

HBK Update, Friday 11 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Friday update!

Are you interested in helping Hinchingsbrooke House?

We are keen to establish a new team of volunteer enthusiasts who would look for ways to fund improvements to the House that will be necessary over the next number of years – as you can imagine, the House is a beautiful but expensive facility! The team would seek new sources of funding for the House, and ideally help with making bids for funding. Meetings of the team could be once per term, although there may need to be two initial meetings, just to get things going. We hope the team might include one or two people from key stakeholder groups – staff, governors, parents, Hinchingsbrooke House Foundation Trustees, and members of the local community. Aside from a keen interest in Hinchingsbrooke House, the key things would be having some time available to commit to the meetings of the group, and a willingness to contribute to looking for funding sources and making bids (bid work could of course be done from home). If you think you would like to get involved, please email my PA, Debbie Warner, by the end of June, on dw@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk

Junior Maths Challenge Results! – message from Ms Bartlett, Teacher of Maths

61 students across years 7 and 8 sat the UKMT Junior Maths challenge last half term!

13 students were awarded bronze certificates, 8 silver and 5 gold. The 5 students who achieved gold certificates have also been invited to participate in the Junior Kangaroo challenge next week! They are Nate Woodmore, Caitlin Barraclough, Ben Gilbert, Aidan Gilbert and Zoe Roberts. A huge congratulations to all students who participated and good luck to our 5 gold certificate winners for next week!

Teacher Assessed Grades update: Student Declaration Forms – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

As we need to be able to state confidently that the work students have produced in Y10 RPE, Y11, Y12 and Y13 for the Body of Evidence is their own, we have asked all students involved with the assessments to sign a student declaration form. The vast majority of students have done so, but there are a few which are outstanding. If you have a child in one of these year groups please can you check they have completed one. If they haven't, please encourage them to do so ASAP. All Sixth Form students have been emailed the form, and there are also copies outside the Sixth Form Office. Students in Y11 have received an electronic copy and Y10 students can get one from their form tutor. In the event that a student's work is quality assured by the board, this is part of the documentation we send off, so it is vital that all relevant students complete and return the form. Thanks very much for your help with this.

Blazers - a message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal

Due to the current warm weather and the weather expected over the coming weeks, blazers will not need to be worn. On warmer days students may choose to leave their blazer at home. However, this does not mean coats / other layers can be worn instead of a blazer. If the weather cools and necessitates additional layers, students should wear a blazer as well as a school jumper and/or coat.

Current job vacancies at Hinchingsbrooke School

Please see our current vacancies here: <https://www.hinchingsbrookeschool.net/jobs>

This week's blog is about knowledge and skills. If you are interested, you can find it here: <https://learningisthething.com/?p=178>

If you have read any of my blogs you will probably know that they are quite detailed and technical, but I share them with parents so you can see my own thinking on important things that relate to teaching and learning at the school. I also share them with staff.

Have a great weekend!

We are Hinchibrooke.

Kind regards

Mark Patterson
Principal