



## HBK Update, Friday 26 April 2024



Another busy week sails past with Year 9s completing their in-class exams (and next week too); Year 11s busy speaking Spanish/French for their oral exams and a wonderful evening of A Level recitals for the Year 13s musical assessment. Our students are really working hard in the last few weeks before the summer exam season, and for the rest of us there is also plenty to get involved with.

To top it all off HRH Princess Anne paid us a flying visit yesterday afternoon - literally. Lots of students stayed after school to watch her helicopter touch down before she sped off for her official visit at Hinchingbrooke hospital. The staff clearly enjoyed it as much as the students, some even getting to sit in the helicopter whilst others satisfied themselves with selfies next to it!



### Summer Exams – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Students in Year 11 will have an assembly next week to remind them of the key aspects for the exam season. They will get their personalised timetables with seat number and locations for each exam. They will also be reminded that they will **need to wear full school uniform for each exam** (as they would every day) including school shoes, blazers and no extra jewellery or false eyelashes/nails. As such please can you support your child in ensuring they have all aspects of uniform. Do not hesitate to contact us should there be an issue regarding uniform or indeed anything we can do to support in this run up to the exam season.

### Masterclasses – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Starting on 9<sup>th</sup> May, students in Years 10 and 11 will get an outline of their Masterclass timetable for exams occurring before half term. This is an hour-long session as close to the exam as possible to ensure students are fully prepared, are going into the exam with a can do attitude, and are ready to achieve their best. Students will get personalised timetables sent to them next week with all the details they need of what to attend, where and when. These will be sent to their school email accounts. We will also put the general Masterclass timetable on our website so you can see what is available, and a paper copy will be available outside my office in Middle School.

After half term some departments will continue to run Masterclasses for those who are invited (sometimes this is everyone), in addition to clinics where students are able to access a teacher for a particular subject if they require support or just want to revise that subject with a teacher. A reminder that Year 11 students are required to be in school until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, after which time they are only required to attend for the Masterclasses they are invited to and their examinations.

## Exam Attendance – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Last week Mrs Bennett (our Pupil Premium Administrator) sent emails to some parents regarding students bringing their school laptop back into school so we could conduct a health check. This is an annual check to ensure the laptop is up to date and working well. If you have received this message, please ensure your child brings their laptop to Mrs Bennett's office in Middle School (Room 128A) before 10<sup>th</sup> May. Once the health check has been completed it will be returned to your child. Failure to do so may result in a charge. Any issues, please contact Mrs Bennett ([sbennett@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:sbennett@hbk.acesmat.uk)). If your child is set to leave Hinchingsbrooke before Year 11, please return the laptop to reception to avoid being charged £250.

## Reading Tests – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Every year all students in Years 7-10 take a short online reading test. This is to ensure that all students are supported and challenged in this key skill. The tests are happening at the moment in English lessons. Please see the letter sent out by Mrs Wright, Literacy Co-ordinator at the start of this week, in case you missed it.

[NGRT Letter to Parents & Carers](#)

## Uniform - message from Mrs Tandy, Vice Principal

We have seen an increase in students not wearing correct uniform this term, in particular wearing trainers. In terms of school shoes if you need financial support with purchasing these please feel free to contact your child's SSO as we are happy to help.

## Reminders from the Sixth Form – message from Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form

Students are required to wear a lanyard at all times when they are on site and all times. Could you please talk to your young person to ensure that they bring their lanyard every day- we are seeing more and more students on site without their ID. Further to the safeguarding theme, it is wonderful that so many students are choosing to stay after school to use our House in which to work. If your child studies after school, please ask them to do so in the Montagu Room, where there will be a sign-in and sign-out sheet.

If your child is in Year 12 and they have not yet organised a Work Experience Placement, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If they have tried to do so, and have failed, please contact the Year 12 team for advice.

## A Level Recital Evening 2024 – message from Mrs Cooke, Music Department

The annual A Level Recital Evening on Wednesday this week was a wonderful event of high-quality music-making. With eight Year 12 students performing a piece each, and five Year 13s each playing their Final Recitals, it was fantastic to see (and hear!) them perform with such musicality and composure.

Congratulations especially to our Year 13 students Lucy H, Tia L, Christian T, Ben W and Marcus W (pictured). Thanks to parents, carers, staff and friends for supporting.



## Extra-curricular Clubs at HBK – message from Mrs Jackson, Progress and Clubs Administrator

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities on offer at HBK. Please see the link below which has details of this term's extra-curricular activities. If your child would like to find out any more information or register to attend, please direct them to the relevant department or teachers, alternatively they can visit Mrs Jackson in Lower School. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jackson if you have any further questions at: [kdjackson@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:kdjackson@hbk.acesmat.uk).

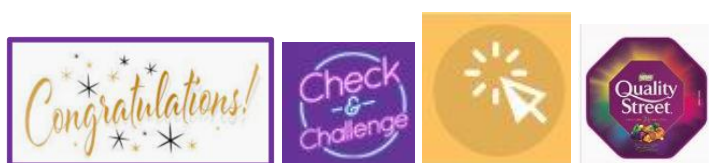
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## GCSEPod Spring Term Competition – message from Mrs Gratton, Head of Maths



I am delighted to share the Spring Term Competition results and how well all our students have been participating in self-quizzing and independent learning! In the shortest term of the year, our students correctly answered more questions than we, as a school, did throughout last year! So far this year, our students have correctly answered over 111,000 Check and Challenge questions, completed almost 2,000 assignments and watched over 38,000 pods to further their learning.

Well done to all our students for embracing HBK's values of hard work and high standards. At the end of the term, I am pleased to announce the results of the spring competitions. *(These figures are for the spring term only.)*



### Year Group competition

Congratulations to **Year 9** again with over 13000 C&C and 5300 pods!

### House competition

Congratulations to **Pepys**, who have inched past **Cromwell** with over 8000 C&C and 3700 pods!

### Tutor groups

Congratulations to 7M2, 8V1, 9Si5, 10W1 and 11C1 with totals 3555, 578, 3060, 1101 and 3244 respectively, who each win a big tub of chocolates to enjoy!

### Individual Prizes

Special congratulations go to our individual winners, who each get Amazon vouchers.

Y7: S Machhe & A Singh - winning C&C and pod prizes respectively

Y8: A Vardhi - winning both C&C and pod prizes!

Y9: R McElhone & A Gopinath – winning C&C and pod prizes respectively

Y10: R Sousa Vieira & A Cook – winning C&C and pod prizes respectively

Y11: M Masood & A Gopinath - winning C&C and pod prizes respectively



I would also like to congratulate our runners up for their all their hard work too:

Y7: A Singh, S Teixeira, S Machhe & J A'Pearl

Y8: A Upadhyay, I Burkill, A Olofe & M Farrell

Y9: E Kavanci, C Hassell, T Hemingway-Storey & R Wrench

Y10: S Elliott, M Taylor-Hudson, A Nicholson & R Huggins

Y11: K Pool, E Carreau, A Bateman & E McElhone



Further activities are planned for this term, including a Y7 v Y8 battle, so please do encourage your child to spend a little time having a go. Further information can be found by following the link below to the parent toolkit for GCSEPod.

<https://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/page/?title=GCSEPod&pid=1005>

### Year 10 Trip to America – message from Ms Nichols, Head of Year 10

Over the Easter break, 30 year 10 students went to tour around America. We started in Florida, went to Washington and then on to NYC via Philadelphia. It was absolutely amazing and had a fantastic time. All students (and staff) behaved impeccably! A real honour to spend time with such a fantastic group of students.



### 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.