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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a good week and are keeping well.

Zoology Trip to Cambridge Offers Fantastic Insight

Last Thursday 30 Year 9 students had the fantastic opportunity of visiting the Museum of Zoology in Cambridge. As part of this visit, the students had a "meet the experts" session where a researcher from Cambridge University delivered a talk on "What can we learn from a skeleton?". This session was really interesting, and the students enjoyed handling some of the skeleton parts from different animals. Afterwards, the students wandered around the museum in groups and looked at the great exhibitions they had on display. A fantastic and very informative day!



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Students Rewarded and Recognised for Excellent Attendance

Congratulations to Frankie Gorton and Eva-Rose Southerby (both Year 8), who in assembly this week have received prizes for their excellent attendance. Form groups with the highest overall attendance have also been recognised.

At Hobart we aim for students to have attendance that is as high as possible, and use a variety of approaches to support our attendance aspirations.



Subject Stars of the Week



Ethan Gooch (Year 7) and **Henry Nash (Year 9)** for their consistent levels of effort and positive attitude in lessons. Well done, boys!

Year 11 Prom Fundraising

A massive **thank you** to the Year 11 students and their parents/carers who kindly donated easter eggs for the easter egg raffle last week. We managed to raise £117.00 towards the Year 11 Prom.

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Careers Education Spotlight – All About Apprenticeships

All About Apprenticeships is Apprenticeship Norfolk's very own apprenticeships and opportunities fair. It brings together local employers of all sizes, apprenticeship training providers and experienced apprenticeship ambassadors under one roof.



This event is for anyone who is looking for an apprenticeship or would like to know more about them. Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Speak to experienced staff and find out what apprenticeships are and how they work.
- Chat to a variety of training providers and employers of all sizes to see what live opportunities and pipeline opportunities are available.
- Speak to real apprentices find out about their experience of apprenticeships.

It is a completely free event, solely focused on apprenticeships, with actual opportunities available, and takes place on **Wednesday 18 June, 3.30pm-7.00pm** at **The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich, NR2 1TF**. There is no requirement to book, just turn up on the day! Please see the flyer on the next page for more details.

Careers Education Spotlight – Health and Care Careers Discovery Events organised by the Norfolk and Waveney Health and Care Academy

I wanted to bring your attention to three upcoming Health and Care Careers Discovery Events organised by the Norfolk and Waveney Health and Care Academy, giving parents and carers, as well as students, the opportunity to find out more about the huge variety of careers and training pathways available within the Health and Care sector. Everyone is welcome but the events are particularly aiming to target parents and carers of young people who are choosing their GCSE options, preparing for their GCSEs, and exploring next steps after college or sixth form. You will be able to explore different stands and speak with professional teams, as well as having the opportunity to attend scheduled seminars which will provide an insight into career pathways.

The events will be held in the following locations:

Great Yarmouth – East Coast College, Great Yarmouth Campus

Thursday 24 April 2025, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, **Free Parking**

Norwich – UEA, The Enterprise Centre

Wednesday 30 April 2025, 5.30pm – 7.30pm, **Free Parking**

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Year 10 Boys Football Team 2024/25 Season

League Finals Day (At Wymondham College) Monday 31 March 2025

Report by Mr Ball



This is a relatively new addition to the Year 10 season. As league winners, Hobart qualified for the competition along with Sancroft (Harleston), who were runners up from the South. These two teams would then play the winners and runners up of the North league (Wymondham College and Dereham Neatherd). The winners of each game would then play off in a final or a 3rd and 4th play-off game on the same day.

It was a shortened format with 36-minute length games. As winners of the league, Hobart faced Dereham Neatherd. It was a tight game with the best of the chances falling to a hard-working Toby Glennerster and Billy Rix, who could only direct his shot into the side netting. Hobart had more of the play and deserved to win. Defensively Hobart were solid, with good focused performances from Thomas Howe, Luca King, Noah Wattam and Archie Riches, which meant Dereham were only a threat on the counter attack. Noah Davis came on in the second half and made some good attacking runs on the right wing, which were well supported by Finley De'Ath-Farrow and helped Hobart to gain an attacking foothold in

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the game. Austin Williams had a positive impact in midfield and constantly looked to move the ball forward and create chances, however the game ended 0-0 and went straight to penalties. Aiden Robinson saved their second penalty, with an excellent, solid block. Dereham missed their fourth penalty, Hobart converted all of their spot kicks with Baxter Forder converting the decisive kick for us to go through 4-2.

