



Hinchingsbrooke School

Inspiring excellence
Fulfilling potential
Developing character

Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form

Excellence in Everything

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Welcome to Sixth Form

Dear students,

Since writing our last newsletter I am sure you have been busy revising and completing your GCSE exams. We hope these have gone well and you are looking forward to a long summer, where we will hopefully have lots of sunshine, so you can relax and recharge yourself for Sixth Form.

Since the last time we wrote to you, we have been busy preparing your timetables for next year and planning to give you the best support for your transition to Sixth Form life. If you have any questions about next year please do not hesitate to contact us via email sixthform@hbk.acesmat.uk

We are so excited that we get to see you in person on Wednesday 12th July and Thursday 13th July. It will be so lovely to meet you all and give you a quick taste of what life at Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form is like. A brief overview of the plan of the two days can be found later in the newsletter.

The best of luck with your remaining exams!

Mrs Black and Mr Burton



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At Hinchingsbrooke 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, PSICHE lessons and wide-ranging tutorial programme delivered through form times.

Induction Days

Wed 12th and Thur 13th of July.

This is your chance to have a 'taster' of your Sixth Form subjects as well as meet the Sixth Form team. Shortly we will be sending all applicants with an offer a Microsoft Form for you to complete so we know if you are able to join us. Please RSVP by 23rd June 2023.

Wednesday 12th July	<p>We will meet students joining us from different schools at 8.45am by the Hinchingsbrooke Gatehouse. There will be plenty of signs around for those that do not know where they are going and plenty of friendly faces to point you in the right direction. Here you will be allocated to a tutor group and House group, and you will have a brief meeting with the Sixth Form leadership team and a tour of the school. At 9.50am internal students will join us via the Gatehouse and have a tutor period. During this time, you will do some activities that introduce you to the school and get you thinking about life in Sixth Form. We will have an assembly that introduces you to the Sixth Form team and gives you the opportunity to see some of the things that will be on offer to you as a student here. We will then have a BBQ and drinks on the terrace. We will then split into House teams and have mini competitions, before leaving school at 3.00pm.</p>
Thursday 13th July	<p>Today you will have a 'normal' day at Hinchingsbrooke Sixth Form. You will follow the timetable you were given yesterday and gain an insight into the subjects you have chosen*. You will also have the chance to have an independent study session and some 'free' time to familiarise yourself with the school or even start your transition work.</p> <p>*It may be because of timetable restraints that you will not get to see all your choices (this does not affect your choices for next year – only this day. We will discuss this with you on the Wednesday.</p>

Transition work for September:

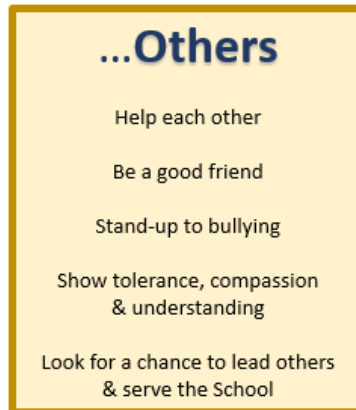
Each subject sets transition work for students to complete over the summer holidays to prepare them for their chosen courses. This work will be available on the website after the Taster Days.

Expectations

At Hinchingsbrooke 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.



One School Rule



Lanyards and Dress Code

At Hinchingsbrooke 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.

Houses

Every member of our school is a member of a House. Throughout the year we run many interhouse events and competitions. We will allocate you a house in September and Mr Hall is looking forward to getting Sixth Form involved in as many activities as possible.



Cromwell

Cromwell House is named after the first family to live in Hinchingsbrooke 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 Hinchingsbrooke 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 Hinchingsbrooke House whilst working for Edward Montagu.

Vesey

Gerald Vesey, Archdeacon of Huntingdon, led 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, Hinchingsbrooke 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.