

FAMILY NEWS

Miss Thorpe, Head of Hollies Family, writes: On Tuesday lunchtime, we held our first Family event of the year, the exciting Picture Slam Quiz! Students from all year groups came together to form Family teams and compete in a fun and challenging quiz. It was fantastic to see so many students taking part, especially our new Year 7 students. The atmosphere was brilliant, and everyone represented their families exceptionally well. The results were as follows: Riddings 1st (10 points), Hollies 2nd (8 points), Beeches 3rd (6 points) and Whitehall 4th (4 points). Participation points were also awarded as follows: Riddings 1st (12 points) Hollies 2nd (9 points), Whitehall 3rd (6 points) and Beeches 4th (5 points). Congratulations to everyone who took part!



We look forward to seeing even more students involved in our next Family event! The upcoming competitions are the **Year 7 Skellig Book Quiz** and the **Fun Run** due to take place on **Thursday 1 October!**

Grace Martin, Year 11 Senior Representative of Hollies Family, writes: During the second week of the school year, I got the wonderful opportunity to speak to some of our new Year 7s in Hollies. I was very pleased to see how well they all seem to be settling in, and even more, how excited and involved with their learning, interests and hobbies they all are. For example, in Ms Walker's Year 7 Hollies form, Alice and Max both like PE (although Alice plays netball whereas Max likes swimming and athletics), Charlie and Elsa, whose favourite subject is Art, Ezra who goes to football club and played in the tournament, Freddie, whose favourite subject is Science – he also plays bass and piano, which, as bassist myself, I was very happy to hear - and Jacob and George who both like to play chess. In Miss Blockley's Year 7 Hollies form, there were people like Tommy, Grace, Riley, Noah and Frankie who all enjoy PE, Layla whose favourite subject is RE, Evan whose favourite subject is History (he also goes to History Club and collects military memorabilia!), Pippa who goes horse riding and likes sketching, and so many more. I wish I could write about them all, but we'd be here all day! It was lovely to get to know everyone, and I hope to see them working as hard as they have been for the past two weeks in the future.

HART VALUES

Miss Hallmark, Head of Year 8, writes: Year 8 have made a really positive start to the year. I am so impressed with how well they have demonstrated our HART values and how they have been such positive role models to all of our new Year 7 students. I am also extremely proud of the number of Year 8s who took part in Open Evening - they are a real asset to Hartford Church of England High School and I have received many compliments regarding their efforts, confidence and pride in showing off our fantastic school. Students of the week come from me this week: Georgia Maule, Kelsey Hollingsworth, Roxanne Bloyce, Poppy Wishart Terry, Jacob Mcnee, Eden Fung, Ayden Scallan and Nathan Travis. Well done!

Our other Heads of Year have highlighted this week's students who have proudly displayed our HART values. Well done to:

Mr Hardwick's Year 7s: Courtney Halliwell, James Hof, Summer Marsden, Zac Blackshaw, Logan Westwood and Matthew Fieder!

Mr Farrall's Year 9s: Isla Robinson, Grace Smith, Lucy Meigh, Connor Ellis-Toon, Jake Turpin, George Page, Isaac Williams, Max Foggon and Oscar Cross!

Mr Merryweather's Year 10s: Whether accruing plenty of achievement points, helping out at school events, or overcoming challenges in a new school, the following students have been brilliant this last couple of weeks - Thomas Bird, Charlotte Whalley, Ella Foster, Mia Raizyte, Even Llabres, Annabelle Garner, Lucas Gordon and Jackson Pugh! Well done and keep up the great work!

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HAPPY
Showing respect to one another. Looking after our mental and physical wellbeing.

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ACHIEVING
Working towards our goals, both academic and extra-curricular. Showing resilience and not being afraid to fail.

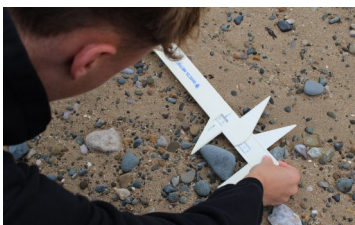
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READY
Being prepared, equipped and ready to learn every day. Wearing our uniforms with pride.

T
TOGETHER
Working together in all things - building a school family characterised by tolerance and kindness.

Miss Gregory, Head of Year 11, writes: I am extremely proud with how Year 11 have settled into their first two weeks back. A highlight for me this week was walking the site and seeing so many Year 11s working hard and revising in their first tutor time revision sessions. It has been great to see their hard working and committed attitude to learning. Standout students this week nominated from the Year 11 tutor team are: Harry Wright (11R-Drummond), Lucas Evetts, Jess Hopley, Finley Henderson, Harriet Forster, Evie Peake, Chloe Riley and Scarlet Pickup! Well done everyone!

