



HBK Update, Friday 14 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a monumental week with many of our Year 11 students approaching the end of their exam season (although, some have a few more to go next week). Similarly with Year 13 we are preparing to say goodbye to students, some of whom have been with us for seven years, which is why this is a good opportunity to take a moment to reflect on all they have achieved on their journey through Hinchingbrooke and the impact that staff have had on them through teaching, the support provided, enrichment opportunities including clubs and trips and the many conversations that have shaped their growth. Everything we do has an impact on our students, which is why the little things matter. Thank you for your support, encouragement and perseverance if you have a child in one of the year groups sitting their live exams and about to take their leave. We hope they have a great summer and look forward to celebrating their successes with them on the results days (see below for details).

We really saw how this all came together at the Art Exhibition on Thursday evening. It is always one of our favourites - to see the fruits of their labour both for GCSE and A Level. It is great to see all the proud parents and carers too - some of whom are immortalised in the work itself! We really do have a number of talented students in our midst.

Next week we have a top secret event - more on that in the next bulletin, but suffice to say we are very excited to be welcoming a number of guests into the school which Year 7, 8 and 9 students will be meeting.

In the meantime, have a great weekend and we wish the Year 10 students a fabulous work experience!

Results Days

Key Stage 5 (Years 12 and 13) - Thursday 15 August

Year 13 will be issued in school at 9am in Hinchingbrooke House

Year 12 will be sent home via school email accounts at 10am

Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) - Thursday 22 August

Year 11 will be issued from Hinchingbrooke House at 9am

Year 10 will be issued through school email accounts at 10am

If you are away or unable to come and collect your results personally, you can either provide a letter enabling a family member to come and collect your results or let us know you wish them to be emailed by contacting us on results@hbk.acesmat.uk



Year 10 Summer School – update from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

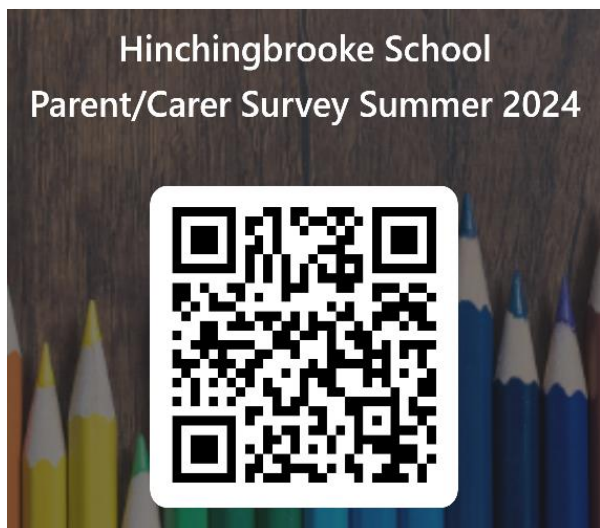
A letter was emailed to parents/carers today about Summer Tuition. There are 2 opportunities for students to sign up to tutoring over the summer holidays. We did something similar 2 years ago and over 130 students got involved. The reviews were great, and the students started Year 11 with greater confidence and a really fantastic work ethic which paid off when it came to results. If you want your child to get involved look out for the letter which will have a link to a sign-up sheet (also below) and have a conversation to make sure they are on board!

Here is the link to the sign up form: <https://forms.office.com/r/UYQ9gkgspe>. The deadline is 5pm on Wednesday 19 June - don't miss out!

Have your say - Parent / Carer Survey - prizes available! – update from Mrs Tandy, Vice Principal

Please could you complete the below survey to share your views about our school. Parent and carer voice is important to us and helps to shape our plans moving forward, to ensure we continue to make improvements. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey, which you can access via either the link or QR code below. This survey will close on Friday 21 June 2024. As an added incentive there will be a **prize draw** to win an Amazon voucher following this survey. If you would like to be entered for the draw please leave your name in final answer box at the end of the survey.

<https://forms.office.com/e/mfYUVKH2LK>



Bus Pass for Under 25s - £1 Fares in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

The Combined Authority has launched a new initiative which allows under 25 years old, to travel via bus, anywhere within the Combined Authority region (Huntingdon, St Ives, Cambridge, Peterborough, St Neots, Chatteris, March, Ely, Wisbech) for just £1.

We think this is a fantastic help to those of our students who will be travelling to college in September (or those currently attending) but equally for any student to be able to travel with their friends or family, especially this Summer!

Please click this link for more information and to apply for the 'Tiger Bus Pass' - <https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/onepoundbus.../>



GCSEPod – update from Mrs Gratton, Head of Maths Department



I am delighted to share that we are still **top** of the 110 schools nationally using GCSEPod! More of our students have activated their accounts and are benefitting from the pods and taking the opportunity to check they understand a concept by using the Check & Challenge. There is something there for everyone.

A special mention goes to the top podders in each year group! (see names below). Each will receive recognition points and a certificate. Year 7 are also taking leading the way compared with all the other year groups and are busy learning and testing using GCSEPod. Well done Year 7! The House competition is very close and between Cromwell and Montagu.

Year Group	Students active %	Pod uses special mention	Check and Challenge special mention
7	75	S Machhe 74 pods E Daly 34 pods	S Machhe 418 C&C J Thomas 186 C&C
8	82	A Shields 77 pods	A Shields 770 C&C
9	96	A J Gopinath 254 pods	R McElhone 182 C&C A Kul 108 C&C
10	97	N Lutynska 45 pods E Tester 41 pods	L Harper 156 C&C

There are still several weeks left of this term's competitions and plenty of time to get active using GCSEPod. There is a helpful parent toolkit accessed from our school landing page.

<https://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/>

Happy podding!

Year 7 and 8 District Athletics – update from Mrs Jago, Head of PE

Yesterday, Hinchingsbrooke School was represented well by our Year 7 and 8 athletes who competed at the annual Huntingdon Schools District Athletics Championships at St Ives. The Year 7s came second overall, and our Year 8 team became District Champions!

There were some excellent individual performances throughout the day both on the track and field, but our biggest strength was working as a team and supporting each other with great HBK spirit.

