

# Head's Newsletter

Friday 2 February 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope all is well with you and your families.

## Year 10 Medics Trip

Fourteen Year 10 students had the pleasure of visiting East Norfolk for the afternoon on Monday afternoon to learn more about careers available in healthcare, and the different routes into medicine. Throughout the trip, students had the opportunity to learn about the new T Level qualifications being offered in healthcare, as well as being able to meet one of Norfolk's top surgeons for a Q&A session. They also had a variety of opportunities to get a bit more 'hands on', learning how to take blood pressure readings and competing against each using the newest Virtual Reality technology being used to train the country's top surgeons.

Miss Barker and Miss Whitaker



## Dates for the Diary – Year 9 and Year 11 Families

There are two important events after school next week. Tuesday 6 February is our Year 9 options evening from 6.00pm, which plays a crucial role in exploring GCSE subjects so informed choices can be made. On Thursday 9 February Year 11 students and their families are invited to our exams information evening, which starts 6.30pm.

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## Duke of Edinburgh – Physical Activity Hours Confirmed!

Congratulations to our 2022-23 Duke of Edinburgh group, who have completed an impressive 325 collective hours as part of their Bronze award.



The graphic is a purple-bordered certificate. At the top left is the Duke of Edinburgh (DE) logo, and at the top right is the slogan 'YOUTH WITHOUT LIMITS' in pink. The main text is in pink and white, celebrating the school's students for completing 325 hours of physical activity.

**Well done**

to the  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants from

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**Hobart High School**

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who spent  
**325**

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hours undertaking activity towards the  
Physical section between  
1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

We are immensely proud of the dedication, effort and  
achievement of young people demonstrating a sustained level  
of energy and physical activity

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**Physical Section**

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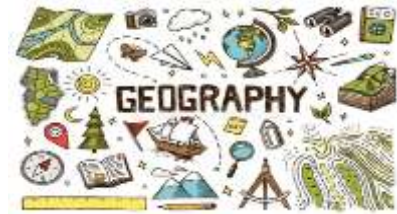
## Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing Space – Donations Welcome!

We are setting up a multi-purpose anti-bullying space within the school, and would welcome any donations of bean bags, cushions and board games that are in a good state! Thank you in advance for any contributions.

## Subject Stars of the Week

### Geography

**Belle Cushing (Year 7)** - Belle has put fantastic effort into lessons since the beginning of Year 7. She produces high standards of written work and also gives great contributions to class discussions. Keep up the brilliant work.



**Ashley Allen (Year 9)** - Ashley puts consistently high levels of effort into every lesson and also gives great verbal contributions during lessons. Keep up the fantastic effort.

### Food Technology

#### Mia Clarke and Olivia Barber - Year 7



Both students have been amazing! They have applied themselves fully to both theory and practical work, producing work of very high quality. They approach every task with a positive, 'can do' attitude and use every lesson effectively. Both Mia and Olivia have shown their maturity by helping others in the class without any prompting. Well done!



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## Year 7 Girls 7 A-side Competition

The Year 7 team travelled to this competition with a squad of 10, with the aim of competing and enjoying this round robin competition.

In their first game, Hobart battled well and earned a point in a 0-0 draw against Dereham Neatherd. This was followed with an equally tough game against Dereham Northgate, where another point was secured with a 1-1 draw. In their final group game, the girls performed brilliantly, resulting in a 2-0 win against Wayland High. This meant that the girls qualified for the final, where they came up against Dereham Neatherd again. Another close game took place, with Hobart creating more chances. However, they were denied on several occasions by the Neatherd goalkeeper. With just over a minute left, Neatherd made the breakthrough and the girls just ran out of time to find the equaliser, unfortunately losing the final 0-1.

**Well done to all the girls that took part with their commitment and teamwork.  
Squad: Mia Tunmore, Olivia Barber, Tiana Villars, Fearnie Mickleburgh, Cassie Downey, Pippa Yates, Lillie Wright, Alice Ashdown-Nichol, Alice Sturman and Betty Keal**

## Year 9 County Football Plate Competition

### Hobart 7 Archbishop Sancroft 1

Hobart and Archbishop Sancroft faced each other for the second time in Year 9 after a close 2-0 victory for Hobart in the league before Christmas.

Hobart struck early, with a goal in the first few minutes, catching Sancroft out with good movement. Hobart applied most of the pressure in the first half creating a number of chances after some good passing moves, but were just unable to convert and add to their early goal. Sancroft looked dangerous when playing early balls forward and trying to counter, however these were dealt with well by the Hobart defence.

Hobart started quickly in the second half and scored two quick goals, which boosted confidence and resulted in the home side dominating the second half, creating numerous chances and looking likely to score every time they went forward. Hobart added another four goals, which were well deserved. Sancroft did manage a consolation goal from a corner.

