



The Hinckley
SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Building Brighter Futures

THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Thank you to families of our Year 10 and 11 students who attended our welcome evenings this week. It was a pleasure to see you all and to talk to you about supporting students as they begin their GCSE studies and look ahead to exams. The feedback from these events has been very positive and it was a fantastic opportunity to come together in support of our young people.

Our visits to primary schools in the local area have continued this week, with Mr Matharu, Director of The Bridge, talking to students from Richmond Primary School and Barwell Church of England Primary School. He has shared how excited students have been by our provision in The Bridge and the exciting opportunities that being part of our community brings. We all look forward to seeing many familiar faces at our Open Evening on Wednesday 18th September.

Our Rugby training for girls and boys kicked off this week and it was wonderful to see so many students getting involved for the first time, coaching others and showcasing their team spirit. Our staff were joined by coaches from Hinckley Rugby Club and it was great to welcome them as guests to this week's training sessions. I would like to wish our team the very best of luck for Saturday, when they will take on Leicester Grammar School in their first fixture of the academic year.

This week, we also hosted an NPQSL meeting, during which visiting educationalists observed Latin lessons, sharing that they were very impressed. It was a great opportunity to showcase our exceptional community and hard working students to other professionals and I was blown away with their feedback.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

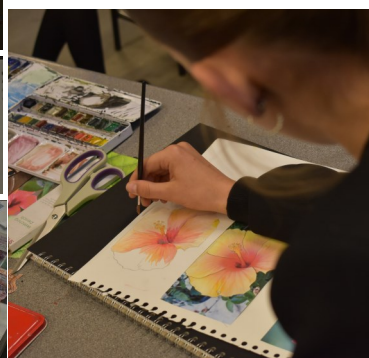
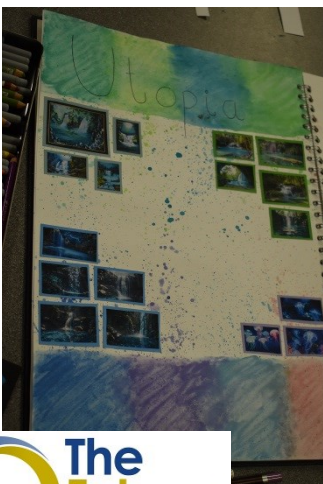
CREATING DYSTOPIAN OBSERVATIONS



Our Year 10 Fine Artists are currently investigating utopia and dystopia and the characteristics seen in each. Students are now completing key observations before developing a composition of their own utopia or dystopian world.



On Wednesday, students also experimented with manipulating specialist textile materials to give outcomes which showcased dystopian characteristics. Great work!



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NUMERACY IN THE BRIDGE

All students in Year 7 took part in their first Numeracy Tutor Task on Monday. As a school, we recognise how important it is to be Mathematically fluent in the four main operators (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and how these basic skills play a significant part in our everyday lives, both as adults as well as children.

This task was differentiated so that all abilities could access and achieve. The task added something different to simple calculations, as there were several answers that could apply, but only one way that would complete the CrossMath with the numbers available. This forced the students to think a little harder when selecting which number goes in which box.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the task and are looking forward to the next!



ROAD CLOSURE—WOODLAND ROAD

SEVERN TRENT HAVE ASKED US TO SHARE A LETTER WITH OUR PARENTS/CARERS REGARDING UPCOMING MAINTENANCE WORKS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.

WOODLAND ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO NON-RESIDENTS FROM 17TH SEPTEMBER UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE.](#)

INTRODUCING ART BYTES—YEAR 9

Our tutor team launched the annual Art Bytes competition to our Year 9 students last Thursday and we are encouraging the year group to produce a piece using the media of their choice to submit. Last year entries included traditional fine art techniques alongside sculpture, photography and textiles. Students should see Miss Webster if they would like more information.



This academic year, The Hinckley School will be entering and competing in the Art Bytes competition; Raising aspirations for better futures by championing the creativity of the nation's next generation, using art and virtual technology.

Art Bytes is a national EdTech programme that utilises a **bespoke, immersive, virtual gallery** incorporating **augmented reality** elements, to give young participants the opportunity to see their **art exhibited online** and engage with new technology from the safety and convenience of their own home or school.

It builds **confidence** and nurtures **talent**, allows children and young people to see galleries as places "for them" and encourages future **cultural engagement**.

After a shortlisting panel and an online public vote, the winning artist from each school sees their work displayed in our virtual gallery. Art Bytes culminates every June with a **celebration event** at a high-profile **cultural venue** in each of the nine regions of England, which is also available to schools to stream in the classroom or assembly. Regional winners are announced, certificates and prizes are presented, and the virtual gallery goes live.



