



The Hinckley
SIXTH FORM

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The Future Starts With Us

... ARE YOU READY?

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PERSONALISED SUPPORT TO REALISE YOUR AMBITIONS

“ Our students are the future leaders, future politicians, future professionals, future scientists, future visionaries and future innovators who will shape the world of tomorrow. That is why here at The Hinckley Sixth Form, we provide a sixth form experience which not only prepares students for exam success, but more importantly enables them to confidently conquer whatever comes next in their life, learning and beyond.

We pride ourselves on our welcoming and warm approach, with a strong sense of belonging. Our students enjoy a unique combination of support and independence thanks to our experienced sixth form team, who get to know all our students on a personal level so no-one gets lost in the crowd, this way we can

ensure that we give students the tailored support and opportunities they need to reach their goals. We pride ourselves on ensuring that exceptional academic opportunities go hand in hand with unforgettable enrichment experiences.

I am delighted to share an insight into our vibrant student community in the first edition of our new newsletter. I hope you enjoy learning more about the unique sixth form community we are so proud of. ”



Miss V Bull
Director of Sixth Form



XV COLTS VICTORY



Congratulations to our first ever 1st XV Colts Team who put on an incredible performance at the WQE Rugby Festival, where they came away victorious after four great unbeaten matches.

This is only the beginning for our newly formed sixth form rugby team and we cannot wait to see what else they achieve as they follow in the footsteps of our former students such as Manu Tuilagi and Vicky Fleetwood. Rugby is part of our DNA here at The Hinckley Sixth Form and we are proud to be working in partnership with Hinckley Rugby Club to revitalise this illustrious history.

FREE DEGREE WINNER



In 2024, our sixth formers joined students from across the Midlands to take part in the Coventry University Global Financial Planning Competition, competing for a chance to win a fully funded university degree course.

We are now delighted to announce that following an in depth application and interview process, Year 13

student Nikita has now been selected as the winner! To achieve this Nikita first completed a budgeting and rationale sheet based on financially planning her first year at university. Nikita was then, alongside another of our incredible Year 13 students, Jaya, named as one of seven students short-listed for a final round of interviews with university professors. To have two of our sixth form students successfully progress to the final round of interviews is truly astounding and we would like to also congratulate Jaya on her achievement and hard work. As the winner, Nikita will now receive a Certificate of Achievement and a fully funded CISI Qualification - Level 2 Award in Fundamentals of Financial Services. Nikita, who aspires to have a career in the financial sector said, "I'm very excited to be the winner. I appreciate the opportunity presented and it is a great step forward in achieving my goals and aspirations."

Did you know?



100% of our Class of 2024 secured positive onward destinations at university, on apprenticeships and in employment.



As one of our students, you can study 3 or 4 subjects and combine both A Level and alternative courses to make the best combination to chase your dreams.



Our subject specialists have extensive experience of teaching Year 11 and sixth form students, meaning that our experts truly know how to support your transition to sixth form success.



Our sixth form provision is rated as "Good" by Ofsted and inspectors praised our "real sense of community", "strong pastoral guidance", "high aspirations" and "culture of belonging". Noting how "Students in the sixth form value the personalised support they get to help them realise their ambitions."



STUDENTS HIT LONDON'S GLITTERING WEST END



During the second week in January, our sixth form Drama students in Years 12 and 13 enjoyed an exhilarating residential trip to London's glittering West End.

First up was an evening performance of *Back to the Future* at the Adelphi Theatre which left students amazed by its technical sophistication, intricate sound and spectacular lighting. The questions around how they got the car to lift up and into the audience evoked much discussion about staging and the technical aspects of the show during the walk back to the hotel. The group were also eager to attend the Stage Door and meet Biff, Marty and the Doc from the performance, excitedly collecting autographs and selfies with the stars of the show. The group also visited 'The Hard Rock Café' in Piccadilly Circus for its pre-theatre supper and a tour around the famous memorabilia of stars in pop and rock proved a further highlight of the first evening.

After a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, it was a brisk and frosty walk to the famous Pineapple Studios for an ensemble workshop led by a member of the cast of *Hamilton* who the students would see later that afternoon in the show. Students recreated a number from the show using physical theatre and dance and had a chance to explore the magic of 'Hamilton' in performance as well as soaking up the electric atmosphere in the studios flanked with professional

dancers and performers.

Finally, a spectacular matinee performance of 'Hamilton' at the Victoria Palace theatre wowed the students as they saw the most incredible choreography, physical theatre and vocals. Students eagerly described the trip as 'unbelievable' and 'unforgettable' and we are delighted to have inspired our future stars of stage and screen!

- Mrs K Cook, Head of Drama



Your Brand *New* Cafe - Study, Socialize, Succeed

We were delighted to unveil our brand new sixth form cafe at the end of 2024. This space is now the perfect space for our young adults to study, socialise and succeed, with table top power outlets, coffee shop neon sign, sofas and faux living walls, the space allows our student community to have flexibility with how they spend their free periods. With over £20,000 worth of investment, this space, alongside a brand new cafe menu based on student surveys, is now the perfect sixth form zone.



