



HBK Update, Friday 6 May 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's HBK update.

Vice Principal appointments for September 2022!

Mr Cooke, one of our Vice-Principals, is leaving at the end of this school year, to take up an exciting new role elsewhere (more on Mr Cooke as we approach the end of the school year!). Following interviews involving the school governors this week, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Kate Tandy and Mr Matthew Pinder have been appointed as permanent Vice-Principals at the school from September 2022! Both performed very strongly in all parts of the selection process that took place on Wednesday, and I am confident they will make a significant contribution to our drive to move **From Good to Great!**

News from the Sixth Form – message from Mrs Rix, Director of Sixth Form

We are delighted to announce that our new Head Students are Chloe Butler and Ben Lemmon! Chloe and Ben were selected from a strong field of applicants, after successfully completing 4 challenging tasks that included an interview with senior staff, and presentations to the whole student body. The standard this year was very high and we are looking forward very much to working with our two new Head Students! We also selected 4 Deputy Head Students - Charlotte Coslett, Rosie Elmore, William Petty and Harry Walters – who were interviewed on Tuesday. Well done to them, too! Thanks to everyone who took part in the process, and we look forward to a busy and successful 12 months ahead!

Year 10 Homework during the next few weeks – message from Ms Solvar-Isida, Assistant Principal

As you may be aware, the exam season starts early for the Year 10 students, with their RPE GCSE exam taking place on May 16th and 26th - a lot of revision and hard work have been going on for months now, but we know that as the exams draw closer the Year 10 students may wish to focus more on their RPE during their study time at home. In order to support this, teachers of a number of subjects intend to reduce the amount of homework they set Year 10s during the RPE exam period. Expectations in lessons are, of course, still the same and teaching in all subjects will continue as normal. Bonne chance, Year 10!

Diversity Drop-Down Day at HBK! – message from Miss Clements and Miss Zander, HBK 'Diversity Champions'



We would like to make you aware of an exciting event that is happening in the Summer Term as part of our Diversity work to showcase our commitment to inclusion and equality here at Hinchingbrooke! We will be holding a Diversity Drop Down Day on **Monday 18th July 2022**. Students will be off timetable on the day, completing a range of activities in a carousel format. Each year group has a particular focus, based on a 'Protected Characteristic' from the Equality Act 2010. The focuses for the day are: Year 7 – Physical Disability; Year 8 – Religion; Year 9 – Race & Ethnicity; Year 10 – Gender.

Just some of the activities will be our own Paralympic Games, a visit to the 'virtual Kaaba' and an exhibition on refugees - more details will follow in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the day please email us on: gharris-clements@hbk.acesmat.uk and/or fzander@hbk.acesmat.uk. Thank you for your support in embracing and celebrating diversity here at HBK!

Brightening up HBK! – Message from Mrs Kate Tandy, Vice-Principal



Students and staff have noticed some changes around our school site this week as new artwork and signage have started to appear. We are very grateful to the Hinchingsbrooke Foundation for funding this project to brighten up our learning environment. More artwork will be appearing in Middle School and Lower School over the coming weeks, pictures of which I will share with you in a future ParentMail.

Year 11 and Year 13 photographs! – message from Ms Black, Deputy Head of Sixth Form and Head of Year 13

The whole Year 11 and Year 13 group photographs are now available for purchase. To view the photos please go to www.classpictures.co.uk/preview and

- use the password Hbrook1122 for the Year 11 photo
- use the password Hbrook1322 for the Year 13 photo

If you would like to, you can also purchase the photograph(s) through this website.

A new website for the Performing Arts Centre (PAC) - message from Mr Steve Fidler, HBK Commercial Lettings Manager



Our new website is up and running! You can see it here: <http://hbkpac.co.uk/>

Hot news! HBK student makes it to finals for the BBC Young Musician 2022!



Huge congratulations to George Garnett in Year 13 who has got through to the Percussion Category Finals for the BBC Young Musician 2022! He is down to the last 5 percussionists! The event will be televised on the BBC at some point in the summer (when we have a date, we will let you know).

What an amazing achievement!

This week's blog

This week's blog is about one of my 'bêtes noires': allowing hands-up to answer during teacher whole-class questioning! If you would like to read it, it's here:

<https://learningisthething.com/?p=646>

Wishing you a great weekend when you get there.

We are Hinchbrooke.

Mark Patterson
Principal