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FAMILY NEWS

We have an absolutely fantastic term ahead, with lots and lots of exciting Family events and activities for students to get involved in! There really is something for everyone, and we would love to see as many students as possible taking part, getting involved and making the most of everything on offer.

We have our exciting Beat the Teacher: Pop Culture Challenge against Miss Thorpe and Miss Clarke on Wednesday 2 December, where students will have the chance to put their pop culture knowledge to the test! We also have our brilliant Bake Off competitions, a touch rugby competition, our Christmas tree decorating competition and so many more exciting events planned throughout the term.

Whether students and staff love sport, baking, being creative, testing their knowledge or simply trying something new, there is an opportunity for everyone to get involved and have some fun!

These events are a brilliant way to bring our school community together, build friendships, try new things and create some fantastic memories along the way.

We really want to encourage all our students to get involved! Students musn't be afraid to give something new a go, get involved with their Family and show their support. You never know, students might discover a new hobby or hidden talent!

We want to make this term a term to remember. We can't wait to see lots of students getting involved and making it a fantastic one! The staff will kick all the events off next week as Staff Traitors gets underway! Look out for an update, coming soon!



MEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS



This month, we are supporting **Movember**, a campaign that raises awareness of men's mental health and wellbeing.
You may notice some of our male members of staff sporting a new look as they grow their moustaches in support of the campaign! Throughout the month, we will also be organising a range of activities, and we encourage all students, regardless of gender, to get involved.



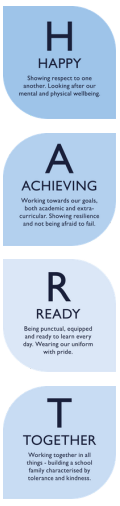
Movember aims to encourage men to prioritise their mental health, feel comfortable seeking support and help to break down the stigma surrounding mental health. Statistics show that men are less likely to seek help or access support when they are struggling with their mental wellbeing. By raising awareness and encouraging open conversations, we hope to remind everyone that **it's okay to talk, it's okay to ask for help, and no one should feel they have to struggle alone.**

YEAR 11 PARENTS' EVENING

A reminder that Year 11 Parents' Evening is due to take place on Wednesday11 November between 3.30pm and 7.00pm in the Sports Hall. Appointments can be made via our online Guardian Consultation Booking System on Arbor up until 9.00am on Wednesday morning. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to this event and working together to support our Year 11 students.

HART VALUES

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



Mr Hardwick's Year 7s: Jamie Berry, Alyssa Dobson, Evan Hepworth, Max Roberts, Alfie Jackson, Charlie Lowe and Jasmine Lambert!

Miss Hallmark's Year 8s: Miles Rimmer, Jacob Graham, Charlotte Hills, Ella Guttridge, Charlotte Matthews, Nav Yendle, Raylen Pratt and Atticus Ellis!

Mr Farrall's Year 9s: Mason Gocmen, Sebastian Halford-Maw, Summer Cheung, Robert Ingram, Lucy Meigh, Adam Ziadi, Keagan-Lee Cox and Scarlett Swales!

Miss Gregory's Year 11s: Lydia Almond, Ethan Ashbrook, Gabi Bennett, Lily Bird, Oscar Bowyer, Thomas Clinton, Mia Fisher and Lucas Flood! Miss Gregory has chosen these students due to their brilliant attitude towards learning and ensuring that they are punctual to every lesson this week. Well done - remember punctuality matters!



PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Haughton, Head of Performing Arts, writes: Well done to my students of the week in Performing Arts - Elliott Mitchell for Drama, Dexter Eddie for Music and Lauren Westland for Dance!

THRIVE



Today, some of our THRIVE students joined the site team to plant 12 new trees near the English block, following a successful bid for trees from The Woodland Trust. Our THRIVE students braved the muddy conditions and got stuck in, working together to make a lasting difference to our school environment. Well done for living our HART values! Many thanks to The Woodland Trust for donating the trees!

DIWALI



This week, our RS Craft Club students have started creating diva lights for Diwali - we can't wait to see these once they are finished!

We are also running a Family Competition for students to celebrate Diwali - a creative competition, as well as a quiz all about Diwali. The creative competition will be open for two weeks. The quiz can be collected from Ms Daniels in Re4 from Monday 9 November and students will find the answers around school. Students can enter to win some points for their Family and maybe a prize!

YEAR 7 NETBALL

This week, we hosted a friendly netball tournament where our Year 7 students took on Knutsford and Weaverham. It was fantastic to see two teams representing us, showing great teamwork and supporting one another throughout.



Both teams played brilliantly, and it was wonderful to see so many students getting involved, enjoying the experience and demonstrating great sportsmanship. A brilliant effort from everyone involved.

Well done, Year 7!

Netball takes place every Tuesday for students in Years 7–11. Students can come along, get involved, have fun and give it a go! Whether they are a beginner or already love playing, everyone is welcome!

YEAR 11 FOOTBALL



A huge well done to our Year 11 footballers who represented the school in the Mark Allen Trophy on Tuesday evening. Their commitment, determination and attitude throughout the evening were excellent. They represented the school with pride, showed great sportsmanship and gave their best from start to finish. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves – well done, lads!

GIRLS' FOOTBALL



This term girls' football is every Monday after school for students in Years 7–11. Students can come along, get involved, have fun and give it a go! Whether they are new to football or already love playing, everyone is welcome. We'd love to see them there!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Mr Hepworth, School Chaplain, writes: We're back for the new half term and have resumed our Wednesday Chapel Service. The Service is entirely voluntary, but is attended by a range of students. This term in Chapel, we've been looking at the biblical book of Romans: a book that goes to the heart of Christianity: not a checklist on being a good person, but an invitation to have peace with God through believing in Jesus. It is a privilege to be part of a community where staff and students of all faiths and none have space to ask the bigger questions and work out for themselves what they believe.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

There will be a Remembrance Parade in Hartford taking place this Sunday, 8 November. The parade assembles at Hartford Village Hall on Chester Road at 9.15am and begins at 9.40am. There will be services after the parade at St John's Church and at the Methodist Church at 10.00am.
We will be observing a 2 minute silence in school on Wednesday 11 November in remembrance.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES



Mr Hepworth, School Chaplain, writes: On Thursday morning, the Ethos Reps and I continued our tour of local primary schools, taking the long and winding road to Lower Peover Church of England Primary School. Our students represented Hartford brilliantly as we led our standard assembly on 1 Corinthians 12. According to that passage of the Bible, the Church is a place where different types of people with different gifts are united together in Jesus. Whatever we believe, it's an apt point that Church of England Schools should be places where different people of different skill sets are able to flourish and belong.

SAVE THE DATE!

With Christmas now in full force in the shops, it's time to save the date for our Christmas Dinner for students and staff, which will take place on Wednesday 16 December!



AND FINALLY

It was lovely to welcome our students and staff back into school this week for the second half of the Autumn Term.
Once again, it has been a busy start to the term for everyone, particularly for our Year 10 students, who have been undertaking important assessments this week. As you'll have read, our Heads of Family have been working hard on organising lots of exciting events for all of our students to get involved in, including the Bake Off competitions, the first of which starts next week. Have a peaceful weekend everyone! Rachel Pickerill