



## HBK Update, Friday 30 September 2022



Dear Hinchingsbrooke Parents and Carers

Welcome to your weekly update!

I would like to thank all of the parents and students who attended this week's **'Meet the Tutors'** event and/or the **Key Stage 3 Success Evening**, and those students and parents who attended yesterday's **Sixth Form Open Evening**. It was great to see you – and so many of you! I hope you found the event(s) worthwhile.

### Key Stage 3 Success Evening – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Thank you to those who made the time to attend this event. There was a great buzz and lots of questions from you on the evening! I know a lot of you have been in touch to ask for the resources from the evening. We are working hard to create some videos to reflect the content and will let you know when we have uploaded these to the school website.

### Key Stage 4 Success Evening (Years 9, 10 and 11) - message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Letters came home this week (via ParentMail) to give you all the details. Essentially, on **Thursday 6 October** there will be a range of workshops which share how we do things at Hinchingsbrooke, including our Teaching and Learning strategy, our Behaviour strategy, our Literacy strategy, Mental Health and Well Being and a lot more besides. The workshops are 20 minutes long and give you an opportunity to ask relevant questions. To book into a workshop please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/bSv7rmUT1P>

Parents booking in will really help us manage numbers on the evening. There are also some year group specific workshops, including an explanation of the reports we send home and one by the Head of Year looking at the year ahead and how we support your child through the pastoral system. **The deadline for completing the form is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 4pm.** We look forward to seeing you there.

### Teaching and Learning update – message from Ms Solvar-Isida, Assistant Principal

It was lovely seeing lots of year 7 and 8 parents this week and going with them through our Hinchingsbrooke Approach to Teaching and why we believe it is effective in supporting students to be successful learners. We are **proud of how well students have settled in their lessons**, and now that Homework has started to be set in all year groups, here is a brief reminder for you about how your child(ren) should do their self-quizzing.

**Self-Quizzing –how?**

**So, what does that mean?**

- 1. Look**  
Read the definitions over to ensure you understand what you are about to memorise. Focus on 1 section (not just one word but maybe the first column) at a time.
- 2. Say**  
Repeat each definition aloud over and over before even attempting to write anything down –this will ease the memorization process.
- 3. Cover**  
Write down the key words you are about to quiz yourself on. Then discipline yourself and cover the part you have just memorized out loud.
- 4. Write**  
Write down the answers **without cheating** 😊
- 5. Check**  
Uncover the section and **with your green pen** carefully check how many you got right. Tick if it's right. Cross if it's wrong.
- 6. Correct**  
It is **NORMAL** and **OK** to have missed some bits out at this stage and/or made some mistakes. **Learning is a hard and long process.** With your green pen, write the corrections. This step is **ESSENTIAL** in the memorization process.
- 7. Repeat**  
For **learning to stick**, you now need to go through the whole process **AGAIN** –back to number 1 😊

## Recognition Point superstars - message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal

As of this morning, HBK students have earned 29,941 Recognition Points, which means we should exceed 30,000 by the end of the day! This is a phenomenal achievement and students are to be congratulated for meeting, and in some cases exceeding, our high expectations. Year 7 are currently in the lead in earning the most Recognition Points, closely followed by Year 8 in second and Year 10 in third. The students below are currently the highest earners of Recognition points in the school. A special well done to them!

Student	Year Group	Recognition Points
Georgina B-M	10	46
William M	7	43
Abigail W	11	42
Oliver C	7	42
Lily W	10	42
Luca Q	10	41
Ruby B	10	41
Alayna E	10	40
Riley H	7	40
Aleksander G	7	40
Lea N-D	7	40
Isabella D	10	40

## This week's blog

**This week's blog** muses on the use of the word 'Skill' versus the word 'Expertise'. If you would like to read it, it's here: ['Skill' or 'Expertise'? – Learning is the thing](#)

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Best wishes

**Mark Patterson**  
**Principal**