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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are keeping well.

Design and Technology - Year 10 Lamp Project, The Last Remaining Weeks.....

We are coming towards the end of our lamp project, and are beginning to start our portfolio in the coming weeks. Along the way, our classes have had to learn and develop many skills and problem solve. We have learnt to solder, to create electronics within our lamps, and there have been a few problems with our concrete bases. Many students have come up with a range of ideas and solutions before deciding on next steps. Within our class, the wide variety of solutions we have developed have been used with the base, lamp arms, electronics and lamp shades. We have all learnt lots of new skills and a variety of solutions to problems, and gained ideas on designing strategies that have improved our imaginative skills and given ideas for future projects.

Roxie (Year 10)



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Stars of the Week – GCSE Business

KS4 – GCSE Business – Year 11 – Holly Tidnam

Holly has demonstrated excellent effort levels and has set an example of what can be achieved with an excellent work ethic.

I have been really pleased to observe her progress where recently, she has achieved a level '8' in her practise exam. Holly has a quiet and studious approach to her education, she has been taking opportunities to work independently and develop her subject knowledge to prepare for her final exams. Well done Holly!



KS4 – GCSE Business – Year 11 – Xavi Holmes

Xavi is another student who is taking responsibility for his progress and this is important at this stage of his education. His results have been improving and he has been attending our weekly revision classes on a Friday after school (which are available to all business students).

Xavi would admit that he finds aspects of his Business course challenging, however that does not deter him from engaging in the subject and volunteering answers. Well done Xavi!



Mr Ball
Head of IT, Computing and Business

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Key Stage 4 'Poetry Live' Trip



A group of Year 10 and 11 students enjoyed a trip to Norwich Theatre Royal this week to see a range of famous poets, including the current Poet Laureate, Simon Armitage; our previous Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy and the iconic, performance poet, John Agard. This was a wonderful opportunity to hear the poets perform, talk and answer questions about their own poems. Our students were a delight to take on this trip and represented the school impeccably!



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.

Have Your Contact Details Changed?

A reminder for all families to update us if your contact details or address has changed since the start of the year. It is obviously very important for us to have up to date information so you can be contacted when needed.

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History Stars of the Week

Gareth Nunn (Year 11) Gareth always makes great verbal contributions to lessons, demonstrating a strong understanding of the topics we study. He has been particularly engaged in recent lessons whilst we have been studying the civil rights movement in the USA in the 1950s and 60s. Gareth has spoken with great knowledge and empathy on this topic. Keep up the brilliant work.



Lathujan Mathavan (Year 7) Lathujan has made great progress over time in his written work, demonstrating a good understanding of the topics covered. We look forward seeing you continuing to progress and develop your ability in History.

Year 11 – Exams Information Evening

Thank you to all those who managed to make it to our Year 11 exams evening – we hope you found the information useful as we head to last three months before GCSEs begin. If you were not able to make it, the PowerPoint slides will soon be available in the Year 10/11 section of our website within the parents/carers section.

Martial Arts Success!

Kashia (Year 7) and Oliver (Year 11) Wadhams have recently competed at the Irish Open Karate Championship, and achieved some stunning results! Oliver won three golds, one silver and one bronze, with Kashia winning four silvers and one gold. They both have worked very hard to prepare for the championship, and their brilliant performance helped to secure second place for the squad on overall medal table behind the Irish squad. Well done Kashia and Oliver – we are proud of you!

Year 9 Options Evening

Thank you to all parents and students who attended the Year 9 options evening on Tuesday. The feedback received identified that this was a very informative evening and the opportunity to speak with teachers regarding GCSE subjects was really valuable. If you were unable to attend, please make sure that your child has collected their options pack from Mrs Burkert. This contains details of how to log in to our options software and how to make your choices. An electronic copy of the options booklet has also been emailed out and contains details of the updated blocks.

