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At The Hinckley School

BREAKING NEWS

YOUR UNIQUE YEAR 7 EXPERIENCE

Community, Success, Celebration!

AN EXCEPTIONAL START TO SECONDARY

I would like to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate the incredible start our Year 7 students have enjoyed at The Bridge. Looking at our supportive and tight-knit community now, it is hard to believe that just a few short months ago many of us started off as strangers. Our year group has made a truly remarkable start to life and learning here at The Hinckley School, and it is important that we take a moment to recognise that. The transition from primary to secondary school is a big milestone, and I would like to thank students and their families for trusting me and The Bridge Team to make this journey as smooth as possible.

The Bridge allows our students to focus on settling in,

making friends and setting themselves up for secondary success, and it has been a joy to visit local primary schools recently to share more information about our unique provision. I have also had the privilege to meet many of these pupils again, along with their families, to give them a guided tour of our school; their feedback about how calm and welcoming The Bridge is has been lovely to hear. If you would like a tour before the application deadline on 31st October, please call our team today.

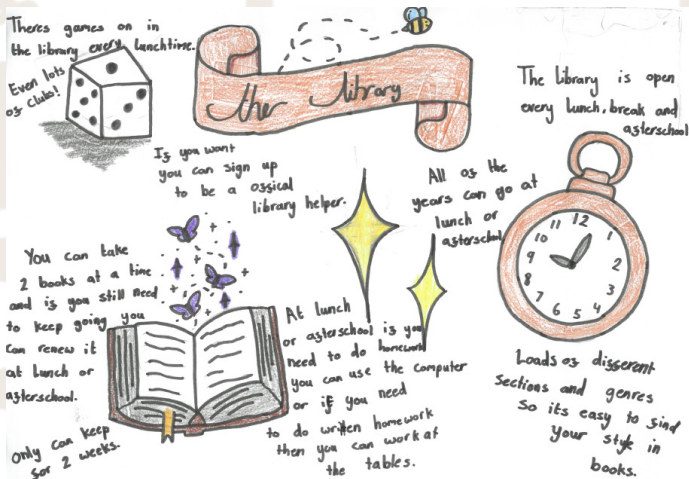
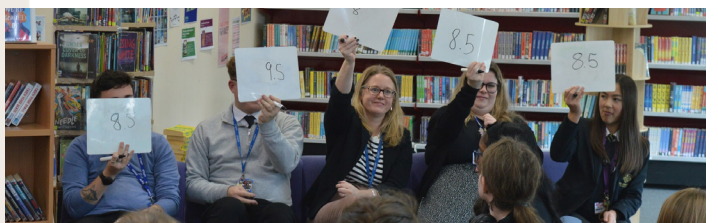


Mrs Clarke | Director of The Bridge

POETRY SLAM STARS

Year 7 students represented The Bridge with pride in October at our annual school Poetry Slam Competition in the Library. Standing shoulder to shoulder with sixth formers and seasoned performers, our students well and truly held their heads up high, as their talent, confidence and community spirit shone through for all to see. Poems ranged from those including emotive themes around family, to playful humour, and it was a delight to see students' unique writing styles and performance techniques come to life, with judges marking their efforts highly on all fronts. Whether performing in pairs or on their own, students' confidence and performance skills were truly impressive as they showcased everything they had learned in our recent 'Spoken Word Poetry' lessons.

Ms Crisp, Librarian, said, "Our annual poetry slam competition was open to all students and staff who had to write and perform their own poem to enter. All year groups from Year 7 to Sixth Form were represented, with the calibre of poetry written and bravery of our students quite astounding - I am so proud of all of them. Well done to Laura in Year 8 who won this year's trophy. We are planning to create a book for the library to include the poems and photos of this year's event for everyone to see." Well done to everyone who took part!



WE LOVE OUR LIBRARY

Our Year 7 students have been busy combining creativity with literacy to help promote a strong reading culture across our school community. As part of their English and Library lessons, students explored the importance of reading for pleasure and how books can inspire, educate, and entertain. Using this as inspiration, they created posters that encourage their peers to visit the library. Students described the library as somewhere to: 'imagine, create, learn, discover, think, adventure, share stories, make friends, relax and study' we couldn't have put it better ourselves! Great work, Year 7!