**Scorers: Jenson Bacon (2), Toby Glennerster, Arthur Manthorpe, Baxter Forder, Bill Rix and Austin Williams.**

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## Design Technology Latest - Year 8 Clock Project: Tick Tock not TicTok!

With the final week of the Clock Project drawing to a close there were some top quality creative outcomes - 'well done' to the true designers and makers in Year 8! We had some very creative ideas from Rory, Lennon, Livia and Lewis along with some very well completed examples from Jayden, Katie, Adara, Zac and Molly to name a few.



## Clock Evaluations

For my clock, I used lamination. Lamination is when flexi ply is glued together in between a mould (in the shape of your choice) and put them in the vice. Once it is in the vice twist it until it has taken shape and wait for the glue to dry until the next day. After the glue has dried then you can take it out of the vice and it will have taken shape.

Three changes I would make to my clock:

1. *Add more detail to the lower section of the clock base*
2. *Apply the varnish so it is less patchy*
3. *Use a similar coloured ribbon*

## By Phylcia

Using lamination for my clock, I did this by spreading some PVA glue between 2 pieces of flexi ply together. I put the 2 pieces of flexi ply in between a mould, and then added 2 pieces of thin plastic between the mould and the wood. I then left this for a day and took it out the next day and it was shaped nicely.

My improvements for my clock are:

1. *To laser cut the leaves for the face of my clock instead of hand cutting them.*
2. *To laser cut some flowers so my clock isn't just green.*
3. *To add some plaited ribbons so they look like vines and add some small laser cut flowers on them as well.*
4. *Use more PVA glue instead of hot glue gun because it is not as strong and it looks messy.*

## By Katie

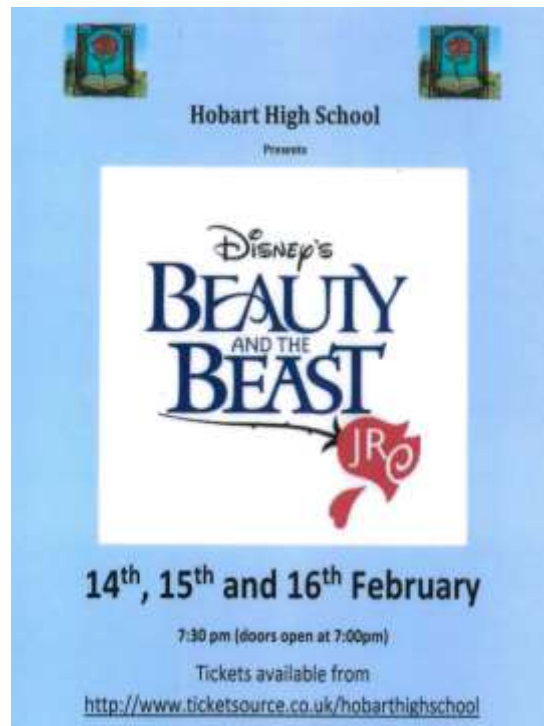
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## Beauty & the Beast – Tickets on Sale

You can now purchase your tickets for Beauty & the Beast at the following link - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hobarthighschool>



## Fantastic Cross Country Performances

The Norfolk Schools Cross Country Championships at Wymondham College took place on Tuesday 23 January, and was a particularly challenging event due to both the weather and the level of competition. It rained within the first 5 minutes of arrival, and it was very evident that running is 'on the up', as the numbers competing (many of them clearly 'club' runners) were high. Both Evie Greenhalf and Henry Burton (Year 9) managed to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> and receive a medal in their age group, which is quite an achievement! They have qualified for the Anglian Schools Championships on Saturday 3 February, which is held at Burghley House in Lincolnshire. We wish them the best of luck and congratulate all the runners who represented Hobart.

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## GCSE Maths Revision and Sparx



Following the December mock exams every student in Year 11 was given a breakdown of their individual performance in maths. Below, is an example of this for Paper 1 up to Q5.

Questions	Topic	Score	Sparx Code
1a	Finding the lowest common multiple (LCM)	1 / 1	M227
1b	Calculating with roots and powers	0 / 1	U851
1c	Adding and subtracting integers	0 / 1	U417
1d	Using a written method to divide integers, Understanding and ordering integers	0 / 1	U453, U600
2a	Estimating and measuring	1 / 1	U102
2b	Understanding, measuring and drawing angles	1 / 1	U447
2c	Finding areas using grids	0 / 1	M900
2d	Mixed problems: Finding the area and perimeter of simple shapes	1 / 1	U993
3a	Multiplying and dividing with negative numbers	0 / 1	U548
3b	Multiplying and dividing with negative numbers	0 / 1	U548
3c	Multiplying and dividing with negative numbers	0 / 1	U548
3d	Calculating with roots and powers	1 / 1	U851
4	Constructing fractions, Simplifying fractions	1 / 2	U163, U646
5	Finding fractions of amounts, Multiplying integers, Adding & subtracting decimals	2 / 4	U881, U127, U478

