

HBK Update, Friday 23 April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been very fortunate with the weather this week! Students having to be outside at Break and Lunchtime is a lot more pleasant when the sun shines on them – fingers crossed that we get some more of this great weather!

Reading Tests – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Just a reminder that all students in Years 7-10 will complete a reading test in one of their English lessons over the next 3 weeks. Already some students in Years 7 and 8 have completed these. Your son/daughter will be told when this is happening and will be asked to bring in a pair of standard earphones (the plug in variety) for the test. The information we get from these will help us to put any extra support in place for those students who may need it.

Teacher Assessed Grades Update – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

Students have really risen to the challenge of the assessments over the last two weeks, and I have seen them engaging with preparation lessons and endeavouring to achieve their best in the assessments which have taken place so far. A huge well done to the students in Years 10-13.

Over the Easter holidays lots more information was released from the Government regarding Teacher Assessed Grades. Please find a video to outline some of this information. There will be more videos in the coming weeks to cover all of the information we have received and are still to receive.

<https://youtu.be/iQIYKGjMkjM>

Invitation from Royal Mail for students aged 4-14 years!

Royal Mail is inviting children and young people to take part in their 'HEROES STAMP DESIGN COMPETITION'! They are looking for 8 stamp design winners, and the final 8 stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen, before they are printed and issued. If your child is in the age 4-11 category, or the age 12-14 category, and would like to take part, they can sign up to the competition by visiting www.royalmail.com/stampcompetition and filling in their details!

Why knowledge matters

My latest blog is entitled 'Why knowledge matters' and if you would like to read it, you can find it here: <https://learningisthething.com/?p=117>

Thank you

A big thank-you to all parents and carers for your support for your child(ren) in these challenging times. There are special challenges for our students who would have taken formal examinations this summer, and I know you are doing your best to support with revision for assessments and with general encouragement, too; thank you very much.

Have a lovely weekend!

We are Hinchingsbrooke.

Kind regards,

Mark Patterson

Principal