A WARM WELCOME

Our new Year 7 students had a fantastic first day at secondary school! The day began with students lining up in their tutor groups before heading to the heart space for a Welcome Assembly led by Mrs Grocock and Mrs Clarke.

The Bridge team enjoyed meeting families the evening before during our Meet the Tutor event to help students feel comfortable and settled ahead of their first official day. Students knew who their tutor was, had met their classmates and learned more about The Bridge - reducing the nerves around this milestone. Many students had already become familiar with The Bridge mini-school during our annual Summer School and it was great to welcome them back!

Students looked incredibly smart as they wore their new uniforms with pride and displayed our PRIDE values right from the start—staff had even awarded their very first PRIDE points for perseverance, respect, independence, discipline and engagement before assembly began!

The rest of their day was spent in their tutor groups taking part in our personal development curriculum, which helped them to settle in with confidence surrounded by their new friends. Since their first day, our Year 7 students have hit the ground running, now confident members of the school community with new friends who are enjoying the exciting new subject experiences, such as Classics, Science experiments and Performing Arts, and the wide variety of enrichment The Bridge offers. Well done, everyone!

THE ONE AND ONLY BRIDGE IN LEICESTERSHIRE

HANDS-ON WITH HISTORY



7 Manchester started their History journey by getting their hands on a range of Victorian and 20th century artefacts. They tried to guess what they were, with some success. It certainly made me feel old when they couldn't identify a floppy disk! What was very impressive about the group was their enthusiasm and creativity. Some of their guesses were wide of the mark, but they showed great imagination and inference skills.

- Ms Beale | Teacher of History & Head of Classics



SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOPS

All of our Year 7 students took part in spoken word poetry lessons in The Bridge in September, led by Marissa and Alyssia from Creative Learning Services.

The students practiced writing kenning poems, a riddle-like form of poetry where the subject is not named directly but is described using a series of two-word, hyphenated phrases called kennings, which are often metaphorical. Our budding Bridge poets also learned the art of poetry performance in preparation for our annual Poetry Slam.

They have showed wonderful focus, teamwork and creativity in the sessions, and made our guests feel very welcome in The Bridge.



APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2026!
APPLY ONLINE BY FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Interested in finding out more about life and learning here at The Hinckley School? Don't hesitate to contact our team to arrange a daytime tour.

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SEA LIFE CENTRE INSPIRES 'JELLYCAT' DESIGN PROJECT

The Bridge was quiet on Monday 13th October, as Year 7 visited the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham to get creative inspiration for their next art and design project.

Students spent the day exploring the underwater world and learning about the impact of plastic pollution on our oceans, as they took observational recordings to use in their upcoming art and design project. Through drawings and photographs, students impressed with their creativity and enthusiasm. Students will now be asked to consider how to reuse/recycle plastic-based synthetic materials in their future designs and look to take further inspiration from the incredibly popular 'Jellycat' soft toys.



SPORTS STARS

Our Year 7 students put on a great show of determination and teamwork against Higham Lane on 8th October in their first Bridge football match. The team stuck together throughout a tough game and are now looking forward to putting all they have learned into practice in their next game.

Our students not only benefit from the thrill of a competitive environment thanks to sporting fixtures here at The Hinckley School, but also build strength of character as they learn the importance of self-belief, resilience and teamwork - no matter the end result. We would like to congratulate all students who have taken part in training sessions, or sports fixtures so far.

PUPILS IN YEAR 7 ARE WELL SUPPORTED IN 'THE BRIDGE' TO HELP THEM MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL. STRONG PASTORAL GUIDANCE CONTINUES THROUGH THE SCHOOL.

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EXCEPTIONAL ENRICHMENT



From our Drama Society to Geology and Palaeontology Club, there really is something for everyone in The Bridge. Year 7 students have over 25 different societies and activities to choose from every week, with sessions running during lunchtime and after school. Students have enjoyed trying new things for the first time such as Cheerleading and Rugby, as well as sharpening their skills and making new friends in clubs such as Chess and Spanish. With a new enrichment calendar revealed each term, we look forward to celebrating what they try next!