



## HBK Update, Friday 27 January 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to your HBK weekly update.

### National Education Union Strike, Wednesday 1 February 2023

There is a separate HBK ParentMail about the school's current plans for the strike day on Wednesday next week. If you didn't see it, it's here: [National Education Union industrial action, Wednesday 1 February 2023 – Hinchingbrooke School Partial Closure](#)

### Mocks and Live Exams – update from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

**Year 10:** Students will sit their second RPE mock on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9am.

**Year 11:** Students will be sitting a second round of mocks in English Literature, Maths and Science between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February (straight after half term). For more details please see the exams timetable which can be found [here](#).

**Year 13:** Students will be sitting a second set of mocks in some of their subjects between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. More details to follow.

#### Live Exams

**Year 11:** Health and Social Care students will be sitting their real exam on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January in the afternoon. Arrangements have been made for them to have early lunch.

There are also Functional Skills Maths exams on both the morning and afternoon of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February for selected Y10 and 11 students, and Functional Skills English exams on the morning and afternoon of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### News from the Sixth Form – message from Mrs Rix, Head of Sixth Form

**Year 11 student Applications to join the Sixth Form in September 2023:** All students who have made an application to join us will be told via email today about their 'Futures Meeting'. This will be an opportunity to discuss their application with a member of staff from the Sixth Form, Senior Team, or the Careers team. Please remember that if your child receives an email to say that they do not yet qualify for a conditional offer, **they can still apply to join us the day after results day, if they get the necessary grades**. We look forward very much to meeting your child.

**UCAS Applications:** 80% of our year 13s have applied to university this year. The deadline was Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> January and the Year 13 team and students have worked hard to secure conditional offers from a wide range of universities, including Cambridge. Well done to everyone involved in the process!

### Tutoring - update from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal


We are currently organising the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the National Tutoring Programme. We are using the data collected from the last set of mocks and teacher predictions to offer this to those in most need. If we have any spare places these will then be offered to the year groups as a whole, although there are likely to be very few places on offer. The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the tutoring programme will be scheduled to start on the week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February (after the second mocks week).


## Teaching and Learning – update from Mrs Solvar-Isida, Assistant Principal


This week was our **Poem Assembly** week for years 7-10! As you may remember, we set up a Poem challenge to those year groups some weeks ago and this week **we felt so PROUD** listening and watching them reciting these poems by heart. A special highlight was this morning when all year 7s performed in the PAC in front of their peers, Mr Patterson and some external visitors. What a thrilling and powerful event this was! WELL DONE to every single student!

As Mr Patterson told the students, "A poem is a gift and you now have this gift!" Learning is hard, but very rewarding, and long-lasting when done well! Hopefully, students will have picked up some extra tips from this poem-learning experience that they will be able to apply to the rest of their studies!

**They were all winners** for engaging with this process! so well, but here are some classes (and in Year 7 Houses) that we decided really stood out (with one sample from each year group to listen to):

10C2 / 10W1 / 10P2:  [10W1](#)

9P2/ 9M2/ 9W2:  [9P2](#)

8si2/ 8si7 /8si8:  [8si2](#)

Year 7:  [Pepys](#) ,  [Wylton](#)

You can be very proud of your child(ren) for this work - **we certainly are!**

## Matilda The Musical JR at Hinchingsbrooke School - February 2023 – message from The Hinchingsbrooke School Production Team

We are delighted to announce that tickets for our first School Production since COVID are now on sale! For a ticket to see our version of Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical, JR, please use this link: [MATILDA 2023 TICKETS](#)

The link will take you straight to the Ticket Source website where you will be able to purchase your tickets online. Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards funding future productions here at our amazing professional theatre, our very own Performing Arts Centre! The Matilda Opening night is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, with the production running for three nights, finishing on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

We look forward to seeing you!



## Food Bank - update from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal

Times are hard currently and there may be families out there struggling. Please be aware that there is help available from the Godmanchester Food Bank. More information can be found at <https://godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk> , or contact us at school so we can help ([sbennett@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:sbennett@hbk.acesmat.uk) or [astetchfield@hbk.acesmat.uk](mailto:astetchfield@hbk.acesmat.uk)).



[Godmanchester Foodbank | Helping Local People in Crisis](https://godmanchester.foodbank.org.uk)

The Trussell Trust runs the largest network of food banks in the UK, giving emergency food and support to people in crisis. Fourteen million people live below the poverty line and in the last year 2,1 million three-day emergency food supplies were distributed to people in crisis.

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## **Pupil Premium (Parent/Carer) Winners! - update from Ms Nightingale, Vice-Principal**

Thank you to all Pupil Premium parents/carers who completed our questionnaire before Christmas. The 3 winners are Joanna Haralambous, Paul Cullen, Crystal Parsons. Congratulations to them! They should come to School Reception to collect their bottle of wine! There will be more competitions across the course of the year and more opportunities to engage with us, so please look out for these!

## **GCSEPod – message from Mrs Gratton, Head of Maths and Associate Principal**

With just over 11 school weeks to go until the first written GCSE exams, students have once again been reminded about the award-winning resource called GCSEpod! Each course has been split into manageable chunks and students can either review key sections or assess their knowledge by completing a check and challenge quiz. The added bonus is each pod counts and each quiz counts in a new competition. In four weeks' time I shall be sharing the winning students and tutor group - good luck to all! Attached are some helpful guides for parents. You can find them

[Parent Flyer - GCSEPod for Revision](#)

[Parent Quick Start Guide](#)

[How to support your child using GCSEPod](#)

Have a great weekend. We are HBK.

**Mark Patterson**  
**Principal**