



HBK Update, Friday 4 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to your HBK Friday update.

Humanitarian crisis in Ukraine

We intend to provide support, in light of the growing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, and we are currently working on plans for raising money and collecting key provisions that could help people who are in desperate need. Much more to come on this, in coming weeks.

A focus on behaviour – message from Mrs Tandy, Vice Principal



Following on from both the Ofsted and survey feedback, we are exploring how to take behaviour at Hinchingbrooke from 'good' to 'great'. As such **we would like to hold a parent focus group discussion on Thursday 17 March at 5pm on improving behaviour**. This meeting was previously advertised as taking place online but as the restrictions have since been eased, the meeting will now take place in **Hinchingbrooke House Library**.

Behaviour is one of our key focuses and whilst we feel that behaviour is good at Hinchingbrooke, we want it to be even better! We will be inviting all those who said they would be willing to be part of a focus group to attend this meeting to discuss behaviour at Hinchingbrooke, along with those who responded to the previous ParentMail note about the focus group. If you did not register your interest in the survey but would like to attend the upcoming meeting, please email ktandy@hbk.acesmat.uk.

Year 11 – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice-Principal

A reminder that the reply slip for Year 11 Easter School should be returned to your child's form tutor by **11 March** at the very latest. Students have settled back into their tutoring programmes well. Please support us by ensuring they attend both of their sessions each week, as we have to pay for the tutor regardless. If there are any concerns or issues, please encourage your child to come and talk to Ms Lombard or Miss Nightingale.

Good News – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Some of our students have already been entered for a number of their exams early, and yesterday we had some of their results. 79% of the A Level students entered for the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) achieved an A* or an A - this is a phenomenal achievement! Also, a number of our Year 10 students received their 'Step Up to English' results. Out of the 'Gold' students, 100% of them achieved a Level 3 Gold Award which is really fantastic, and the vast majority entered at Level 2 also achieved the qualification! This is great news for those Year 10 students who now already have a qualification under their belt!

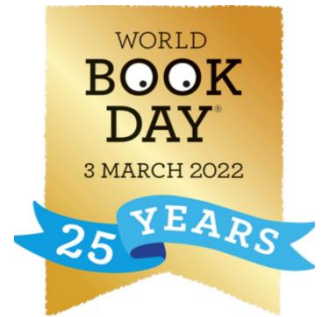
The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme - message from Miss Nightingale, Vice-Principal

For 2022, this programme begins at Easter. Eligible pupils, in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, can attend a participating holiday scheme for up to 16 hours for free. The County Council are issuing E-vouchers which were emailed to eligible parents on Monday 28 February. The [Parents HAF webpage](#) gives further information on the programme, please find further information in the [Parent Letter](#) and [Parent Information](#) documents.

World Book Day – message from Miss L Sparrow, Teacher of English

This week, on Thursday, it was World Book Day! We would like you to have the opportunity to celebrate World Book Day by receiving money off a new book.

Here is a link to the digital token: <https://www.worldbookday.com/digital-book-token/>. This token can be printed and taken to your local bookseller. We really want to encourage our students to be reading at home, and reading things they enjoy, so please do take this opportunity to get some money off a lovely new book!



'Comic Relief' at HBK - message from the 6th Form Charity Committee



On the 18 March, we are hosting a whole school Pyjama and Loungewear Day for Years 7-13 to raise money for Comic Relief. Our Non-Uniform days have been a success so far this year and have really benefitted our charity fundraising events. The Charity Committee felt it would be fun to 'mix it up' and do something that everyone in the school community could get involved with, so that is why we are hosting a Pyjama and Loungewear Day.

We ask that students who wish to get involved, please donate £1 upon their entrance to school and that **all students please dress appropriately for a school environment.**

Thank you for your support.

This week's Blog

This week's blog is about pre-testing in specific subject areas. If you would like to read it, it's here: <https://learningsthething.com/?p=594>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mark Patterson
Principal