



## HBK Update, Friday 19 May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to your HBK weekly update!

We are sorry that the school has been affected by a significant internet outage today, that began around 11am this morning. The cause of the outage was outside of the school and we understand it has been felt over a wide area. In the event of future outages, a mobile phone will be used by the school's Reception that you can ring in an emergency - the number you can use will be provided as soon as possible.

**Screening of Year 9 students for possible exam access arrangements – message from Mr Jones, Assistant Principal SEND**

Next half term the Exams team will be screening all year 9 students to ascertain whether any access arrangements are required for GCSE exams. This will involve students completing an online screening activity during the school day. Following the screening, we will be in touch if any further action is indicated for your child.

**ARBOR email issues – message from Mr Pinder, Vice-Principal**

We have been experiencing some issues with our Arbor Management Information System and the accurate delivery and receipt of emails to some families. We ask that parents/carers check their 'junk/trash folders' for any missed emails and add '**Arbor**' to the safe sender's list.

There have also been a small number of incidents where emails sent from Arbor have not been sent at all – we apologise for that and would like to reassure you that every effort is being made by the Trust to resolve this issue with Arbor as soon as possible.

**Year 10 & 12 Learning Performance Workshops – message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal**

Yesterday (Thursday 18 May) 50 students from Years 10 and 12 were invited to take part in a 'Learning Performance' Workshop. This is where a fantastic presenter looked at growth mindset, fear and building resilience and overcoming obstacles with the students. This was the first of 2 workshops and was very well received by those involved. Hopefully, students will be able to put many of the techniques they have learnt into action before the second workshop at the end of September.

**Public Examinations and Masterclasses - message from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal**

One week down, 4 to go! Students made a really strong start this week, attending Masterclasses, coming along to the Year 11 study breakfasts and behaving brilliantly on their way in and out of the exams! We are doing all we can to keep the students focused before half term and ensuring they are fully prepared and positive going into each and every exam. A reminder that the exams timetable can be found [here](#).

## Exam Timetables 2022/2023

[www.hinchingbrookeschool.net](http://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net)

As many exams start early there is also an early lunch timetable. This has been shared with students via their forms, and also been sent to their school email accounts this week.

Exams Break and Lunch Arrangements					
Summer 2023					
<b>Extended Break</b>					
Wed, 24th May	11:30-11:50	Food Court and PAC	Year 11	300	Coming out of English Lit Paper
<b>Early Lunches</b>					
	Time	Location	Year 11	Number	Exam
Mon, 15 May	12:15	Food Court	Year 11	5	Functional Skills
Tues, 16 May					
Wed, 17 May	12:30	Food Court	Year 11	22	GCSE PE
Thurs, 18 May	12:00	Food Court	Year 11	60	Business
Fri, 19 May	11:45	Food Court	Year 11	31	Health & Social Care
	12:30			19	Computer Science
Mon 22 May	12:30	Food Court	Year 11	154	Geography
Tues, 23 May	12:00	Food Court & PAC	Year 10	300	RPE (see below)
Wed, 24 May					
Thurs, 25 May	12:30	Food Court	Year 11	19	Computer Science
Fri, 26 May					

The Masterclass timetable for Years 10 and 11 next week is:

GCSE Masterclasses and Clinic Overview - Summer 2023							
Week	Date	1	2	3	4	LUNCH	5
B	Monday 22 May	Chemistry P1		French	Geography	Geography P1	
	Tuesday 23 May	10XRe	10YRe			Y10 RPE P2	
		French Reading and Listening		English X	English Y		Spanish
	Wednesday 24 May	English Literature P2			Physics Y		Physics X
	Thursday 25 May	Physics P1		Computer Science		Computer Science	
Friday 26 May	English X		French	English Y		Y11 Event	
HALF TERM							

<b>Exam</b>			
Already in lesson			
Some are already in the lesson			
None are in the lesson so will need to leave another subject			

A reminder that all students have received their own personal Masterclass timetable via their school email last week. They will receive one for **after** half term in the latter part of next week.

Thank you as parents/carers for the continued support during this often anxious time. Your continued support for both your children and the school is greatly appreciated.

#### Careers Advice - How to help? – message from Mr O'Shaughnessy, Careers Team



With so many students reaching or thinking about their next steps, the CEIAG Team thought now might be a good time to share this resource with parents and guardians. Careers Map issue regular updates on the current choices - Uni, Degree/Higher or Entry Level Apprenticeships, T-quals etc. They also look at entry points, requirements and progression opportunities into various occupations. They design their materials for students, parents, guardians, teachers and anyone else interested in giving accurate, up-to-date careers advice.

Please look here for further information and a free subscription, if desired - <https://careermag-parents-carers-guardians/>

## Support Staff Vacancies at HBK



We currently have the following support staff vacancies at HBK:

[ACES Academies Trust - Design Technology Technician](#) closing date: 22 May 2023

[ACES Academies Trust - Level 3 Teaching Assistant](#) closing date: 5 June 2023

[ACES Academies Trust – Level 2 Teaching Assistant](#) closing date: 5 June 2023

[ACES Academies Trust - Cover Supervisor](#) closing date: 5 June 2023

Please feel free to share with family and friends who may be interested in any of these vacancies.

## This week's blog

This week's blog is my take on the myth that 'We all learn differently!' If you would like to read it: [On education myths: the 'we all learn differently!' myth – Learning is the thing](#)

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend!

Best wishes

**Mark Patterson**