



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



This week, our Year 10 students have been sitting their mock exams. This practice run is important to give students an understanding of exam conditions and for our team to understand what areas of focus and support are required moving forward to help our young people reach their full potential. I would like to thank Year 10 for approaching their mock exams with maturity and focus.

Congratulations to The Hinckley School Robot Wars Team, who put on an impressive performance last week when we hosted the Regional Heats. Students battled their robots against competitors from four other local schools and shared how they enjoyed not only the competitive elements of the event, but also the sense of community. Well done to all involved.

This week, we welcomed some of the new staff joining us in August, as they spent time with their departments. I know they are looking forward to settling into school life and supporting our students and families. They will join our already passionate and dedicated team, a team whose determination to provide outstanding opportunities for our young people is evident in the plans for Inspire Week, which starts on Monday. The week will allow students to showcase PRIDE while broadening their horizons, trying new things, exploring future careers and creating treasured memories to shape their futures. I hope everyone has a truly unforgettable week.

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent bake sale in aid of LOROS. This event is one of many recently which have been linked to this charity and the amount raised and number of sweet treats donated further highlights the incredible generosity and charitable nature of our community. In addition, this week we have welcomed the LOROS team into school to deliver a CPD session to our staff which focused on bereavement and how we can best support our students and their families. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate students Frankie and Richard in Year 8, who following a nomination by Ms Hale, have now received their Inspirational Young Person Awards — a wonderful achievement.

Tomorrow, we look forward to welcoming our future Year 12 students to our Sixth Form Offer Holder Day, with many of our Year 11 students returning once again. I hope everyone joining us has a wonderful first taste of sixth form student life.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher



## IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE AT ROBOT WARS



The Hinckley School Robot Wars Club have spent the year building and refining their robots in preparation for the regional finals that took place on Friday 14th June.

The students performed amazingly, and our skill level of robot production and driving really proved the deciding factors as our students won both of the trophies on offer! James and his robot won the overall 1 v 1 cup competition, while Hugh and his robot managed to progress through the tournament twice to secure the second title of the day! An amazing display of skill by Hugh! A fantastic day, made even better by winning all the accolades on offer, and our roboteers will now progress to the finals at MarchantCain in Coventry on Friday 5th July.

Many thanks to Mr Harrison, for his brilliant robotic building knowledge, and Mr Anderson, for his engineering expertise, which all contributed to helping our students succeed!

-Mr C Holmes, Head of Computer Science.



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# OUR STUDENTS ROCK!



We are absolutely thrilled to share the resounding success of our talented musicians' rock performance at Bosfest, held at Market Bosworth Country Park last Saturday. The KS3 musicians have truly outdone themselves, showcasing their incredible musical skills and the hard work they've put in since September.

The English summer weather was beautiful as always, bringing torrential rain, hail, and thunder. Our students and their instruments managed to find emergency cover before they played! And just as our school was ready to take centre stage, a stroke of luck came our way - the clouds parted, and the sun beamed down on our outstanding students, perfectly timed for their performance!

A huge thank you goes out to the parents, carers, THS staff, and members of the public who endured the initial downpour to witness the performance. Your support and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated! We would also like to express our gratitude to GCSE students Katie and Josh, who dedicated their time to coach and support our incredible KS3 musicians. Your guidance and mentorship has been invaluable.

Of course, we cannot forget to acknowledge the support of Wayne, Tom, and the entire JAM Music team. Their hard work and organisation ensured that the event ran smoothly, bringing the community together to celebrate the joy of music, regardless of the weather. A massive thank you to all involved!

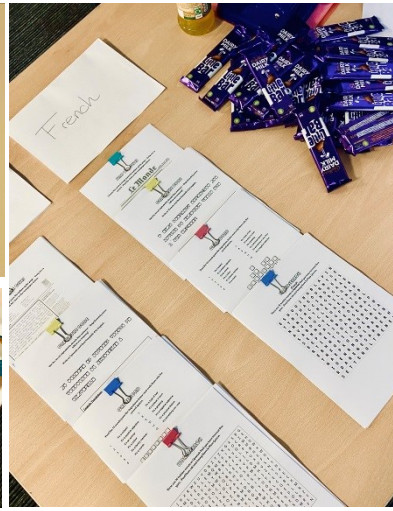
We are already looking forward to running this fantastic enrichment activity again next year, so keep your eyes peeled. In addition, JAM music will be offering new opportunities to learn instruments in school, alongside the existing instrumental lessons we currently offer. Come and speak to Mr Riley for more information and keep your eyes peeled.

