



Welcome to school year 2022-23 at Hinchingbrooke!



Dear Hinchingbrooke Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to school year 2022-23 at Hinchingbrooke!

I very much hope that your family enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer, and that your child is ready for the new school year! As well as welcoming back students in Years 8-13, we are very excited to welcome all our new students to the school – that mostly means our ‘brand new’ Year 7 and Year 12 students, but we also have new students joining other year groups today. We hope this year is a great one for everyone!

New staff at HBK!

We are pleased to welcome: Ms K Robertson, Assistant Alternative Provision Manager, Mr S Ilett, Ms J Longstaff, Mr D Clark and Ms E Spyrides, teachers of Science; Ms J Yarnell, teacher of Business; Ms C Rider, teacher of English and RPE; Ms A Collingwood, teacher of Food; Ms H Carroll, teacher of/Second In RPE; Mr J Rimmer, teacher of Geography; Mr C Leyva and Mr T Banks, teachers of PE; Ms K Patterson, teacher of/Second in Languages; Mr A Pang, teacher of Psychology; Ms J Harris, SENDCo; Ms M Darnell, Ms K Lewis and Ms R Ali, teaching assistants. We wish these staff the very best as they begin their journey at HBK.

Summer 2022 examination results

Our summer examination results were strong, especially for our Year 11 students, and they provide a great benchmark that will help us with our ambition to move the school **From Good to Great** over the next few years. The Department for Education provides all schools with information about their performance in examinations **compared with other schools** during the Autumn term; we do not yet have this information but, for now, please see our Summer 2022 Results Headlines here: [Hinchingbrooke School - 2022 Summer Exam Results](#)

Our Improvement Plans

Each year, we capture our improvement plans in a document called the School Development Plan – this document runs to a number of pages but, in a nutshell, we aim this year to:

- Make sure we have responded fully to the feedback that Ofsted gave us in Spring 2022, following their inspection of the school in November 2021
- Bring about further improvements in students’ behaviour, since outstanding behaviour is the best foundation for great learning and outcomes
- Maintain our focus on high-quality teaching and learning, including embedding the significant curriculum changes we introduced last year (Knowledge Organisers, self-quizzing etc...)
- Improve student outcomes in a number of subjects at both KS4 and KS5

The start of term

We are delighted with how our students have started 2022-23! Our ‘This is Hinchingbrooke’ Day today has included key messages for students about learning, teaching, behaviour and routines. We have shared with students our high expectations and our excitement to be working with them to help them be the best they can be. We do hope your child achieves everything of which they are capable – and more – this year! We have made some changes to our Behaviour Policy this school year (Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal, will tell you more about this in our usual Friday HBK Update this week). One of the changes involves staff giving Recognition Points’ instead of House Points and 5s. Although we only had Year 7 students in school yesterday (and a small number of Year 12s), staff issued 45 Recognition Points for Hard Work, 21 for High Standards and 2 for Kindness. What a great start! And plenty more to come!

School Production 2021-2022 – message from Ms E Alexander, Head of Drama

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/>

All proceeds from this video will go towards the next whole-school production of 'Matilda' (there is some information on this below, and more will follow in due course). 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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School Production 2022-2023

Our school production this year will be **Matilda Jr.** Auditions are on Monday 12th September and Wednesday 14th September at 15:15-17:00 in the PAC. All students are welcome. If your child wishes to audition for a solo part, they will be asked to sing 30 seconds of a song of their choice (it doesn't have to be from Matilda) - no other audition preparation is needed. We look forward to seeing your child at the auditions.

We are Hinchingsbrooke.

Best wishes

Mark Patterson