



The Hinckley  
SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

*Building Brighter Futures*

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE 2024

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),



Firstly, I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. Students have made a great start to the final half term of the academic year and it has been a joy to welcome them back to school life. Year 11 and 13 continue to show dedication, maturity and resilience throughout the exam period and I hope they all managed to have a well earned break over half term. Our subject and pastoral teams continue to offer extensive and targeted support for students currently in the middle of their exam period and if we can do anything else to help, please do let us know.

Later this month, 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.

Each year group has an action packed agenda both in and outside of school and I know that staff are very much looking forward to providing these exceptional experiences for our community. 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.

Our school continues to grow, and this week we welcomed some of our new Year 7 students and their families for 2024 transition events. It was a pleasure to meet the newest members of our community and I would like to thank everyone who attended for their participation. This month, we also look forward to our sixth form 'Offer Holder Day', where our new Year 12 cohort will have their first opportunity to spend the day as a sixth form student and sample the support, opportunity and independence this brings. In addition, we are hard at work planning exciting sixth form 'Taster Days' and Year 5 events, as we start to support the local community with their 2025 secondary and post-16 decision making.

Best wishes, Lisa Hickman — Headteacher

## FINE ART PORTRAITS



Before half-term, our Year 10 Fine Artists were challenged to produce a greyscale portrait in the style of a chosen source. Alongside fantastic levels of technical accuracy in regards to the proportions of the face and features, students were keen to challenge themselves, demonstrating refinement and development through their grounds and surfaces, drawing materials and application techniques. For many, this is their first portrait study, and I'm sure you will agree, the results are superb. I can't wait to see what they produce in their 5 hour mock exam in the

coming weeks! There has been a real focused start to the preparatory period of work that will support and direct the outcomes produced in the timed conditions, with so many developing innovative and creative responses by fusing key characteristics of their inspirational sources.

- Ms Webster, Head of Art



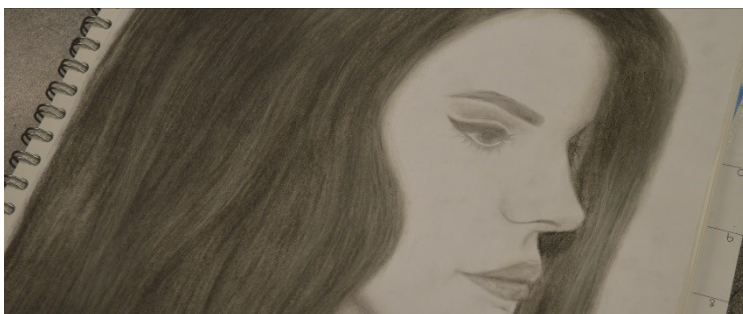
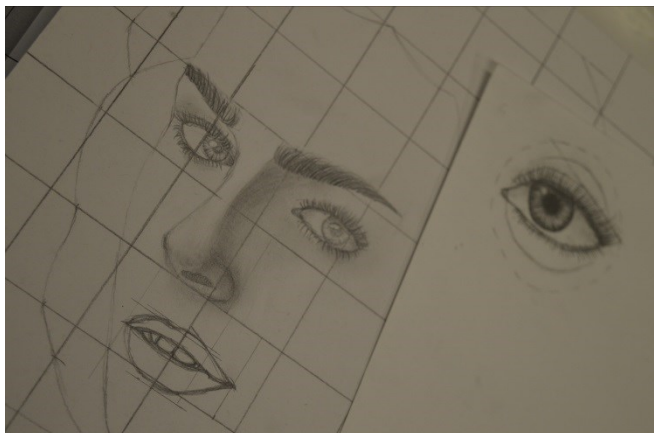
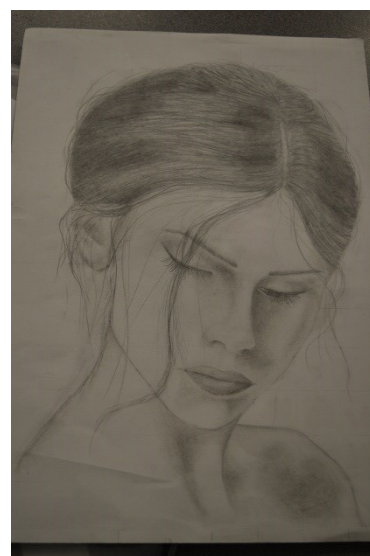
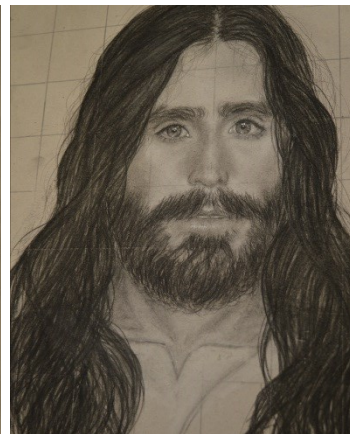
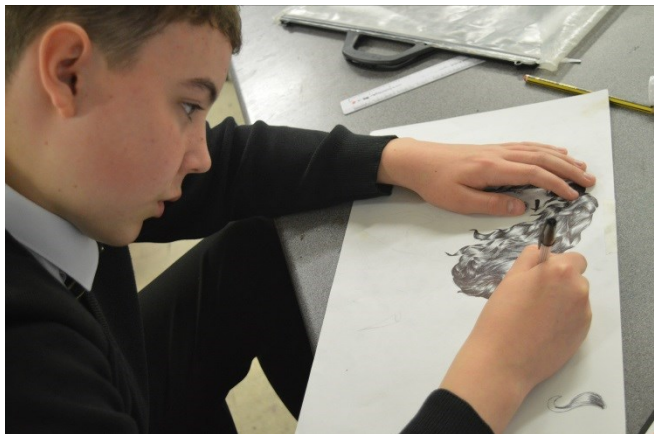
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## FINE ART PORTRAITS - CONTINUED

