



HBK Update, Friday 18 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Core Values: *Hard Work, High Standards, and Kindness.*

Response to Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis – message from Mrs Black, Associate Principal and Deputy Head of Sixth Form



Kindness: Thank you for the huge amount of donations you have facilitated over the last week! As we have been collecting boxes from each tutor group and the additional items that parents have kindly dropped into Reception, the generosity of the HBK community has shone through again. With the proceeds of today's non-school uniform being split and half going to the Ukraine crisis too, we are so proud of the difference our community is making already. We will pause collecting donations of items for now, but this is something we may well revisit after Easter. Between now and then, we are hoping to undertake some other fundraising activities - if you are able to provide a prize for a raffle that we are currently organising, that would be most appreciated! If you have any queries or feel you can support us in raising funds please do contact me, Mrs Black, on cblack@hbk.acesmat.uk.

'Rhythm Nation' Dance Event 2022! What a show!

Hard Work, High Standards, and Kindness: I was privileged to watch last night's **Rhythm Nation** performance! What a spectacle! 222 dancers, across three action-packed, adrenalin-fuelled, fun evenings! And so many staff - and parents, too! - stepping up to help make it happen! It was wonderful to see our students once again enjoying themselves in this dance extravaganza!

If your child is one of those who was involved on any or all of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, you must be very proud! Please pass on our congratulations!

More photographs to follow!



COVID-19 update

The number of reported positive cases among our students is 35 today - higher than it was a few weeks ago but still far lower than the Autumn Term peak of reported cases (at around 140). Positive cases among staff have risen steadily over the past ten days, however, and we will be returning to online staff briefings (these do not affect

the students at all), and we are also advising staff about some other mitigations they can use to help protect themselves and their colleagues.

Easter School (4 to 8 April) – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice-Principal

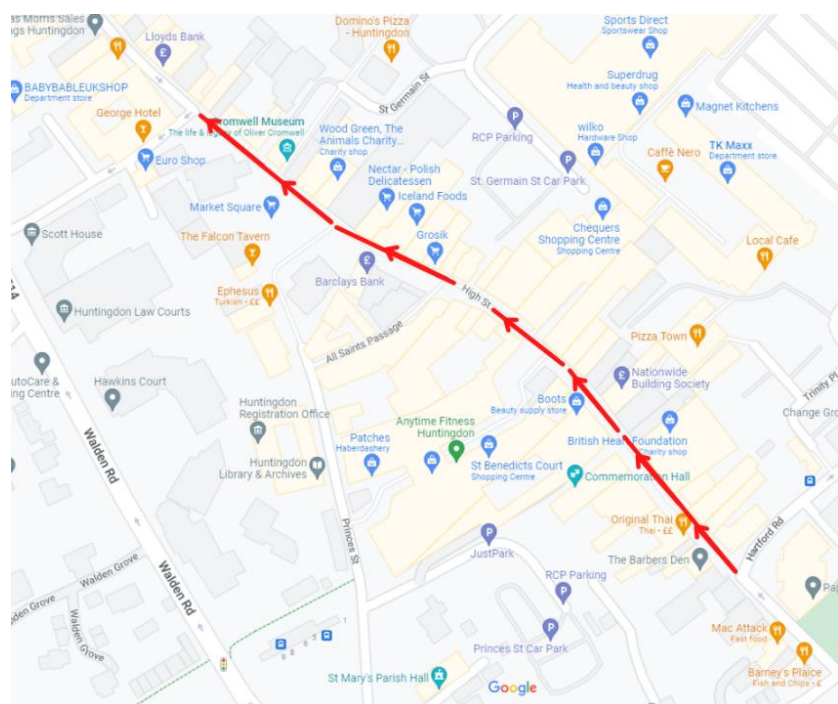
Normally 70+% of students sign up to get high quality revision sessions from our staff over the Easter holidays. This year 35% of students have signed up – which is disappointing! If you have a child in Year 11 who has not signed up, please can you have a conversation and encourage them to get their [form](#) in by Monday. 71 students said it was because they prefer to revise on their own. Of course, students can still do this, but the 4-hour session in school on one subject will also make a significant difference with just 8 weeks to go before the first exam.

For those who have signed up, a letter confirming the sessions they have secured, the days and locations will be out at the end of next week.

Year 13 Mocks (21 to 23 March) – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Just a reminder that Year 13 mocks are happening next Monday – Wednesday in the House. Students are only expected to be in school if they have an exam and need to be in the Inner Dining Hall by 8:40/12:45 so exams can start promptly. Lessons start again on Thursday 24 March. Subject teachers will have told students if there are further shorter assessments taking place once they return to lessons.

Cycling in Huntingdon High Street - message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal



High Standards, and Kindness: Mrs Lowe and I were in town after school yesterday afternoon, meeting with the Town Rangers and members of the BiD (Business Improvement District), to observe HBK students on their way home from school. The majority of our students got off their bikes and were courteous to the Rangers, which was very pleasing to see. We will be following up with the small number of students who conducted themselves less well.

To clarify, students ARE allowed to cycle down the high-street on their way to school in the morning as this journey complies with the one-way system on the map below and takes place before the 10am-4pm no cycling by-law. After school, students wishing to

travel down the high-street should dismount from their bikes and walk them. Please note that this is a legal requirement, not just a courteous request. We also expect students to be considerate and courteous to members of the public as part of our one school rule of Respect. If your child cycles and uses Huntingdon Town High Street, we would be very grateful if you could talk to them about these regulations and the need for respectful cycling. Thank you.

Hinchingbrooke Hospital

Hinchingbrooke Hospital have written to us about some redevelopment work they are having done soon, that may affect traffic around the school.

Here is their letter, for your information: [Hinchingbrooke Hospital Redevelopment](#)

Pi Day at HBK – message from Mrs Gratton, Head of Maths



A huge thank you to Mr Smith and his Chartwells catering team for the fabulous pies on Pi Day!

Students were treated to some delicious pies whilst listening to a Pi playlist and learning some Pi facts whilst waiting in the queue.

Did you know that Einstein celebrated his birthday on Pi Day? He was born on 14th March 1879.



Tutor groups had a mixture of activities, including Pi Dingbats, looking at the Greek alphabet, listening to Tom Hiddleston's Radio 1 explanation of Pi and other subject activities.

HBK Music Festival – message from the Music Department

The first ever **HBK Music Festival** is happening next Monday-Wednesday, and with almost 100 participants it promises to be an exciting three days of competition!

The **Grand Final** is on Wednesday 23 March, at 7pm in the PAC, at which all 15 finalists will compete for the coveted 'Musician of the Year' trophy. If you would like to come and support, tickets cost £5, payable on the door. All participants in any of the 5 classes can come for FREE.

On Friday 25 March, we have the next in the series of **Bösendorfer Piano Concerts**, 7.30pm in the PAC. All HBK students can come for FREE. Please email kcooke@hbk.acesmat.uk if your son/daughter would like to come.

Staff vacancies



Exams Administrator

Hinchingbrooke School is looking to recruit a new member to our Examinations Team. For further information and details of how to apply, please visit [ACES Academies Trust - Exams Administrator](#)

Closing date: **Monday 28 March 2022**



ACES Academies Trust

Please visit the ACES website for current vacancies at schools within the Trust.

www.acesacademies.co.uk/vacancies

Please feel free to share any of our vacancies with friends or family who may be interested.

This week's blog

This week's is on one of my favourite themes: 10 of my favourite learning and teaching myths. If you would like to read it, it's here: <https://learningisthething.com/?p=623>

WE are Hinchingbrooke!

Mark Patterson
Principal