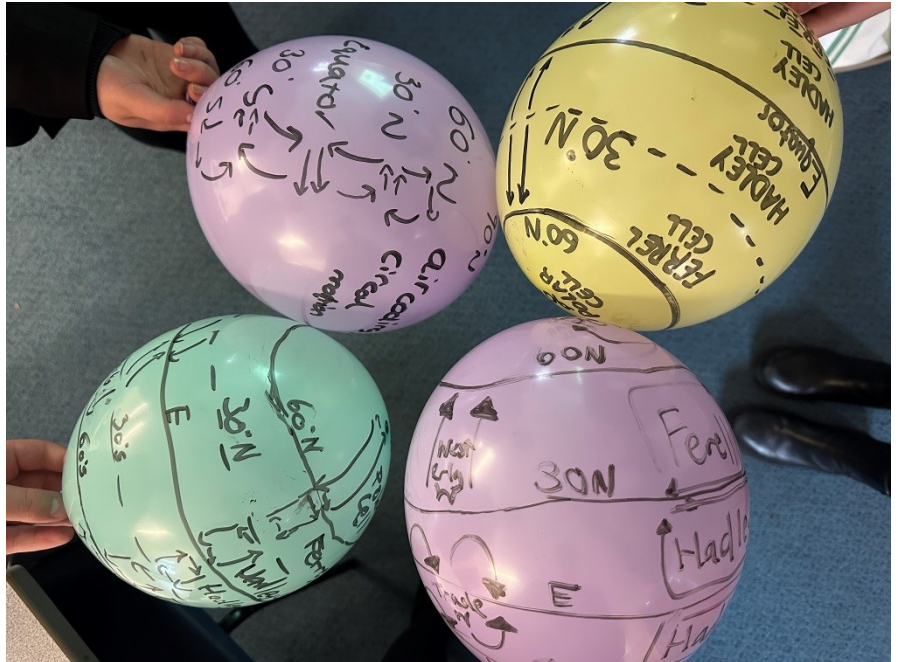
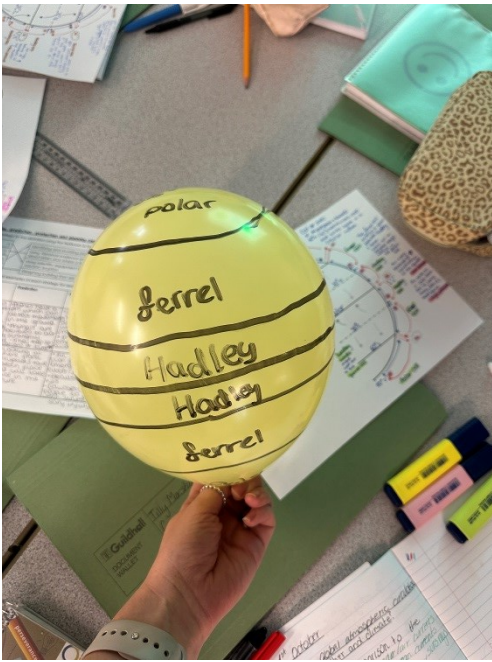
We hope to continue to build on the initial interest in this new enrichment opportunity and encourage more students to come along and try out the sport for the first time. This is a great opportunity to develop team work, confidence and communication, as well as having fun and staying healthy.

As new members join, coaches will look to plan in the team's first fixtures of tag rugby and are excited about the potential already on show in training.

If you have any questions about joining the girls rugby team, please speak to Mr Tallis.



GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC CIRCULATION



This week, Mrs Malin's Year 10 Geographers have started their work on Global Atmospheric Circulation, using balloons to write down their knowledge!

Mrs Malin shared, "They have been applying new knowledge to create models using their knowledge recall. Well done everyone!"

YEAR 10 Hub
At The Hinckley School

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

We would like to say a big thank you to our sixth form students who raised £70.16 for MacMillan Cancer Support this week. Students held a bake sale in aid of the charity's annual 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event and we are once again blown away by the generosity of our community.



