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# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2024

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

Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 11 Revision and Results Evening this week. This was a crucial event in the run up to summer examinations and gave students an insight into not only their current predicted grades based on their mock exam results, but also shared important revision strategies and techniques so that home study can form a vital part of examination preparation. The event was incredibly well attended and was a true testament of how important it is to work together. Our masterclasses and well being provision will support students in school during this sometimes challenging time, however, we hope that by giving families the tools to continue to support success at home, together we can ensure our young people reach their full potential.

Our Year 9 teachers have also shared how valuable they found our Year 9 Parents' Evening this week, as they met with parents and carers online to discuss progress, achievement and support. I hope that parents and carers also enjoyed discussing their child's learning and development with our team and I encourage families to continue this open and supportive dialogue with staff.

Tomorrow, The Hinckley School will be closed to all year groups as we deliver staff training on our INSET Day. These days are important to ensure that our team are able to deliver the best possible experience for our students, by engaging in CPD sessions and additional training to support our learners.

Finally, I would like to wish our Rugby Team the best of luck in their match against Warwick School this weekend. I know you will do us proud.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## VICTORY FOR OUR YEAR 9 FOOTBALL TEAM



Mr Froome would like to congratulate the Year 9 Football Team on their impressive performance vs our Coventry sister school, Barr's Hill.

Mr Froome said, "All our players battled to a comprehensive win against a good opposition with our Coventry counterparts - Barr's Hill this week. After taking the lead within the first two minutes, the boys established complete control over the fixture, beating the opposition to every first and second ball and making the game their own, before adding a second goal in the first half. Archie then made sure of the win with a third goal late in the second half. Saxon was awarded 'man of the match' after a phenomenal showing in the middle of the pitch." Well done to the entire team on your impressive team work and skill.

# KATRINA WINS GOLD FOR ENGLAND

Our resident Judo superstar, Katrina in Year 9 has once again represented her country with pride.

Katrina recently travelled to France to represent England in an international Judo tournament. Out of 35 competitors from France, Belgium, Japan, England, Netherlands and Germany in her category, she advanced through the pool stages without a single loss.

She continued undefeated through the knockout rounds all the way to the final, ultimately securing the gold medal for England.

This is yet another truly remarkable achievement and everyone here at The Hinckley School would like to congratulate Katrina on her success.

Since last year Katrina has achieved:

- **English Open:** Gold number 1 in UK
- **English Closed:** Gold
- **Northern Counties:** Silver
- **Kent International:** Gold
- **Welsh Open:** Gold number 1 in Wales
- **Northern Ireland Open:** Gold

In international competitions, she secured:

- Now 2 times France champion
- **France Hans International 2023:** Gold
- **Venray International Netherlands 2024:** Gold
- **Belgium Antwerp International 2024:** Gold

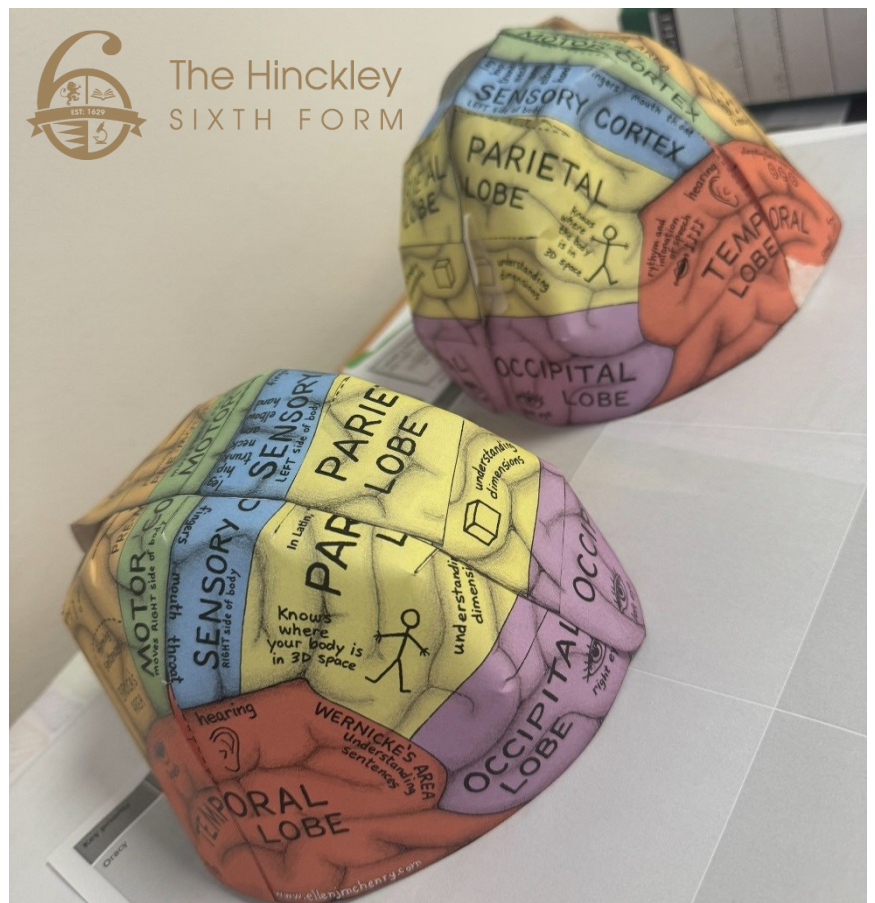
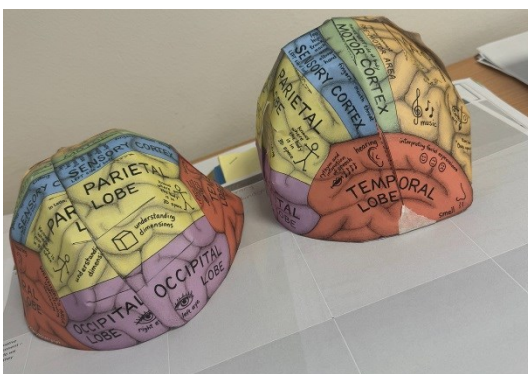


