



## HBK Update, Friday 17 November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to your HBK Friday update!

### Celebrating fantastic behaviour - message from Mrs Tandy

This week HBK students burst through the 100,000 Recognition Point target and, as of this morning, have achieved over 107,000 Recognition Points between them! Last year we reached 100,000 Recognition Points on 16 December, so this week's achievement marks an improvement on what was already an impressive achievement last year!



On top of this combined effort, over half of our students have now earned their 50 Recognition Points postcard, two thirds of students have not had a single detention since the start of term in September and over a third of students have not had a single negative log - this really is phenomenal and we are very proud of the high standards so many of our students aim to achieve!

### HBK Service students' visit to the RAF Wyton Remembrance Service, Thursday 9 November – report from Amelia M, Year 9 HBK student

*I attended a service of remembrance with Mrs Lowe, Mrs Stevens and 7 other children from service families (one of whom was my younger brother Felix!). I was really honoured to visit RAF Wyton on behalf of the school for the Remembrance Day service, it was a very moving and solemn service. We got to see the service personnel march in a parade, the shouted commands were very loud! My dad is a Sergeant in the Royal Air Force and it was so nice to see him during his working day - this is something I don't normally get to see, it made me very proud.'* – Amelia M, Year 9. You can find a lovely photo marking our participation in the event here:



## Help with surveys for HBK A Level Geography Students – from Mrs Moyes, Second in Department

As part of their Geography A-level, Year 13 students are completing their research projects, which forms 20% of their final grade. Students have independently designed their investigations and are currently collecting their data.

Some students have included questionnaires as part of their data collection. They would be really grateful to the wider Hinchingsbrooke community if you could complete one (or more!) of the surveys if you have links to the places they are researching.

[How does personal identity affect people's experiences and understanding of Huntingdon town centre?](#)

[Crime in Godmanchester](#)

[To what extent has Huntingdon West has achieved their aims for their Area Action Plan \(AAP\)?](#)

[To what extent has Godmanchester maintained its heritage?](#)

[Quality of life within Huntingdon](#)

[Can the rebuilding and regeneration of Huntingdon be classed as a rebranding attempt?](#)

[How does the quality of life vary between Cambourne \*and\* Brampton?](#)

[Recent changes in Huntingdon and how they have affected people.](#)

[Redevelopment in Huntingdon](#)

[Perception of crime in Huntingdon](#)

All data is confidential and used only for students' research projects. Data will be stored securely on ArcGIS. Once students have completed and submitted their research projects all of the data will be deleted.

## GCSEPod Update 16 November 2023 – from Mrs Gratton, Head of Maths



HBK students are continuing to work hard with **13000+** more 'Check and Challenge' quiz questions completed, **4700+** pods watched and **200+** assignments completed in just three weeks!

Since the last update, I am delighted to share the names of some amazing students in each year group whose participation stats show their extraordinary engagement with GCSEPod. I would like to congratulate J A'Pearl & A Jurcisina (Y7), M Farrell (Y8), T Hemingway-Storey, C Savill & P Kloskowski (Y9), E Faux, V Ca and L Thomas (Y10), A Bateman, Z Zhou & K Pool (Y11) – these students will receive a certificate and an HBK Award in the coming week!

Please do encourage your child to login and watch a pod, quiz their knowledge on a Check and Challenge, or try an assignment. GCSEPod is the ideal companion for their HBK journey and every little bit helps. It's not too late as there are still two weeks left in the Autumn Term competition, with Amazon vouchers and chocolates for individuals and tutor groups in each year group!

It's very easy to use the platform by using the student's Office 365 details.



There are also a collection of helpful resources in our GCSEPod toolkit, all accessed through our school website:  
<https://www.hinchingsbrookeschool.net/page/?title=GCSEPod&pid=1005>

## Vacancies at HBK



### Home-School Liaison Officer

Hinchingbrooke School is looking for a Home-School Liaison Officer to work alongside the pastoral team in identifying appropriate support for families in need.

[ACES Academies Trust - Home-School Liaison Officer](#)

Closing date: Monday 27 November 2023, 9am



For all vacancies across schools in the ACES Trust, please visit the website:

[ACES Academies Trust - Vacancies](#)

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

## This week's blog

This week's blog is my take on a very important question that all schools face! If you would like to read it, it's here: [What is the single most important factor influencing students' achievement in school? – Learning is the thing](#)

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Mark Patterson**  
Principal