



HBK Update, Friday 12 January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's HBK update!

Cold weather - student uniform – message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal

The temperatures are predicted to fall further next week. We encourage students to wear a warm coat to school and to bring gloves, hat and scarf if they wish. Furthermore, students can wear a plain t-shirt under their school shirt and the school jumper under their blazer. Students are not permitted to wear any other form of jumper either in place of, or under their blazer and these will be confiscated if seen. Whilst students are allowed to wear plain black or white socks, which includes wearing these over or under tights, they may not wear fluffy, coloured or patterned socks. Please support us in maintaining these high standards of uniform by ensuring your child leaves the house each day in the correct uniform.

Student Leadership Conference 2024 - message from Mrs Tandy, Vice-Principal

This week our REPs from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 attended Hinchingbrooke's first student leadership conference led by our Head Students, Maddie and James, as well as the Senior Student team. The senior students devised a range of training activities on public speaking, problem solving and leadership outside school, and discussions took place around how we can improve our school, our school values and politeness. All of the activities were planned and led by the senior students, who did a fantastic job of engaging all the student leaders. Indeed, there was a fantastic buzz throughout! As well as providing training, the morning was also an opportunity to spot potential school council candidates. The students have certainly made this process tricky as they were all so impressive on the day! Students selected for the school council will be notified in due course and we look forward to sharing their work with you later this term. You can see some lovely photos of the event here:



For parent/carers of students in Year 13 – message from Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form

The UCAS deadline (31st January) is rapidly approaching! So that we can review all applications and advise students before we finally press 'send', we have set an internal deadline of the 19th January. Students are well aware of this deadline, but we would appreciate your support in getting your child over the line, if they are making an application to UCAS!

For parent/carers of students in Year 12

Sixth Form Work Experience is running this year between the 1st and 5th of July. All students are expected to look for a placement which is linked to their current courses or career aspirations (as far as possible), but the main aim is that students get an experience of the world of work. Can I please encourage you to start talking about this with your child so that they can start to get the wheels in motion to find a placement?

For parent/carers of students in Year 11

We are very much looking forward to receiving your child's application to start Sixth Form with us in September 2024! The deadline for applications is the 15th of January, after which we will be reviewing predicted grades and subject choices, with a view to scheduling interviews.

School Production – message from Mrs Smith, Arts Administrator



Tickets for the school production of Annie Jr. are now on sale.

To buy tickets please follow the link below: www.ticketsource.co.uk/pac

Update on extra-curricular activities at HBK – from Ms Jackson, HBK Clubs and Progress Administrator

Please see the link below which has details of this term's wide range of extra-curricular activities we have on offer at HBK. If your child would like more information or to attend a specific activity, please direct your child to the relevant department/teachers, or alternatively they can visit me (Mrs Jackson) in Lower School! Please do not hesitate to contact me (kdjackson@hbk.acesmat.uk) if you have any questions regarding clubs.

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This week's blog

This week's blog is my take on 'Adaptive Teaching'. If you would like to read it, you can find it here: [Adaptive Teaching: what it is and why it matters – Learning is the thing](#)

Best wishes

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