

Hinchingbrooke Bixth Form

Excellence in Everything

June 2021

Welcome to Sixth Form

Dear students,

Since writing our last newsletter we have had to take the decision to cancel our in-school Induction. We are very disappointed not to be able to welcome you into the Sixth Form for a taste of what is to come in September, and we are sure you are too. However, we have moved some elements of this week online so that you have the chance to experience your chosen subjects as well as meet the Sixth Form team.

On the next page you will find an outline of the virtual Induction Week then, next week, you will receive an email with the details on how to access all the online events via Microsoft Teams. We'll be running competitions on our social media pages as well so make sure you are following us!

The events and workshops that we are not moving online will be moved to September so that you don't miss out. Further information about the start of term will be sent through in our next newsletter but just a reminder that the first day of school for you will be Friday 3rd September.

Looking forward to 'seeing' you all at our virtual Induction Week events!

Mrs Moves

Head of Year 12



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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 those who are occupied and have a busy schedule. 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.

Virtual Induction Week

This is your chance to have a 'taster' of your Sixth Form subjects as well as meet the Sixth Form team.

Monday 5 th July	We start the day with a whole year group assembly to welcome you to Hinchingbrooke Sixth Form. You will then have taster lessons in your chosen subjects. In these lessons you will experience some teaching, staff will also outline the course and set your transition work. They will ask you to complete certain tasks in preparation for the second taster lesson on Friday.
Tuesday 6 th July	You should spend time on this day completing the independent transition tasks set on Monday. Make sure you are checking in with our social media accounts for regular updates as well. If you have chosen, or are interested in, taking the Extended Project Qualification or Core Maths (a course designed to go beyond GCSE and support students who are taking courses with a significant Maths content e.g. Sciences, Psychology and Geography).
Wednesday 7 th July	Complete independent transition tasks. Make sure you are checking in with our social media accounts for regular updates as well.
Thursday 8 th July	Complete independent transition tasks. Make sure you are checking in with our social media accounts for regular updates as well.
Friday 9 th July	Friday starts with a Q&A session led by our senior students. This is your opportunity to ask questions and find out from our students what life in Sixth Form is really like. You will then have your second taster lesson in your chosen subjects.

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 set in the first taster lesson but will also be available to download from our website.

Contact us

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Expectations

At Hinchingbrooke 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.

'RESPECT'
Yourself
Others
Your School

One School Rule

...Yourself

Be your own person

Take responsibility for your actions

Do not just follow the crowd

Make the most of opportunities

Always try your hardest

...Others

Help each other

Be a good friend

Stand-up to bullying

Show tolerance, compassion & understanding

Look for a chance to lead others & serve the School

...Your School

Do not drop litter

No graffiti

No chewing gum

Wear the uniform well

Participate in School activities



Lanyards and Dress Code

At Hinchingbrooke 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.

We ask all our staff to remind Sixth Formers who are not dressed appropriately of our expectations. Students who persist in not dressing according to our standards will be asked to go home to change.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically."

Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education."

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 Hinchingbrooke 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 Hinchingbrooke 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 Hinchingbrooke House whilst working for Edward Montagu.

Vesey

Gerald Vesey, Archdeacon of Huntingdon, lead 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, Hinchingbrooke 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.

50 years of Hinchingbrooke School

This year is an exciting year for the school as we are celebrating 50 years of Hinchingbrooke School. There will be many events throughout the year celebrating our heritage.