

Head's Newsletter

1 December 2023

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Dear Parents/Carers

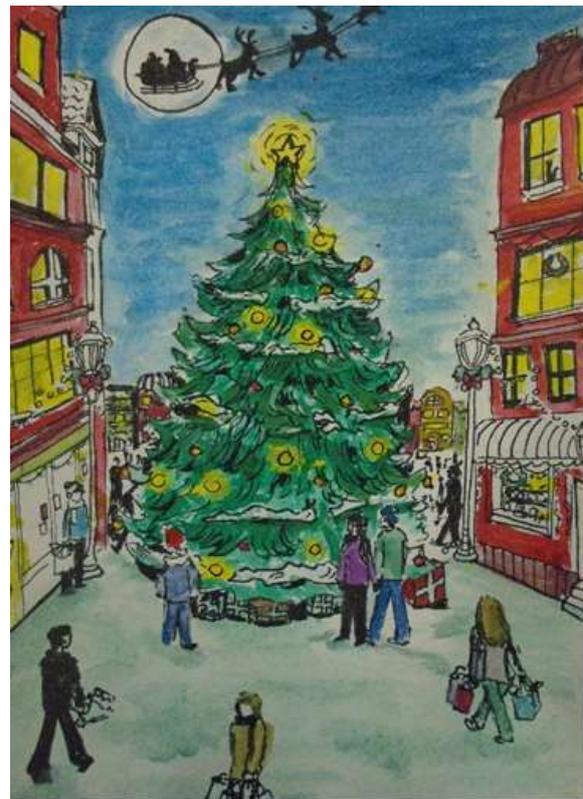
I hope all is well with you and your families.

Christmas Card Competition Winners

We had so many stunning designs for our Christmas card competition that it was incredibly difficult to pick winning designs. Three images will be used this year – front, inside and back of the 2023 Hobart Christmas card – but we also felt two other designs were worthy of commendations. Well done to all our entrants and thanks for your efforts!



Front Cover Winner (1st)
Pamela-Joy Blythe (Year 10)



Inside Cover Winner (2nd)
Audrey Aguilera (Year 10)

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Back Cover Winner (3rd)
Martha MacLean (Year 7)



Commendation
Tiffany Bond (Year 11)



Commendation
Anna Chelovska (Year 7)

Christmas Food Bank Appeal

A reminder that we are collecting for those in need of support through the Chet Valley Community Larder. The poster provides details of the types of items we are hoping can be donated if possible. Following the deadline (14 December) volunteers from the larder organise collection. Our Christmas tree is now in place and hopefully there will soon be lots of donations underneath it. Thanks in advance for any support.



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Year 11 Mock Exams – Well Done Class of 2024!

It has been a busy time for our Year 11 students with many taking two exams a day for the majority of the week. We have been both pleased and impressed with the mature approach the youngsters have taken – their conduct in the exam hall has been excellent.

Early Closure on Last Day Reminder

A reminder that on the last day of term (Wednesday 20 December) the school finishes early, with students getting on buses at approximately 1.20pm.

The Big Ambition National Survey

The Children's Commissioner – a national role held by Dame Rachel De Souza – is looking for the views of students and families to be shared through a national survey. These views are taken by the Commissioner to political decision makers, and the survey is called 'The Big Ambition'. If you wish to share your views or encourage your young people to do so, the survey can be accessed through the link [here](#).

Subject Stars of the Week

Drama

Ella Seaman Year 10 - Ella has shown real commitment to the GCSE Drama course as she is always engaged, is happy to share ideas and is a real team player during collaborative learning tasks.



Jessica Haysom Year 7 - Jessica is a talented student who always shows excellent focus in lessons. She is also a very considerate student, as she is always looking out for others and ensures that all views in her group are heard.

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GCSE Computer Science

Year 10 – Matilda Hardman



Matilda is another student who has made an excellent start to her Computer Science GCSE. She would acknowledge that it is a difficult GCSE to learn and there is the added challenge of learning a coding language (Python). Matilda is a determined young person who has approached all these difficult concepts as a challenge, she has taken responsibility for her learning and is working hard in lesson and at home to ensure she gets the most from this subject. Well done Matilda!

Theo Mead – Year 11



I have been really impressed with Theo's attitude and effort this year. He has openly admitted that he finds Computer Science a difficult subject to learn, however, rather than throw the towel in he has pushed himself, he is engaged in the subject, he has had the initiative to use those people around him to help his understanding and it has been so refreshing to see someone deal with challenge head on. Good luck with your exams and well done to date.