In the final, we faced a very strong Wymondham College, who had two Norwich Academy players along with other students who play at the highest grass roots level. This was a tough game, which Wymondham controlled for the first 10 minutes. They scored from a long defensive clearance after 16 minutes - Archie tried to direct the ball away from their striker, however, the ball bobbed and the Wymondham player ran through to shoot low and under the body of Aiden.

In the second half, Hobart showed how together they are as a team. They worked tirelessly to disrupt Wymondham's play. Henry Burton was outstanding in the centre of midfield and showcased how hard work and determination can make such a huge impact; this helped Hobart take control of the second half. Two good opportunities came and went as mistakes from their defence and goalkeeper could have led to an equaliser. Arthur Manthorpe was constantly busy in forward positions and he enabled Hobart to pose an offensive threat. It was a shame that we could not find a deserved equaliser and take the game to penalties.

Semi Final: Hobart 0 Dereham Neatherd 0 (4-2 win on penalties)

Final: Wymondham College 1 Hobart 0

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



The [Big Norfolk Holiday Fun \(BNHF\) programme](#) provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4-16 in Norfolk. Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can claim 4 free spaces on the Easter programme, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who do not. This is the last opportunity to book activities for during the Easter break.

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All About Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships & Opportunities Fair

3:30PM-7:00PM

Weds 18th June 2025

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Ex Student Tilly Bell – Norwich Show Project Manager!

Hobart alumni Tilly Bell starred in several school productions during her time at Hobart, including being Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*. She is now at 6th Form, and has been given the challenge of project managing the show below, and would greatly appreciate it if any of the Hobart community could buy tickets. Please see the details below:

You can book tickets on the garage website by following this link: <https://www.thegarage.org.uk/shows/the-essence-of-audrey/>



[The Essence of Audrey - The Garage](https://www.thegarage.org.uk/shows/the-essence-of-audrey/)

This is a new play written and performed by Helen Anker, about the life story of Audrey Hepburn. Oscar, Emmy, Grammy and Tony award winner, Audrey is one of the great film stars and style icons of the 20th century, famous for her performances in *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *My Fair Lady*. Have you ever wondered what was behind the idyllic and seemingly perfect life of Audrey Hepburn?

www.thegarage.org.uk

We're Recruiting – Governor Needed!

A vacancy has recently arisen within our local governing board. We meet five times a year to discuss and provide feedback on a range of themes and documents linked to the school. If you are interested please email: mbillington@hoabrt.org.uk

Year 11 Leaver's Day - Photos Needed Message from Dr Wharton

As mentioned in previous presentations, I would like photos of the current Year 11 students for the Memories assembly on Leaver's day. These photos can be from the current year or previous years at Hobart or even Infant and Junior schools.

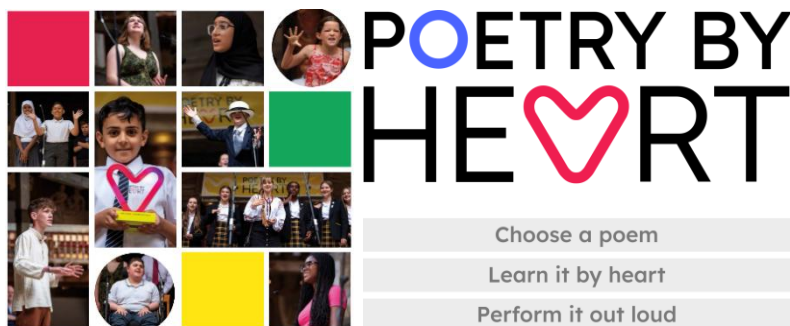
Please could you email any photos you do not mind me sharing for their memories assembly directly to my email: nwharton@hobart.org.uk

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Poetry By Heart - Student Showcase 2025

By Mrs Goodison Gates



The students who took part in this year's Poetry By Heart event at Hobart had the chance to perform their poem at the Student Showcase on Tuesday 1 April. All the students chose a poem that spoke to them, learnt it by heart, and then performed in out loud. We met regularly as a group to explore and learn different poems together, taking expert advice from visiting poets and authors. The students supported each other with their performances, giving advice and encouragement. Each student that took part has completed some amazing work and should be proud of their achievements.

As part of the Poetry By Heart National competition we can only enter a limited number of entries that fulfil certain criteria, therefore I have been collating feedback from staff and students about each performance and am pleased to announce which ones will be entered into the competition:

Freestyle Category entries:

The Freestyle category is for solo performers, or pairs, groups or a whole class – 1 poem – use your creativity to recite the poem your way.