*Congratulations!*

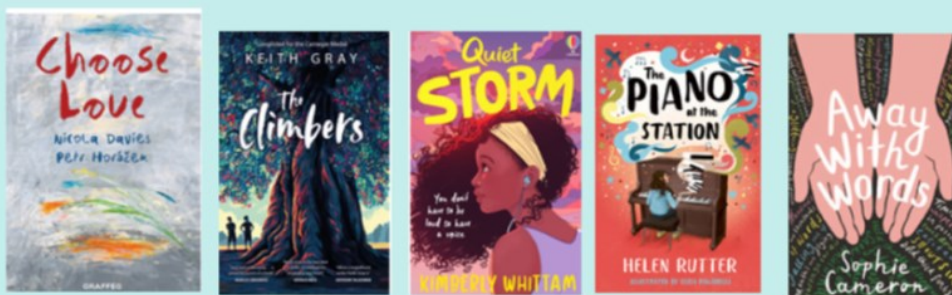
## 'BRAIN HATS' EXPLORE BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY

Our Year 12 Psychology students have been busy making 'brain hats' this week! Ms Blackshaw praised students for their involved and engagement in the activity and has shared how the task has helped the class to build a great foundation for their subject knowledge of biological psychology. This will put them ahead of the game for when they explore this topic in more detail next year.

Ms Blackshaw said, "Their existing knowledge recall and wider reading about the brain really showed off what they know so far." It has been great to hear how much the class enjoyed this unique retrieval and knowledge activity. Well done Year 12.



# NATIONAL EMPATHY MONTH NOVEMBER READING CHALLENGE



Read one of these books during November and write a full review on the school library webpage to get **50 pride points**



**YEAR 9 AND ABOVE BOOK**

## November is Empathy Action Month



Help decorate the library with your empathy resolutions. Every break and lunch during November.



Pick up an empathy book challenge card from the library.

How many books can you read? Earn pride points for any of the books you read and discuss with Mrs Crisp

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## Book a Tour

Book a tour today to explore our bespoke sixth form centre, meet our expert team and experience a taste of life and learning as part of our vibrant student community.

[www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/tours](http://www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/tours)



Applications are now open for 2025 entry. Apply online today: [www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/apply](http://www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk/apply)



Amy Fennell, our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Co-Ordinator would like to share an insight into the recent Bronze Training:

“We have now completed our Bronze DofE training for the year, our final session involved evaluating, games and a chocolate quiz. Well done to Rosa and Freya, winning the tallest newspaper pioneering tower.

We will be returning in the New Year to focus on their assessed expedition.”

As you can see from the photo, the tower was very impressive and demonstrates how important team work, communication and determination are to success —well done!

Our Year 11 Class of 2024 have been invited to join us for a Reunion & Celebration Evening on Thursday 28th November. During the evening, students and their families will enjoy refreshments upon arrival, live entertainment, have opportunities to take photographs with each other, listen to addresses by the Headteacher and visiting speakers and be presented with their official GCSE Examination Certificates. All our Year 11 alumni have been contacted regarding this



annual event and have been asked to complete an [online form](#) to register their attendance.

We look forward to welcoming our students and their families back to The Hinckley School and to celebrating their continued successes since graduating from Year 11.



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## INSET DAY REMINDER

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 15th November 2024, is an INSET Day and therefore the school will be closed to all year groups. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 18th November.



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# The Hinckley School Choir

Calling all singing enthusiasts! The Hinckley School is excited to invite students of all years to join The Hinckley School Choir! This is an exciting opportunity to become part of a vibrant group as we prepare to warm the hearts of the public through upcoming performances in Hinckley. We will be singing wholesome songs as well as some Christmas classics, of course! Please turn up to music every Wednesday after school to share the joy of music, singing, and Christmas!

## GOLD AWARD CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Shannon who has achieved her full Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award this week.

Shannon volunteered once a week for the community vaccine scheme during the covid pandemic. Giving back to the community during this difficult time has enabled her to become more confident when communicating to others.

For the physical section of the award, Shannon has been continuing to improve her stamina, confidence and riding ability for over the 12 month timescale. Riding her own ponies on a regular basis has enabled her to improve her strength and positioning in particular when it comes to jumping.