A huge round of applause and congratulations to all students involved in the outstanding performance at Rock School this year. We must also extend our appreciation to all those who took part in Rock School this year, but were unable to attend the event. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves. Once again, a huge congratulations to everyone involved in making this rock performance a resounding success. **You absolutely rock!**





# 100 DAY DUOLINGO REWARD PARTY



Our MFL Department runs a rewards ladder for all students who consistently use Duolingo, a free app for language learning. Students get rewarded with positive points on Classcharts, chocolate and toys for every 20 day streak. When they hit the 100 days milestone, students are invited to an hour long party where their achievements are celebrated with drinks, snacks and fun activities such as language treasure hunts!

Well done to everyone who reached this milestone and attended the party on Monday.

## LOROS BAKE SALE

# LOROS

Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

On Friday 14th June, our students ran a bake sale to fundraise for the LOROS Hospice.

Miss Hale would like to thank all of the students and parents/carers who contributed to the effort by baking delicious treats, and special thanks to Year 8 and 10 students who volunteered to help run the stalls.

**We raised a grand total of £130 which will be greatly appreciated by the Hospice.**



## CELEBRATING OUR 'ART BYTES' FINALISTS

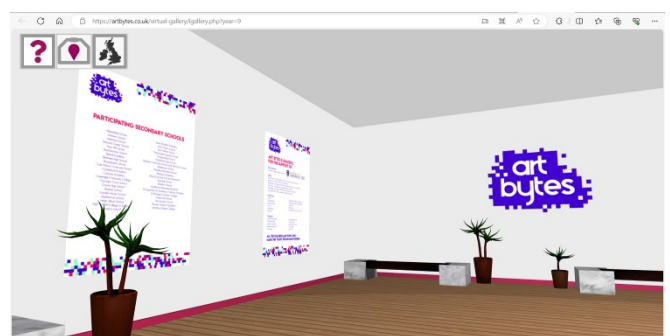
Last week, 13 of our Year 9 Art Bytes entrants visited 'The Quad' in Derby to attend the annual Art Bytes Celebration Event. The venue was one of their fantastic cinema screening rooms and students enjoyed popcorn as they celebrated Regional and National Winners. Judges thoughts were shared as they reflected on the entries and the qualities that they included. Each THS student received a certificate of participation to commend their efforts and the work that they had spent time considering and producing. Our shortlisted students also received a certificate for being voted 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the competition.

Prior to the event, The Quad's Educational Team also provided us with an opportunity to explore their Gallery space and current Exhibitions; 'Future Tense' 'Jubilee City - Derby Punk in the 1970's', 'Future Now' and 'Amuse Bouche'. A curator spent time talking to our students about the exhibitions, the narrative and how exhibitions are curated and displayed. Each individual student, along with Mr Tallis and Miss Webster, were given a roll of brightly coloured tape before being instructed to stick it to the floor to create a path to their favourite artwork. An additional challenge to add a sentence to indicate the choice was then given. It was lovely to see so many of the students thoughtful responses, with members of the Education Team commenting on their confident ability to analyse symbolism within the artworks. The students also reflected together, discussing their choices and sharing opinions with one another... in an attempt to write more than Miss Webster. A special mention to Charlotte who continued with her analysis until the pen almost ran out!

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 9 entrants this year. You should all be very proud of your submissions and the exceptionally high quality of your work which demonstrated such strong technical ability.

We look forward to running the competition again next year for our new Year 9 cohort. Please look out for more information which will be released by the Art Department next academic Year.

Visit our online gallery—[Art Bytes - Gallery](#)



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**SPORTS  
DAY**

**THURSDAY 27TH JUNE**

STUDENTS WILL ENJOY A DAY OF  
YEAR GROUP COMPETITIONS AND  
WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS  
EVENTS

**ICE CREAM VAN & FOOD TRUCK**  
(CASH ONLY)

Next week, we will be holding our 'Inspire Week', four days of events, trips, visiting speakers and much more to captivate the minds of our young people, create treasured memories and spark curiosity. The week is designed to provide enriching experiences for our community, as well as to offer insights into potential future careers.

