



HBK Update, Friday 7 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your children managed to have a lovely break. Here we are in the final half term of the school year - hasn't it flown by? As stated in our last HBK Update before the break there is lots to look forward to in these final 6 weeks; lots of celebrations of achievement and talent. I hope you manage to get along to some of these.

Also, a reminder that Friday 28 June is a staff training day. Students will not be in school on that day.

We are pleased to say many of our students are looking very smart in the sunshine, but there continues to be a significant minority who are not in full school uniform. Please can you ensure your child(ren) has the correct items and is wearing them appropriately. Students should be in school shoes until the end of the academic year, grey trousers (not black) and school shirts with ties (collars done up and ties on properly). If there are any missing items, please contact your Student Support Officer to let us know and then we can lend items where possible. If your child has a piece of uniform missing, they need to report to the relevant pastoral office first thing. Many thanks for your support with this.

Have your say - Parent / Carer Survey - prizes available! – update from Mrs Tandy, Vice Principal

Please could you complete the below survey to share your views about our school. Parent and carer voice is important to us and helps to shape our plans moving forward, to ensure we continue to make improvements. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, which you can access via either the link or QR code below. This survey will close on Friday 21 June 2024. As an added incentive there will be a **prize draw** to win an Amazon voucher following this survey. If you would like to be entered for the draw please leave your name in final answer box at the end of the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mfYUVKH2LK>

Exams and Masterclasses – update from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

A reminder that Year 11 students no longer have to attend lessons they just need to come in for their Masterclasses and exams. All information can be found on the website regarding the Masterclass offer. A reminder that students have also had their Masterclass invites sent to their school email address, and this tells them when and where the Masterclasses they have been invited to take place.

Year 10 Summer Tuition – update from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

A letter was emailed to parents/carers today about Summer Tuition. There are 2 opportunities for students to sign up to tutoring over the summer holidays. We did something similar 2 years ago and over 130 students got involved. The reviews were great, and the students started Year 11 with greater confidence and a really fantastic work ethic which paid off when it came to results. If you want your child to get involved, look out for the letter which will have a link to a sign-up sheet (also below) and have a conversation to make sure they are on board! Here is the link to the sign-up form: <https://forms.office.com/r/UYQ9gkgspE>

Year 12 Exams – update from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

These start on 17 June and last for two weeks. The timetable can be found on our website [here](#).

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Parent/Carer Survey Summer 2024



Message about Uniform from Price and Buckland – update from Mrs Tandy, Vice Principal

Please see the flyer regarding information about our cut-off date for online orders.

To help us ensure all pupils are in uniform for the first day of school, we request that parents and carers who require delivery before the start of the new school year please place their orders before **1 August 2024**.

Sixth Form – update from Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form

Year 12 Exams

Year 12 students exams are just around the corner. Study leave starts on the 17 June and runs until the 28 June.

We are looking forward to an excellent set of grades from these exams - please remind your child that in order to continue on the same programme of study into Year 13, they must pass all of their exams this summer. Students are welcome to continue to use our study facilities and resources through the exam period - the Montagu Room is open until 5 every day.

Year 12 UCAS

The Year 12 students have had a series of presentations on undergraduate degrees and degree apprenticeships during the last half term. They will all be signing onto UCAS next week during their enrichment period and we strongly encourage students to think about their university applications during this half term and over the summer break. After work experience, we will be holding an information evening for parents of Year 12 where we will present information about university and apprenticeship applications. Please look out for further information.

Sixth Form Team Updates

Mrs Solano (Head of Year 13) is now on maternity leave. Replacing Mrs Solano is Ms Fender, who will be Head of Year while Mrs Solano is on leave. We are also delighted to welcome a new SSO (Abby Dixon) to the team who will be working with Ms Fender. Mrs Dixon (aldixon@hbk.acesmat.uk) has replaced Mrs Edwards who left to join the safeguarding team at Easter. We would like to thank Mrs Solano and Mrs Edwards for their hard work with the outgoing year 13 and wish them the very best of luck!

D-Day Ceremony – update from Mrs Stevens, HLTA



Yesterday, on the 80th anniversary commemoration of D-Day, Hinchingsbrooke School was represented by a fabulous Year 8 student, Mrs Stevens and Miss Fender. All 3 went to Market Square in Huntingdon to mark this special occasion, Harrison wearing his dad's service medals. Harrison then read the poem "D Day Heroes" written by Chelsea pensioner Roy Palmer which was to be read simultaneously by school children across the nation at 11a.m. The event was attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire Mr Darryl Brown MBE, the Mayor of Huntingdon, Cllr Karl Brockett, town council and many uniformed organisations who laid wreaths at the town war memorial. Following the ceremony Harrison was invited to visit the town hall where he learned more about the history of the building and the town and was also lucky to have several photographs taken.

Picnic at the House - Tuesday 16 July – update from Mrs Alexander, Head of Drama

A celebration of the Arts @ HBK

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The Creative Arts event, Picnic at the House, will be on Thursday 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 £8 | CONCESSION £4 | FAMILY £15

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Buy tickets: Parent mail link and on the door

16th July

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Tickets are available to purchase from Friday 7 June at 9am, on the following link <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pac/t-lnrdaq> or QR code below:



GCSE and A Level Art Exhibition – update from The Art Team

Come and celebrate the excellent A Level & GCSE Artwork from this year's students.

There will be 5 studios filled with paintings, photography, textiles, mixed media and 3D work.

Parents and Carers of students from all year groups are invited to come along. No booking necessary!

The Art Team

GCSE AND A LEVEL EXHIBITION

ART DEPARTMENT
HINCHINGBROOKE SCHOOL



4.30-7.30 PM

THURSDAY
13TH JUNE

The Cambridgeshire Summer HAF Programme is opening 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](#) and view the [publicity poster](#) for details of the fully funded holiday scheme for this summer.

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.

New Pre-School opening at Cromwell Academy

Please see details of a new pre-school opening soon at Cromwell Academy, one of our primary schools in ACES Academies Trust.



Cromwell Academy is delighted to announce the opening of a new Pre-school from September 2024 for children aged 2-4.

You are invited to come along to our Open Evening to hear more about our plans for the Pre-school and receive information on how to apply for a place.

**WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE
2024
5.30PM - 6.30PM**

To help us tailor the information shared, please send any specific questions you have about the provision in advance either by email or over the phone when booking and we will try to include them.

Please call or email the school office to book your place

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office@cra.acesmat.uk

