



HBK Update, Friday 26 April 2024



Another week full of learning and engagement flies by. We continue to be impressed by the commitment and hard work of our students, and indeed our staff too who constantly go the extra mile. I have witnessed a number of acts of kindness between students this week too - which always warms my heart to see.

There will be a lockdown on Tuesday of next week - just a practice now that our alarms are fixed (see below). This is to ensure that if there was ever a need to lockdown the school that we all know what to do. Talking of incidents, there was nearly one this afternoon in the bus bays, as a few parents had pulled in to pick up their children. Please can we repeat that **no cars should be in the bus bays at the start or end of school day**. There are no exceptions! If your child needs to be picked up for medical reasons or if they have a disability, then please use the top car park.

Hopefully the weather improves for the Bank Holiday weekend, and you can get out into the sunshine. We wish you a fun filled weekend.

Emergency Procedures Update - message from Mr Pinder, Vice Principal

In January we completed an Emergency Procedures Plan (lockdown) practice. Despite some technical issues, the practice went well. Our staff and students remained calm and followed the correct procedures. Shortly after the practice an engineer attended and fixed the technical issues; our Site Manager now completes weekly tests of the system to minimise the chance of the issue reoccurring.

We will be carrying out another full lockdown practice next week on Tuesday 7th May. Students will be aware that this is a practice.

Summer Examinations - message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Students in Year 10 (for RPE), Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 who are sitting any public exams this summer have received their personal timetable at the start of this week. We have asked all students to check this carefully. The timetable tells them which venue they will sit each exam in and their seat number. If there are any issues regarding the exams which appear on their timetable they must see Mrs Grantham, Exams Manager ASAP. We cannot change anything on the day! If they have not received their timetable they should speak to their form tutor in the first instance.

Study space between exams - message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Students in Year 11 will only be required to attend school after 24th May for their exams or a compulsory Masterclass. If students wish to study on site in between a morning and afternoon exam the Food Court will be available.

Year 11 Free School Meal students – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

If your Year 11 child gets free school meals and you wish these to continue through the exams period, please contact Mrs Bennett (sbennett@hbk.acesmat.uk).

Breakfast Club for Year 11 – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

We will be offering a breakfast club to Year 11 students. This will be where they can access the PAC on the morning of a Maths, English or Science exam. This facility will be open from 8am to either study or chill, and free food will be available for those who want it. To ensure we have enough food for all those who do want it, please can you complete this [form](#) by 9th May 2024.

Year 10 Masterclasses – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Students sitting their RPE Paper 2 will attend an extra Masterclass, designed to ensure students are ready and in a positive mindset, just before they go in for the exam.

			Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lunch	Lesson 5
A	15th May	Wednesday		RPE Masterclass 10y5 PJC Room 131 10y6 BP Room 135				
	16th May	Thursday	RPE Masterclass 10y1 BP Room 135 10y2 HXC Room 130 10y4 CN Room 134	RPE Masterclass 10y3 BP Room 135 10x1 CN Room 134 10x2 HXC Room 130	RPE Masterclass 10x3 BP Room 135 10x4 HXC Room 130 10x5&6 CN Room 134		Early lunch at 12 - 12:30pm Line up at 12:45pm RPE Exam	

Year 11 Masterclasses – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

The Masterclasses listed below are compulsory. Students will have received their own personal timetable to their school email this afternoon (Friday 3rd May). Masterclasses and Clinics after half term will be released later this term.

B	6th May	Monday							
	7th May	Tuesday							
A	8th May	Wednesday							
	9th May	Thursday	11Y - Biology Masterclass		11X - Biology Masterclass				
B	10th May	Friday	Biology	11X English Masterclass	CNAT Sport Masterclass			11Y English Masterclass	
	13th May	Monday	English Literature	French Masterclasses	12:30 early lunch Business Masterclass		CNAT Sport Business Masterclass (P5)		
A	14th May	Tuesday	French Listening & Reading	History Masterclass (Business students)	12:00 early lunch 12:30 early lunch		Business History Masterclass (non Business students)		
	15th May	Wednesday	History	11B Computer Science Masterclass	11y Maths Masterclass		Computer Science 11x Maths Masterclass (P5)		
B	16th May	Thursday	Maths		11y Chemistry Masterclass			11x Chemistry Masterclass	
	17th May	Friday	Chemistry	English Lit Masterclass (Geog Students)	12:30 early lunch English Lit Masterclass (Non-Geog students)			Geography	
A	20th May	Monday	English Literature				Computer Science		
	21st May	Tuesday	11X Physics Masterclass	11B/Cs Room 190 DIB	12:30 early lunch 12:15 early lunch		11Y Physics Masterclass (P5) Physical Education		
B	22nd May	Wednesday	Physics	11D PE Masterclass	11Y English Masterclass		11x English Masterclass (P5)		
	23rd May	Thursday	English Language	11A French Masterclasses	Spanish Masterclass		11C French Masterclass		
A	24th May	Friday	French Writing	Maths Masterclass (French Students)				Year 11 Event	
	May Half Term								

