



HBK Update, Thursday 21 July 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to your last HBK Friday update of this school year!

Looking back...

It has been a 'more normal' school year this year, but we have still felt the effects and the pressure of COVID-19 throughout the year and I am very grateful for the way that everyone has 'rolled up their sleeves and gotten on with it' – especially our students, whose resilience is a credit to them and to you as their parents.

One highlight of this year was the school's November 2021 Ofsted inspection, which saw us achieving a strong Good. We have now made our plans, so that we are ready for September 2022 as we begin the next stage of our journey '**From Good to Great**' – Good is not good enough.

On Wednesday this week, we had our **Sports Awards event**, which is an example of HBK at its best! It was a privilege for me to be there and to be able to celebrate the sporting achievements of so many students! I would like to add my own congratulations to EVERY student who was at the event – well done to you all!

The Sports Awards event is, of course, just one of the dozens of arts and sports and other events and trips that we organise as a school, to enrich our students' curriculum. I thank all of my colleagues for their hard work in organising these.

Teaching and Learning end-of-year message – from Ms Solvar-Isida, Assistant Principal

A huge **thank you, parents** for your support with our various Teaching and Learning launches this year - what a year this has been, and what a productive year too - **thanks to your support**, we are now a school where knowledge is right at the forefront of what we do and where we have started powerful conversations as well as taking effective actions to support our students to become more effective learners. In September, we will provide a new Knowledge Organiser (KO) Folder and Self-Quizzing (SQ) Book to all students; students must keep at home their current KO folder and SQ Book for future revision work. Can you visualise how better equipped and less anxious your child may from now on feel when it comes to revision time at future points in their learning journey? Once again, **THANK YOU ALL** and have a well-deserved break this summer!

Summer Voucher Scheme – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

A reminder that Cambridgeshire County Council are running the summer voucher scheme again to support families on Free School Meals. You will receive two vouchers over the course of the holidays:

- a first £37.50 supermarket voucher by the end of the day on 22nd July
- a second £37.50 supermarket voucher by the end of the day on 12th August

Please read through the letter ([Parent Letter \(CCC\)](#)) and FAQs ([FAQ Parents - Summer Voucher Scheme CCC](#)). If there are any issues please contact the county council direct ([contact us](#)).

Examination Results Days 2022 – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

We very much look forward to celebrating with our students when the examination results arrive. Please find all the relevant information regarding our summer results days [here](#) and on our website [Hinchingbrooke School - Examinations](#)

Year 10 Summer Tutoring Programme - message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

All letters have now gone to those students involved in the tutoring this summer (and via ParentMail to parents/carers). Please read through this information carefully before the first tutoring session. If there are any issues, please contact the tutoring company directly. If there is any reason why a session will be missed, please email anightingale@hbk.acesmat.uk (as I am on holiday, there may be a delay in responding). We hope the students who are signed up get a lot out of their sessions and that they stand them in good stead for Year 11.

Progress Reports – message from Mr Pendlebury, Assistant Principal

We have recently sent via email Progress Reports for Years 8, 9 and 12. If you have not received a copy of the report, please email Reports@hbk.acesmat.uk and one will be sent to you.

'Times tables Rock Stars' – message from Mrs Gratton, Head of Maths



The Battle of the Bands was back again this year from 4th - 10th July!

All students from Years 7 - 9 took part in the Times Tables Rockstars competition with **450499** correct answers achieved in the competition!

Special congratulations go to our top three students:

- 1st place Alayna Estacio with 59573 correct answers!
- 2nd place Malik Siddiqui with 38078 correct answers!
- 3rd place Ruby O'Dell with 37432 correct answers!

Summary of Results:

Winning House: Montagu with 151974 correct answers
Winning Year: Year 7 with 203645 correct answers
Top three Tutor Groups: 7Si1 (1st), 9W2 (2nd), 8M1 (3rd)

HBK School Production – message from the Drama Department

We are thrilled to share with you the link to watch our School Production. We want to sincerely thank our school community (our students, you their parents and carers and the many staff who chipped in along the way) for contributing so much time and effort to assist in the completion of this special video. Our students have taken charge of both the performing and the editing of this video and we could not be prouder of their efforts. <https://hbk-creative-arts.sellfy.store/p/the-show-must-go-on/>

All proceeds from this video will go towards the next whole-school production of 'Matilda' (more information on this will follow in the next year). Additionally, we are raising money for the Charity 'Acting For Others': a charity that supports performing artists who have lost work and need emotional support - more information can be found here; <https://www.actingforothers.co.uk/>

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Diversity Day – message from Ms Harris-Clements and Ms Zander, HBK Diversity Champions



Following our very successful Diversity Day on Monday 18 July, please see our [Diversity Newsletter](#)



Important messages from the Sixth Form – from Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form

For current Year 12 Parents, whose children are starting Year 13 in September

From September, we are making some important changes to the Sixth Form. Mr Adam Burton is joining us as our Year 13 Student Support Officer to work with Mrs Black who will be Head of Year 13. Mrs Moyes will be in a new role in the Geography Department next year, and we wish her the very best of luck. We are adding PSHCE to the Sixth Form curriculum and your child will have one lesson per fortnight, to align with the rest of the school. This exciting addition, together with 2 hours of Private Study per week, will help ensure successful outcomes at the end of year 13. We expect this to help our students to be well-prepared for their post-school future.

We look forward to welcoming our **Year 13 students** back in school **from 11am on Tuesday 6 September**. Students are to sign in with us in the Inner Hall in the House and then proceed to have their photos taken with their tutor. They will spend the rest of the day in school with their tutor reviewing their summer work and post 18 plans. All Sixth Form will then have an assembly in period 5. Timetabled lessons begin on Wednesday 7 September.

For current Year 11 Parents whose children are starting Year 12 in September

If your child holds an offer for our Sixth Form for 2022, please look out for the email which contains important information about results day, subject changes **and the start of term in September**. The information is also available to view on the website: [Results Day & Enrolment Information](#)

For current Year 10 Parents

We are holding our Sixth Form Open Evening on the **29 September from 5-7pm this year**. Further information, including our new prospectus will be available on the website from September.

September Start-of-Term arrangements for students in Year 7 to 11

Our **new Year 7** students will start on **Monday 5 September 2022** and will be the only year group in school on this day, other than the Year 12 students who are registering their place in the House. This allows Year 7 to refamiliarise themselves with the Hinchingsbrooke site before the older students return. Students should arrive on site at the normal time (before 8.35am) and head straight to their Form Room – for anyone who is unsure, Mr Milner, Head of Year 7, will be at the Food Court to offer support. Buses will be running on the 5 September for all those using this as their means of travelling to and from school. Year 7 students will also have an early lunch for their first week to help them with settling in.

For students in Years 8 to 11, their first day of term is **Tuesday 6 September 2022**. This day will be a one-day 'This is Hinchingsbrooke' programme, which will include students having their school photo taken and being given their timetables for the year. Timetabled lessons will commence on Wednesday 7 September, which will be Week A.

ACES Newsletter



ACES Academies Trust has asked us to share their [Summer Newsletter](#) with Parents and Carers.

Thank you

I would like to thank all HBK Parents and Carers for your unwavering support for your child, and your support for our school this year. Together, WE ARE HBK.

Wishing you all a lovely summertime!

Mark Patterson
Principal