



The Hinckley
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NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter
Futures*

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THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2025



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Starting with a whole school assembly on Friday, our team are focusing on how we can support students to strengthen their attendance, as well as looking to launch new initiatives to reward exceptional and improved attendance. We know that attendance matters and every lesson missed can have a real impact on students progress, understanding and future success. That is why, in partnership with our families, we want to support our students to make the most of every hour they have here at The Hinckley School. We look forward to sharing and celebrating our attendance initiatives moving forward in new weekly features.

Whilst visiting lessons this week, it has been a delight to see students so engaged with learning and to witness in depth exam preparation in action. We understand that there is a lot of information for students to try to retain, not just subject content, but about the exam process itself. This is why our Year 11 team are putting together a new one page guide on key focuses and to break down the papers per subject, further supporting students and their parents/carers to easily digest and understand the next steps to exam success.

Thank you to our Year 11 students and their families for joining us online during our virtual Parents' Evening on Tuesday. We had a fantastic level of engagement and I would like to thank you on behalf of staff who conducted the appointments for such an enjoyable evening discussing support, progress and achievements as we approach the exam windows. It was also wonderful to see so many of our Year 11 students celebrating their Conditional Offers to study at our Sixth Form on Thursday, during our Offer Breakfast event.

Congratulations to our rugby team for winning the John Wilkinson Memorial Cup fixture 47-22 on Saturday. The event was a fitting tribute to a beloved former teacher, reflecting his community spirit, resilience and teamwork. I would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed online to the [fundraising page in aid of Pancreatic Cancer UK](#). Our first ever 1st XV Colts Team also put on an incredible performance at the WQE Rugby Festival on Wednesday, where they came away victorious after four great unbeaten matches - it is a privilege to watch The Hinckley School's impressive rugby legacy be revitalised with a new generation of talent. We are looking forward to seeing them play again in our upcoming fixtures.

I would also like to congratulate our KS3 Girls Football Team for their show of talent and determination against fellow Futures Trust school Barr's Hill this week. Representing the school with pride at sporting events is such a wonderful memory for our young people to carry with them into adulthood, as well as the sense of community and confidence it helps to foster. They always do us proud!

Mrs Rooke — Headteacher

THANKING OUR 'GO FOR READING' VOLUNTEERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Tuesday reading volunteers, for supporting our students to develop their reading skills.



Ms Crisp, Librarian said, "I have been working with volunteers in collaboration with 'Leicestershire Cares', a not for profit charity, now for over six years. Our volunteers come from a variety of industries in the local community to run a programme with the school called 'Go For Reading' which supports our students each week with extra reading practice. The students work with the same volunteers all year, building a strong positive relationship which has helped to build confidence as well as skills in reading and contributes towards our mission of developing our school reading culture and love of reading. We are so grateful to our volunteers for their service and the support from 'Leicestershire Cares'."

Denise, one of our dedicated volunteers from 'Leicestershire Cares' said, "It is an extremely rewarding experience providing reading support to the students at The Hinckley School. But it is not only about improving their reading, it's also a great opportunity to build their confidence. We have met some wonderful young people who have been eager and engaged, and hopefully with our help have found enjoyment in the world of books."

It's also now wonderful to see our very own sixth form students getting involved and supporting this project by volunteering their time to help build brighter futures. Thank you to everyone involved.

CUP GAME SHOWCASES TALENT AND DETERMINATION



The Year 7/8 Girls' Football Team faced a tough challenge in their first cup game against The Market Bosworth School this week. Despite the result, the match showcased the team's determination and talent, with many standout performances. Courtney was a standout in goal, making a string of incredible saves from start to finish. Tilly, Amelia, and Lilly formed a solid defensive line, showing great teamwork and resilience. Ronnie impressed with her fantastic runs that kept the opposition on edge, and her unrelenting tenacity was an inspiration to the team. Laura, Kodi, Imogen and Catalina worked tirelessly battling for possession and supporting both attack and defence. Sienna came on as a substitute and made some crucial tackles. Although the result wasn't in our favour, we are so proud of the team's effort. Each player should be extremely proud of their contributions. - **Ms Gillett, Teacher of PE**

SCULPTURAL LIGHTING IN 3D DESIGN



After investigating the work of photographer Mo Devlin, who captures close-up photographs of flowers frozen in blocks of ice, Year 11 3D Design student Marlow began to explore how he could utilise this as a source of inspiration to design and develop a lamp/ lighting device.