Opportunities for student groups in each year hub include -

**Year 7** –Cadbury World, Geography Fieldwork Trips, Nottingham University Trip

**Year 8** - Skegness Trip, World of Work Days with visiting guest speakers

**Year 9** - THINK TANK, Task Master Challenge Day, Coombe Abbey Trip

**Year 10** - The Hinckley Sixth Form Taster Day, Mock Interviews, Film Club, Alton Towers

#### **Sports Day**

Thursday will also see our annual 'Sports Day' take place, with year group competitions and whole school events for students to participate in, as well as cheering on their peers.

A highlight in the calendar, it is always a tribute to our sense of community, sportsmanship and school spirit.

An ice cream van and food truck will be on site during the day for students to purchase from using cash. We ask that students do not buy/ consume food before participating in events and races.

***(Please note that Friday 28th June is an INSET Day)***

## REMINDER - FUNDRAISING FOR CANCER CHARITIES



**Two students in Year 10 are aiming to raise £1,000 for three cancer charities, for a very personal reason and we are proud to be supporting their incredible fundraising plans.**

On their Just Giving page Marlow shared, "In April of this year, our family was given the devastating news that my mum had got breast cancer. There were no signs or symptoms; it was only diagnosed through a routine mammogram. After several weeks and tests, she has now started her battle against breast cancer. She is the strongest and most positive person I know and I know this journey she has to face will only make her stronger.

In support of my mum's journey me and my friend have decided to do a sponsored head shave in school, where my friend will donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust. We will also be raising money for The Osbourne Trust, Little Lifts, and Breast Cancer Now. These charities have become a lifeline to our family, providing us with much-needed support at a time when we need it most."

The pair are currently planning a **Charity Bake Sale for Year 9 and 10 which will take place on Friday 21st June**, a non uniform day for the last day of term- with a £2 suggested donation to be paid in advance via Parent Pay and of course, a sponsored head shave—which we will share more details of very soon. In the meantime, please visit their Just Giving page to read more about the charities they are fundraising for and to donate: [Crowdfunding to Raise money for several charities that are supporting our family since my mum was diagnosed with breast cancer. on JustGiving](#)



# CELEBRATING OUR INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE GATEWAY



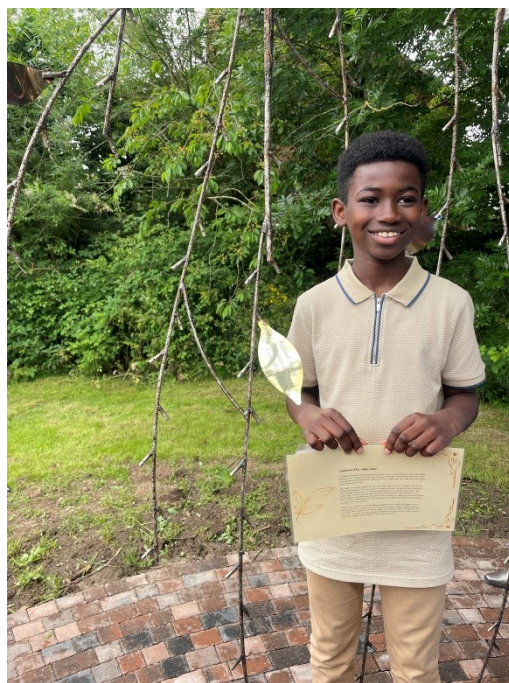
On Wednesday 12th June, The Gateway Team had the pleasure of visiting the LOROS hospice in Leicester with two of our students, Frankie and Richard, who were nominated for the Inspirational Young Person Award by Miss Hale. Both students were shortlisted from a grand total of 300 schools and were selected as winners. They were nominated for their academic and extracurricular successes, being positive and inspirational role models for our school.

The celebration event paid homage to a local hero, Kate, who lived on the Wyken estate and carried out lots of fundraising work. Her friends wanted Kate's memory to stay alive, and asked LOROS to create something special. A sculptor has made a willow tree, with special gold plated leaves which have been engraved with the prize winners. It was lovely to experience the sight of the tree and walk around with the families and the students to find their leaves. They are the first people to become a part of this legacy, and we are incredibly proud of them!