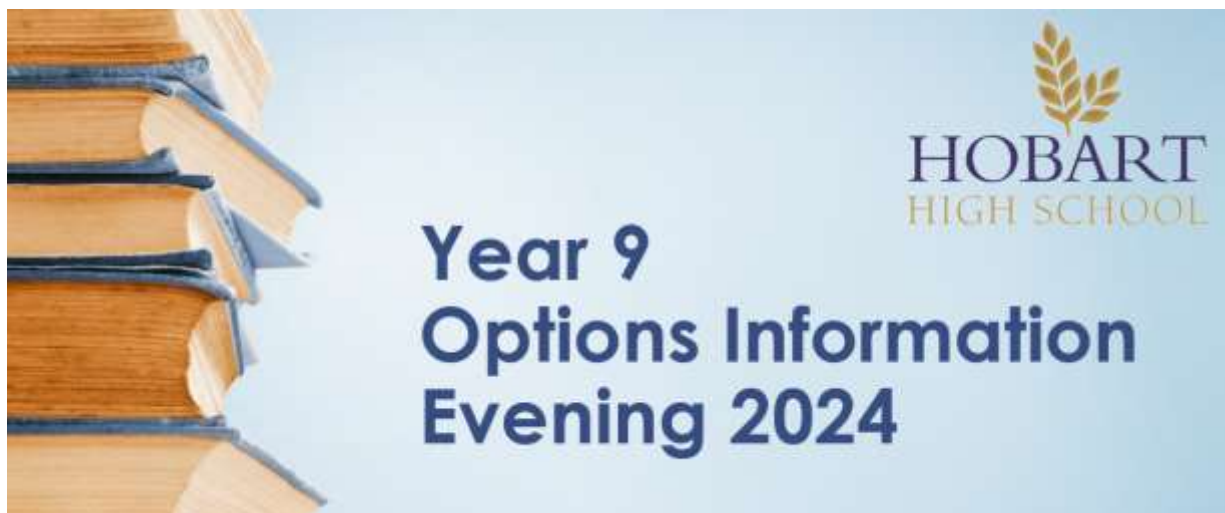
The link to the online software where options are selected can be found here: <https://www.studentoptions.co/Hobart/> .

Remember the deadline for the submission of options choices is Friday 15 March 2024.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

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Year 8 Boys Football Team 2023/24 Season

County Cup Plate vs Aylsham High School (Away) Wednesday 31 January 2024 – Round of 32

After a tough 3-2 defeat against Wymondham High in the County Cup, Hobart qualified for the plate competition and were drawn against Aylsham High in the last 32. The game was played on a huge 3G pitch with 9 a-side goals, which made for a challenge.

Tactically, the team moved to a back 3, with 5 in midfield and 2 forward players, which gave Hobart the opportunity to gain control across most areas of the pitch. The team started well, being combative and decisive in all areas.

A good early move saw Zach Walker playing the ball wide to Finley Hastings-Payne, who played in Kai McCabe in the right channel. He put in an excellent volleyed cross for Billy Stopforth to control, turn and shoot low past the keeper. Hobart continued to dominate in the first half, with Freddie Sherriff working hard to occupy their defenders, and the team created further chances for Henry Daniels, Billy and Finley, but unfortunately, a second goal would not come.

Defensively, the back 3 were excellent with Chubb organising and covering. George Betney made an outstanding contribution at left back and Lucas Young was solid and strong. This gave the team the base and freedom to attack. At half time Hobart led 1-0.

In the second half Hobart continued where they left off and made more use of the players in wide positions. Kai McCabe and Henry Daniels continued to create opportunities and midway through the second half, Kai again played an excellent ball through to Billy who poked his finish past the advancing keeper for an important second goal. Hobart dominated for the remainder of the match and George Holmes was an energetic runner throughout. Again, the defence gave nothing away and the game finished comfortably for Hobart.

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Final Score: Aylsham 0 Hobart 2

Player of the match: Kai McCabe, who consistently had an impact with the ball, assisting both goals with some excellent play.

