



HBK Update, Friday 19 April 2024



I hope your Easter holiday was full of fun and chocolate, with the opportunity to recharge your batteries too. There was a lot going on over the Easter break with over half of Year 11 in school busy revising, along with Year 10 and even some Year 13 students. Others were off jet setting, be it to America (Florida, Washington and New York) or to the Netherlands to represent the school in both netball and football (see messages below). Our students are so fortunate to have all of these opportunities available.

It was lovely to see all the students back on Tuesday and indeed to see them working hard in lessons. For Years 11 and 13 this really is the last push – making sure we use every precious moment to ensure we are fully prepared for the exams, so each and every one can achieve their full potential. Staff here go above and beyond all the time and our wonderful students are working hard too.

With the lighter mornings and evenings, there is lots to look forward to in this last term; all sorts of wonderful events and celebrations to come. I urge you and your children to get involved in the myriad of activities and fully immerse yourselves in all that is Hinchingbrooke!

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

During this 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.

HPV and MEN Vaccinations – message from Ms Goff, Medical Room Officer

Please make note of the last vaccination session for this year - Wednesday 4th July. This will be a catch-up session for any students in Years 8 and 9 who have missed the HPV and MEN Immunisations.

More information and consent links will be sent out closer to the time.

The Last Push - Year 11, Year 13 and Year 10 (RPE) – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

In the last few weeks, we are encouraging our students to really ensure they are fully prepared for the up and coming exam season. Students can stay after school to get some focused revision completed - either in subject sessions or the Nightclub (Y11) or Revision with Rix (Y13). Additionally, a reminder that students have access to GCSEPod (Y10 & 11) and UpLearn (Y13 Science and Psychology). If you know your child is struggling with this please contact us (through the relevant SSO/HoY) so we can put relevant support in place.

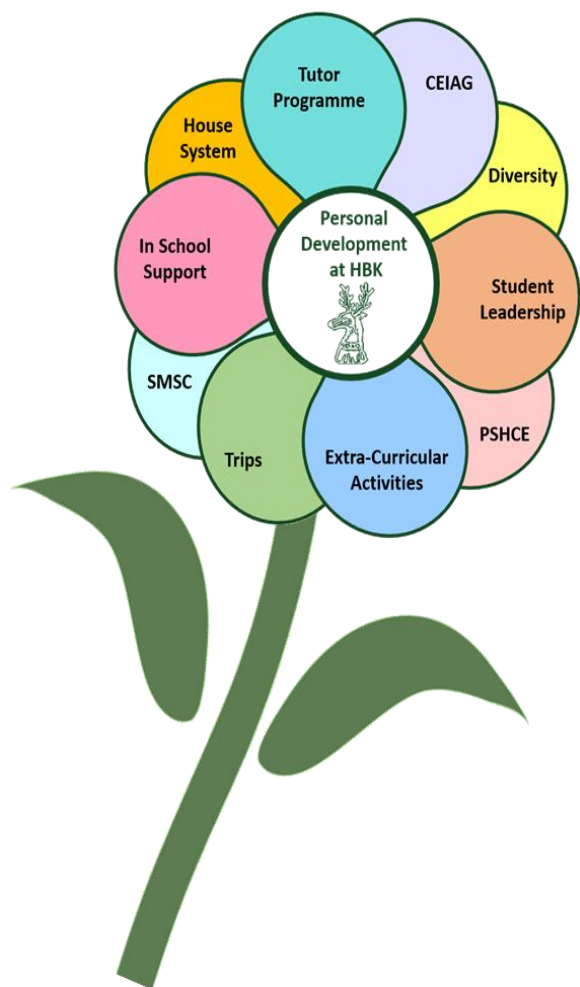
Year 13 students are expected to attend lessons until 17th May, after which we only expect students to come in for their exams. Of course they are welcome to come in to access support and staff assistance.

Year 11 students are expected to attend lessons until half term - Friday 24th May. During this last half term there will be Masterclasses - which are subject sessions put on just before an exam to ensure students have all the last minute information and are in the right head space! These Masterclasses have made a real difference to previous cohorts. After half term there will be more Masterclasses and clinic (where students can see a subject specialist if they require any help). More information on both to follow.

Exam Attendance – message from Miss Nightingale, Vice Principal

A reminder that if a student has been entered for an examination and fails to turn up, the entry fee will be passed onto parents/carers, which is £50 per paper. Of course those with genuine reasons such as illness will of course not be charged. Here is a link to the parents guide to examinations as a reminder of the expectations we, as a school have and the exam boards have: [Parents Guide to Exams](#)

Spotlight on Personal Development at HBK - message from Mrs Tandy



We are really proud of all the opportunities that Hinchingsbrooke School provides to support the personal development and growth of our students as they move through the school. If you would like to know more about any aspects of our personal development provision, you can find this on our website here:

<https://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/page/?title=PERSONAL+DEVELOPMENT&pid=907>



Sixth Form news – message from Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form

3.30-5.00, every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Montagu Room. Please encourage your child to come along and take part - they will have access to all of our wonderful revision resources, as well as a cup of tea and a biscuit. Around 50 students have been this week, so we are looking forward to growing numbers.

Congratulations to Rhys Gill who recently participated in the UCL Access Program. In order to graduate from the course, Rhys had to complete a research project on the role of women in the classical world. He then presented his findings to a group of over 300 fellow participants and university staff. Rhys received special commendation for his exceptional effort and the quality of his work. Well done, Rhys!

Year 8 boys football trip to the Netherlands – message from Mrs Jago, Head of PE



The year 8 boys who went on a football tour to the Netherlands over the Easter break represented Hinchingsbrooke exceptionally well, both behaviourally and on the football pitch. They finished 2nd out of 15 teams from schools across the country!

Huxley Douglas stood out with his performance over the tournament and received Player's player and Golden boot winner. Mr Banks and Mr Hayward were both very proud of the way our students conducted themselves whilst away.

Under 13s netball trip to the Netherlands – message from Mrs Jago, Head of PE



The two U13 Netball teams both finished 2nd in their respective groups and the U15 team finished 5th.

Once again, the girls who represented the school on tour this year showed high standards both on and off the court. Despite being a little disappointed with a few results from important games, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Pittock and Mrs Nash had a wonderful time with the girls and enjoyed seeing the teams play well.

Phantasia Land in Germany was a big hit with the students during their time off. The tour concluded with a tour of PSV Eindhoven's stadium in which they got to visit

the club shop, museum, changing rooms, dug-outs and executive boxes.

A huge thank you to all staff involved for giving up their Easter holiday to provide this wonderful experience for our students.



Congratulations! – message from Mrs Jago, Head of PE

Also, we received confirmation this week that Sol Scott in Year 12 has been selected to represent Great Britain at the Junior Men's European Championships! He is also the poster boy for the competition!

Good luck to Sol at the forthcoming championships.

HBK Second-hand Uniform - message from Mrs Lowe and Mrs Molyneux

DONATIONS

We will shortly be launching our second-hand uniform marketplace. This is a new and exciting venture for the school as we move towards being more sustainable as a community. If you have any preloved uniform that you would like to donate to the school, it would be greatly received. Donated items can be brought into school by your child and dropped off with Mrs Molyneux in the Library or at our Main Reception. The launch is coming...

Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies at HBK and in schools across the Trust. Please visit the website for more information [ACES Academies Trust - Vacancies](#)

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

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