



HBK Update, Friday 19 July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

The last week of term has been jam packed with exciting activities. Our legendary Picnic in the House saw over 300 performers in Music, Dance and Drama, showcasing their talents. In addition to this there were displays of Art, DT and Films which were well received. The Sports Awards last night were a delight to behold, again celebrating our students, congratulations to all who received recognition.

It has been another wonderful academic year full of learning new things, having a range of opportunities and developing characteristics such as resilience and aspiration.

We wish you and your family a sunny and fun filled summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

September starts

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| Wednesday 4 September 2024 | New Year 7 in school all day Year 12 programme |
| Thursday 5 September 2024 | All Students in school Year 13 1:1 meetings |

Results Day Information – Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

KS5 - Thursday 15 August

KS4 - Thursday 22 August

- Students will collect their results between 9-11am in the House
- For students who have requested emailed results in Year 11 or 13 they will receive these at 9am via their school email account
- For Year 12 and 10 results will be emailed at 11am via their school email account

Please see our website for further information: [Results Day Information 2024](#)

Sixth Form Change Day – Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Students who have applied to the Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form, who wish to change their Key Stage 5 courses can do so on Friday 23 August by coming into school between 10-12 noon.

Sixth Form News – Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form

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: [Hinchingbrooke 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 Hinchingbrooke 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.

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](#)

Attendance – New Statutory Guidance – Mrs Benjafield, Attendance Officer

Please click [HERE](#) to view new statutory guidance for school attendance issued by the Department for Education.

Uniform Marketplace - Second-Hand Uniform – Mrs Lowe / Mrs Molyneux

If you have placed an order and received an email to confirm the order is ready for collection, here are the dates that you can collect through the Summer from the Main Reception:

15 August, 21 August & 27 August 2024 between 10am-2pm
2 & 3 September 2024 between 9am - 3pm

Please note if you have placed an order and have not received a confirmation email then it will not be processed and ready for collection until we return in September 2024.

Message from Diamond Hampers – Mrs Bennett, Pupil Premium Administrator

We are launching a new voucher for parents and carers to access free healthy food for less, whilst also helping the environment preventing food waste. If you are in need, we can supply you with a voucher to use at a local shop called 'The Pantry' based in Huntingdon. You can use this voucher to fill a basket with fruit and veg and other items in store. Please contact sbennett@hbk.acesmat.uk to be one of the first to access this.

[Diamond Hampers – Hunger doesn't take a day off so neither do we](#)

The Pantry has a section full of beautiful fresh fruit, vegetables and so much more to provide opportunities for low-income families (or anyone from the community) to shop on a fill a basket for a certain amount scheme. You can fill a basket for just £4 from this particular section.

The rest of the shop provides affordable food for many. To fit in with our zero-waste ethos, we will be offering many of the foods that we rescue from landfill! The shop doubles as a hub, where we continue to build and distribute food aid to people in need across the county.

The shop is currently open Monday to Saturday 9:30am till 2:30pm - located on All Saints Passage in Huntingdon.

We are entirely for the community and not for profit! For the people and the planet!

Contact The Pantry on – 07769312711

Summer Holidays – The Pantry will be offering their amazing lunch deal for only £1 per person (adult or child), this will include a Sandwich, crisps a piece of fruit and a few extras.

Summer Term Voucher Scheme – Cambridgeshire County Council

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.

The Cambridgeshire Summer HAF Programme opened for bookings on Monday 10 June. Eligible pupils, in receipt of benefit-related FSM, can attend participating holiday schemes for up to 64 hours for free; a daily meal and enriching experiences with peers will be on offer. Our [Provider Directory](#) will be published on 10 June. An eligibility voucher which includes a booking code will be sent by email/text to eligible parents/carers on Monday 10 June.

Additional eligibility criteria for the summer HAF Programme is below. Please email sbennett@hbk.acesmat.uk if you fall in the below category and would like a code.

- Families just managing financially.
- Families where FSM eligible and non-eligible children live in the same household.
- Siblings of eligible children, aged 4, starting school in September 2024
- Recently arrived refugee families.

For further information, visit the [HAF Programme webpage](#).

Please note that national HAF Programme funding finishes at the end of 2024. Confirmation from the government about whether funding is extended will be made in due course.

Knowledge Organisers and mini whiteboards -
Mrs Lombard, Assistant Principal (Teaching & Learning)

It's been another productive year of Teaching and Learning at Hinchbrook!

A huge congratulations to our students for their hard work and engagement this year and you for supporting them on their journey.

Please can students keep their Knowledge Organiser folders and mini whiteboards safe over the summer and bring them in on their first day back.

Thank you for your continued support and have a fantastic summer break.

Picnic at the House – Mrs Alexander, Head of Drama

On Tuesday 16 July over 200 students were involved in our yearly Arts evening, which showcased some of our best work from Dance, Music, Drama, DT, Art and Film & Media. The night was a huge success and we thank all those involved, and those who supported this event.



Summer Holiday Scheme Places for free

Would your child like to attend a fully funded holiday scheme this Summer where fun experiences, a meal and snacks are included?

Children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals are eligible to attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 64 hours.

Please visit the County Council webpage for details and the wider eligibility criteria:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf
(or scan the QR Code)
Questions: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Department for Education | CAMBRIDGESHIRE HOLIDAY Activities & Food PROGRAMME | Cambridgeshire County Council



GCSEPod Winners – Summer Term Results – Mrs Gratton, Head of Maths

STAR PODFORMER STATUS



I am delighted to share and recognise the fantastic achievement of our winning year groups and tutor groups.

Well done all and keep it up!

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Thank you and well done to every student who has used GCSEPod to learn and self-quiz. Looking at the statistics below, it's clear why we are national winners!

2022-2023



2023-2024



Emergency Training Event – Mrs Alexander, Head of Drama

EMERGENCY SERVICE TRAINING EVENT

ON THURSDAY 18TH JULY, 17 DRAMA STUDENTS FROM YEAR 9-
YEAR 12 ACTED AS CASUALTIES IN A SIMULATED INCIDENT TO
ASSIST WITH THE TRAINING OF THE ON-CALL FIRE SERVICE,
PAREMEDICS AND POLICE.

IT WAS A GREAT EVENT - A MASSIVE THANK YOU THOSE THAT
TOOK PART.



HBK Annual Sports Awards – Mrs Jago, Head of PE

The PE department finished the sporting year in style at the annual Sports Awards ceremony on Thursday evening.

134 students were nominated for an array of awards, including 'Most committed', 'Sports Personality' and 'Contribution to PE and School Sport'. It was a celebration of everything our students and staff have achieved this year, the highlights being The U15 Girls' NFL Flag Football team winning 'Team of the Year 2024' after becoming national runners-up this year, Sol Scott becoming European Vault Champion and Liam Conway running a new 3000m PB in 8:14 and earning the title of 1st in UK and 5th in Europe. He is currently on International duty in Slovakia representing GB.