[Art Bytes 2023 Celebration Events and Winners | Art Bytes](#)



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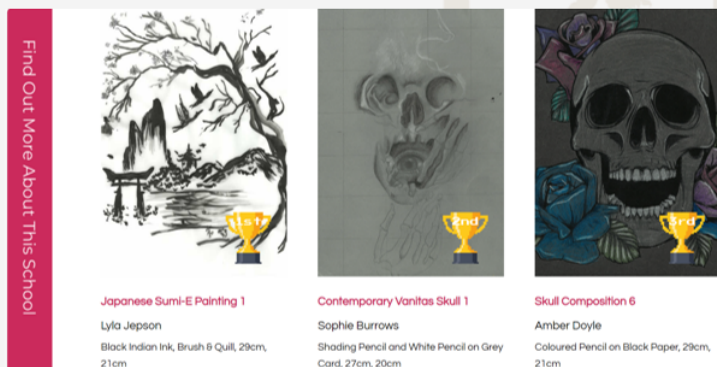
See Miss Webster for more information and to answer any questions



Information for Entrants:

- Artwork created by Year 9 students in this academic year, whether at home or in school, is eligible.
- One entry per student.
- No set theme, allowing students to express themselves as they wish through their artwork
- Artwork in any fine art medium or technique is acceptable, rather than textiles/design. 2024 saw entries that included: photography and sculpture (such as clay)
- 2D or 3D artwork (please note all 3D work entries will be exhibited as a photograph).
- Artworks created at home should be made without parents or guardians help.

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 2024



POND DIPPING TO IDENTIFY WILDLIFE



Our Year 7 Science classes tried their hand at pond dipping this week. Mrs Cook's class worked in groups using nets and collection trays to collect wildlife. Then, using a key, students were able to identify the wide variety that live in our school pond. Students enjoyed getting up close to the wildlife and seeing the wide variety in our school pond including fish, frogs and snails.

It was wonderful to see students engaged and excited by the activity, they worked well in their groups and could identify the wildlife found.

Well done Year 7!




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YOUR LIBRARY

NEEDS YOU!

Year 8 -10 and Year 12
Volunteers

Visit the
library for
more
details and
an
application
form.

Have you got
what it takes?



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Are you...

- **Friendly, cheerful, reliable and polite?**
- **Energetic, enthusiastic and full of ideas?**
- **Keen to help other pupils and staff?**
- **A good team worker?**
- **Calm under pressure?**

We need **YOU** to play an exciting and important role in the day-to-day running of your school library.

Pupil library assistants work at break and lunchtime in the library and work closely with the library staff and other pupil assistants. Full training will be given.

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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





THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



“ Adventure, fun with friends
enjoy the outdoors, personal challenge,
learn a new skill, enhance your CV,
create memories and much more! ”



Gold (age 16+)

Volunteering

12
months

Physical

12 or **6**
months

Skills

12 or **6**
months

Expedition

4 days
3 nights

Residential

5 days
4 nights

Physical and Skills sections: one section for 12 months and the other section for 6 months

If you didn't do Silver, you must do a further 6 months in either the Volunteering or the longer of the Physical or Skills sections.

GOING INTO YEAR 12 OR 13?

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PICK UP A FORM FROM MRS HALL

OR EMAIL

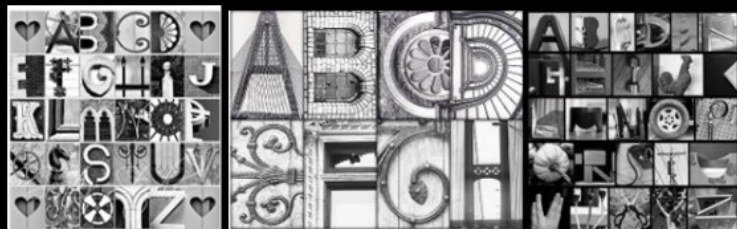
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ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES



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?

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 kwebster@thehinckleyschool.co.uk



University and Post 18 Courses

Have you ever considered studying BA (Hons) Animation?

Click [here](#) to learn more about studying for a degree in animation at Leeds Arts University.



Competition Corner

RAILWAY MUSEUM



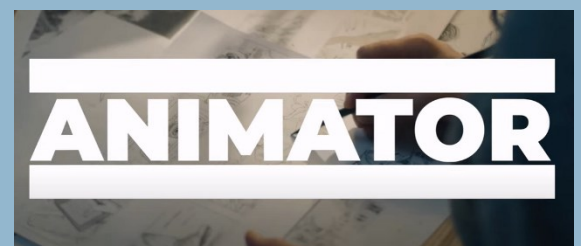
YOUNG RAILWAY PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR



[Home - Young Railway Photographer Of The Year Competition \(youngrailphotographeroftheyear.co.uk\)](http://youngrailphotographeroftheyear.co.uk)

Capture the moment and submit your favourite shots as the Railway Museum celebrate 200 years of railway history!

