



The Hermitage Herald

Issue 2 – October 2024



Hello!

Welcome to October's edition of Hermitage Herald – designed to keep you up to date with everything that's been happening in our school.

It's been a busy half term at Hermitage Academy – here are some of the highlights - enjoy!

Duke of Edinburgh 2024

We've had resounding success with our Gold, Silver and Bronze DofE groups, with all students successfully completing their expeditions. Each group demonstrated excellent teamwork and strong resilience and were an absolute credit to the school. We've just recruited our largest Bronze and Silver cohorts yet for 2025 and cannot wait to see what they can do too!

For anyone in Year 10 and above who would like to take part, please talk to Mr Ward or Mrs Ford-Hutchinson for more details.

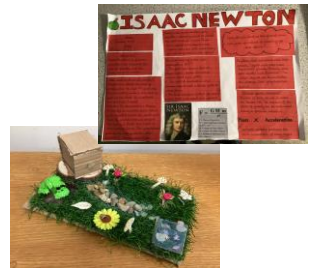


Homework Heroes - October

We think homework is an incredibly important part of school life; it allows you to consolidate what you have learnt in class, it develops important skills such as time management, confidence and self-discipline and it can allow teachers to check for any gaps in learning.

In English, we gave the students the opportunity to be creative with their Hobbit homework, and Phoenix W, Brenda A and Ruby R created some fantastic models!

In Science, Mrs Thompson set the creative task of an Isaac Newton Fact-file and the challenge was accepted by Faye E, Molly P, Lily R, Brianne C and Charlie F – well done all!



Hermitage Horrors!

We all love this time of year, and as the clocks go back and the nights are darker, we embrace and celebrate Halloween in spooktacular style!

This term we have enjoyed the Halloween Disco, this year open to all key stage 3 students, as well as a Halloween Bake off, and a chance to create a piece of creative writing in our 'Hermitage Horror Story' competition. Well done to all who took part!



Calling all Sporty students

Mr. Martin in our PE department wants to know if you are part of a team outside of school. We are always keen to forge links with local sports clubs; there are often students who would like to try something new but don't know where to start, and sometimes the hardest thing to do is to try something new by yourself. If your child is part of team outside of school, we would love a copy of a leaflet or flyer promoting your team's club to pop up on our Sports in the Community notice board! Please email Mr Martin at enquiries@hermitageacademy.co.uk, or send the flyer into school with your child.



Academy Focus: Sixth Form

Our Sixth form at Hermitage Academy is a vibrant and exciting place to study. We have a range of academic and vocational courses on offer and our team of supportive staff will help you succeed through a blend of academic focus and exciting extra-curricular opportunities and activities.

We have a dedicated space for sixth form study, but we still maintain close links with the lower school, as students still have access to our school facilities, and our students regularly lead and support in fundraising activities with the other year groups.

Our careers team, Sixth form tutors and teachers are committed to providing support in making the right study choices and future career aspirations, and to provide high quality Teaching and first-class care and guidance. We have an excellent track record of students gaining first choice university places as well as higher-level apprenticeships and employment.

The best way to experience our amazing sixth form is to see for yourself. Our open evening is coming up on **Wednesday 6th November, between 5:30 and 7pm in the Sixth Form building.** If you have a child in Year 10 or 11, come and have a look at the great things we do. In the meantime, check out our 2025 Sixth form prospectus here:

<https://www.hermitageacademy.co.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-prospectus>



Upcoming Dates for your Diary - November

| November | What's on? |
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| 6th Nov | Sixth Form open evening: 5:30-7pm |
| 11 Nov | Armistice Day |
| 13 Nov | Year 12 Parents' Evening: 3:30-6pm |
| 15 Nov | Children in Need – led by Sixth Form students |
| WB 18 Nov | Y11 and Y13 Mock exams begin |
| 18 Nov | Flu vaccinations |
| 19 Nov | Duke of Edinburgh Parents' Information evening: 4pm in the Main Hall |
| 29 Nov | Inset Day – Students not in school |



Positive Points

These students have collected the most positive points in October – Well done and keep up the great work!




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| 7 | Pearl P-H |
| 8 | Charlie G |
| 9 | James C |
| 10 | Sophie P |
| 11 | Dylan Harrison |
| 12 | Olivia B |
| 13 | Dominic B |



House news

We really do encourage healthy competition here at Hermitage Academy; collecting positive house points across the school day contributes towards the house points totals. September's winning house was Integrity, winning comfortably with over 300 points in the lead. The Integrity members were rewarded with a spooky treat at breaktime on Friday for their hard work and contribution to the success of their house. Who will be victorious next half term?

| Half-Term | |
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| 1. |  16,296 |
| 2. |  15,974 |
| 3. |  15,404 |
| 4. |  15,121 |



Keep in touch

We would love to hear from you if you have anything to share about your child. We always want to hear about sporting achievements, hobbies and interests that your child has outside of school, or even if you have something you think one of our staff should know, please do get in touch:



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