EST: 1620
**WE ARE PROUD TO BE
THE ONE AND ONLY SIXTH FORM IN
H I N C K L E Y**

Six Things

THAT SET US APART FROM THE REST...

At The Hinckley Sixth Form we support all of our students to ensure that they are well prepared for their aspirational destinations, be that university, a degree apprenticeship or employment. We thrive on supporting our students and strive to inspire, challenge and support them as they chase their dreams.

Our unique combination of **tailored support**, **subject specialists** and **exceptional experiences**, enables our young people to become **aspirational leaders**, **independent thinkers** and **agents of change**.



OUR INTREPID ADVENTURERS EXPLORE ICELAND

"When we arrived, the students were in awe of the volcanoes, the stunning scenery depicting the glaciers and the mountainous landscape. To start off our adventure we had a guided tour in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland, on our first day. The tour saw us spend time exploring the famous Hallgrímskirkja church and taking a look at the Harpa Concert Hall.

The next day saw the students take part in the Golden Circle Tour, providing a fascinating insight into the National Parks and physical features of the country. We saw the Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir geothermal area, Þingvellir fissure and more. The students, and staff, couldn't believe the beauty of these majestic sights and were amazed more was to come. At the end of the tour, we took a dip in the Secret Lagoon, a naturally heated body of water created by the tectonic activity. We couldn't believe the temperatures it rose to but the smell could have been given a miss!



The following day saw us complete the South Shore tour visiting the LAVA centre, the Reynisfjara black sandy beaches and the Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls. Although the weather could have been better, this didn't stop the students chasing the waves on the Atlantic coast. After action packed daytime adventures, each evening gave us the opportunity to soak in the Reykjavik atmosphere, visiting local shops and indulging in the local cuisine.

All of the students had an incredible time and I just want to say a massive thank you to the students for their incredible conduct and thank you to the staff for all their hard work. We will be going again very soon and maybe we will see you there!"

- Mr W Hillier, Head of Geography

'BREATH-TAKING' RSC HAMLET



At the end of February, English Literature students were treated to a Shakespearean day out. After arriving in Stratford in the glorious spring sunshine, students were given time to explore the town. Their first appointment was at Shakespeare's Birthplace Museum, where they learned about Shakespeare's childhood, schooling, and his father's trade as a glovemaker. Students enjoyed dressing up in theatrical costume and posing for photos! After that, they had some more time to explore Stratford in the sunshine before having an academic lecture from an RSC expert. She was very impressed with the contributions from the students, especially their knowledge of the play and thoughtful opinions about the possible staging of Hamlet. Students then moved on to the main event: the RSC production of Hamlet, which has been getting rave reviews in the national press. The production was breath-taking, with all the action taking place on a tilting ship, which the students agreed was an innovative spin on Shakespeare's vision.

- Mrs H Foers, Head of English

VALENTINE'S DAY

We are always looking to hold new and fun events for our vibrant student community. This Valentine's Day we hosted our first ever 'Heart & Seek', as we hid over 200 positive messages and sweet treats in our sixth form centre for students to find!

In addition, we also shared these themed treats with our 2025 applicants and worked with our Year 12's to create a video sharing six things they love about sixth form.

To watch the video in full scan the QR code on the right!



2# Student Leadership

"One thing I love about sixth form is the amount of student leadership opportunities. I love leading a British Sign Language enrichment group for Year 7 students."

- Eve, Year 12
(Saint Martin's Catholic Academy Alumna)



MEDIA LIVE AT DISNEY LAND PARIS



Our A Level Media students have just returned from a fantastic four days at Disneyland Paris, where they attended the annual Media LIVE! conference. This trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about the many different paths a career in media could take, from Journalism to Film and from TV to New Media, this event aims to inspire the next generation of media creatives and allows them to see work from specialists in their field.



Mrs Sargent and Miss Owen said, "The conference gave the students an insight into the different careers in the media industry, as well as getting a behind the scenes look at Disney's marketing strategies. They also had a unique opportunity to network with the speakers, with some of our students showing great initiative and confidence by reaching out and meeting creator and podcast co-host of 'Happy Hour', Stevie White. The group had a lot of fun and were a credit to the school!"



Speakers at the conference included journalist and documentary maker, Jenny Kleeman and Arnaud Gayet, who shared his impressive career journey from studying Foreign Applied Language at Loughborough University, to becoming the Social Media Executive for Disneyland Paris. Eva in Year 13 said, "The Media LIVE! conference was extremely captivating, with all three guests bringing unique and intriguing stories regarding their careers in Media. Disneyland was also fun and Miss Owen and Mrs Sargent made sure we were safe and enjoying ourselves."



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