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

SAVE THE DATES

- Year 12 Parents' Evening (in school) - Tuesday 8th October
- Geography Iceland Trip Parent/Carer Meeting - Thursday 10th October
- Half Term Break - Monday 21st - Friday 25th October 2024
- Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening (online) - Tuesday 29th October
- Year 13 Virtual Parents' Evening (online) - Tuesday 29th October

ANNOUNCING OUR ALPHABET PHOTOGRAPHY *WINNER*



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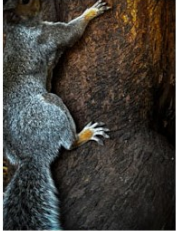
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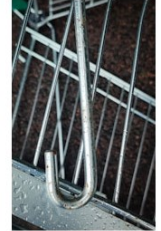
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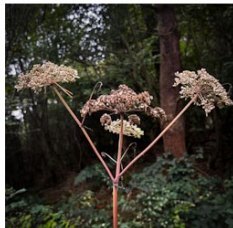
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The Art Department would like to congratulate Year 10 student ,Rosa, who submitted this fantastic series of photographs in response to September's 'Art Challenge: Alphabet Photography'. This prize winning collection was captured during a family walk around Hinckley and the surrounding area – it's truly fantastic to see how camera angle, viewpoint and framing have been selected and controlled to depict the entire alphabet. Miss Webster was particularly impressed by the cropped squirrel shot to represent the letter 'F'.... and probably a little bit jealous that she'd most likely scare the squirrel off before she had chance to capture a similar photograph!

September Art, Craft and Design Challenge: Alphabet Photography

Launch: 2nd September

Deadline: 30th September

Challenge: If you look closely, you can find shapes that resemble letters of the alphabet in locations, items and objects all around you.

Use the camera on your phone to take photographs of objects that resemble each of the letters of the alphabet

Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to kwabster@thinchinckleysschool.co.uk

Top Tips:

- You might need to zoom in, crop the object or look closely to find some of the letters
- Can you spell out your own name using objects and items linked to your character (interests etc)?
- Can you spell out a word using alphabet photography of subjects linked to the word?

As the recipient of this months Art Prize, Rosa received an Art set during the Year 10 Hub assembly this week.

We look forward to seeing what Rosa and our other students submit for our newly launched October Competition—more details on the next page!

YEAR 10 Hub
At The Hinckley School

ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

October Art, Craft and Design Challenge:

Character Illustration

Launch: Tuesday 1st October

Deadline: Thursday 31st October

Challenge:

Use the materials and techniques of your choice (hand drawn or digital) to produce an A4 character illustration that is inspired by you. We should be able to see a visual resemblance to you as well as reference to your character and personality.

This could be a portrait or full figure dependent upon your levels of confidence

Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk

Top Tips:

- Work from a photograph
- Use the proportions of the human figure to construct your figure
- Use the proportions of the face to add the facial features (you must include; eyes, nose, mouth and eye brows)
- 'Twist' the rules of proportion to exaggerate and emphasise certain distinctive features
 - Think about the facial expressions to show emotion
 - Select colour palettes appropriately to show and emphasise emotion
- Think about using body language to show emotion and/ or link to an action/ activity taking place
- Use props and other items and objects to communicate information about hobbies/ interests/ likes/ dislikes
- Include a background to help aid the telling of the 'story' and information about the character

Win £1000 to spend with Dryad Education!

Would you like your students' work to feature throughout our next catalogue? Not only that... We'll pick four lucky winners to feature on our winner's page and send the students a £200 voucher and the schools a £1000 voucher to spend with us, redeemable on our range of over 28,000 quality Art, Textiles, Design and Technology products!

How it works.....

Judging will commence after the final entry deadline (July 31st 2025) and the winners will be announced in December 2025.

All entries featured throughout the Dryad Education catalogue will receive a £25 voucher.

To enter...

- Email the work to gallery@dryadeducation.co.uk along with the full name of the student, their age, and title of work, the medium used and the name of the school
- You also need to specify whether the student submitting their work is at Primary or Secondary level, additionally state if you are a Practising Artist
- Work submitted for the competition must be supplied in a digital format and be at least 300 dpi, 10cm sq, in a suitable file format e.g. a Jpeg, PDF or Tiff
- There are no limitations on how much work you can submit.

Important note...

Before submitting your entry please ensure you read the following.

All entries must be original artwork and cannot be a copy or derivative of existing copyrighted art. Copyright infringement is the responsibility of the school submitting the work and not Dryad Education as the promoter.

Important dates...

See dates below for entry deadlines:

- All entries for the competition must be received by July 31st 2025.
- Winners will be announced in December 2025.

Good luck and we look forward to seeing your students' work!!



A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR WORK
FEATURED IN DRYAD
CATALOGUE...

Have you thought about a career as a...

Click the video on the right to find out more about this exciting career path.



DOFE TEAM CONGRATULATES STUDENT ON GOLD AWARD

Congratulations to Holly in Year 13, for achieving her full Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award this week.