Job of the Week

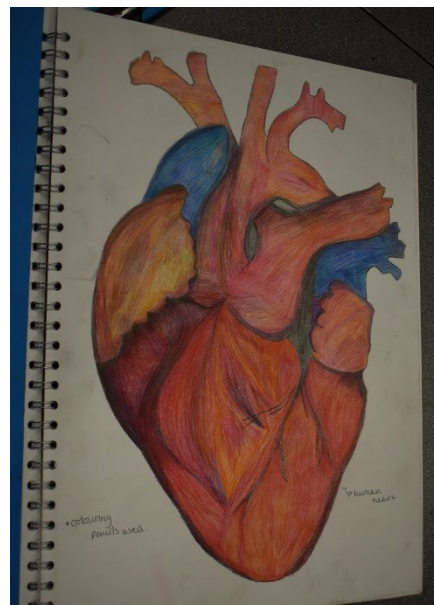
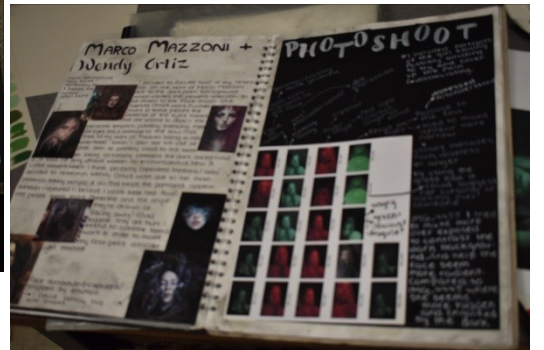
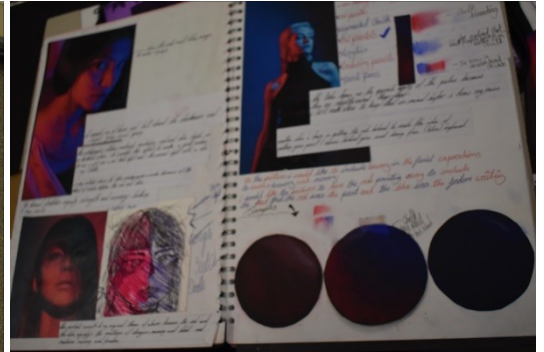
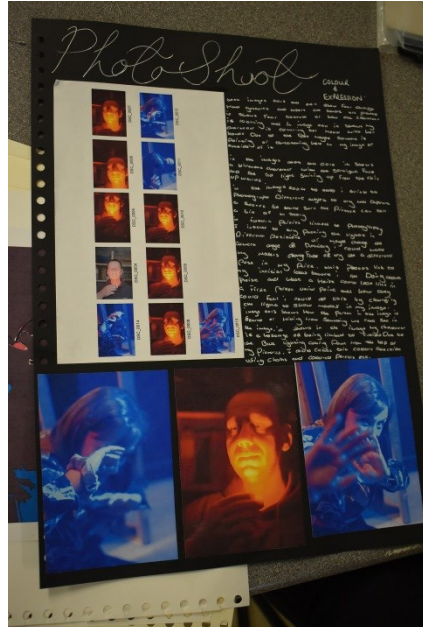
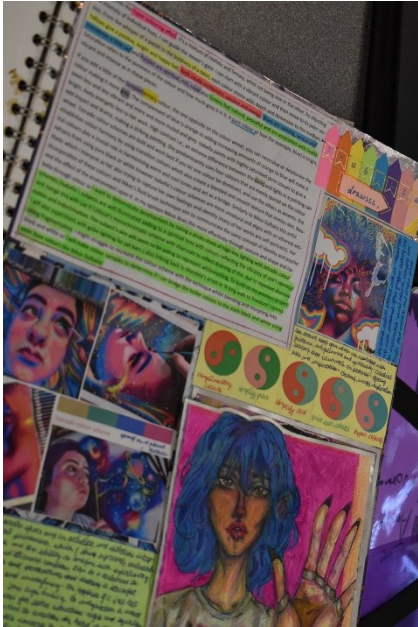


Click the video above to learn more about a career as an Animator!

FINE ART STUDENTS DEPICT ENHANCED MOOD AND EMOTION

In preparation for their mock exams, Year 11 Fine Artists have been using the photography studio and creative lighting techniques to illuminate their subjects. They are now embarking on translating these into fine art outcomes by exploring and experimenting with the application of a range of materials and techniques to accurately replicate the skintones. Many have demonstrated challenge by choosing to depict fauvist palettes that have been selected to enhance mood and emotion.

They have produced some fantastic work and we can't wait to share more insights into their sketchbooks in future newsletters.



YEAR 11 Hub
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OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 18th September 2024

5pm-8pm

Tour 'The Bridge', our specialist Year 7 provision and learn more about our exceptional seven-year journey.

TOUR SLOTS AVAILABLE NOW

As well as attending our Open Evening, why not book a tour to see school life in action?

Call 01455 632183 to book.



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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.

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