



HBK Update, Friday 22 April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday! We are pleased to start the summer term with batteries recharged, milder weather, and far fewer people absent because of Covid-19 (fingers crossed this remains the case). This term includes our big 'push' to make sure that all our students who are taking their exams this summer have the best chance possible to do well; it really matters.

Living with Covid-19 – advice from the Local Authority and NHS

Cambridgeshire Local Authority has asked for schools to share this [letter](#) with parents and carers, which explains the government's advice on how to respond when your child has Covid-19 symptoms or tests positive. In addition, here is a [useful poster](#) from the NHS which gives a summary of the advice for under 18s.

The HBK 'Big Picture'

As Principal, I aim to share the 'Big Picture' of the school with you regularly, so here is my **Quick Quiz** to test your memory of things I have talked about at various times this year! It's just intended to be a bit of fun! You will find the answers further down in today's ParentMail. Have a go!

1. What is the 4-word title of our school's push to take the next step forward, following the last Ofsted inspection outcome?
2. What are the school's 3 Core Values?
3. What are our 3 Key Focuses?
4. What name do we give to the text that includes this sentence?: '*... to provide a high-quality education for all our students, so that they learn and achieve well, and develop as well-rounded young people...*'
5. What are our 3 key 'Student Leadership' qualities?
6. What are the letters H.A.T. and H.A.B. short for at HBK?
7. What slogan often appears at the end of my Friday ParentMails?
8. What is the name of the document that summarises the school's annual plans to improve the school?
9. Tough question to finish with! There are 6 sections to the school's current annual plan for improvement mentioned in Q8: which one of these 7 titles is **NOT** the title of a section in the current plan? A) Quality of Education B) Leadership and Management C) Personal Development, Behaviour and Attitudes D) Outcomes for Students E) Financial Management F) Partnership Working G) Sixth Form Provision

Year 11 Tutoring Opportunity – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

On Thursday afternoon, I emailed all Year 11 students offering them a last-minute opportunity for 5-6 hours of tutoring in any of the core subjects (English Language, Literature, Maths, Biology, Chemistry or Physics). Please encourage your child to read the email and contact Mrs Bennett (sbennett@hbk.acesmat.uk) if they would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

Year 11 and 13 Examinations – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Next week students should receive their personalised summer exam timetable. Leading up to May half term students will be able to attend special 'Masterclasses' in each subject **just before** they go into the exam for that subject. After the half term, the Masterclasses will continue but students will be targeted to attend. In some cases, this may mean all students are expected to attend, and on other occasions it will be targeted at those who we feel would most benefit. This provision is a response to the learning that may have been 'lost' as a result of the pandemic, and to ensure that students are not left revising in isolation. A detailed plan will be released in the next week to

students. We hope that this means students will go into their exams feeling fully prepared and confident to achieve their full potential.

I will also be making some videos over the next week or two which will outline everything that you, as parents, need to know about the up-and-coming exams - watch out for those!

Summer Term Cricket Club for Year 7s and 8s! – message from Mrs Field, Senior Cover Supervisor

I am delighted to be able to run Cricket Club on Mondays 3.15-4.30pm. This is open to students in Year 7 and Year 8, and to students of all abilities - come and join us, learn some new skills and have some fun!

Next week we are expecting to have two overseas cricket players from New Zealand and South Africa joining us for our first session! Please do encourage your child to get involved if they are willing/keen! I am happy to answer any questions – please feel free to email me on: nfield@hbk.acesmat.uk

Well done to our HBK Football Teams! – message from Mr Hobley, Head of Year 10



Thursday of this week was the finals of the District Cup. Hinchingsbrooke School were the only school to field 3 football teams (U13, U14 and U15 level).

Both the U14 and U15 went down to penalties against Longsands, with HBK ending victorious in both matches.

A special mention to Gene Ghagg in Year 10 for fantastic goal keeping, Freddie Surch for scoring the final winning goal under intense pressure and Louis Deans for Man of the Match.

Congratulations!

The 'Big Picture' Quiz Answers

1. 'From Good to Great!'
2. Hard Work, High Standards, and Kindness
3. How We Teach, How We Learn, How We Behave (or Teaching, Learning, Behaviour)
4. The HBK 'Mission'
5. Responsible, Empathetic, and Proud (REP)
6. Hinchingsbrooke Approach to Teaching; Hinchingsbrooke Approach to Behaviour
7. 'We are Hinchingsbrooke' (or We are HBK)
8. The School Development Plan (or School Improvement Plan)
9. Financial Management is NOT a section in the current Plan (managing the finances is an ongoing expectation on all schools)

Scoring: 8-9: Congratulations! You are a HBK 'Big Picture' Star!;
6-7: Well done! You have a good grasp of the big picture of our school;
4-5: Some big picture messages have stuck with you, and some have not – I can do better;
0-3: I need to do a lot better in helping you to see the HBK Big Picture!

This week's blog

This week's blog is about using textbooks in schools. You can read it here: <https://learningisthething.com/?p=629>

We are HBK.

Mark Patterson
Principal