

HARTBEAT

Hartford's weekly School Newsletter about the community,
for the community, published every Friday

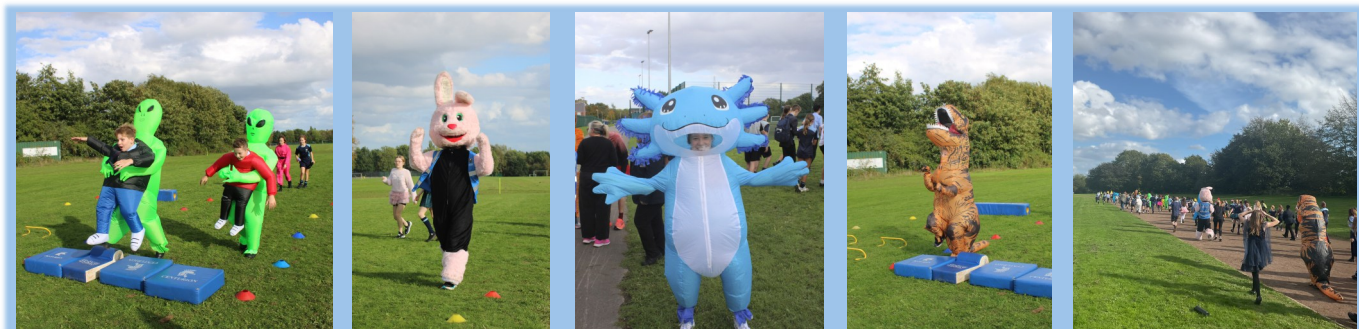
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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday, we came together to raise funds and awareness for Macmillan Cancer Support through a fantastic bake sale. A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated cakes, baked treats and money. Your kindness and support helped make the event a brilliant success, and it was wonderful to see everyone getting involved. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make the day such a lovely celebration, while supporting such an important cause. Thank you!

CHARITY FUN RUN

Well done to all the students and staff who took part in the Fancy Dress Charity Fun Run for the Meningitis Research Foundation on Thursday! We were blessed with beautiful weather for the various dinosaurs, bananas, aliens, bunnies, Jedis and other wonderfully dressed participants to make their way around the track. We will reveal the total raised next week and how many points each Family got towards the championship. Any late donations can still be made via ScoPay or given to tutors.



FAMILY NEWS

Lucas Travis, Y11 Senior Prefect for Riddings, writes: This week I got the chance to visit the Y7 forms and catch up on how they are doing at the start of this academic year. I was deeply impressed with the amount of extra curricular activities they were attending, including football, rugby, netball, baking club and drama! I also loved the enthusiasm and engagement they all had from the moment I walked into the form. Whilst there, I reminded them about all of the fantastic competition opportunities that we have on offer here at Hartford Church of England High School within our Family system. The Y7s responded enthusiastically to my question about who will be attending, and I was glad to see so many eager to participate! The Y7 Riddings forms are ones to watch!

HART VALUES

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

Mr Farrall's Year 9s: Azalia Norton, Troy Nguyen, Harriette Clarke, Logan Courtney, Olivia Drogowska, Jacob Phillips, Max Roberts and Gulsimay Yildiz!

Mr Merryweather's Year 10s: Leo Ebbs, Matthew Bray, Jack Shooter, Grace Dean, Tiana Lawton, Isabelle Swan, Sofia Toma and Harris Davies!

Miss Gregory's Year 11s: Marcie Booth, Lucas Travis, Lily-Rose Palmer, Yadigar Utus, Oliver Johnson, Philippa Johns, Jack Page, Max Escott and Oliver Barker!

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

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

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

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

PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Haughton, Head of Performing Arts, writes: This week I would like to congratulate Hannah Birtwistle and Joshua Norman as musicians of the week, Seb Halford-Maw as actor of the week and Lily Fitzgerald as dancer of the week. Well done to you all!

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Mrs Booth, Assistant Headteacher, writes: As our Year 11 students prepare for their upcoming mock examinations, we have launched our **Ready, Revise, Together** initiative to support students in feeling confident, organised and prepared. The initiative brings together students, staff and families, recognising that successful revision is a team effort. Students are being encouraged to develop effective revision habits, make the most of the resources available to them and take responsibility for their own preparation. We know that mock exams can feel daunting, and our aim is to help students approach them with a positive mindset and a clear plan. Please make use of the booklets we shared at our Scene Setting Evening to support your child at home. Thank you!

HARTFORD'S BIG SING!