League game 4 vs Framingham Earl High School (Away) Thursday 1 February 2024

This was the second game in as many days as the Year 8 football team played their fourth league game of the season against their local rivals, Framingham Earl. It was expected to be a tough game and it started that way with both teams having early opportunities. Hobart took the lead midway through the first half with an excellent lobbed finish from Finley Hastings-Payne, who was a constant threat down the right side. Henry Daniels had opportunities to extend Hobart's lead, but was unlucky not to be rewarded for his determined play. Defensively the team were solid again, with George Betney working tirelessly to stop their fast and physical striker impacting the game. The half ended with Hobart leading 1-0.

In the second half Ali Yurukov, Jackson Green and Will Johnston came on and helped Hobart to gain more control. The team looked more assured offensively and started to gain more control in wide areas, this led to a good run and curling finish from Henry on the left. Hobart then quickly scored a third through Billy Stopforth, which made the game safe. Further goals came from George Holmes, which included a cheeky back heel. Ali scored his first of the season, and Henry and Billy both scored again for a comfortable win.

Final Score: Hobart 8 Framingham Earl High School 0

Player of the match: George Betney, who refused to let anyone past him, it was an outstanding, determined performance, which helped the team earn a second successive clean sheet.





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County Cup Plate vs Notre Dame High School (Home) Thursday 8 February 2024 – Round of 16

This looked to be a tough game on paper, with Notre Dame having two Norwich City Academy players with the team completing a comprehensive win in the previous round.

Hobart stayed with a 3-5-2 formation, with the game played in wet and near freezing conditions. They started well and scored early through Billy Stopforth, cutting in from the right. The team then tried to play their passing game in tough conditions but found it difficult to get time on the ball. However, they scored again quickly through Henry Daniels, which helped the team relax. Further goals came with good work from Finley Hastings-Payne, Ali Yurukov, and Billy adding his second. Riley Aldrich made two outstanding saves in the first half to keep the momentum with Hobart. Hobart closed the first half leading 5-0.

In the second half a defensive lapse gave Notre Dame some hope, however, Hobart added a sixth through Henry. Again they came back and took advantage of another defensive mistake. This stirred Hobart, who scored an excellent goal through Max George, who made an instant impact when coming on just before the end of the first half. Hobart were then awarded a penalty won by Henry, which Kai McCabe side footed home. With 10 minutes to go, Lucas Young was a little unlucky to give away a penalty which Notre Dame converted, and that was the end of the scoring.

Final Score: Hobart 8 Notre Dame High School 3

A quarter final tie up next – Opposition and details to be confirmed!

Player of the match: Henry Daniels, who worked tirelessly down the left side and scored some excellent goals.

A special thanks goes to Korey Beevor in Year 11, who refereed the match with expertise and control.

Match reports by Mr Ball

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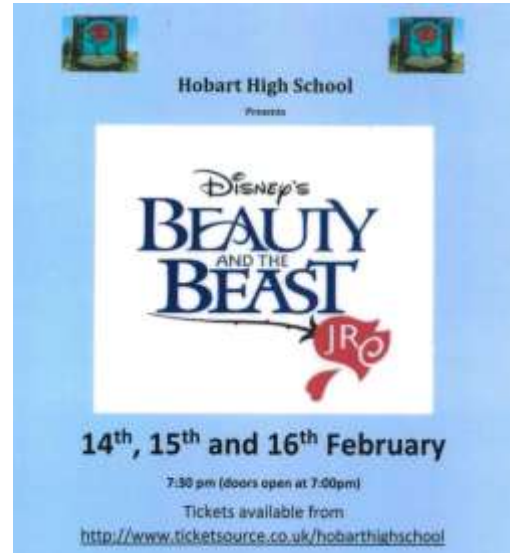
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Beauty and the Beast – Tickets on Sale

The excitement and anticipation have been building this week ahead of Beauty and the Beast next week! I heard snippets of the full rehearsal this week, and it sounded fantastic! We are in for a real treat! You can still purchase your tickets for Beauty and the Beast at the following link -

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hobarthighschool>



Best wishes and have a lovely weekend.

Ross Li-Rocchi
Head of School