



Pupil Premium Newsletter



Dear All,

Welcome to this term's Pupil Premium update. As always there has been a LOT going on this term. Hopefully the next few pages will give you a flavour of all we have been doing, a taste of what is to come as well as some advice regarding parenting teenagers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Christmas and wish you a healthy and happy New Year.

Anna Nightingale, Vice Principal & The Amazing PP Team



Christmas Holiday Voucher Scheme- Cambridgeshire County Council

Following the announcement that the Household Support Fund has been extended, Cambridgeshire County Council will be running a holiday voucher scheme for the Christmas holiday. For each eligible pupil, we will be issuing a £30 supermarket voucher. Eligibility remains the same as in previous rounds, including support for Post 16 bursary students. Every eligible pupil's parent/carer will receive their voucher by the end of the day on Saturday 21 December.

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

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

If you have any queries, please contact: holidayvoucherscheme@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Services

This November saw some of our service students be invited to join the Remembrance Day service in Huntingdon town centre. We were lucky to take 12 students for the short walk into town, pay our respects during the service and we were honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. We were very proud of the students' conduct and respect whilst in attendance.

It was also lovely to see how many students took us up on the offer to wear their own uniforms to school. Many of our students are in the cadets, the scouts and guides, not to mention St John's Ambulance and other uniformed institutions. So many students sought and gained permission to wear their uniforms and wore them with great pride on Remembrance Day.

In the week leading up to Remembrance Day, we also invited members of our local services personnel into school for a special assembly, where they shared their personal stories of remembrance. The whole assembly was given that extra solemnity due to Mr Best, wearing his Scottish uniform, playing the students in with the bagpipes.



Our first lunch meet is happening on the 10th of December, and we hope that the students come with a fresh set of ideas on how we can support them, if needed, and what events they would like to see happen for them in the year ahead. 10 of our Year 7/8 students have been invited to attend a Panto on 18th, we hope they enjoy it!

We have also been invited to Wyton in March and need parents/students to register their interest for a creative workshop in art, poetry, and songwriting. If you have not done so already then please complete the form here by January 10th 2025; <https://forms.office.com/e/D9CUFwJQ1e>





The Year 9 Brilliant Club

**Specialist
Periodontal
Pathogens**



The Brilliant Club is giving students the chance to learn new skills and gain the confidence to aim for top universities. Over a three month period, a group of Year 9 students will be working with a PhD tutor who is sharing their knowledge and love for learning.

In October, the programme started with a launch event where students learned about their exciting project. This project looks at what causes gum disease and how it can be treated. Even though it sounds like a tough topic for Year 9 students, the main goal is to teach them important skills like research, problem-solving, and independent learning. These skills will help them in school and later in life. Our team is here to support them every step of the way. After completing the course, they will have the amazing opportunity of visiting Girton College at Cambridge University to graduate from the programme. We look forward to celebrating their success with them in due course.

The Scholars Edge Programme

The **Scholars Edge** programme is another programme developed by the Pupil Premium Team and launched with a joint group of **Year 7 and Year 8s**.

The purpose for this programme is to teach the students life skills in **leadership, organisation, resilience, initiative** and **communication** in bite-size sessions during morning form time.

In addition to these sessions students are given a personal challenge of completing 5 activities designed to create a feeling of community as well as a sense of pride and achievement.

It's really helpful

What our students say

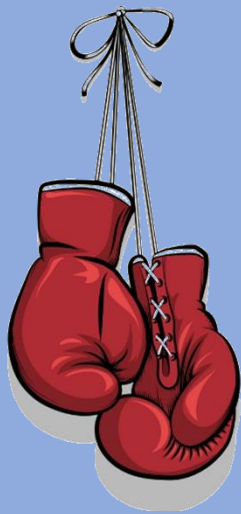
I've enjoyed choosing which activities to do

I've enjoyed seeing how it has impacted me!

Boxing Futures

Boxing Futures believe changing lives through non-contact boxing and therapeutic talk sessions will help young people develop their physical and mental health.