A lovely afternoon tea was enjoyed by all afterwards, and we have raised a total of £130 for the Hospice to thank them for all of their efforts.

- Miss Hale

*We would also like to say a big thank you to Miss Hale for nominating our incredible students.*



# LOROS

Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

The Gateway  
At The Hinckley School



# SPRING ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

We are delighted to share our Enrichment Calendar for the first part of the Summer Term. Providing another opportunity for our students to enjoy participating in extra curricular activities, creating life long memories, making new friends and learning new skills. Please familiarise yourself with the new opportunities on the next two pages.

## Enrichment Lunchtime – Summer 1

<b>Monday</b>				
Crafting	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 8 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Maths Challenge	Lunchtime	Years 7&8	M. Swann	G3
Bridge Wildlife Club	Lunchtime	Year 7	K. Mason	Cambridge
Crochet Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	L. Wills	D10
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
<b>Tuesday</b>				
Strategy Board Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Girls Football & Y8 Inter-form	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Origami	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	N. Vora	D12
LGBTQI+	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	G. Birks	MPR
Geology & Palaeontology	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Gadsby	L1
Sustainability Council (week 1)	Lunchtime	Invite only	G. Malin	L2
STEM Food Club (week 2)	Lunchtime	Years 7-10	J. Wilson	D20
Boys Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
<b>Wednesday</b>				
Chess	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 9 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Creative Writing Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-11	A. Hale	H7
KS3 Film Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	M. Smith	H6
KS3 Electronics	Lunchtime	Years 7-9	P. Harrison	D1
Summer Science	1:30-1:55pm	Years 7&8	C. Smith	Cube
Girls Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 8	M. Pallett	PE
<b>Thursday</b>				
Strategy Card Games	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 7, 10 & 11	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
Boys Badminton	Lunchtime	Year 9	M. Pallett	PE
<b>Friday</b>				
Scrabble	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	R. Crisp	Library
Music Club	Lunchtime	Years 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Football	Lunchtime	Years 8, 9 & 10	I. Ratheram	Astro
Bridge Table Tennis	Lunchtime	Year 7	L. Clarke	Bridge
X-Box Club	Lunchtime	Year 9	R. Byrne	G2
Bridge Badminton (mixed)	Lunchtime	Year 7	M. Pallett	PE

## Enrichment After School – Summer 1

Monday				
Senior Rugby	3:00-4:15pm	Years 10-13	J. Elvidge	PE
Robot Wars Construction	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	P. Harrison	D1
Tuesday				
Rock School	3:00-4:15pm	Invite only	D. Riley	MU1
Robot Wars Tournaments	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-11	C. Holmes	D1
DofE Bronze	5:30-7:00pm	Year 10	A. Fennell	A9
DofE Silver	5:15-7:30pm	Year 11	A. Fennell	Cube
Wednesday				
Programming Challenge	3:00-4:00pm	Years 7-13	C. Holmes	D1
Badminton	3:00-4:00pm	Years 10-11	G. Nicastro	PE
DofE Gold	5:15-7:30pm	Year 12 & 13	A. Fennell	Cube
Y11 CNat Drop in	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	M. Pallett	Library
Thursday				
Boys Football	3:00-4:15pm	Year 8	C. Froome	PE
Girls Football	3:00-4:15pm	Years 7-11	F. Nichols	PE
KS3 Rugby	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-9	M. Stocks	PE
Music and Music Tech	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	D. Riley	MU1
Artist's Retreat	3:00-4:00pm	Year 11	K. Webster	Art
Maths Y10 Catch Up	3:00-4:00pm	Year 10 Higher	H. Bailey	G2
Reading Outside the Box	3:00-4:00pm	Year 7-13	E. Rayson	Library
Friday				
Touch Rugby (mixed gender)	3:15-4:30pm	Years 7-11	M. Stocks	PE
Gateway Beauty Room	3:00-4:00pm	Year 8	M. French	G5

### Enrichment Awards

To celebrate your engagement with enrichment you will be presented with a Ruby, Sapphire and Diamond award in your termly celebration assemblies. As we enter 2024 why not try something new!

Ruby 30-49 sessions

Sapphire 50-69 sessions

Diamond 70+ sessions



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