- **Homework, Oh Homework** by Jack Prelutsky- performed by Aurelia Schaffer, Kashia Wadhams and Eva-Sydney Hodgson
- **The Perils of Breakfast** by A.F. Harrold- performed by Olive Fairhurst, Leila Thornton, Polly Barrell, Alice Aitken, Hannah Callow
- **Best Friends** by Mizscorpio- performed by Summer Stimpson and Lucy Bolderston
- **What Am I But a Child** by Walt Whitman - performed by Hope Grimwood
- **Just One** by Laura Mucha- performed by Florence Ratcliffe

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Classic Category entries:

The Classic category is for solo performers – 2 poems – it is a competition with finalists selected from every region of England to compete at Shakespeare's Globe, judged by top poets. There's a trophy for the winner in each key stage.

- **Dead Stars** by Ada Limon and **Spellbound** by Emily Bronte- performed by Hannah Callow
- **Dulce et Decorum Est** by Wilfred Owen and **I'm Nobody! Who are you?** By Emily Dickinson - performed by Verity Todd
- **Harriet Tubman** by Eloise Greenfield and **Fall, Leaves, Fall** by Emily Bronte - performed by Amelie Cox



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National Reading Champions Quiz 2025

The National Reading Champions Quiz is an aspirational event that annually recognises and celebrates the book knowledge of more than 2,000 keen readers aged 10 to 14. 23 regional heats are delivered across the whole of the UK and the winners of the heats go on to compete in an amazing grand final event in London where one team will be crowned National Reading Champions 2025.

Hobart High School took part in the East of England heat against 11 other schools across the region, with each school being represented by 2 teams.

**Congratulations to our 2 teams that took part –
Team A came joint 9th and Team B came 14th!**



Felicity Todd, Alice Aitken, Olive Fairhurst, Hannah Callow, Leila Thornton, Polly Barrell, Sophia Davies, Robert Goldson, Florence Ratcliffe.

Report on Year 11 League Finals last Thursday 27 March Report by Mr Baker

Having been unbeaten in the League this year (and on the back of a good run in the County Cup), Hobarts' Year 11 Football team qualified for the League Finals being held at Wymondham College. The semi-final was against Dereham Northgate, the team that had knocked us out of the cup in extra time, in January.

It was potentially the best I have ever seen the lads play, bearing in mind the quality of the opposition! Hobart gave the Northgate players no time on the ball, and won their battles all over the pitch. Despite the tough surface to play on, Hobart managed to play some very good football and were the better team. A very close decision on whether the ball had crossed the line went against us early on, but soon after this Ashton scored with a curling effort to the far bottom corner. Hobart continued to be comfortable in the second half, and instead of sitting back on our lead, we scored another through Dexter from a corner, to ease into the final.

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Hobarts' opponents in the final were Attleborough, who were clearly going to be a challenge, having defeated a very strong Framingham Earl team in the other semi final. Hobart competed for everything, with a special mention for Joe, who battled exceptionally throughout. At half time the score was 0-0 with the prospect of penalties after another 18 minutes. Attleborough were able to create a little more space than Northgate had, with some technical and fast players, which led to a very good goal. Dexter went on several mazy runs, with the Attleborough players finding it hard to put in a challenge. Chasing the game, Hobart were caught out late on through a counter attack to take the game away from us.

The boys have been pleasure to take to fixtures throughout their time at Hobart, and are a credit to the school. A mention should go to both Dexter and Ashton for their role in organising the team over the last two years; a challenge to which they have stepped up and shown both great maturity and knowledge.

Year 11 squad: Dexter Lee, Ashton Godfrey, Oscar Littlechild, Fin Backhouse, Jack Betney, Oscar Parker-Humphreys, Joe Collin, Matthew McRobie, Eddie Outlaw, Daniel Nicholson, Charlie Johnson, Archie Harris, Thomas Green and Noah Stephen.

Design Technology Latest – Year 7 Caterpillar/Bookmark project.

The Year 7 Design and Technology students continue to make some excellent progress with their computer aided design (CAD)/computer aided manufacture (CAM) projects. Initially they produced a CAD drawing of a simple caterpillar from a series of shapes, some designs being quite complex with permed hair, moustaches and spectacles! These where then added to the bookmark shapes that they had produced.



We have spoken about the importance of materials and costing, so students produced their first designs using a cheaper less expensive card. Once these were checked, improved or modified, the final design was completed in their chosen coloured card. As a department we have been especially pleased with both the results and the collaborative way in which the students have analysed and suggested improvement to their colleagues' bookmarks.

