

Friday 26 April 2024

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a good week and that all is well.

## Forensic Science Days – Year 6 Transition

The Science department welcomed Year 6 students from local primary schools to a Forensic Science Day at Hobart on 23 and 28 April this week. More than 170 pupils from 11 schools had the chance to participate in some hands-on Science and also get an insight into life at their local high school. They spent the day as forensic scientists, tasked with solving a fictional murder. They carried out a series of experiments on evidence collected from the 'crime scene' and eliminated suspects to reveal the identity of the murderer.

Our Year 9 helpers did a fantastic job helping the Year 6s feel at home at Hobart. Thanks are due to all those that helped make the day such a success and to Mr de Best and his team for organising and running the event.



## Year 11 – GCSE Drama Assessment

Well done to the GCSE Drama group who this week were assessed in performance. There was some excellent feedback in how they presented, which was really pleasing to hear!

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## Year 8 Boys Football Team 2023/24 Season

### County Cup Plate vs Litcham (Away) Friday 19 April 2024 – Semi Final

This game offered the teams the opportunity to play in a final at the Nest in Norwich, which provided a further incentive to progress.

Litcham looked physically strong and they started the game with a clear tactic of getting the ball forward as quickly as possible to their main striker. Hobart coped well during the early exchanges, with George Betney, Chubb Williams and Jackson Green all matching the physical challenge.

After 10 minutes Hobart gained some control in central areas and a nice move played in Henry Daniels, his square pass found Kai McCabe, who played the ball to Zac Walker on the edge of the area. He shot across his body, with a well angled strike that went in off the post. Hobart continued to dominate and had chances to extend their lead through Henry, Billy Stopforth, Ali Yurukov and Finley Hastings-Payne, however a quick break from Litcham and some direct play led to a snap shot past Riley Aldrich to level the scores. Litcham took control of the game, a corner led to a second goal, as the ball was stabbed home after failing to clear. Hobart closed the first half trailing 2-1.



The second half was a much improved performance. George Holmes returned to midfield and this helped the team combat the physical challenge. Freddie Sherriff came on and occupied their defenders, which provided more space for Henry and Finley in their wide positions. It was not long before Hobart levelled, with Max George converting a cross that was not dealt with. Quickly after, Henry Daniels added a third, with a break down the left and a crisp shot, high past their keeper. The next 10 minutes were closer as Litcham pushed for an equaliser, Lucas Young came on to support the defence and made a positive

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contribution. Both Kai and Zac were pivotal in breaking up play and Jackson Green was outstanding defensively. Hobart broke with 7 minutes to go - Finley was played in on the right, he shot past the keeper to extend the score line. Shortly after Max scored his second with a well taken shot, low from the edge of the area, in off the post to cap a an excellent performance in front of goal. An excellent second half display and on to the final!

**Final Score: Litcham 2 Hobart 5**

**Player of the match:** Zac Walker, constantly disrupting their play and giving Hobart control in the midfield, which was the base on which the team could go forward and create chances.

**The final will be taking place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at the Nest – 3.00pm KO.  
Opposition to be confirmed.**

## **League Finals Day (At Dereham Neatherd) Thursday 25 April 2024**

This is a new addition to the Year 8 season. As league winners, Hobart qualified for the competition along with Diss, runners up from the South. These two teams would then play the winners and runners up of the North league (Wymondham High and Wymondham College). The winners of each game would then play off in a final or 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> play-off game on the same day.

It was a shortened game format with just 20 minute games. As winners of the league, Hobart faced Wymondham College. It was a tight game with the best of the chances falling to Henry Daniels and Billy Stopforth, however the game ended 0-0 and went straight to penalties. Riley Aldrich saved their second penalty, with an excellent reach to his right. Hobart converted all of their penalties with Finley Hastings-Payne converting the decisive kick to go through 5-3.

In the final they faced Wymondham High. This was a tough game, which Wymondham controlled for the first 10 minutes. They scored when the ball was not cleared after a corner to go 1-0 ahead. Hobart came back and had some good chances, however that momentum was lost when Lucas Young injured his ankle. With 3 minutes to go Wymondham extended their lead and held on.

Semi Final: Hobart 0 Wymondham College 0 (5-3 win on penalties)

Final: Wymondham High 2 Hobart 0

Congratulations to Wymondham High and well done to Hobart for winning the league and an excellent effort throughout finals day and the season.

Match reports by Mr Ball (thank you!)

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## Netball Leadership

On Thursday this week eleven Year 9 and Year 10 students went to the UEA Sportspark to lead on a South Norfolk School Sports Partnership Bee Netball competition.

The students were involved in running the competition, results table and officiating the games. The leaders did a fantastic job at leading the event, officiating competitive games is not always easy and takes a lot of confidence to do so we are all incredibly proud of the effort put in by the leaders.



## Year 10 Date for your Diary – Revision and Summer Exam Evening - 2 May

A reminder that we hold our Year 10 exams evening next week, which we hope you will manage to attend. It starts at 6.30pm, and the presentations will include information on revision for the mock exams in the summer, exam arrangements and some important key details linked to work experience.

## Subject Stars of the Week



**Katie King** - Katie has produced some excellent research and design ideas based around Coco Chanel which she has skillfully translated into her final design for her amplifier. We have been delighted to see Katie experiment with mixing different materials to create her outstanding amplifier. Well done!

**Lennon Potter** - Lennon has designed and manufactured his bluetooth amplifier to a high degree of accuracy. What has impressed us further is his tenacity to overcome technical problems when making. Lennon has sought ways to modify and improve his design and final outcome to produce an excellent piece of work. Well done!






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## Geography

**William Bidle 8ETA** - William has put fantastic effort and knowledge during our coasts unit. He has also produced an excellent written piece on the analysis of sea defences. Keep up the excellent work.



Name	Drawing	Paragraphs	Use
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**Betty Keal 7MBR** - Betty gives excellent effort every lesson and has produced a fantastic piece of work on different types of sedimentary rock. Brilliant effort!

## Design and Technology: Evaluation – Year 8 Amplifier Project

In D&T, we have been designing and making an amplifier. We started by making a mood board of the different designers we would be basing our amplifiers on. We made a collage of various images that we liked on PowerPoint, then printed it off to stick in our books. We used 2D design to make the front and back panels, so we could make these any shape we wanted to. We also used the laser cutter to make speaker covers to protect the speakers from being broken.

We soldered a few pieces that would go into the amplifier, this was the hardest part because I can't solder very well. I think I did well on the designing o 2D design, because everything was the right size the first time round. This made it easy to complete the other things we had to do. I think I could have done better on the soldering because it took me ages to do and I kept having to redo it all! I also think I could have made the design a bit more interesting to look at, although having it too big would be impractical, it would elevate the overall look of the amplifier.

Sophie Knights (Year 8)

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## Year 11 Leaver's Ball – Reminder

The Year 11 leaver's ball held at Dunston Hall is always one of the highlights of the school year, and this year it takes place on 9 July. It starts at around pm with the arrival of the students in their various amazing vehicles!

## After School Netball

Year 7 - 10 after school netball club started this week , and there was a great turn out of students. This will take place every Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm, all students are welcome.



Have a lovely weekend.

**Ross Li-Rocchi**  
Head of School