



HBK Update, Friday 24 May 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

This half term has flown by, with so much to celebrate. Our students continue to amaze us with their hard work, high standards and kindness. Fantastic news this week as Hinchingbrooke School is named in the top 10 schools in the county for achievement. Here is the [link](#) if you wish to read more on this. It is testament to our staff who continually go above and beyond, and our students who make the most of the opportunities they are offered.

Talking of opportunities please see the information below regarding Summer School for Year 10 and save the dates for all the wonderful events which are in the calendar for the end of the school year:

- 17th June - Year 10 Work Experience (2 weeks)
- 26th June - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- 27th June - Year 13 Celebration Evening
- 28th June - Staff Training Day (no students)
- 1st July - Year 12 Work Experience (1 week)
- 2nd July - Summer Concert
- 3rd July - Year 6 Taster Evening
- 4th July - Year 11 Prom
- 5th July - Sixth Form Summer Ball
- 10th July - Sports Day
- 11th July – Glastonbrooke
- 16th July - Picnic at the House

Also, can we ask that you take half term as the opportunity to sort out any uniform issues. Although we will not be insisting students wear blazers for the last 7 weeks, we do still expect them to wear school shoes, grey trousers, shirts and ties. Please contact your child's SSO if there are uniform issues we can help with.

Wishing you and your family a great half term - hopefully full of sunshine and smiles.

Exams and Masterclasses – update from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

A reminder that Year 11 students no longer have to attend lessons after half term. They just need to come in for their Masterclasses and exams. All information can be found on the website regarding the Masterclass offer. A reminder that students have also had their Masterclass invites sent to their school email address, and this tells them when and where the masterclasses they have been invited to take place.

Year 10

Straight after half term the Year 10 will have exams. These will take place in classrooms and students will have been told by their class teachers when these will take place and what they need to revise. A reminder that revision should be active. We suggest using GCSEPod to watch pods on the topics students feel uncertain about, and then to complete a check and challenge to show how much they understand.

Also watch out for the letter 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 and have a conversation to make sure they are on board!

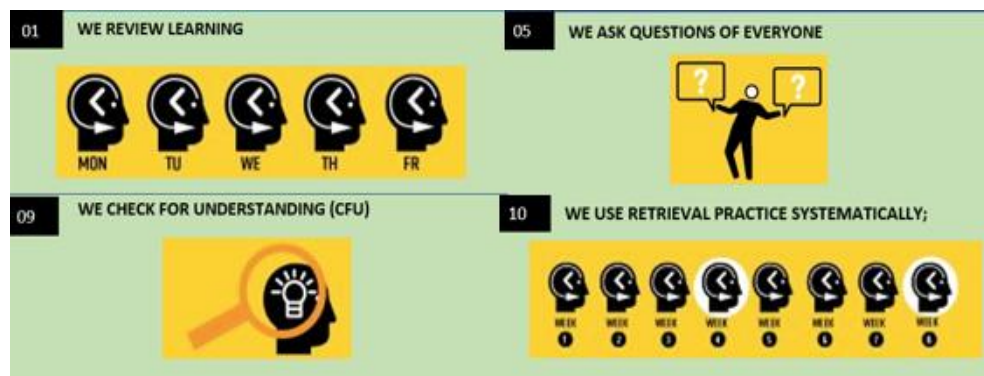
Year 12 Exams

These start on 17th June (two weeks after we get back) and last for two weeks. The timetable can be found on our website [here](#).

Teaching & Learning – update from Mrs Lombard, Assistant Principal

Teachers are making wide use of the mini whiteboards that all main school students were provided with at the beginning of the year.

These are often used to support students in reviewing their learning and retrieving their knowledge, but, teachers use them as a tool for so much more. Such as, checking students understanding during the lesson and asking questions of every student.



All these elements are key parts of the Hinchingsbrooke Approach to Teaching and ensuring not only are students exposed to knowledge and application of it, but that they remember it and can recall it.

