



The Hinckley
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NEWSLETTER

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THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



Last week, we held our Year 11 Reunion and Certificate Evening for our Class of 2024, it was a wonderful event and having the opportunity to catch up with former students and their families was a real privilege. It was a delight to hear all their positive stories about life since leaving Year 11, whether that be studying A Levels, beginning an apprenticeship or starting T levels. During the evening, we were joined by three guest speakers who are all former students. For our newest alumni to hear from an ITN journalist, illustrator and actress, who all started their journeys here with us, is truly inspirational and it was powerful to hear their stories.

This week, we began to get into the Christmas spirit, as students travelled to St Mary's Church to perform in their Christmas Concert. It is a joy to see our students representing the school and showcasing their talents with such pride out in the local community. As we approach the end of term, we will now spend time celebrating our communities achievements this term in Year Group assemblies, taking part in rewards trips and events, enjoying festive lunches, watching pantomime performances and much more. This season is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together to celebrate what makes our school and students so unique, and it is a joy to witness our community values and sense of belonging.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

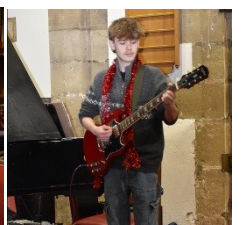
CHRISTMAS CONCERT HAILED AS A 'TRIUMPH'!



On Wednesday, performing arts students travelled to St Mary's Church to perform in their Christmas Concert, accompanied by Mr Riley and Mrs Cook. Students proudly represented the school, with audience members branding the performance as a 'triumph' after being impressed by the musical talent on display.

"Our invitation to perform came from Philip Wordley, as part of the Christmas SMART concerts and we are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to showcase our students' musical talents." said Mr Riley, "The concert featured a range of performances ranging from classical pieces and musical theatre, to lively jazz and of course some Christmas classics. The students' impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm was clearly evident, and they should be incredibly proud of themselves and their hard work. It was wonderful to witness our enthusiastic students showcase their musical skills to the local community, who were incredibly receptive and appreciative of our performances. We feel immensely honoured to have participated in such a heart-warming event and we cannot wait for the next one. A quote from a member-of-the-public included, 'wonderful to see such talent performing together with a lovely atmosphere and super talented young people – fabulous!' "

Well done to all those who performed: Ellie, Brad, Charlotte, Sophie, Edie, Owen, Grace, Darcy, Ollie, Lydia, Ella, Emmy, Freya, Josh, Olivia, Esther, Anna, Mrs Cook and Mr Riley!



HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH'S YOUTH CONFERENCE

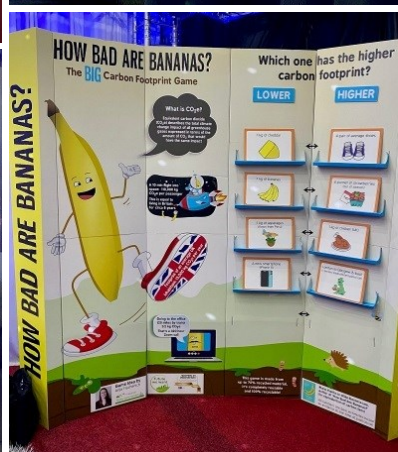
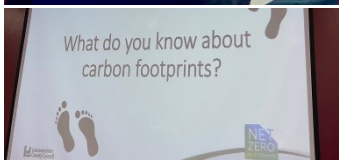
On Tuesday 3rd December, six of our students from Years 8, 9, 12 and 13, joined Mrs Priestnall at the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Youth Conference.

During the event, students took part in a series of workshops on topics which impact our local community as well as both nationally and globally. This first workshop was focused on Climate Change and identified the definition of CO₂e, what a carbon footprint is, explored the carbon footprint of different items or activities and food-waste. The second was titled 'Understanding and Preventing Serious Youth Violence' and was based on exploring and discussing what violence is, why someone might behave violently, the affect and impacts, exploring the risk and consequences and knowing what support is available. The third and final workshop before lunch focused on 'Health and Wellbeing' and looked at peer support, how young people can support each other and how to apply these skills and focus on their own wellbeing and self-care.

In the afternoon session, students then learnt more about the borough council's achievements over the last 50 years and had the opportunity to share what they would like to see achieved during the next 50 years as they reviewed the Young People's Strategy from 2023-2026, before taking part in table discussions with councillors involving young people's suggestions about what works well within their communities and suggestions for improvements.