On the left is the question number, followed by the skill being tested, the student's score and a Sparx code. The colour coding clearly identifies current strengths and weaknesses:

- Green – Full marks, good understanding
- Amber – Some marks, some understanding
- Red – No marks, no understanding

In preparation for the March mock, and ultimately their GCSE, students have been asked to do targeted revision from this list at home. Firstly, they should work their way through all the red topics before moving to the amber ones using the Independent Learning Section on Sparx maths and the codes provided. Sparx will provide a support video for each question along with some scaffolded questions under the headings Introduce, Strengthen and Deepen. When students encounter a difficult question or, if they don't understand the method used on the support video, they have been encouraged to talk to their maths teacher. Deliberate, purposeful practice will improve exam performance.

If you have any questions about supporting your child with their revision, these should be directed to their maths teacher who will be happy to help.

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## Success in Chess Tournament – Larysa Klepikovska (Year 9)

Norfolk Rapidplay Congress 2024 U1450

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**Tournament selection** Championship, Challengers U1750, **U1450**

**Links** [Official Homepage of the Organizer](#), [Link with tournament](#)

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**Lists** [Starting rank](#), [Alphabetical list](#), [Statistics](#), [Alphabetical list & statistics](#), [Final Ranking crosstable after 6 Rounds](#), [Starting rank crosstable](#)

**Board Pairings** [Rd.1, Rd.2, Rd.3, Rd.4, Rd.5, Rd.6/6](#), not paired

**Ranking list after** [Rd.1, Rd.2, Rd.3, Rd.4, Rd.5, \*\*Rd.6\*\*](#)

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**Final Ranking after 6 Rounds**

Rk.	SNo	Name	FED	Rtg	Pts.	TB1	TB2	TB3
1	9	Klepikovska, Larysa	UKR	1179	5	0	5	23,5

Congratulations to Larysa Klepikovska who has recently won a rapid play chess tournament in Norfolk. Larysa won five of the six points available – a tremendous achievement. Well done Larysa!

## Year 9 Vaccinations Reminder - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)

A reminder that the immunisation team will be in school on Thursday 8 February. Please click on this [link](#) to complete the immunisation form if you have not done so already.

## Poetry By Heart Competition

Students have been working hard learning their chosen poems by heart ready to enter the *Poetry By Heart* competition.



*Poetry By Heart* is a national poetry speaking competition for schools and colleges in England. Taking part in *Poetry By Heart* is all about developing confidence with poetry in an enjoyable, accessible and engaging way that leads to its life-long enjoyment.

This week the students got a chance to get some professional advice and support from local poet and producer Lewis Buxton. He spoke about dealing with nerves when performing, getting students to create their own stages to build confidence in themselves and giving them all a chance to practise performing to a fictional 'worst audience ever' scenario. Lewis will be back again when students are preparing to perform at a showcase event at Hobart High School to a small audience of friends and family in March.



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## Chris Priestley Competition

As part of World Book Day this year we are running a competition in win a signed copy of one of Chris Priestley's books. You can enter one or both of these competitions. Please pick up an entry form from the Library to take part. All students are welcome to enter.



As part of World Book Day this year, we are hosting a visit from this award-winning author and students will have the chance to take part in writing and illustrating workshops

### COMPETITION!

**ARE YOU AN ASPIRING  
WRITER OR ILLUSTRATOR?**

**ENTER ONE OR BOTH OF THESE COMPETITIONS  
TO WIN A PERSONALLY SIGNED COPY OF ONE OF  
HIS BOOKS.**





### WRITING COMPETITION

Write a short story or a first chapter of a story inspired by Chris Priestley (*creepy, horror, strange, fantasy...*)

AND/ OR

### DRAWING COMPETITION

Create a piece of artwork inspired by Chris Priestley

- From his books or illustration work.



**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY**

Hand in to the Librarian

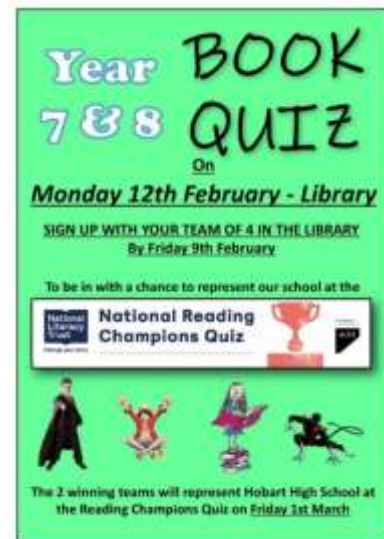
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## Book Quiz reminder

Just a reminder that if any Year 7 or 8 students want to take part in the Hobart Book Quiz on **Monday 12 February** and be in with a chance of representing the school at the *National Reading Champions Quiz* they can sign up with a team of 4 in the Library by Friday 9 February.





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Best wishes and have a super weekend.

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