



HBK Update, Friday 12 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

During the course of this week we welcomed over 300 new Year 12 students for their Sixth Form Induction Days, which went very well thanks to the excellent planning and efforts of the Sixth Form team. It was so lovely to be able to welcome back many of our Year 11 and to meet lots of external students from a whole range of schools. Students had an opportunity to attend taster lessons as well as an enrichment fair highlighting all of the amazing opportunities Sixth Formers have at Hinchingbrooke.

We also enjoyed a superb Sports Day yesterday and thankfully the weather held out! It was wonderful to see so many students proudly wearing their medals and cheering one another on in each of the wide range of events that were put on. Records were broken and we are all waiting with bated breath to hear the result of which House has taken the winning spot.

We have enjoyed the Legacy assemblies this week too; an opportunity to recognise a large number of students across every subject, as well as the five 'big' awards for leadership, citizenship and kindness, outstanding achievement, hard work, and high standards. It was wonderful to see such a large number of students being suitably recognised for their achievement and being warmly congratulated by their peers. Next week we will be finishing the year with our House assemblies; another opportunity to recognise further student achievements.

As the summer holidays approach, it is certainly a time for reflection; a time to take stock and appreciate the journey we have made this academic year and the distance we have travelled. Every single one of our HBK students has something of which they can be proud. We hope they will all take the opportunities on offer over the next academic year, when the time comes, and add to their achievements and continue to build their resilience and kindness.

A reminder that the last day of term is **Friday 19 July**, and students will be finishing school at **1.15pm**. School buses have been altered to allow students to travel home at the revised time, however anyone using public transport will need to check the timetables. If any student is unable to get home, please contact the Head of Year so that arrangements can be made to supervise them until 3.15pm.

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day raising money for the Little Princess Trust to add to the fantastic fundraising Ms Cowburn has been leading on. Students can pay their £1 on the gate when they arrive at school.

Have a great weekend!

Celebrating Hinchingbrooke

Did you know...That we have amazing pastoral support for our students from Year 7 all the way through to Year 13. Not only do they have experienced Heads of Year, each one of whom teaches the majority of their year group PSHCE so they can get to know their students as individuals, they also have an Assistant Head of Year and a Student Support Officer (SSO). All of our SSOs are non-teaching and so available to communicate with parents, carers and students alike regardless of the time of day. Then there are our Key Stage Administrators: Mrs Farrington (KS5), Mrs Connor (KS4) and Mrs Pittock (KS3). In addition to this we have an amazing student services team with a welfare manager (Mrs Setchfield), a deputy welfare manager (Mrs Winter), a school counsellor (Mrs Barrett) and a medical room officer (Mrs Goff). And that's not all...we also have an amazing careers team; Mr O'Shaughnessy (IAG Manager), Mr Butler (IAG Manager) and Mrs Tanton-Smith (CEIAG Coordinator).

There is also the safeguarding team lead by Mr Heath and the attendance team with Mrs Benjafield and Mrs Simms. Wow! For all of these teams the welfare, safety and happiness of our students, your children, is their key focus, and they do an amazing job!

Mobile Phone Guidance – Mrs Tandy, Vice Principal

Following the school's consultation in response to the [DfE directive](#) to prohibit the use of mobile phones in schools we have made the decision to go with the below policy. Many thanks to all parents and carers who responded to the consultation on this earlier in the year. If you would like to view the results of the consultation you can do so [HERE](#)

[From the new Parent Carer Handbook for September 2024]

Students are not allowed to have access to their mobile phones at Hinchingsbrooke unless they have a medical pass for doing so (for example if they are diabetic or wear a hearing aid). Any other phones (and headphones/earbuds) seen or heard after the student has entered the school site, and before the end of the school day, will be confiscated. Confiscated phones and headphones/earbuds can be picked up at the end of the school day from the Pastoral office, however repeated instances of the phone needing to be confiscated will result in further measures being put in place.

Please encourage your child to switch their mobile device off during the school day. If you need to get a message to your child during the school day, please contact their Student Support Officer or Main Reception.

Students who need to use their phone for a legitimate reason such as being diabetic and needing to check their levels or needing to check their hearing aid/s will be issued with a pass that allows them to use their phone for this specific purpose.

