

# Head's Newsletter

Friday 1 March 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope all is good with you and your families and that you had an enjoyable half term.

## Year 10 Cambridge Trip Inspires Our Youngsters

This week some of our Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend the Norfolk Visit Day at Gonville and Caius College at University of Cambridge. The day included an informative talk about Oxford, Cambridge and other competitive universities, as well as the opportunity to talk to some current undergraduate students about life at Cambridge University. This was then followed by a tour of the Gonville and Caius college and their library. In the afternoon, the students visited the Whipple museum in Cambridge for a workshop about the History of Medicine.



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## GCSE PE Practical Exams – Well Done Year 11 and Thank You Year 10!

It was an important week for GCSE PE students and the PE department this week with practical exams taking place that contribute to their final GCSE grades. Staff had really positive feedback regarding their conduct and effort – well done Year 11! The PE team were also really pleased with the support shown by Year 10 students for the various sports.

## Subject Stars of the Week

**Reece Beautyman (Year 9)** Reece has made some really positive contributions in recent lessons. He is always happy to share his thoughts, asks questions to support his learning and has approached the topics with maturity which I have been really impressed with.



**Bobby Stevenson (Year 8)** Bobby makes good, relevant verbal contributions and listens well to the ideas of others. Well done to Bobby!

**Music - Maxim Dougherty and Annabella Rackham (Year 9)**



Both have worked brilliantly in lessons and have demonstrated an excellent attitude towards the practical tasks as well as working well with others in the class.



## Success in Chess! Larysa Klepikovska (year 9)

Well done to Larysa in Year 9, who competed in and won a Chess Tournament in North Walsham. Larysa's first place outcome was in the under 18 category – a brilliant achievement given her age. It was a competitive tournament with Larysa gaining 4 points out of 5. Congratulations Larysa!

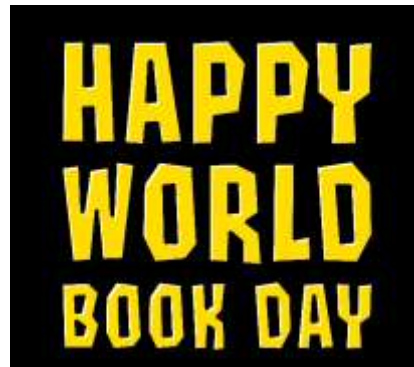
## Have Your Contact Details Changed?

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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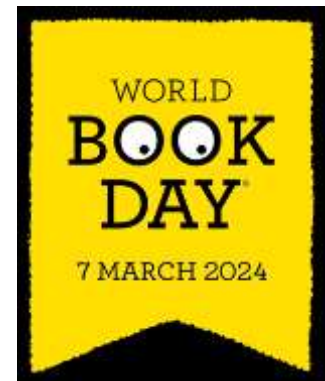


## Thursday 7 March

There are many events on this day next week. Students - Please come and take part!



- **Book Title Quiz for Year 7-8** – take part in the book quiz during form time
- **Big Book Giveaway!** You can be in with a chance to receive a free book in lessons on this day.
- **'Off the Shelves' in the Library** - find your next read by browsing books 'off the shelves' – come and relax and look at amazing books around the Library at lunch time - if you borrow a book from the Library on this day you will receive a free sticker!
- **Read This Book cards** - share a book you have really enjoyed and add it to the display in the Library or at reception.
- **Book Title Hunt competition** - There are letters hidden around the school, find them and re-arrange them to spell out a popular book title - all correct entries will be put into a prize draw for a free book.
- **Guess the book character competition** - Student Library Assistants will be dressed up as a book character in the Library at lunch time - guess who they are and be entered into a prize draw for a free book.



We will also be announcing our Chris Priestley competition winners on this day. Thank you in advance and good luck to those who have handed in their entry.

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Our World Book Day celebrations continue on Friday next week with a visit from the author and illustrator **Chris Priestley** and our **Book Market** at lunch time.

**Chris Priestley visit information:** All Year 7 in the Hall for a talk period 2



For those signed up:

### Writing and Illustrating Workshops – Period 4 and Period 5 in Library

Chris will also be available at lunch time in the hall for books signings. You can purchase one of his books at the *Bookbugs and Dragon Tales* stall at the Book Market at lunch time.