On Thursday, Hartford Church of England High School and St John's Church hosted our 'Big Sing' event, in which Year 6 students from Hartford Primary School, Barnton Primary School and Charles Darwin CP School performed to, and with, some of our Year 7 students. Our Year 10 band performed as well, accompanying all of our assembled young singers in their massed item, the Oasis classic "*Don't Look Back in Anger*". Three representatives from Year 7, each of whom previously attended one of our visiting partner primary schools, spoke to the congregation about how much they are enjoying life at Hartford Church of England High School, before introducing their former schoolmates' performances. It was wonderful to hear such brilliant singing from all of the students who took part - their performances filled the church with a truly joyful sound! Many thanks to our chaplain Will Hepworth for speaking and running the audio-visuals on the day, and to Teresa from St John's Church for hosting us. We look forward to more primary school events over the course of this academic year.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Eloise Davies (Y10), who has recently taken part in trials for the Cheshire RFU player development program. Based on her performance at these trials, Eloise has been invited to join the Player development squad, where she will then represent Cheshire RFU Under 16's in county matches. Well done Eloise!

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Congratulations to all the students who took part in the Cheshire Hike last weekend and a special shout out to Joseph O'Brien (Y7), whose team finished 29th out of 78 teams, with 714 points in the Pathfinder section. Well done to you all!

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Well done to Scarlett Tilley (Y11), who is performing this week in the 'SIX' musical teen edition at the Knutsford Little Theatre. All of this alongside exam revision is a fantastic achievement! Well done Scarlett!

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On Monday evening, our U13s netball team took on Cransley in the Cheshire Cup and came away with a brilliant 27-17 win! A huge congratulations to all the girls for their hard work, teamwork and determination throughout the game. Special congratulations to Leila Moss, who was deservedly named Player of the Match. Well done, girls!

SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS



Congratulations to our wonderful cast and crew of Macbeth. After the performance was postponed due to the summer heatwave, they came back together to deliver a fantastic rescheduled show. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and determination in putting on the best performance possible. Well done to you all!

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Thank you to all 80+ students who auditioned for our next school production - High School Musical JR. We were impressed by the amount of talent we were presented with, which made the casting choices very tough indeed! The cast list has now been released and rehearsals will begin very soon, bringing the Wildcat spirit to Hartford Church of England High School!

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Very exciting times - we have had a huge turn out to our brand-new trampolining club this year! Taking place for students every Thursday, 3-4pm, open to all year groups.



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Year 7 started the year baking their favourite chocolate cupcakes. They were great - well done to all our Year 7 bakers!



LIBRARY BUZZ: A QUIET SANCTUARY

It has been fantastic to see so many of our students, from Y7 through to Y11, making such brilliant use of the school library! Whether dropping in to dive into a captivating novel, catch up on independent reading, or get ahead on homework, students across all year groups are taking full advantage of this wonderful resource.

The library offers a calm, quiet and welcoming space designed to help students focus, unwind and develop strong learning habits. With computers available for study, an extensive collection of books, and dedicated workspaces, it provides the ideal environment to achieve your best work or simply get lost in a great story. Everyone is welcome! Whether you want to drop in daily or just need a peaceful spot to focus on a task, the library doors are always open to every student. Pop in, find a quiet corner, and make the space your own!



PARENT CARER FORUM

Are you a parent or carer of children and young people with SEND? If so, come along to the CWAC Parent Carer Forum on **Thursday 15 October** 3:15pm - 4:30pm here at school, for an informal get together and to meet other SEND parents and carers! This is a great opportunity to have a chat, share experiences and connect with others who understand the challenges and joys of supporting children with special educational needs and disabilities. You can expect a warm and welcoming space to meet new people, have casual conversations and connect with other families in our community. We would love to see you there!



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On **Friday 9 October**, students are invited to '**Wear It Green**' to show their support for mental health awareness. Students may wear **green accessories** alongside their normal school uniform - no green jumpers or hoodies please!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mr Hepworth, School Chaplain, writes: Last week during our Collective Worship Assemblies, I had the privilege of speaking to our students about our school motto, "Caritas et Veritas": Love and Truth. Whatever we believe, many of us would agree that the world can seem a little bit broken at times. For Christians, it is only Jesus who can fix that broken world and create his new kingdom built on love and truth. Our school community is built on that vision of great love and perfect truth in Jesus, whilst always remaining open and welcoming to those of all faiths and none.

AND FINALLY...

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in, or attended, the various events that have taken place in and out of school this week. As our Year 7 students and members of staff look forward to HARTFest taking place this evening, I would like to wish you all a lovely weekend! Rachel Pickerill