After initial experimentation with epoxy resin, Marlow challenged himself to adapt the process to produce an illuminated structure that shared visual similarities to the work of his inspirational sources.

Throughout the process Marlow has demonstrated PRIDE, most evidently through the resilience shown as he reflected on obstacles, modifying his design in response.

- **Ms Webster, Teacher of Art**

JOHN WILKINSON MEMORIAL CUP MATCH



On Saturday 18th January 2025, we were delighted to host the first inaugural John Wilkinson Memorial Cup match, held in memory of former teacher and rugby enthusiast John Wilkinson. This event was a resounding success, bringing together the local community to celebrate his life and legacy. The match, played at Hinckley Rugby Club, saw The Hinckley School claim victory with an impressive 47-22 score line.

The event not only showcased the talent and determination of the players, but also highlighted the strong bonds formed across the local community and the legacy of John's impact. Students, staff, and supporters from various schools came together to honour John Wilkinson, whose dedication to education and rugby left a lasting impact.

We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Hinckley Rugby Club for their invaluable support in organizing the event. The club's assistance ensured the day was a fitting tribute to a man who inspired so many. In addition to the thrilling match, a collection was held in John Wilkinson's memory, which is still on-going for anyone wishing to make donations – [click here to visit the fundraising page](#).

This special occasion marked the beginning of what promises to be an enduring tradition, celebrating not just the sport of rugby, but also the enduring spirit of community and camaraderie that John Wilkinson exemplified.

We would like to thank Bond Street Trophies for their help in creating such an impressive trophy which our community can now proudly compete for in John's memory for years to come.

- Mr Stocks, Associate Assistant Headteacher

A memorial event in aid of:



JOHN WILKINSON MEMORIAL CUP

THE HINCKLEY SCHOOL XV VS HINCKLEY RUGBY CLUB U15

Saturday 18th January | 11:00 AM KO
Hinckley Rugby Club:
Leicester Road, Hinckley, LE10 3DR



FUTURE SIXTH FORMERS CELEBRATE CONDITIONAL OFFERS

It was a delight to welcome over sixty Year 11 students to our first Sixth Form Offer Breakfast of 2025 on Thursday.

Year 11 students from The Hinckley School can be awarded a Conditional Offer without the need for a traditional interview, thanks to our extensive existing knowledge of them as individuals. We know them, how best to support them and their aspirations and are delighted that so many want to continue building their brighter futures here with us.

Students were given an official offer pack upon arrival at the event in Cafe6 which detailed FAQ's, a timeline of key events and a letter of congratulations from Ms Bull. The group then enjoyed coffee, tea, hot chocolate, pastries and fruit while discussing their course choices and future aspirations.

While settling into their new surrounding in our recently refurbished sixth form café, students had the opportunity to chat to their future subject specialists and current sixth form students who also chose to continue their seven year journey here at [The Hinckley Sixth Form](#). The event had a great atmosphere and it was wonderful to hear students excitedly discussing their next steps and how eager they are to join our community.

Thank you to our Offer Holders for joining us.