GCSE GEOGRAPHY TRIP

Year 11 Geography students took part in fieldwork in Llandudno this week and had a fantastic time measuring beach profiles and conducting environmental surveys! Fortunately, the weather was kind for the students, whilst gaining their valuable data collection experience. Everyone worked hard and they are now in a good position to make the most of their Geography Paper preparation!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Last term, Lucas Travis (Y11) was selected to try out for Cheshire FA U16s football squad. Out of nearly 100 hopefuls, Lucas was selected to represent Cheshire and has already played his first couple of matches. Congratulations Lucas and all the best for the forthcoming season, which kicks off officially next week against Merseyside!



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Congratulations to Owen Williams (Y8), who took part in a 6 hour endurance adventure race in the South Downs on Saturday, which included running, mountain biking and kayaking on a particularly hilly and challenging course over a distance of just under 50kms, all whilst carrying a mandatory kit pack throughout the day! Owen was the youngest competitor by far to complete the course and is really proud of what he accomplished. Well done Owen - what a fantastic achievement!

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Mr Brown, Head of History, writes: Congratulations to William Martin (Y10) who received a commendation in recognition of the impressive essay that he entered into the Historical Association's Young Historian Prize 2026. Well done, Will, you have really embodied the school value of achieving!

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Mr Procter, Teacher of Geography, writes: Huge congratulations to Alegra Iskandarani on receiving her first 'stripe' at Army Cadets! This promotion is hard earned and by no means automatic. Alegra has shown dedication and commitment at the highest level. As a new Lance Corporal, she can expect to be put into leadership positions within the Detachment, coach new cadets, and represent the organisation at bigger and more impressive events! Congratulations are also in order for both James Stanton and Lily Jones in Year 11 who gained their promotions to Corporal recently, making them amongst the most senior cadet non-commissioned officers in Northwich Detachment. Well done to you all!



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Congratulations also go to Lily Bird (Y11), who trialed for Huddersfield Giants before the summer and was successful in securing a place in their U16 Regional Performance Squad as GK. Over the summer, the team won the U16 West Yorkshire Tournament. On Sunday, they took part in the Yorkshire County Regional Qualifier, going up against 16 teams from North, South, East & West Yorkshire to successfully secure a place in the Yorkshire league. They had an amazing tournament and qualified. They are now starting this league in October to battle for one of the top two places in Yorkshire to go forward to Nationals. Well done Lily – wishing you and your team all the very best!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

As part of our commitment to supporting important causes, we will be raising money and awareness for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. On **Friday 25 September**, we are asking for donations of cakes, biscuits, sweets, or other baked goods from our students, which will be sold at lunchtime. Students wishing to purchase any of the baked goods or sweets will need to bring a small amount of change with them. All proceeds will go to **Macmillan Cancer Support**, helping them continue their vital work providing practical, emotional, and financial support to those affected by cancer. We would be incredibly grateful for any donations and support from our school community.

PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Haughton, Head of Performing Arts, writes: This week I would like to congratulate Alexander Pullin and Florence O'Hara as musicians of the week, Kaitlin Myers and Gloria Osiname as actors of the week and Max Escott as dancer of the week. Well done to you all!



THINKING FACTORY

Miss McPhee, Religious Studies Teacher, writes: We had an excellent first Thinking Factory session of the year this Tuesday, where students in Years 7 and 8 generated their own 'Big Questions' before engaging in a thought-provoking dialogue about 'Perfection'. Students in Years 7 and 8 who have not attended Thinking Factory before are welcome to join us on Tuesdays after school, where we will discuss various topics, generate philosophical questions and learn how to debate.

ACTIVITY AND WELL-BEING SURVEY

The Koboca Secondary – Pupil Activity & Well-being Survey 2026/27 is a student questionnaire used by schools to collect information about students' physical activity, wellbeing, and experiences of PE/sport. The survey is a way for our PE Department to gather student-level data that can be used as a basis for areas such as student voice, PE/sport provision and school improvement. Please could all students complete the survey which can be found [HERE](#).

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mr Hepworth, School Chaplain, writes: Sunday 13 September marked Education Sunday where the Church of England celebrates their commitment to supporting education. It was pleasing to see so many within our community joining us in worship at our local church, St. John's Hartford. Rev. Mike Smith spoke in his sermon about how important formal education is from the perspective of a Biblical worldview, and how Christians, working in Jesus' name, have historically championed the building of schools and colleges for all. We are proud to be a part of that Christian tradition, as we continue to educate and support students from all faiths and none.

AND FINALLY...

Have a lovely weekend everyone! Rachel Pickerill