



HBK Update, Friday 19 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to your Friday HBK update!

COVID-19 Update

The number of positive student COVID-19 cases has, thankfully, remained low since we returned to school after the October half-term holiday. As of today, there are 12 reported positive COVID-19 cases amongst our students. For now, our COVID-19 mitigations remain in place, in line with the County's status as an 'Enhanced Response Area', and the Local Authority recommendation sent to schools just before October half-term that we should continue with our enhanced mitigations until 10 December.

Ofsted Update

We are still waiting to see a copy of the draft inspection report following last week's inspection. Once we receive the draft report, we have an opportunity to respond and Ofsted's guidance says that we are allowed to comment on matters related to 'factual accuracy' in the draft report. The Ofsted inspection Lead Inspector will consider our comments on the draft and will decide whether to make any changes as a result. The final report will then be published, probably in two to three weeks' time, on the Ofsted website - Ofsted don't provide us with an exact publication date at this stage. Ofsted will email me to say the final report is available and I will share it with you immediately.

HBK Parent/Carer Survey – message from Mrs Tandy, Vice Principal

We are always keen to seek feedback from students, parents / carers and staff about how we are doing as a school and how we can improve further. Indeed, following feedback from parents last year we will be revising parent evening appointment times and are adding more information about the curriculum and 'This is Hinchingbrooke' to our website, so your voice matters and makes a difference to the way we do things.

Our intention this year is to change the way we carry out our surveys: we will now do two surveys in the year – instead of one - so that we can focus on *in-year* improvement as well as year-on-year improvement. We would also like to set up different focus groups with parents, students and staff in the New Year to discuss different ways we can improve what we do at Hinchingbrooke, using the survey feedback as our starting point.

I realise that a number of you already responded to the Ofsted survey last week, because of which we slightly delayed our own surveys from going out, but I would really appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill these out. As well as the Ofsted questions we have used in previous years, we have included some new questions around some of the initiatives introduced this year, such as Knowledge Organisers and self-quizzing.

The survey will be open until midday on Monday 29th November. Thank you in advance for providing your feedback.

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Movember!

Thank you very much to any parents and carers who have already made a donation to Team HBK's 'Movember' efforts! If you haven't, and would like to, here again is the link to the HBK Team page. Every pound donated helps.



<https://uk.movember.com/team/2402041>

As you can see from the photo, I'm trying to do my bit! It is for charity, after all!

Uniform – message from Mrs Tandy, Vice Principal

You may have heard on the news this morning that the DfE has released new non-statutory guidance around school uniform due to be in place by September 2022, and in particular guidance around the cost of uniform. We are pleased to say that we are already compliant on a number of aspects of the new guidance, in that uniform is available from both Price & Buckland and Tesco and second-hand uniform is available, along with a hardship fund to support the purchase of new uniform. We will be continuing to review our uniform in light of the new guidance and will inform you of any further changes.

Your child's Student Support Officer is the person to contact if you would like support with purchasing uniform.

Further information about our uniform can be found on our website: <https://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/uniform>



[Hinchingbrooke School - Uniform & Appearance](https://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/uniform)

At Hinchingbrooke we believe that a school uniform gives a sense of belonging and pride in the school whilst ensuring equality amongst students.

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HBK Year 11 Footballers – message from Mr Pape, Assistant Principal



This week our Year 11 football team made it through to round 5 of the ESFA Under 16 Schools' Cup after beating Hethersett 3-2 in round 4.

A great result. Well done!

This week's blog

This week's blog is on creativity in schools. If you would like to read it, you can find it here: <https://learningisthething.com/?p=296>

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes

Mark Patterson
Principal