



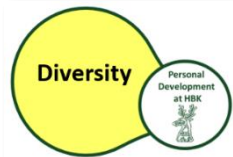
## HBK Update, Friday 1 December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to your HBK Friday update!

**Diversity Update** – message from Ms Newman, Head of RPE and HBK Diversity Champion



Last week, students in Years 7-12 received an assembly on anti-racism. We are encouraging our students to not sit in silence when they observe discriminatory incidents but to be an upstander and call out racism when they see it to support those it is directed at. We are very pleased by the positive

feedback and the response by students as many have asked for us to do further work on this in school due to their experiences. We are following this up with form time sessions in which students are discussing what is not acceptable to say/do in our Hinchingbrooke community and that our HBK response to discrimination is to speak with Respect, Respond with empathy and Report. Your support in reiterating this message at home is greatly appreciated.

## Year 7/8 Young Carers 'Polar Express' visit! - message from Mrs Field, HBK Young Carers Lead

Last week we took some of our Young Carers from Year 7 and Year 8 on the Polar Express and what a wonderful time we had – it was a welcome break from their caring responsibilities. Mrs Setchfield and I could just tell they had a wonderful magical time - you could see it by looking at their faces!

Here are some lovely photos:



## Christmas Jumpers Day 2023, Thursday 7 December! – message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal

**OUR JUMPERS  
ARE ON FOR  
THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER**

**We will be holding a  
non-uniform / Christmas  
jumper day on Thursday 7  
December 2023**

**Please pay £1 on the gate  
if you want to join in**

**£2** could pay for a pair of shoes to keep a baby in Ukraine warm through winter

**£5** could pay for a maths learning pack to make sure a child in the UK is ready for school

**PLEASE SUPPORT  
SAVE THE CHILDREN  
THIS CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**



It's almost the end of the Autumn term and whole term GCSEPod competition! Our students are sustaining the hard work and effort they are making using this platform to self-quiz, review work (recent and prior) and complete assignments set. I would like to congratulate the following students who, in the last fortnight, have excelled in their year groups. Each will receive a certificate and Arbor award:

Year 7: J A'Pearl & Z Fodulla

Year 8: M Farrell

Year 9: J A'Pearl, P Muller & R Curliss

Year 10: J Pinkihan

Year 11: A Bateman, M Masood & O Wilsher

I am looking forward to sharing the names of individuals, tutor groups, year groups and House in the next instalment. It's not too late to login and use this facility. All students at Hinchingsbrook School have access and an account. Below is the link again to the toolkit should you have issues logging in.

<https://www.hinchingsbrookschool.net/page/?title=GCSEPod&pid=1005>

#### **Message sent on behalf of Huntingdonshire Police**

To help us set local policing priorities and understand community concerns we regularly ask people who live, work, or visit Huntingdonshire to complete a Community Engagement Survey. Historically, the demographic of survey respondents has been disproportionately older people, so we are concerned that young people's views on policing priorities in the district are not being captured accurately and we wish to redress the balance. To that end, please could I ask you to circulate the survey using the following QR code and/or link and encourage your students to make themselves heard.

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=G53Fo\\_G4mUKdajmtj1cElrVu85PPd6xFgF657-q3fTJUMEU1NUszTII4MFY3QUFTUVRXMjMxSlgzOSQIQCN0PWcu](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=G53Fo_G4mUKdajmtj1cElrVu85PPd6xFgF657-q3fTJUMEU1NUszTII4MFY3QUFTUVRXMjMxSlgzOSQIQCN0PWcu)

Every quarter we host an online Community Engagement Meeting where attendees have the opportunity to meet their local Policing team, receive an operational update, and pose questions.



The next meeting 7:00 – 8:00pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. People can register to join the meeting here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/huntingdon-community-engagement-meeting-december-2023-tickets-492262409117?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

#### **Vacancies at HBK**

##### **LEVEL 2 TEACHING ASSISTANT**

We are looking for a highly motivated and committed Teaching Assistant to join our thriving SEND department.

[ACES Academies Trust - Level 2 Teaching Assistant](#)

Closing date: Monday 11 December, 9 a.m.

##### **SITE OFFICER (CLASSROOM REFURBISHMENT PROJECT) FIXED TERM**

We are seeking to appoint a skilled, caring and enthusiastic site officer to join our team as soon as possible to complete classroom refurbishment.

[ACES Academies Trust - Site Officer \(Classroom Refurbishment Project\)](#)

Closing date: Monday 11 December, 9 a.m.

## This week's blog

This week's blog asks whether we see ourselves as 'leaders' or 'bosses'. If you would like to read it, it's here: [Are you more 'boss' or more 'leader'? – Learning is the thing](#)

Wishing you a lovely, WARM weekend!

**Mark Patterson**  
**Principal**