Sixth Form students will be able to use their phone when in Hinchingsbrooke House or on the Sixth Form lawn but not during lessons. We will be making preparations for these changes over the remainder of the Summer term, including making the passes mentioned above and speaking to students in assembly about the new policy. To help with this change we have made an FAQ sheet, which you can find on our website [HERE](#)

Summer Term Voucher Scheme – Cambridgeshire County Council - Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

We will once again be running a voucher scheme for the summer holidays. For each eligible pupil, we will be issuing two supermarket vouchers for a total value of £75. We are continuing to work with Wonde (E-voucher) as our voucher supplier. Eligibility remains the same in previous rounds including support for post 16 bursary students and for those students who have now left schools in year 11 and year 13. Every eligible pupil will receive two vouchers, each for £37.50, one by the end of the day on **Saturday 20 July** and the other by the end of the day on **Saturday 10 August**.

[Parent Letter \(CCC\)](#)

[FAQ Parents – May Half Term Holiday Voucher Scheme CCC](#)

We will be providing cover during the holidays for any voucher queries – parents need to email holidayvoucherscheme@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Results Days – Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

All information regarding results days have now been updated on our website, including the post exams services. This can be found [here](#).

For parents and carers of Year 11 Offer Holders

We had a very successful Induction event this week for our Sixth Form offer holders. If your child was not able to attend, please look out for the **Induction Bulletin** which details important messages about the start of the year, dress code, mobile phone policy and importantly, **how your child accepts their place in August**. If you have any questions about this process, please get in touch with us before the end of term at sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk

Year 11 Transition work

All current Year 11 students who are joining us in September are required to complete transition work over the summer to ensure that they are well positioned to start their Sixth Form journey with us. Transition work can be found in the Sixth Form section of our website: [Hinchingsbrooke School - Transition Work - 2024](#)

For parents of Year 10 - Save the Date!

Our Sixth Form Open Evening this year is on the **26 September from 5-7pm in Hinchingsbrooke House**. Please save the date if your child is considering us for their post-16 destination; further details to follow in the new school year.

Early Closure 26 September 2024

In order to prepare for the Open Evening, the school will be closing early on the 26 September 2024. The day will begin as usual, but break will run from 11am to 11.30am (i.e. extended by 10 minutes) to allow students to get a more substantial meal. Following that, Period 3 will be slightly shorter (11.30am to 12.20pm) and Period 4 will run from 12.20pm to 1.20pm. Students will be dismissed at 1.20pm and buses / taxis will be arranged to take them home at this time.

Year 12 and 13 results days

It might seem far away, but the level 3/A level results day is in 5 weeks as I write (gulp!) We expect most of our students to collect their results in person on the 15 August - please check the school website and our Sixth Form Instagram page for further details: [Results Day Information 2024](#)

UCAS and Clearing

Please rest assured that the Sixth Form team will be here to support your child on the 15 August and we look forward to celebrating some excellent grades this year. So that you and your child can prepare for navigating UCAS and Clearing (if necessary) on the day, please look through this useful link before-hand [UCAS/Results Day](#)

Sixth Form Ball

We had an amazing evening on the 5 July at this year's Sixth Form Ball. It was great to see our outgoing Year 13s together for one last time before they embark on the next step of their journey. The Year 12s looked like they had a fabulous time too!

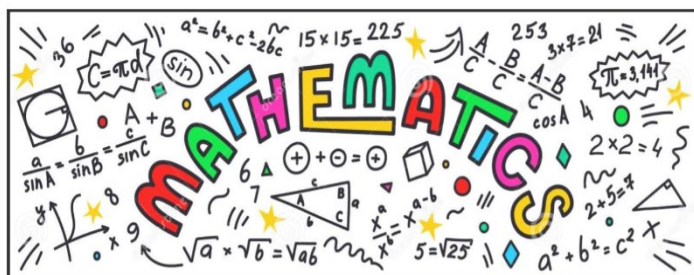


New Artwork

More school artwork has appeared around the site thanks to Outtoreach and to the Hinchingsbrooke Foundation for providing the funding.



Maths Interhouse – Miss Parsley, Maths Department



The inaugural Maths Interhouse took place on Wednesday 3 July. All Houses were fully represented, and it was a great success. Students worked hard to complete challenging questions from a variety of maths content and an intriguing maths puzzle to finish!

Here are the results:

- 1st Wylton (277 points)
- 2nd Cromwell (270 points)
- 3rd Vesey (246 points)
- 4th Montagu (196 points)
- 5th Pepys (181 points)

Best Year 7 individual score	Montagu	A Elnayer (46)
Best Year 8 individual scores	Cromwell	A Pegram (47) & Pepys – S Chun (47)
Best Year 9 individual score	Vesey	M Boardman-Gissing (51)
Best Year 10 individual score	Vesey	A Tuer
Overall winner	Vesey	M Boardman-Gissing (51)
Year 7 winning House	Wylton	
Year 8 winning House	Pepys	
Year 9 winning House	Wylton	
Year 10 winning House	Cromwell	



SummerPod 2024 is here!



