



Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form *Excellence in Everything*

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Welcome to Sixth Form

Dear students,

Since writing our last newsletter I am sure you have been busy revising and completing your GCSE exams. I hope these have gone well and you are looking forward to a long summer, when we will hopefully have lots of sunshine, so you can relax and recharge yourself for Sixth Form.

Also, since the last time we wrote to you, there has been a change in the Sixth Form leadership team and your Head of Year will now be Mrs Solano, who you will all meet on the Induction Days. Mrs Solano is an experienced Head of Year, who has worked at Hinchingbrooke for a number of years. We are looking forward to having her in our team.

I am so excited that we get to run in person Induction Days this year on Wednesday 13th July and Thursday 14th July. It will be lovely to meet you all and give you a taste of what life at Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form is like. A brief overview of the plan of the two days can be found later in the newsletter.

The best of luck with your last few exams!
Mrs Black

At Hinchingbrooke we believe that all our students should extend and develop their skills beyond their academic subjects so that they are ready to take their place in the world.

The happiest and most successful students are the busiest ones! To this end, we run an enrichment curriculum on a Wednesday afternoon which all students attend along with a wide-ranging tutorial programme delivered through form times. We are also planning a wide range of extra curricular activities for you to get involved in.



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Induction Days

Weds 13th and Thurs 14th of July.

This is your chance to meet the Sixth Form team and to experience the subjects you have picked. Please dress according to our dress code below. You will not have to wear a lanyard.*

Wednesday 13th July	We will meet you at 8.45am by the Hinchingsbrooke Gatehouse. There will be plenty of signs around for those that do not know where they are going and lots of friendly faces to point you in the right direction. Here you will be allocated to a group for the day, which will be led by one of our Sixth Form tutors. You will be introduced to life in Sixth Form, Hinchingsbrooke House and the rest of the school (especially useful for those who have not yet visited). We will be looking at study skills that will help you with the transition to Sixth Form. An assembly will introduce you to the Sixth Form team and our ethos, as well as the opportunities that are on offer here for our students. We will then have a BBQ and drinks on the terrace, followed by a range of fun House activities which will help you get to know the people you will be studying and working with from September. At the end of the day, you will return to your group and receive your timetable for Thursday. You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions which may have arisen during the day. The day will finish at 3.15pm .
Thursday 14th July	Today you will follow the timetable you were given on Wednesday and attend introductory lessons in the subjects you have chosen*. You will also have the chance to have an independent study session and some free time to familiarise yourself with the school or even start your transition work. The Sixth Form team will be around at all times to answer any queries you have. *It may be because of timetable restraints that you will not get to have a lesson of all your choices (this does not affect your choices for next year – only this day). We will discuss this with you on the Wednesday.

Transition work for September:

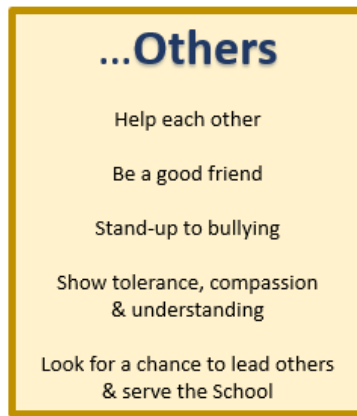
Each subject sets transition work for students to complete over the summer holidays to prepare them for their chosen courses. This work will be available on the website after the Taster Days.

Expectations

At Hinchingsbrooke we are a large and strong community. We value hard work, high standards and kindness. We expect our Sixth Formers to be role models in promoting these values around the school. Across the Sixth Form we strive for excellence in everything we do.



One School Rule



Lanyards and Dress Code

At Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form we pride ourselves on our students aiming for the highest possible standards, including in their dress. Whilst we have no uniform, we do expect students to dress appropriately for a place of study and set the standard for younger students around the school site. We do expect students to always wear their lanyard around their neck whilst on the school site.

In addition, we expect:

- no wearing of clothes that consistently reveal underwear.
- no tops which reveal large amounts of flesh, including the midriff.
- no hats or hoods to be worn inside.
- no ripped clothing.
- no joggers or sports leggings.
- no items of clothing linked to illegal acts, drugs, or with inappropriate artwork.

Houses

Every member of our school is a member of a House. Throughout the year we run many interhouse events and competitions.



Cromwell

Cromwell House is named after the first family to live in Hinchingsbrooke House and call it their home. Richard Cromwell had the House bestowed upon him by King Henry VIII (approx 1540).

Montagu

The Montagues held the longest family residency at Hinchingsbrooke House. Victor Montagu, 10th Earl, sold the House in 1962 and he collaborated with the council to turn it into a school.



Pepys

Samuel Pepys the famous diarist, whose family lived in Brampton during the 1600s. His diary recalled monumental British historical events such as the Plague and the 'Great Fire of London'. Pepys often visited Hinchingsbrooke House whilst working for Edward Montagu.

Vesey

Gerald Vesey, Archdeacon of Huntingdon, led the reform of the school to ensure its survival into the 20th century and allowed the induction of girls into the school. If it was not for Gerald Vesey, Hinchingsbrooke School would not be here today.



Wylton

Alice Wylton, the last Prioress of the original Nunnery that stood on the grounds of HBK House. She refused to hand over the Priory when the Dissolution of the Monasteries took place. Henry VIII had to wait until Alice died before he could hand the land over to the Cromwell family.