Mrs Priestnall, Director of Safeguarding and Student Wellbeing has shared how interesting students found the event and how engaged they were throughout the workshops, she said, "All students represented the school well, their behaviour was impeccable and it was a pleasure to spend the day with them."

Well done to everyone who represented the school.



'ONE TO WATCH' - STUDENT SCORES FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

It is with great pride that we would like to share that Year 11 student Oscar, has been offered a 2 year scholarship with Coventry City Football Club to start in July 2025, on completion of his GCSEs.

Oscar has worked very hard to secure this opportunity and it has taken a huge amount of commitment and resilience, training three times a week and playing matches on Saturdays. Thanking staff for their support and encouragement, Oscar shared how Mr Barnacle in particular, has acted as a tremendous mentor throughout his journey at the school. Mr Barnacle, Head of PE said, "Oscar has been a stand out performer from Year 7, but not just for his natural talent, he has achieved his success by being highly coachable, showing a strong work ethic irrespective of task, positive body language and constantly striving to improve. He is a role model for all our sports stars in school as talent alone without resilience can often be wasted. Having seen him play live against Leicester City, he is an exceptional footballer and I cannot wait to play FC27 and pack him as a rising star!" Oscar is very excited by what the future holds and says that learning discipline and staying motivated have been vital in contributing to his success.

Oscar's family have shared how now, with pressure lifted, he is looking forward to focusing on preparation for his GCSEs in the summer, with the continued encouragement and support from his family and teachers alike. We look forward to continuing to celebrate Oscar's successes both academically and on the football pitch. We are incredibly proud of his achievement and know that our entire community will join us in congratulating Oscar.



FINAL REMINDER! - CHRISTMAS DINNERS ON PARENTPAY

The dates of the Christmas dinners for each year group are listed below:

Year 7 – Monday 16th December

Year 8 – Thursday 19th December

Year 9 – Tuesday 17th December

Year 10 and Year 11 - Wednesday 18th December

In order for your child to have a two-course Christmas dinner, we kindly ask that you pre-pay the meal price of £2.70 on ParentPay by Friday 6th December. Please select to pay the 'Christmas Dinner - £2.70' option on Parent Pay.

Alternatively, if your child requires a vegetarian or vegan option, please select 'Vegetarian/Vegan Christmas Dinner - £2.70' For all other dietary requirements, please contact your Year Team directly.

All free school meal students in Year 7-11 will automatically be allocated a free Christmas dinner as their meal on this date. To avoid confusion and over payments, families in receipt of free school meals will not see the Christmas dinner option on ParentPay.

To read our full Christmas dinner letter, [please click here](#).



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Christmas Dinner Reminder 2024

Friday 6th December
Pre Payment Deadline
via Parent Pay



LOCAL COMMUNITY PRAISES STUDENT FOR STEPPING IN TO HELP

We would like to recognise the courageous and thoughtful actions of Year 8 student Katie, who on Monday, stepped in to help an injured member of the community on her way to school.

Being first on the scene, Katie managed to remain calm and called an ambulance, she followed the call handlers advise of keeping the individual warm, giving them a drink and even helping them to a neighbours house. Katie stayed until the ambulance arrived and has shared, despite the shock of the incident, how proud she is of how she handled the situation.

Katie's actions have also been praised by the neighbour involved, who called the school to share their appreciation and to share what an 'amazing' young person she was by stepping in to help when many others wouldn't have.

Everyone here at The Hinckley School is very proud of the strong citizenship, kindness and maturity Katie displayed and it is heart-warming to hear examples of when our students display PRIDE within the wider community as caring local citizens. Well done Katie.



SAFEGUARDING & WELLBEING NEWSLETTER

The December edition of our regular Safeguarding and Wellbeing Newsletter has been sent to parents/carers this week and can now be found on our website. This edition contains information on Christmas hygiene boxes, e safety assemblies, warm homes information, community notices and more. [Click here to read and download your copy.](#)

If you have any questions about an item featured in our Safeguarding and Wellbeing Newsletter, please contact a member of our team:

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The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

YEAR 11

Application Drop-In

Thursday 12th December | 8:20am-9am

- Do you want to speak to our team before applying?
- Have a question about our sixth form courses?
- Need help submitting your application?

Pop by and speak to a member of our expert sixth form team on Thursday 12th December 2024, between 8:20am and 9am, in the Sixth Form Study Area.