Hot off the heels of **winning 1st place in the National Spring Pod Games** (WELL DONE again EVERYONE for contributing to this achievement!), a new competition has been launched for Year 9 and 10 students. HBK students in Years 9 and 10 are invited to participate in SummerPod, an Olympic themed event. This will be a sure way to help your child start September in first place, and sprint to success throughout the GCSE course! If your child is in Year 7 or 8, they can still access all the facilities on GCSEPod too, with some 'Getting Ready' pods to help bridge the gaps between years.



the summer learning gap.

SummerPod is a gentle way to keep our students learning and reviewing content during the 6 weeks and it's totally free! There are two weeks of webinars, worksheets, challenges, competitions and more to help bridge

SummerPod is open to all students moving into Years 10 and 11 in September, and spaces are limited - so please do encourage your child to sign-up. If they can't attend the webinars live, don't worry – they'll still have access to the recordings and all the other resources.

There is also something for parents, with a rundown on what to expect for your child's GCSE journey as well as top tips on where to find key curriculum information. Parents can listen to the parent podcast, with real parents sharing their own experiences of guiding their child through their GCSEs.

<https://www.gcsepod.com/summerpod/>

Happy podding!

SummerPod 2024

Join us for 2024's Olympic themed SummerPod. A fun programme to help you prepare and get ahead for next academic year.

Helping you sprint to success, we've got two weeks of learning fun and interactive webinars to help you start next academic year in first place.

Get into the champion mindset and register for your place in this year's SummerPod, **starting July 29th!**

Scan the QR codes to register!

	Olympic Mindset: Train your Brain For Year 9 moving into Year 10. July 29th, 11AM
	Going for Gold: For Year 10s moving into Year 11. August 5th, 11AM
	GCSEPod Essentials: A Parent Introduction Learn about how GCSEPod can support your child on their GCSE Journey. July 31st, 5PM
	GCSE Insights Unplugged: Join our easy-going chat with three parents to delve further into the world of GCSEs from a parent's perspective. August 7th, 5PM

Visit www.gcsepod.com/summerpod for more information.

Princes Teaching Institute Public Speaking Event – Miss Spikesley, Head of English

On Sunday 30 June, students from Year 9, 11 and 12 were invited to speak at a Princes Teaching Institute national conference for teachers at Downing College Cambridge. They were asked to prepare speeches on what they believe makes effective teaching, what could be improved and how they made decisions about their options subject selection. After delivering their speeches, our students formed a panel and answered a range of questions from teachers across the country.

After the panel, our students had the opportunity to attend a range of lectures from exploring innovative new building products made from upcycled denim to a lecture from a leading scientist on pathogens. The students spoke beautifully, thoughtfully and with humour and they were heartily commended for giving up their Sundays to speak in front of a large crowd of teachers!

They were all wonderful representatives of the school and huge thanks to the students for giving up time to participate.



French Trip to Rue, 2024 – Mrs Roberts, Head of MFL



On Friday 5 July, 36 students and 4 teachers travelled to the Picardy region of Northern France for a four-day French experience. The weather was much better than forecast and we were able to fully enjoy all the different trips and activities planned. We had a morning in Amiens, interviewing locals, shopping and admiring the biggest cathedral in France; an afternoon at a goat farm, where Amelia named the newest addition to the goat family (Fluffy) and we all made friends with the goats (and cats and a pig) and tried three sorts of delicious goat's cheese; an evening trip to a very windy but beautiful beach; a market in St Valéry, where a lot of shopping took place and a group of boys shared a rotisserie chicken and free roast potatoes; a snail farm, where we met the snails and then ate them, and some students reacted to the news that snail slime is good for your skin by putting

the snails on their faces; and a bakery, where we made croissants and baguettes under the watchful eye of a very shouty Frenchman.