**BOOK MARKET**  
To celebrate BOOKS!  
**FRIDAY 8TH MARCH**  
Lunch time in the Hall

**CHRIS PRIESTLEY (author & illustrator)** will be available for book signings (books can be purchased on the day from **Bookbugs & Dragon Tales** book stall)

**BOOKBUGS & DRAGON TALES bookshop:**  
New children's and YA books for sale (from £4- £10)  
World Book Day books– use your £1 voucher to buy a WBD book

**LODDON LIBRARY**  
Promoting their local services and events

**BOOKS & CRANNIES pre-loved books**  
Pre-loved books (£2-3), book art (£1.50-2) & sculptures (£15) for sale

**SECONDHAND LIBRARY BOOKS FOR SALE**  
Ex-Library books for you to buy (from 50p to £2)

**BOOK ACCESSORIES & THINGS TO BUY**  
Bookmarks, badges, notebooks, book bags (from 50p to £3)

**CRAFT TABLE**  
Design your own bookmark– FREE

**CAKE SALE**

**PROCEEDS GO TO YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY**

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## Design and Technology - Product Design - Year 11 Final Project

With the deadline just a few weeks away Year 11 Product Designers are putting the finishing touches to their final projects. We have some creative and interesting designs ranging from jewellery boxes to shoe storage systems, and even a magicians travelling case.

Students have needed to be mindful and understand the focus is not only on the product, but more importantly on the design portfolio that shows the full design journey that has led to their creation. They have needed to research their chosen area of interest, have a genuine client, create a range of solutions, develop the best solution and then make it. Lastly the product is tested and evaluated by the client, and further developments suggested; but these are suggestions, so no further making is required!

So coming to Hobart High foyer soon you will see the fruits and endeavours of our Year 11 designers.

Mr G Brown



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## Netball Latest

Well done to our Year 7, 8 and 9 netball teams who played competitive friendly fixtures against Framingham Earl this week. Players of the match:

Year 7 - Olivia Barber

Year 8 - Tallulah Godfrey

Year 9 - Evie Greenhalf



## Online Petition – Pedestrian Safety Improvements to A146

A petition has been set up to gather opinion on safety improvements to the A146 for pedestrians and motorists on the stretch between Birch Way Thurton and Hellington Corner. If you wish to participate you can find the link [here](#).

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## FYI Website – Support and Advice

A new Norfolk website called For Your Information (FYI) is now available which offers help and advice for young people aged 11-24. This is linked to Just One Norfolk/NHS and although aimed at young people, includes lots of useful information for adults too. It is clinically validated and designed with community input. The website covers a wide range of topics, including emotional and mental wellbeing, relationships, family life, education, additional needs and disabilities and much more. The site also offers further resources and information about local services to ensure that young people have access to the right support at the right time. Please do take a look if you feel it might be useful:

<https://www.fyinatorfolk.nhs.uk/>



## Easter Big Norfolk Holiday Fun Bookings Now Open



The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme will be open for bookings via the [Every Move activity finder](#). Easter activities are available from 2 April to 12 April and are free to those eligible. More details can be found through the link [here](#).

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## Year 8 Boys Football Team 2023/24 Season

### County Cup Plate vs Lynn Grove (Home) Thursday 29 February 2024 – Quarter Final.

This again looked to be a tough game, with Lynn Grove bringing a squad of 16 players. Hobart continued with a 3-5-2 formation, with the game played in wet conditions. We started well and scored early as Finley Hastings-Payne was played in, on the right side, and delivered a low pass across the face of goal for Billy Stopforth to finish. The early goal was the catalyst for a fantastic first half performance. Defensively Hobart were outstanding with Chubb, Jackson Green and George Betney making sure they were first to every ball and played out from the back with composure. A second goal quickly followed, with good play from Zach Walker, and then neat interplay between Kai McCabe and Henry Daniels created his first goal of the game, meaning Hobart raced into a 2-0 lead. Further goals came from Henry, George Holmes and Max George. Both Max and Kai were excellent in the first half and able to control the play in offensive areas, which constantly helped create opportunities for Hobart to score. Hobart closed the first half leading 5-0 with Riley Aldrich having a comfortable and controlled first half.

The second half continued with the same level of dominance. Hobart scored early through Max George after good play from Finley, and Henry added another goal, with a well taken finish cutting in from the left. Chubb completed the scoring with a deserved goal, cutting across the area and directing a low shot back across goal, which confused everyone and went in off the left post. An outstanding performance!

**Final Score: Hobart 8 Lynn Grove 0**





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**The semi-final tie comes next – Opposition and details to be confirmed!**

**Player of the match:** Chubb - his reading of the game was exceptional and his commitment and determination restricted Lynn Grove to just two shots on target all game. An outstanding defensive performance!

**A special thanks goes to Alfie Sear and Liam Kent in Year 11, who officiated the match and were excellent.**

Report by Mr Ball

Have a super weekend and best wishes!

**Ross Li-Rocchi**  
Head of School