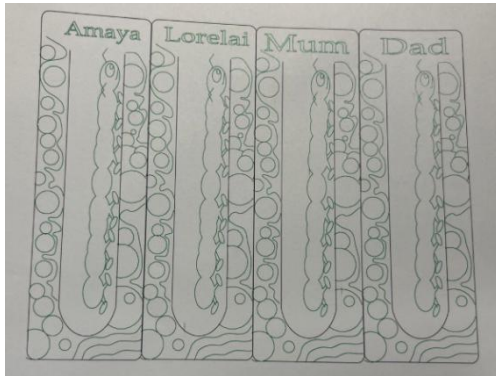
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Student comments linked to the project feature below.

This term we have been working on the caterpillar bookmark project, the goal being to create a bookmark made of a sort of plywoody/cardy material. We have done this using 2d design, a CAD program, and then using the laser cutters. Throughout this project we have used a process of trial and error to gain the best results. Robert

My bookmarkdesign has a caterpillar on the middle of it and shapes decorating the edges. It was made on 2D design and in a laser cutter. I would change a few things about my bookmark. I would print my bookmark on a slightly different colour and on the right side of the coloured board I would add things to my design to make it look even better. Miley



I made my bookmark with a caterpillar on it. I enjoyed this a lot as we were designing them for family and friends. A mistake that Mr Wright made was printing it on the wrong side but overall my design is quite good. Felicity

In tech this term we have been designing and manufacturing bookmarks and then gifting them to family and friends. I have enjoyed this project very much. It is probably my favourite tech so far as I like using computer software to design products. Thanks Mr Brown! Ernest

In technology we have been learning how to design things using a computer. We have learnt how to draw various things and how to edit parts of our designs that we don't want or don't like. I have enjoyed learning how to create features of the bookmark or caterpillar. Eliza

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Year 7 Boys Football Team 2024/25 Season

League Finals Day (At Dereham Neatherd) Wednesday 2 April 2025 Report by Mr Ball



On Wednesday the Year 7 boys football team went to Dereham Neatherd High School to participate in the South Norfolk League Finals. As league runners up, Hobart qualified for the competition along with Framingham Earl, who won the league. These two teams would now play the winners and runners up of the North league (Wymondham High and Dereham Neatherd). The winners of each game would then play off in a final or a 3rd and 4th play-off game on the same day.

Games were shorter (32-minutes), and as runners up of the league, Hobart faced Wymondham High School. Wymondham had an extremely strong side and gave Hobart very few opportunities. At half time Hobart were 3-0 down. In the second half the players worked really hard and restricted Wymondham to a couple of chances, but they were able to take these and the score finished 5-0.

In the 3rd/4th play-off Hobart faced Dereham Neatherd who had lost their semi-final on penalties. Hobart played extremely well and scored from an Ollie Burton corner, which was scrambled in by Theo Tebenham. The lead lasted until the final stages of the game when Dereham equalised. Hobart pressed for a winner, but the game finished level.

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Sadly, the game could not go to penalties due to the expectations of the bus company, which meant the team had to leave earlier than expected and did not get the opportunity to complete the penalty shoot-out. Both teams shared third place!

Semi Final: Hobart 0 Wymondham High 5

Final: Dereham Neatherd 1 Hobart 1

Congratulations to Wymondham High (The eventual winners) and well done to Hobart for excellent effort during finals day and throughout the season.

Forthcoming Events

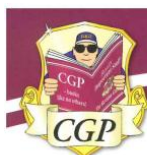
- Wednesday 23 April – students return to school
- Thursday 24 and Friday 25 April – Year 11 GCSE Art Exam
- Tuesday 29 April – Year 8 Parent/Carer Evening (online)
- Thursday 1 May and Friday 2 May – Year 10 Battlefields trip

The next newsletter will come out on Friday 2 May as we return with a 'half week'.

Best wishes and have a great Easter break!

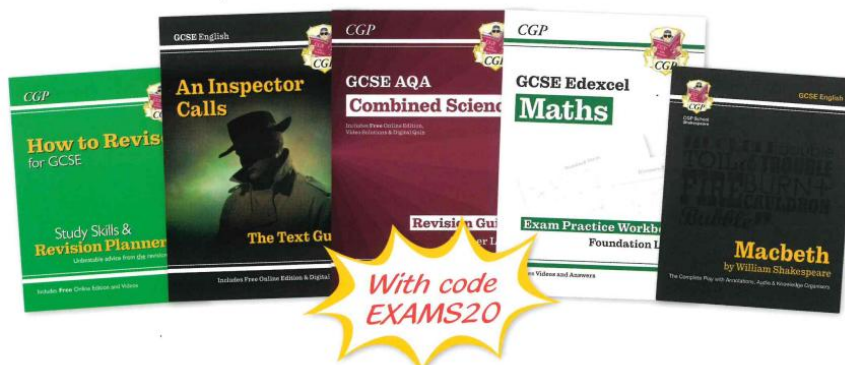
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