We are very proud to showcase some more examples of the incredible work created by our Year 10 Fine Art students—we are sure you will agree that they are very talented!



## RSPCA YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER COMPETITION 2024

We encourage our students to get involved in not only in school competitions, but also national and international opportunities to showcase their vast array of talents. This week, we would like to share details about the **RSPCA Young Photographer Competition**, an amazing opportunity for all our animal lovers and budding photographers to take on a new project and share their work!

To find out more about how to enter, categories and prizes, please visit the websites below:

[About - Young Photographer Awards - rspca.org.uk](https://rspca.org.uk)


[Prizes - Young Photographer Awards - rspca.org.uk](https://rspca.org.uk)

**Entries close on Thursday 15th August 2024.**







# WHAT WILL FEATURE IN YOUR 'EXPLORER DIARY'?




- ❑ PHOTOGRAPHY: SCENES, CLOSE-UP'S AND TEXTURES, PATTERNS, CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY 'HACKS' AND TRICKS, LIGHTING, ANGLE AND VIEWPOINT
- ❑ DRAWINGS: SKETCHES, DOODLES, TIMED DRAWINGS AND MORE REFINED STUDIES, PAINTING
- ❑ TEXTILES: FABRIC AND PAPER MANIPULATION, APPLIQUE, HAND/ MACHINE EMBROIDERY, PAINTING/ PRINTING ONTO FABRICS
- ❑ 3D: RECYCLED MATERIALS FROM THE LOCATION/ PLACE CONSTRUCTED INTO SUBJECTS/ BUILDINGS/ SCULPTURES ETC
- ❑ FOOD: RECIPES, MENU'S, PHOTOGRAPHS OF FOOD ITEMS/ MEALS (ESPECIALLY IF YOU MADE THEM YOURSELF!), REVIEWS/ STAR RATINGS






**YEAR 7, 8 & 9 SUMMER ART CHALLENGE**

**'PRODUCE AN 'EXPLORER DIARY' THAT USES ART, CRAFT AND DESIGN MATERIALS AND PROCESSES TO VISUALLY RECORD YOUR SUMMER'**



**SUBMISSIONS TO MISS WEBSTER IN D7**



We have launched a new Art, Craft and Design competition for our KS3 students! Ms Webster would like students to create 'Explorer Diaries' about their Summer, whatever that may look like - going on holiday, playing in the garden, visiting family or unwinding at home.