Some teachers, however, have reported that a growing number of students appear not to have their mini whiteboards with them in lessons. This will impact both their learning and the ability of teachers to check their understanding.

Therefore, please could I ask parents/carers of students in years 7-10 to check with your child over half term that they have their mini whiteboard and are bringing them into school everyday. It is part of their equipment.

If your child does not have one for any reason please can they let their form tutor know when we return from the break.

Many thanks for your support and have a very good half term break.

Sixth Form – update from Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form

If your child is hoping to join us in September 2024, please make sure they have signed up to the Induction Days (8th and 9th July), by filling in the Microsoft Form on our Induction Newsletter. If your child has not received this, please contact sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk

HBK Second-hand Uniform Marketplace Launch – update from Mrs Lowe and Mrs Molyneux

We are really excited to be able to launch our new Uniform marketplace! This is a really easy way for parents and carers to purchase second-hand uniform at affordable prices. By using this link <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/schools> you will be taken to the Uniformd webpage where you can select 'Hinchingsbrooke School' and view our current stock – happy shopping!

For this to work effectively please donate preloved uniform items to us.

UNIFORMD

We've just joined the Uniformd Marketplace!

We are now taking donations from parents and selling pre-owned uniforms and sports kits online, with all funds raised going straight back into our school.

Get involved at uniformd.co.uk!

Boys School Blazer



Description: A new blue long sleeved blazer. It has never been worn, no signs of wear and tear. Neck size is 12 inches and comes with a small plastic bag at additional location.

GCSEPod update – from Mrs Gratton, Head of Department - Maths



Congratulations to all our students, who continue to work hard using GCSEPod!

I am delighted to share the names of the top students (from 22nd April to today) in each year group and the top three subjects using both the pod downloads and Check and Challenges.

Year Group	Pod downloads and uses 	Check and Challenge 
7	S Machhe 256 pods	S Machhe, 2065 C&C
8	A Vardhi 70 pods J Head 34 pods	A Vardhi 286 C&C
9	A Jiju Gopinath 257 pods	R McElhone 940 C&C O Burgess 647 C&C
10	A Cook 63 pods S King 52 pods	R Sousa Vieira 364 C&C
11	A Bateman 238 pods	E Brown 434 C&C

A special mention to all those students using GCSEPod in their RPE, History, Combined Science and KS3 Maths work too!

The competition between the year groups is still heating up. Year 7, with a total of 6941 pods and C&C are hot on the heels of the leaders, Year 9, with a total of 7372 pods and C&C. These students are jointly responsible for our national position in the Pod Games (We're still 1st!). Similarly, Cromwell and Pepys are still neck and neck in the House race.

With end of year exams around the corner, please do encourage your child to use the self-quizzing facilities built into GCSEPod, as part of their revision. They can also search up Pods on content they are unsure of. Further login and playlist details are on the school's landing page.

The Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme – from Mrs Gratton, Head of Department - Maths



14 more of our amazing Year 9 students graduated at Jesus College, Cambridge, yesterday following their successful completion of the Scholars Programme. For 7 weeks they worked tirelessly with a world leading expert in the field of Georgian medicine. All students independently completed a 2000-word assignment, with many of our students being awarded the top grades. In addition to knowledge, they have learned skills, such as critical thinking, debating, how to reference, working as a team, using technology, meeting deadlines and much more. We are so proud of them!



On Friday 31st May the UK's leading number 1 Blues Brothers tribute band, The All New Blues & Soul Revue, will be at The PAC featuring Hinchingsbrooke School's very own MR TILL!

We need YOU, YOU, YOU for an unforgettable night of live music, comedy and choreography.

Put on your dancing shoes, kick away those rainy-day blues, and get some SOUL! It promises to be a truly fantastic night out and profits from these events go back into the school, so it really is a win/win situation!

For more info see the PAC Facebook page or website and to book tickets go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/pac

A TRIBUTE TO www.bluesbrothers.info TICKETS: £15.00 - £17.50

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The All New Blues and Soul Revue

Huntingdon Performing Arts Centre

FRIDAY 31st MAY 2024