



HBK Update, Friday 28 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Wow another week done, they are certainly flying past at a rate of knots! It's been another great week with Year 10 enjoying their work experience. It has been fantastic to see many of the cohort excelling at their placements. Comments such as 'I love this' are lovely to hear, and it is certainly interesting to hear that some students have now decided that work is not for them!

There was a bittersweet evening on Thursday when we celebrated all that our wonderful Year 13 students have achieved, whilst saying our final goodbyes to them. Students were awarded prizes for their excellent work in each subject as well as for their performance in leadership roles. The citations from staff really reminded me how wonderful our student body is. We will certainly miss them.

Whilst saying a fond farewell to the Year 13, we look forward to welcoming our Year 6 students to start their Hinchingbrooke journey next week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). We are also very much looking forward to meeting all of our new parents on Wednesday evening.

Next week is set to be another busy one with the summer concert on Tuesday evening; if you are a Beatles fan, then this is definitely the event for you. On Thursday our Year 11s are back for their prom; we can't wait to see them dressed in their finery and to see what mode of transport they choose to arrive in. It's always such a fabulous evening. And we end next week with the Sixth Form Summer Ball, another fantastic event to celebrate the end of the year.

Just a reminder that term ends at 1:15pm on Friday 19 July. Buses will be there to collect students and return them home at this earlier time.

We hope you have a chance to enjoy the sunshine over the weekend and plan all the amazing events you will come along to here at Hinchingbrooke over the last 3 weeks.

Celebrating Hinchingbrooke – Ms Nightingale, Vice Principal

In this new section we will take the time to celebrate an area we excel at here at Hinchingbrooke. This week we will focus on Science!

Did you know...

Our Science Department gets significantly above national results year in year out? The number of students achieving Triple Science each year is also on the increase, and above the national average. Progress across the school is 0.47 (so students on average get nearly half a grade better than expected). When we compare this to Cambridge Academy for Science and Technology (CAST) who get 0.28, you can see we are really doing very well.

A Level results are great too! We achieved the second highest results in Cambridgeshire overall and well above national results in each of the separate Sciences. We run BTEC Science as well, and these results are also impressive.

We are so lucky to have a first-rate Science Department!

Help from HBK - Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

We are launching a new voucher for parents and carers to access free healthy food for less, whilst also helping the environment by 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 in and '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 their zero waste ethos, they will be offering many of the foods that are rescued from landfill!

The shop doubles as a hub, where they 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

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

Contact The Pantry on – 07769312711, located on All Saints Passage in Huntingdon.

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.

Cambridgeshire Summer HAF Programme - Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal



The poster is titled 'Summer Holiday Scheme Places for free' in large, colorful letters. It features several images: a child painting, a group of children in military-style uniforms, and a child at a table. Text on the poster includes: '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', and a QR code. Logos for the Department for Education, Cambridgeshire Holiday Activities and Food Programme, and Cambridgeshire County Council are at the bottom.

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. The [Provider Directory](#) was published on 10 June. An eligibility voucher which includes a booking code was 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 into any of the categories below 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.

Year 8 & 9 Vaccinations - Monday 1 July (catch up only) – Ms Goff, Medical Officer

There is a catch-up vaccination session on Monday 1 July for students in Years 8 and 9 who have previously missed the MEN and HPV vaccinations.

The Specialist Vaccination Team have contacted the parents/carers of those students to gain consent for Monday sessions. If you have received communication regarding the vaccination and have consented, please ensure your child is aware that this will be taking place on Monday in the school Library.

Students will be made aware by Monday what time they need to head to the Library.

Warm weather/medication – Ms Goff, Medical Officer

Please ensure that all students bring a water bottle to school. There are water stations in the school for students to refill at break and lunch.

If students are requiring medication for Hay fever, please ensure this medication is brought into school and kept in the Medical Room to take as and when required. **We do not provide any medication to students unless it is provided by parents/carers.** Please contact Reception or the Medical Room, medicalroom@hbk.acesmat.uk for a Consent to Administer form.

Year 9 Trip to Battlefields – Mr Ragdale, Head of History

Last week the History Department took 70 Year 9 historians to the Battlefields of France and Belgium.

The trip helped students to understand the chronology and key events of the First World War, which they study as part of their GCSE. Students were exposed to the sheer scale of the fighting and the impact this conflict had on all those involved, visiting sites such as Tyne Cot, Thiepval and the Menin Gate; where we were lucky to have 2 students accompanied by Miss Fender lay a wreath on behalf of the school, and Mr Best play a lament on the pipes as part of the Last Post ceremony - a very moving and poignant moment.

Our students represented the school brilliantly, and a highly enjoyable, informative and memorable trip was had for all involved!



Year 10 Work Experience (week 2) – Mrs Nichols, Head of Year 10

We have got to the end of our 2 weeks of work experience. Employers, students and staff have had a fantastic time out in the community. Comments from employers have said that some of the students are the best they have ever worked with! Students have also said that the experience has been amazing and has also made them more confident as a person.

Our students will be having an extended assembly on Monday to celebrate a very successful work experience!

Here are some photos for you to enjoy.