We want students in Year 7, 8 and 9 to get creative and present their 'diary' in a format of their choice. All entries will be awarded a PRIDE token and a judging panel will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for effort, creativity, fusion of specialisms (art and textiles for example), challenge and development of skills. We can't wait to see and share your masterpieces!

Deadline – 3pm on Friday 30th August. Submissions to be handed to Miss Webster in D7.

# ADA LOVELACE TUNNEL BORING MACHINE - COMPETITION EVENT



Severn Trent and J. Murphy, their contractors, put on a great event recently to mark the Hinckley to Hartshill Transfer Scheme and our students involvement in their recent competition. The tunnel boring machine unveiled at the event, named Ada Lovelace in recognition of her pioneering work in the STEM field and local links to her family history, will bore a tunnel between Burbage and Hartshill with pipes being dropped down shafts and pushed along until the next shaft is reached.

We would like to thank the companies involved for the opportunity to take part in this STEM event and for inviting our students to participate in the competition.



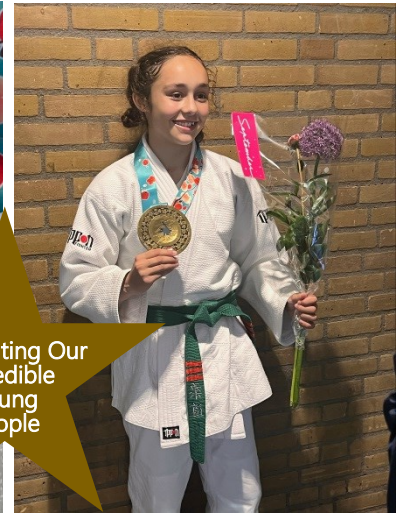


# GOLD RUSH FOR JUDO OUR CHAMPION!

## STUDENT STORIES

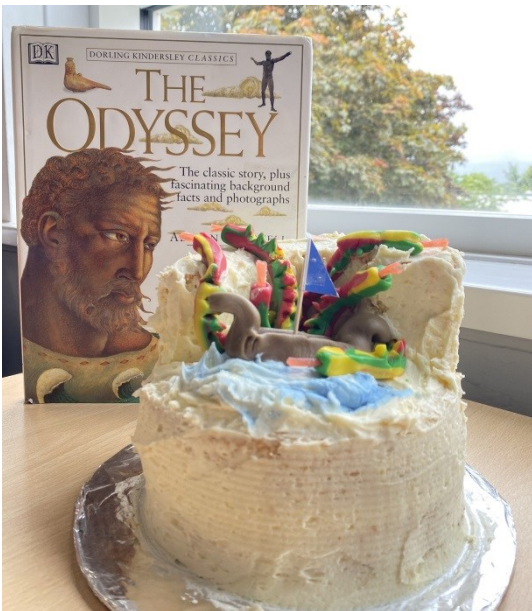
We are delighted to share that our resident Judo champion, Year 8 student Katrina has won gold in her latest competition!

Her participation in the international judo tournament in Venray, Netherlands was her biggest to date with 16 fighters involved. She faced some really tough matches, with two lasting 10 minutes each. Despite the challenges, she advanced to the winner's pool, made it to the final contest and won the gold medal. This victory means that Katrina has now won gold in France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Gold, gold, gold! Well done Katrina!



Celebrating Our Incredible Young People

## CLASSICS PROJECT SPARKS CREATIVITY



In their Classics lessons, our Year 8 students have been exploring The Odyssey and over half term students in Miss Mathieson's class were asked to make a creative response to their favourite part of the story.

We have been extremely impressed with their work and just had to share a photo of this incredible cake version of Odysseus' boat amidst Scylla and Charybdis made by Olivia! It's great to see the creativity and dedication of our students in their extra curricular work.

Great work Year 8!