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The Future Starts With Us

SILVER DofE NAVIGATE WAKELEY WOODS

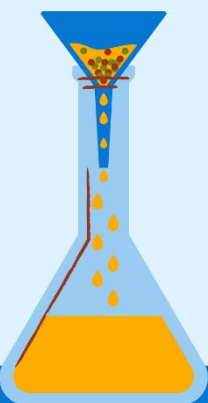
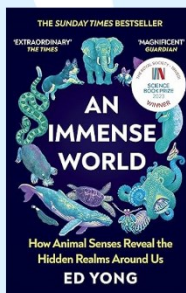
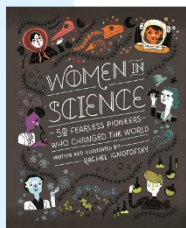


We would like to congratulate our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award group for completing their first outing of 2025. The group headed to Fineshade Woods near Corby where they spent the morning learning how to micro navigate through the wood using pacing, timings and bearings. In the afternoon, they were given a set route to navigate and had to make their way through Wakeley Woods to Seaton. Amy Fennell our DofE Co-Ordinator said, "All of the young people were fantastic, engaged really well and coped with the cold and icy weather. Well done all!"

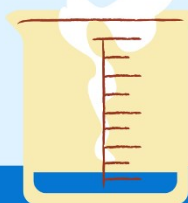


All things science JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BOOK CHALLENGE

READ ONE OF THESE BOOKS DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, THEN WRITE A REVIEW ON THE SCHOOL LIBRARY PAGE FOR 50 PRIDE POINTS!



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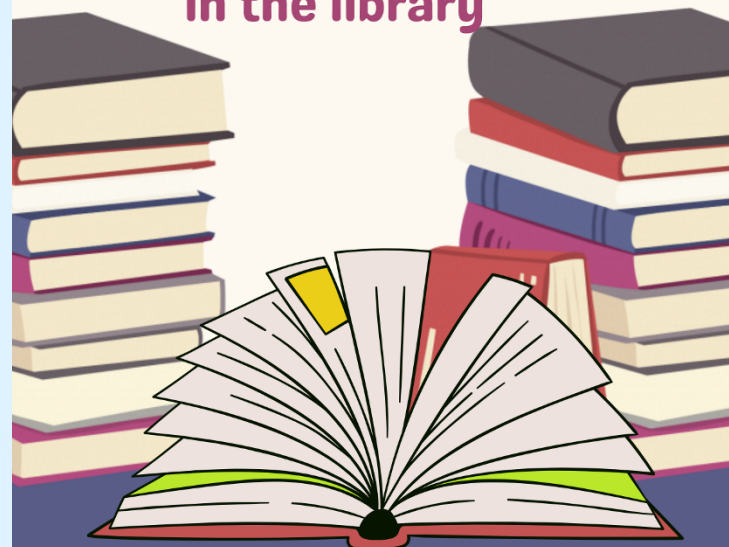


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silent Book Club

Everyone Welcome

January 30th 3pm -4pm
in the library



Drinks and biscuits provided

UNIVERSITY GUEST SPEAKER HOSTS MUSIC QUIZ

It was wonderful to welcome back Aberystwyth University this week, as they spoke to Year 12 students about post 18 pathways, life at university and the opportunities they offer.

The session saw students compete in a music quiz to reveal songs and artists linked to their future destinations, then giving them the opportunity to hear more about these aspects. The year group thoroughly enjoyed the session and we would like to thank the team from Aberystwyth University for delivering such a unique and engaging session to support our students decision making.



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PRIFYSGOL
ABERYSTWYTH
UNIVERSITY



'EGGCELLENT' SIXTH FORM TRADITION

The annual Sixth Form egg drop is a rite of passage for our students, with every Year 12 student competing in our 'eggcellent' team work challenge.

Sixth formers work together in their tutor groups to plan how to safely keep their egg intake as it descends from the sixth form balcony. This year some tutor groups even got creative by decorating their egg ahead of the dangerous journey!

With varying degrees of success, students celebrated and commiserated each others attempts in this lively community event.

After all drops were attempted, the winning tutor group was announced and the year group congratulated 12Kelly on a worthy victory.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone for participating!



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[Click here to apply to join The Hinckley Sixth Form in 2025!](#)

NEW

Enrichment After School

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Spring Term 2025

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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Enrichment Lunchtime

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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