Shannon has been learning to drive for her Skill section, initially working to master small manoeuvres such as reversing and pulling up at the side of the road. As she become more road aware and confident, she was able to move onto navigating the roads and in particular roundabouts, dual carriageways and parking.

Shannon chose to spend her 4-night, 5-day experience away from home at Kernow 22 Jamboree with Cornwall Scouts, here she spent her time working in the Global Development Village, this activity base involved her being part of a team showing approximately 300 Scout and Explorers a simulated Earthquake Experience. On one of the days up to 400 Cub Scouts visited the site and the GDV base was visited by them all. Shannon probably met most of the camp over the week, she made new friends and enjoyed the whole experience, she was invited to other sub camps to join in games evenings, she has learnt a lot about herself and her abilities, her confidence has grown. Shannon's team leader was very impressed with the way she got on with things and would invite her to join his team again.

The final section of the award is the expedition, Shannon was in a team of 6 who took on Snowdonia for their walking adventure, they set themselves a challenging route which tested their physical and mental stamina. They coped well and overcame all the challenges to complete a very successful expedition. Shannon made an excellent team member. Her team members recognised someone who was always encouraging, showing real concern for her team's welfare and was a great navigator. She showed good leadership qualities which her team responded to.

Well done and congratulations Shannon on becoming a Gold award Holder, looking forward to hearing all about your trip to the Palace.

- Amy Fennell, DofE Co-Ordinator



<b>GOLD</b>		Plus an extra 6 months in the Volunteering, or longer of the Skills or Physical sections, if you haven't got Silver.
Volunteering	<b>12 months</b>	
Physical	one section for 12 months, the other for 6 months	
Skills		
Expedition	<b>4 days 3 nights</b>	
Residential	<b>5 days 4 nights</b>	

# ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

## Global Canvas Children's Art Competition

Entries are now open for Global Canvas 2025, till 14 February 2025! So pick up those pencils, paints and brushes, and enter your masterpiece. A global competition to celebrate the young wildlife artists of tomorrow. Find out more about this year's competition below.

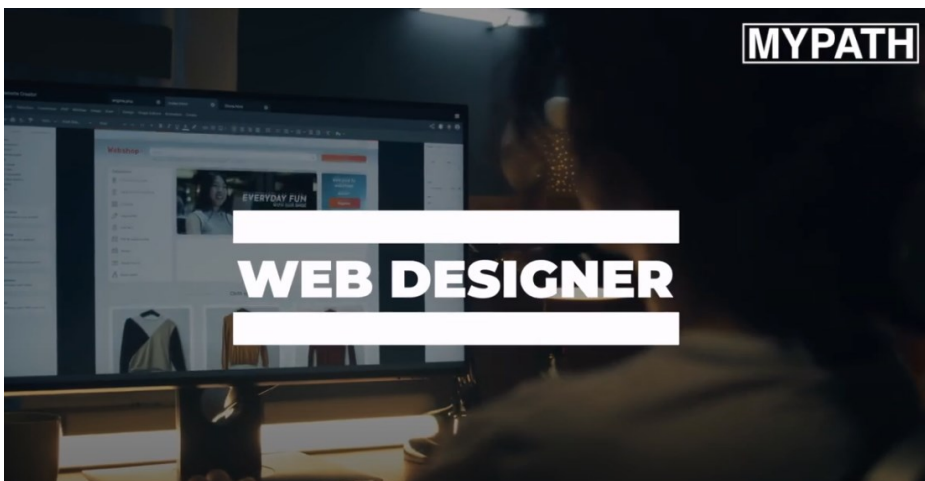
[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE!](#)



Enter Global Canvas 2025



## CONSIDERING A CAREER IN WEB DESIGN?



Have you ever wondered what a Web Designer does?

Web designers plan, create and code web pages, determining the style and overall look of the website for their customers' requirements.

To find out more about this career path, click the video on the left.

## COULD YOU BE A LIVERPOOL ENGINEER?

*"It's really cool to see the projects I've worked on, on my way into town"* - in the video on the right, Frances talks about what her degree means to her and gives an insight into what it is like to study Civil Engineering at the University of Liverpool. Click the video on the right to hear more.

**Could you be a Liverpool Engineer?** Find out more online [here](#).

To find out more about studying at the University of Liverpool, visit their website: <https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/study>



# ANNOUNCING OUR NOVEMBER ART COMPETITION

November Art, Craft and Design  
Challenge:

## Drawing with Tape

Launch: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Deadline: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

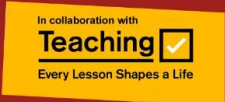
Challenge:

Use the tape of your choice (masking, Sellotape, parcel, electrical, cassette etc) to produce a 'drawing' of a subject of your choice

Top Tips:

- Think about how you can layer/ overlap the tape to capture different tones
- Can the tape be manipulated to depict textural surface qualities?

Entries can be printed and handed to Miss Webster in D7, or emailed to [kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk](mailto:kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk)



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**silent Book Club**

Everyone Welcome

November 28th 3pm -4pm  
in the library

Drinks and biscuits provided

# 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