For any information regarding exams or the lead up to exams, please see our website [Hinchingsbrook School - Exam Timetables 2023/2024](#)

Second-hand uniform marketplace – message from Mrs Lowe and Mrs Molyneux

We are Collecting Uniform Donations

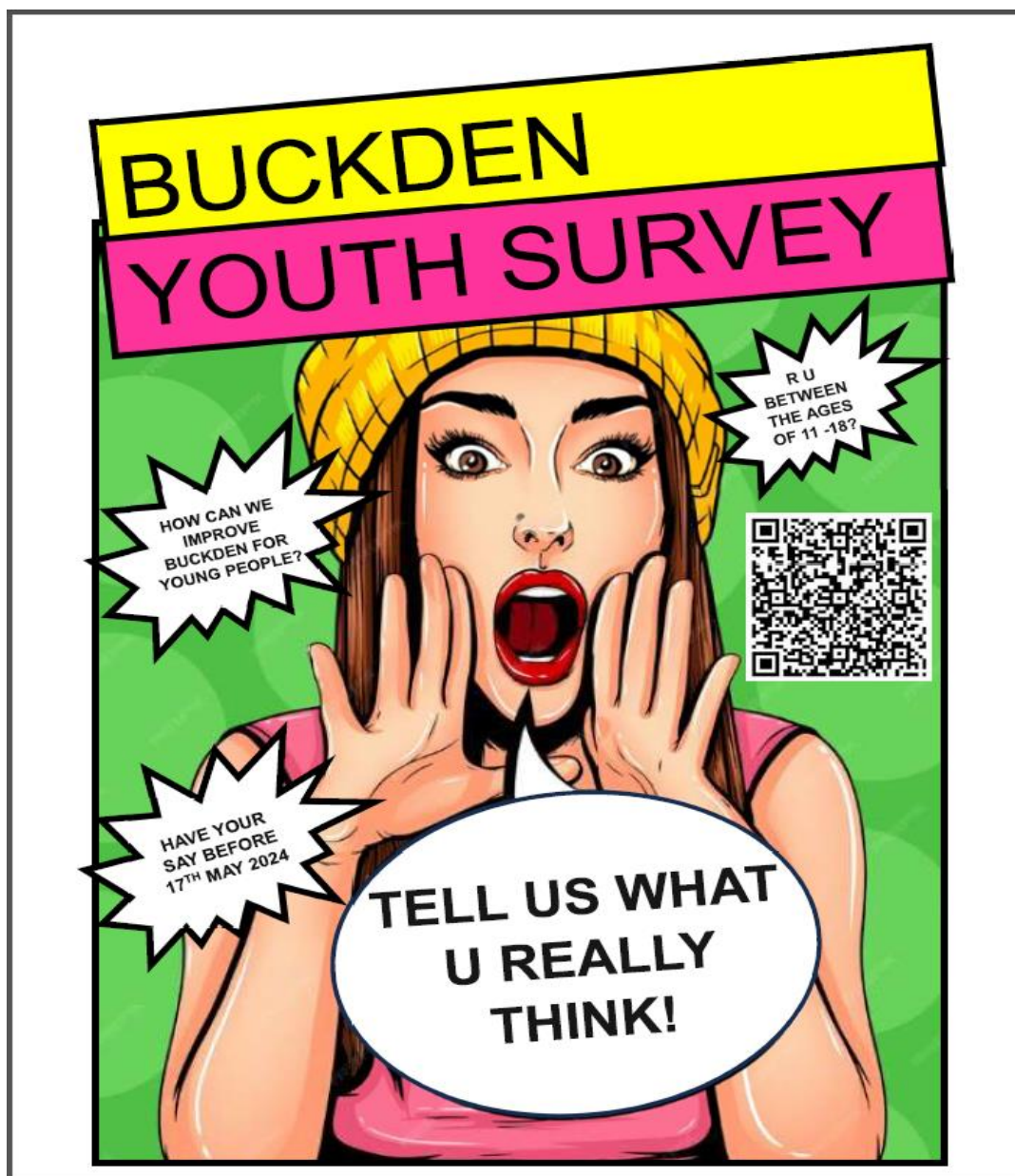


We will shortly be launching our second-hand uniform marketplace. This is a new and exciting venture for the school as we move towards being more sustainable as a community. If you have any preloved uniform that you would like to donate to the school, it would be greatly received.

Donated items can be brought into school by your child and dropped off with Mrs Molyneux in the Library or at our Main Reception. The launch is coming...

Students living in Buckden

We have been contacted by Buckden Parish Council who would like to distribute a questionnaire to students who live in Buckden. They are trying to gather information on how to make Buckden a better place for young people. If you would like to complete the questionnaire, and live in Buckden, please use the QR code below:



Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies at HBK and in schools across the Trust. Please visit the website for more information [ACES Academies Trust - Vacancies](#)

Please feel free to share any of these vacancies with friends and family who may be interested.