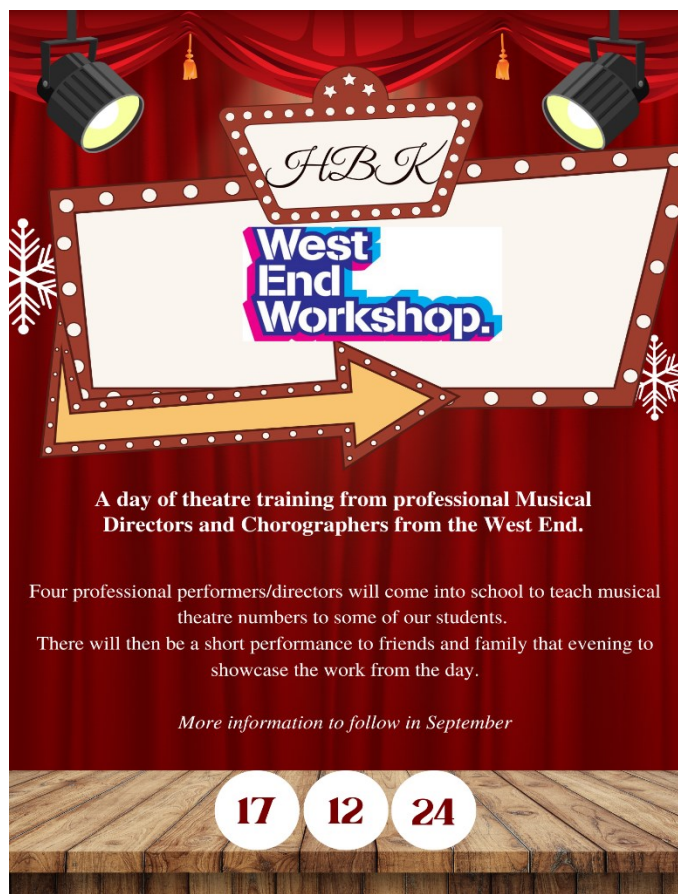
Students and staff alike had a brilliant time and everywhere we went the fantastic behaviour of our lovely students was praised by the people we met. We were so impressed by how enthusiastic they were to experience French life and try out their language skills.

Many thanks to all the students and to Mr Marsh, Miss Makanda and Miss Pindar for being a dream team of staff. Looking forward to next year!



School Production – Mrs Alexander, Head of Drama

The musical we will be performing for our whole school production in February 2025 will be announced in September and will either be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory or Frozen. Auditions will take place on 9 and 11 September. More information to follow in September. If you have any questions please email: ealexander@hbk.acesmat.uk



West End Day – Mrs Alexander, Head of Drama

The Drama, Dance and Music departments have organised an exciting West End day. Four West End musical directors, performers and chorographers will teach our students some musical numbers, which they will perform to friends and family as part of a musical theatre showcase. More information to follow in September.

LAMDA – Mrs Alexander, Head of Drama

We are very lucky to offer LAMDA lessons/exams to our students. If your child is interested in LAMDA please email Mrs Alexander for more information and a letter to sign up. Alternatively, students can collect a letter form the Drama Base. Places are limited, and letters must be returned by Thursday 18 July. Contact: ealexander@hbk.acesmat.uk

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We teach **LAMDA** Exams & Qualifications

SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBER

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PUBLIC SPEAKING
DEVISING DRAMA
MIME

EMAIL MRS ALEXANDER FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP:
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The poster is purple with white and yellow text. It features the LAMDA logo (a stylized 'G' and 'S' inside a circle) on both sides. A starburst graphic contains the text 'SIGN UP FOR SEPTEMBER'. Another starburst graphic lists the subjects: '1:1 ACTING', 'VERSE AND PROSE', 'PUBLIC SPEAKING', 'DEVISING DRAMA', and 'MIME'. At the bottom, a white box contains the contact information.

Picnic at the House – Mrs Alexander, Head of Drama

Our yearly Arts event, Picnic at the House is next week - Tuesday 16 July. There will be Drama, Music and Dance performances, Media and Film Studies showreels, our performance of Annie Jr. on film, and displays from Art and DT. There will also be ice-cream, soft drinks, pizza (Pizza-my-heart), coffee and cake (Hemingford Bakes) available to purchase. Come along for a night of entertainment, fun and hopefully some nice weather.

Tickets are available on the door or through the following link:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/select/RdiEJKhzXNnT>

A celebration of the Arts @ HBK

Celebration of The Arts
The Creative Arts event, Picnic at the House, will be on Tuesday 16th July 2024 from 18:30 until 21:30 at Hinchingsbrooke House.
The evening will include: Live Music performances, Drama performances, A showcase of the best Dance, Art Exhibitions, Film & Media Studies Cinema screening, Inter-House competition, other activities, craft stalls, ice-cream and pizza van.

ADULT £6 | CONCESSION £4 | FAMILY £15

PICNIC AT THE HOUSE

Buy tickets: Parent mail link and on the door

16th July

The poster features a colorful, abstract illustration of a person playing a trumpet. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout with a mix of bold and regular fonts. At the bottom, there is a photograph of Hinchingsbrooke House, a large stone building with multiple chimneys, set against a blue sky with white clouds. The date '16th July' is written in a large, blue, stylized font on a light green background.