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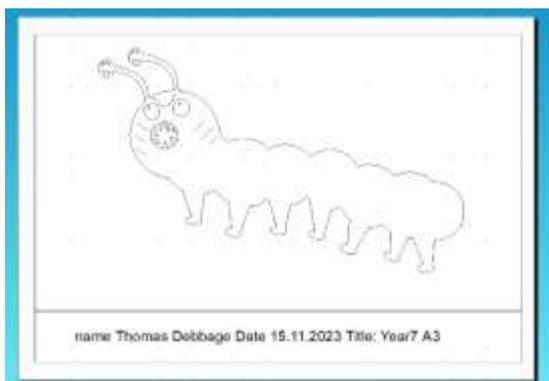
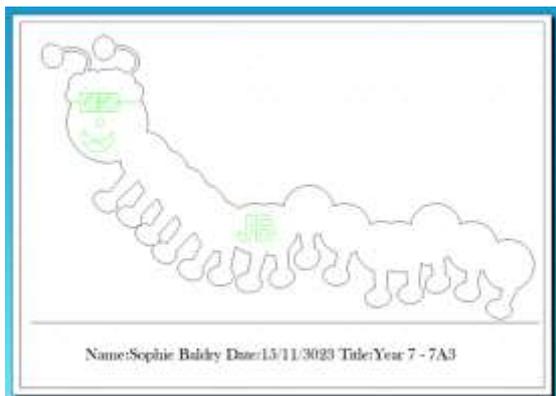
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Return to Normal Uniform

With completion of mock exams in the sports hall on Monday, **from Tuesday, students should wear their normal school uniform every day.**

Design and Technology Latest - Developing the Prototypes: Computer Aided Design Module



Year 7 Students Using the CAD Package 2D Design

The images are of the cardboard prototype caterpillars and 2D design screen shots prior to the manufacture on the laser cutter.

There are accounts from the students themselves below:

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In DT I have learnt how to make things on 2D Design and I have learnt important computing skills whilst designing my caterpillar bookmark. I will improve on my caterpillar's main body and each of the circle sizes that make up the body.

Thomas

In Design and Technology we have been learning about CAD (computer aided design) and been making our caterpillar bookmarks using 2D design to print them out using the laser cutter. We have been making individual designs.

Jasmine



This term I have learnt how to do CAD (Computer Aided Design) and I have learnt CAM (Computer Aided Manufacture). I have used software to make a 2D design. I have made 4 different bookmarks and I have made a caterpillar. I made 7 different versions of the caterpillar and the 7th is the latest and most finished one. I have also made 3 different version of bookmarks.

Kashia

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Governors Required

We have vacancies for both parent/carer and community governors. If you are interested, please email mbillington@hobart.org.uk who will put you in contact with our chair governors.

Primary Swimming Galas

Over the past two Wednesdays, we have hosted two primary swimming galas consisting of six primary schools attending, competing in around 30 races covering all four strokes and involving some relays. We had around 150 children from Year 4-Year 6 taking part. The event, which was organised by Mr Colbeck the Primary School Sports Coordinator, was a great success with the children representing their schools and for some, taking part in their first ever-swimming gala. It would have happened had it not been for the 28 Hobart Sports Leaders who helped run the two events.

Netball Latest – Fantastic Tournament Performances

Last Saturday, a team of nine U14 netballers attended the Norfolk county round of the National Schools Competition. This is the first time Hobart have reached this level of the competition across any age group and is a great achievement for our team. To reach this stage of the competition the U14's had already finished second in the South Norfolk round of the competition, where they had won all but one of their games.



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The event took part at the UEA Sports park - this level of tournament and competition set up was a big step up for our team, who faced schools from all over the county including some of the top private schools in Norfolk.

The team should be incredibly proud of how they represented Hobart and themselves at the tournament. The whole team rose to the occasion and it was lovely to see how much the students have progressed their netball skills and tactical play.

Nerves were running high as they went in to their first game, a well matched game against Flegg saw the team getting into the different style of tournament play compared to regular match play. Some strong efforts were seen across court - Hobart came away with one point losing to Flegg 5-3. Player of the match for this game was Evie Greenhalf.

After a short break Hobart then faced Springwood. Super shooting accuracy from Betsy Roberts saw Hobart win this game 10-5. The girls settled into game play and were supporting each other well both on the court and from the side-lines.

The next game we headed into was the hardest of the day, facing a strong and very experienced Norwich School team (a team of almost all county level and super-league franchise players). Hobart lost this game, but not once did the team's heads go down, and they continued to support and lift each other across the court. Player of the match for this game was Daisy Gosling.

Our last game of the morning was against Aylsham. This was a very competitive and close fixture. The team showed some real fight on court, in particular Ava Cawston, who put in a great effort at C by going for every ball and every interception, and showing some real feisty netball! The game was going goal for goal and with seconds to spare the ball was fed into Evie in the goal circle, who shot and scored from the edge of the circle, only to be beaten by the final whistle! Final score was a 6-6 draw, and player of the match for this game was Ava Cawston.

The team finished 3rd in their pool, and unfortunately we did not progress to the semi-finals. The team did incredibly well to finish 3rd in the pool and learnt a lot over the tournament. Their growth across the morning was lovely to see and we hope that they continue to enjoy and play netball as they progress through the school.

U14 Team: Ava Cawston, Daisy Gosling, Betsy Roberts, Evie Greenhalf, Sofia Johnson, Nell Southgate, Hollie Howes, Darcie-Rose Sayer

We would also like to thank parents/carers/and other family members who came along to watch for the morning, your support was greatly appreciated by the team and by us a members of staff.

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Miss Vickers and Miss Upson's players of the tournament: The whole U14 netball team - everybody played so well we could not decide!

Thanks to Miss Vickers for the match report.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School