- Holly volunteered for 12 months at The Salvation Army Charity shop, supporting the essential work that they do and giving back to the community.
- The physical section of the award was completed by training and laying for the School Netball Team developing her fitness levels and tactical awareness.
- Learning to drive for the skill section of the award has enabled Holly to have become more independent.
- Holly chose to help out at a 58 bed Youth Hostel in Snowdonia National Park for her residential experience, this involved a 4 night, 5-day experience away from home, learning new skills, meeting new people for the first time and working with other. During the week, Holly and her new team cooked meals together, played games, explored the landscape around the hostel, went on walks, completed useful jobs for example painting the lounge and dining room, weeding and cutting back walkways outside- transforming the general appearance of the hostel. The team also played a part in painting an impressive mural in the dining room, which has brightened up the space.
- The final section of the award is the expedition, Holly was in a team of 5 who took on Snowdonia for their walking adventure, they set themselves a challenging route which tested their physical and mental stamina. They coped with and overcame all the challenges to complete a very successful expedition. Holly made a valuable contribution to the team. Others in her team described her as mature, sensible, rational and a great navigator. She had an awareness of, and a concern for her team's needs.



Well done and congratulations Holly on becoming a Gold award Holder, I'll look forward to hearing all about your trip to the Palace. —A.Fennell

BOOK TO ATTEND OUR 'GET INTO TEACHING' EVENT



Next week, we will be hosting a 'Get into Teaching' event here at The Hinckley School.

This is the perfect opportunity for anyone interested in a career in teaching to find out more information about working in this rewarding and exciting sector. Guests will be able to speak to training leads and visit lessons to see teaching in action.

'Get into Teaching' School Experience Event

Tuesday 8th October

The Hinckley School

9am-11:30am

To book your place please email:

itt@futureteachingalliance.org.uk



'Get into Teaching' School Experience Event

Tuesday 8th October - 9am - 11.30am

The Hinckley School, Leicestershire LE10 1LE

Booking via email: itt@futureteachingalliance.org.uk
www.futureteachingalliance.org.uk

The Hinckley School Local Governing Body

The Local Governing Body of The Hinckley School is looking for a **Parent Governor** to join us to work with the Headteacher and staff to support the school and The Futures Trust's values:

- *Students First* – teachers and leaders totally focused upon the educational benefit of our young people
- *It's About Learning* – learners, teachers and leaders focused upon developing and improving their learning
- *No Barriers* – no excuses only support to ensure students, teachers and leaders maximise their performance

Skills, experience and commitment required

There will be four Local Governing Body meetings per academic year and Governors are encouraged to support and enrich the school in other ways which could include:

- School visits outside Local Governing Body meetings;
- Taking on a Link Governor role;
- Participating in induction and training.

About you: You will have time, enthusiasm and a deep commitment to support The Hinckley School to be the best it can be in the community.

As a Parent Governor, you must either be:

- A parent of an individual pupil registered at the school; or
- An individual exercising parental responsibility of a registered pupil at the time of election or appointment.

If you are interested in standing as a Parent Governor and committed to improving outcome for our pupils, please ask the Headteacher's PA or email lhackett@thehinckleyschool.co.uk to request an application form. Applications must be received by **midday on Monday 14th October 2024**.

ANOTHER TERM OF EXCEPTIONAL ENRICHMENT

We are delighted to share our new Enrichment Calendar for the Autumn Term, now featuring over 50 extra curricular opportunities across the school! 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
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

JOIN OUR NEW DRAMA SOCIETY

The Hinckley School ' Drama Society ' launched on Monday 9th September and Mrs Cook is encouraging students across the school to come along and get involved. More information about what students can expect is detailed below:

KS4/KS5 Lunchtime Drop-ins on Mondays and Wednesdays Week 1 - Students will be rehearsing, trying their hand at directing, learning how to put on a production and developing their design skills.

KS3 Drama Society Tuesday and Wednesday Week 2 - Open to students in Year 7, 8 and 9, the Drama Society will be led by Sixth Form Drama Ambassadors and is a fantastic opportunity for students to try something new, explore their love of performing arts, make new friends and grow their confidence.

Enrichment Lunchtime

Autumn Term 2024

Monday				
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
Tuesday				
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
Wednesday				
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
Thursday				
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
Friday				
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Meditation and Mindfulness	Lunchtime	Years 12&13	C. Jenkins	A3
National Cipher Challenge 27 th	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