They have been working with a group of Year 8 and Year 10 students once a week for 12 weeks to improve resilience, self-belief and confidence.



"It was great, I enjoyed the conversations. I recommend it for your Mental Health or home struggles. It was somewhere I could get away and left me feeling positive. I would love to do it more!"

"I enjoyed the skipping!"

The Small Steps Programme



We are so lucky to have our 2 academic mentors working with us on a daily basis. Mr Nunn and Mrs Buckley are coaches to many of our pupil premium students. The Small Steps Programme sees them both working with Year 11 students to identify barriers to learning and then use a coaching approach to help these students to bring about their own positive change. This often relates to attendance, punctuality, motivation and organisational skills. Both regularly drop in on their small steps students to give them the boost to help make a difference.



All of these programmes are great initiatives to help raise ambition and results for those children in the Pupil Premium category. If you have any questions regarding anything on this page, then please do contact us. Any queries related to Services please use the same address and mark for the attention of Mrs Bennett or Mrs Stevens.

Want to get in touch with us? Whatever the reason please email the Pupil Premium Team...pupilpremium@hbk.acesmat.uk



Picnic in the Park

It seems like a lifetime ago already, but way back in September we invited families into school to have a picnic with us and a game of rounders. The aim is for us to get to know each other well enough to ask for help when it's needed and to be able to put a name to a face; important in a school of our size.

It was lovely to see many families attending and even better to see the children vs adults rounders game. Lots of laughter and just a little competitiveness meant a great evening was had by all. Watch out for more events in the future, and if you have any ideas for a social event you would like to see the school run, or indeed if it is something you would like to organise or help organise, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us!



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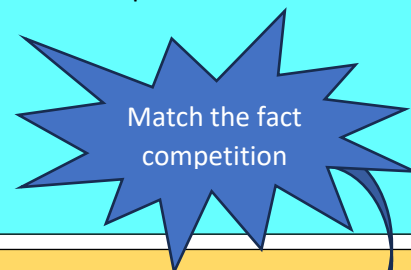
So far, this academic year our students have accessed a total of 25,090 pod's, this is absolutely amazing. Using GCSEPod regularly (learning content, self-quizzing and completing assignments) has proven to help students achieve one grade higher on average than non-users. The content is split into manageable 5-minute chunks and covers all of our GCSEs here at Hinchbrook.

Last academic year we were the pod games national champions. The new games begin in January so we have a title to defend! All our Year 7 students have been brought up to speed on podding and all the other year groups already have experience. We need your help to encourage your children to work a pod or two into their daily homework schedule to keep them motivated to keep refreshing their knowledge on topics they have learnt. This will stand them in good stead when they eventually reach their GCSE's, and they will know exactly how to use GCSEpod and their revision will come naturally.

The top 5 Pupil Premium student users are:

Naba (8C1), Annabell (9M2), Zoe (9P2), Nazario (10Si6), Blake (8W3).

Well done to you, keep it up ready for the games in the New Year!



Laptop Health Checks

Many students have a loaned laptop to help them access Teams for their homework and to complete schoolwork. It is **ESSENTIAL** that these are brought into school once a year so our brilliant IT technicians can perform a health check. This means we can ensure all the updates have taken place and there are no bugs in the system.







Please ensure your child brings their laptop to IT or the PP office with their name on it at the times stated below:

Year 11- September
Year 10- January
Year 9 - February
Year 8 - April
Year 7 – June