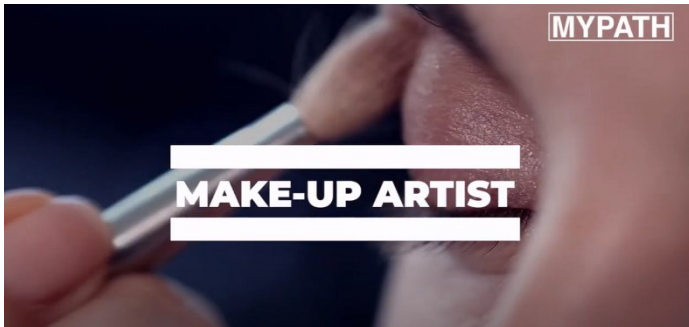
No appointment necessary - we are here to help.

sixthform@thehinckleyschool.co.uk | 01455 632183 | www.thehinckleysixthform.co.uk

ADT SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND SHARING INSPIRING OPPORTUNITIES

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A CAREER AS A MAKE UP ARTIST?



Have you ever considered a career as a make up artist?

A make up artist works with clients such as actors, performers, and television presenters to ensure they look how a producer or director wants them to for their role. This can include basic make up, special effects or dramatic looks. They are also responsible for casting body and facial moulds, fitting wigs and hairpieces and meeting key deadlines. Trainee make up artists earn around £14 per hour, while make up artists in fashion can earn up to £450 a day at events such as London Fashion Week and an average of £250 per day for other events.

[Click here to learn more about becoming a make up artist.](#)

Foundation Degree in Specialist Hair and Media Makeup

Awarded by UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

[Click here to learn more about this foundation course](#)

December Art, Craft and Design Challenge:

'Trashion'

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Launch: Monday 2nd December

Deadline: Friday 20th December

Challenge:

Select, manipulate and construct found and recycled materials into a fashion garment or accessory

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

Top Tips:

- The garment/ accessory can be for a male or female
- The garment can be made to size OR scaled down to a sample size
- The materials can be assembled together using stitch and/ or with other adhesive such as glue (but please get guidance from a parent/ carer when using these materials)
 - Could you photograph a model wearing your garment?
 - Could your design take inspiration from shapes and silhouettes popular in historical periods?





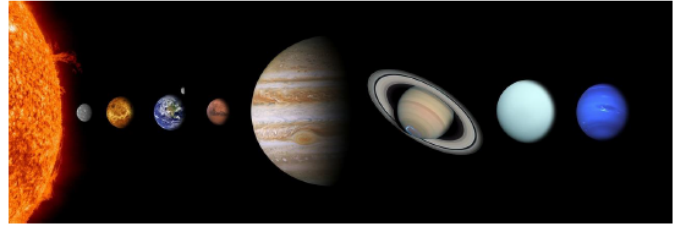
FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

TEA & TOAST

MAIN FOYER

8:15AM | EVERYONE WELCOME

Intro to Astronomy Counting Stars



Do you want to explore the planets stars and galaxies?

Learn

- How many stars are in the milky way
- How the size of different planets compares to Earth
- How to measure vast distances

This course will be Online

Monday 16 December 6.30 – 8.30 pm

To book your place call 0800 988 0308 and quote the course code: 24SN574N

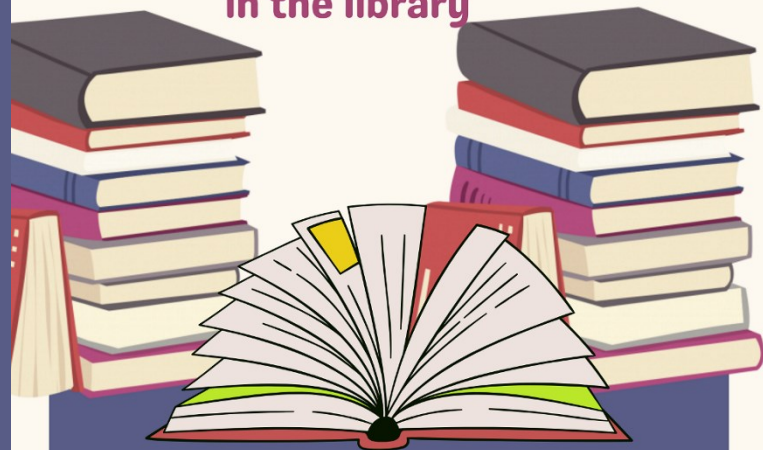
Eligibility requirements apply. If you have any queries please email elanor.m.andrews@leics.gov.uk



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

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