**The Gateway**  
*At The Hinckley School*

## YEAR 11 FOOTBALL FINALE

Before half term, we held our annual Year 11 football match finale, which proved to be a closely fought and well attended match for all to enjoy.

'SkI Mandem' lost out to 'Solid City' who won the final game on penalties, (4-3) after an entertaining match. The Year 11 HUB would like to thank all of the staff and students that contributed to an enjoyable lunchtime and in particular Mr Ratheram for organising the match and Mr Bennett for officiating.

Congratulations to our winners and well done to everyone who took part.





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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)

Later this month, week commencing 24th June, 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)*

## PRIDE MEANS PRIZES - THE WINNERS ARE...

Tutor Group	Student Name	PRIDE means PRIZES Point Total
11SMT	Teigan	291
11SMT	Holly	293
11MOR	Alycia	299
11SMT	Lilliya	301
11SMT	Zechariah	302
11HLL	Dylan	312
11HLL	Jacob	321
11MOR	Faye	323
11FRS	Bismark	333
11HLL	Skye	340

The **PROM PRIDE competition** for students to win a ticket to the prom ran for seven weeks, until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, with the top 10 students with the highest **NET PRIDE** points winning a free prom ticket!

To enable all students to participate, the PRIDE points were reset to zero for the competition from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April and so each student had an equal chance to win a ticket.

We are delighted to share that the students listed on the right hand side have won the PRIDE means PRIZES competition in Year 11 and will therefore have their Prom ticket paid for.

Congratulations everyone and well done on receiving such an amazing amount of PRIDE points!

**YEAR 11 Hub**  
At The Hinckley School



# THE GATEWAY - LOROS BAKE SALE

The Gateway  
At The Hinckley School

**LOROS**  
Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland

Next Friday lunchtime, our Gateway students will be hosting a charity bake sale, fundraising for the LOROS Hospice who provide care across Leicestershire and Rutland.

All students are welcome to contribute to the cause by baking something, helping out on the stall or supporting us by buying a sweet treat!

**Please speak to Miss Hale if you would like to be involved.**

We look forward to seeing how much we can raise!

## LOROS Charity Bake Sale

**Friday 14th June**

**The Gateway**

**Lunchtime**



## LOROS INSPIRATIONAL YOUNG PERSON AWARD

Recently working in close association with LOROS, we are also delighted to share that two of our Gateway students - Richard and Frankie, will be attending a prize giving ceremony next week to receive the LOROS Inspirational Young Person Award.

Nominated by Miss Hale, this award recognises a young person aged 18 or under who has proved themselves to be an inspiration to others. This could be because of voluntary work they have completed, sporting achievements, in the field of education, business or because of personal growth. Frankie and Richard will now be the proud recipients of a celebration leaf on the LOROS Tree of Life.

Both students have shared how proud they are of their achievement and how much they are looking forward to attending the upcoming ceremony with their family. We are incredibly proud of them both and look forward to hearing all about the ceremony.

Our support for and work with this charity continues this month, as in a few weeks, LOROS will also be providing our staff with bereavement training which will be a valuable experience for all involved.

**LOROS**

Hospice Care for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland



# Leicestershire Local Offer Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Roadshow



**Wednesday 19th June 2024**

**9.30am – 2.30pm**

**Whitwick & Coalville Leisure Centre,  
Coalville, LE67 3FE**

## **Come along and find out about Local SEND services and support available**

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place. A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

This Roadshow will offer the opportunity to attend informative workshops, gain ideas and support 'have-a-go' activities. Look out for further details in your inbox once you've registered or on the Local Offer Facebook page.

Please book your FREE tickets via

**[https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/  
en/service/Local\\_Offer\\_SEND\\_Roadshows\\_2024](https://leicestershirecc-self.achieveservice.com/en/service/Local_Offer_SEND_Roadshows_2024)**

Free parking available.

**To find out more about the SEND Local  
Offer in Leicestershire please visit**

**[www.leics.gov.uk/send](http://www.leics.gov.uk/send)**

**Scan here  
to book tickets**



Leicestershire  
**SEND**

# SPRING ENRICHMENT CALENDAR

We are delighted to share our new 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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