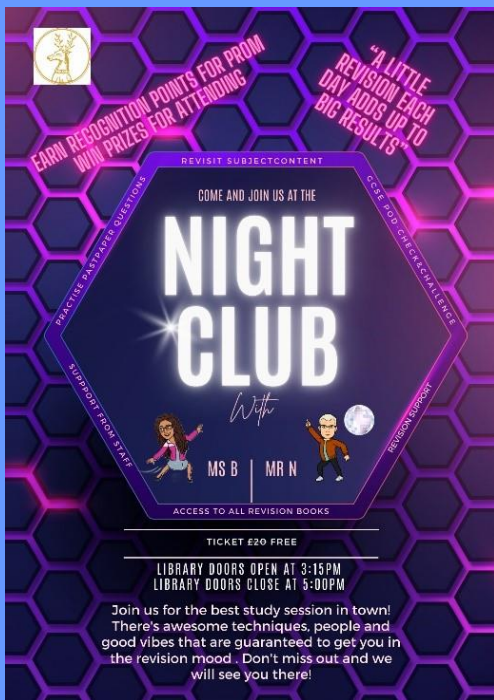
Failure to do so may see us disabling the laptop until it has been health checked. If there are any problems in between health checks please bring your laptop to Mrs Bennett or straight to the IT technicians.

Meet the Pupil Premium Team

	Mrs Bennett – PP Administrator Has jumped out of a plane not once, but twice
	Mrs Stevens – Service Link Adrenaline junkie running to the scariest rollercoaster ride!
	Mr Nunn – Academic Mentor I once swam in front of a big audience with a 200 lb sealion called Carlos
	Mrs Buckley – Academic Mentor Has performed in more than 100 plays!
	Mrs Gratton – 'Mrs Pod' Was a Police Officer
	Miss Nightingale – VP with responsibility for PP An intrepid traveller having travelled to over 15 different countries including Zimbabwe

Contact us on: pupilpremium@hbk.acesmat.uk

The fun facts are in the wrong places, can you sort them? See the next page for the Quiz



Night Club is run Monday-Thursday every week by Mrs Buckley and Mr Nunn who provide revision resources, biscuits and support for ALL Year 11 students. We especially like to see our Pupil Premium students there so please promote this to your Year 11 children.



You've heard of the 12 Days of Christmas...well here is our PP version to show all the things we have supplied for students recently...

- Laptops to Year 7
- Pencil cases for Year 7
- Revision books across all Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10, 11)
- 25 tutoring places for the January round in Year 11
- Revision packs for Year 10 students (revision refills available for Year 11 students)
- Prizes for students attending Nightclub often
- Sweets treats for our Service Child meet up



Competition Time!

Win a tub of chocolate Roses by completing the following challenges...



1) Match the fun facts with the member of the PP team correctly at the moment Mrs Bennett has jumped out of a plane, but she hasn't, so what fact goes with what member of staff, **Scan the QR code to complete.**



2) To complete the Christmas Dingbat quiz with 100%

View the [Christmas Dingbat](#)

Compete your answers here....

<https://forms.office.com/e/WizCqt24bm>

All answers can be logged on the forms...entries will be marked and winners selected and told at the end of January!

Christmas Holiday Ideas

Access The Pantry, 10 All Saints Passage, Huntingdon town for affordable food whilst helping the environment with food waste. [The Pantry – Diamond Hampers | Huntingdon First](#)

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING CHRISTMAS 2024
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

<p>MORRISONS Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p>SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>BEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>TRAVELodge & PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards' Members purchase any adult meal (Via App)</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p>	<p>EMBER INNS Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)</p> <p>COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025.</p> <p>LAS IGUANAS Download the app and join 'My Las Iguanar' for free meals for mini Iguanar. Niños get a main, two sides and a dessert with every adult main (or three tapas dishes) purchased.</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.</p>
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A bit of fun.....Play Don't get got!! Here are some ideas to get you started...

- Get a player to help you with a crossword clue (they must suggest the answer)
- Get a player to lift you off the ground
- Make something and get a player to wear it!

Pupil Premium Quiz...Are you a buff with general knowledge? Do you know your pop songs and your sporting heroes from yesteryear? If the answer is yes, then put your money where your mouth is and sign up to the PP quiz.



Date: Thursday 30th January, 6-7:30pm, Location: PAC, Cost: Free but great prizes! Sign Up here

[Star Decoration Craft — Library.Live](#) decorate a star at the library in Huntingdon for £2