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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Last week, Hartford Church of England High School took part in Mental Health Awareness Week. To help reduce stigma and encourage open conversations, we displayed posters around the school highlighting common myths vs facts about mental health. These posters aimed to challenge misunderstandings and remind students that mental health is just as important as physical health.

Students also got involved by contributing to our **Gratitude Wall** during 'Pause for Thought' this week. Everyone was invited to write down something they are grateful for, helping to promote positivity and reflection. Our Student Wellbeing Representatives worked alongside Miss Little and Miss Thorpe to collect and display the messages, creating a wall full of thoughtful and uplifting contributions from across the school community.



Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the week a meaningful success!

HART VALUES

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

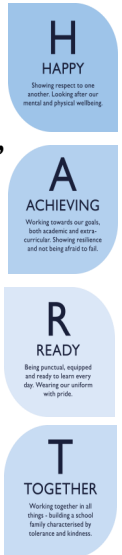
Mrs Bolster-Woods' Year 7s: Evie Egerton, Jack McHugh, Pippa Ellis, Annabelle Miles, James Smith, Philip McGreavy, Candice Lam and Charlotte Yoxall!

Mr Farrall's Year 8s: Jj Waring, Thomas Dutton-Prokop, Jack Brophy, Talia Barnett, Jake Nolan, Henry Shenton, Olivia Drogowska and Karensa Buckley!

Mr Merryweather's Year 9s: Mack Buckley-Ratcliff, Tiana Lawton, Amelia Smith, Poppy King, Finley Devall, Oliver Gomez and Keilan Davies!

Miss Gregory's Year 10s: Zackary Isherwood, Eshan Syed, Jack Riley, Naythan Twigg, Anastasia Shabani, Sienna Fletcher, Lily-Mai Aitken- Sayle and Lily Jones!

Well done everyone - keep up the excellent work!



Mr Mason, Head of Year 11, writes: A huge well done to Year 11 from me for getting through another week of exams and making it to half-term! You have been brilliant! Only a few more weeks to go and then you will have made it. Have a great half-term break. Rest, revise and re-set for the final push!

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Miss Jones, Senior Pastoral Lead - THRIVE, writes: I just wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and determination shown so far by all of our Year 11s in THRIVE. Their commitment to their GCSE exams is outstanding, and their positive, can-do attitude is truly admirable. Well done to you all - let's keep this going after the half term!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations this week go to George Hankinson (Y7). After an intensive period of trials, George has been offered a place on the Cheshire Phoenix U14 basketball team playing in the Basketball England National League! George played in the North West Premier League for Cheshire Phoenix last year and has fought off tough competition during trials to secure a place on the National team. An incredible achievement. Well done George!

HISTORY

Mr Brown, Head of History, writes: Well done to all the students who have completed their Key Stage 3 History assessments over the past few weeks. We would like to recognise a small number of students whose work demonstrated impressive historical knowledge, understanding and skill. Hannah Birtwistle (9B-Hogben), Georgie Palmer (8H-Jones), Troy Nguyen (8R-Keegan), Jake Nolan (8R-Keegan) and Lucas Brady (9R-Hayward) have all been highlighted by their History teachers for producing phenomenal assessments. Well done to you all!

CAREERS

On Thursday, Year 10 had a visit from Andy Dunn, Chief Sports Writer for the Daily Mirror. Andy spoke about his path into journalism, as well as some of his career highlights.



Andy was incredibly enthusiastic about how journalism has taken him all over the world and students matched this with some great questions about his writing and looking at journalism as a career. Many thanks to Ms Trenbirth for organising this inspirational visit and thank you Andy! We hope to welcome you back into school again in the school in the future!

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This week, a number of Year 8 students were also involved in a Future Ready programme which prepares them for employability skills in the future. They visited RMG, Brio Leisure and IAA Synnetic. A fantastic day was had by all!



HARTFORD YOUNG LEADERS

Miss Jones, Senior Pastoral Lead - THRIVE, writes: We are now around halfway through the Hartford Young Leaders programme, and when we look back at where we started, it is amazing to see the progress made by all of the students involved.

Each week, our students visit Hartford Primary School, where they are consistently kind, respectful, and fantastic role models. Back at school, they have been developing their communication skills through a range of activities and tasks that have supported their growth as Young Leaders.

Next half term, we will be designing a “Kindness Tree,” which will be created collaboratively by the Young Leaders and their mentees at Hartford Primary. We are really looking forward to seeing the finished project displayed in the primary school.

I have been incredibly impressed by all of the students involved and the development of each individual - both socially and personally - throughout the programme so far.

RUGBY

On Monday we put out our first ever girls' rugby team! Comprised of Year 7 and Year 8 girls, we played a tag tournament against two teams from Lymm and a Middlewich side. It was a great afternoon, which the girls have built to through this year. The afternoon was well enjoyed by all, with schools asking about organising future tournaments in September. Well done girls!



PERFORMING ARTS

On Thursday, Miss Haughton took 27 students to Warrington Vale College to watch a performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Students represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent attitudes and behaviour, and there were lots of smiles throughout the performance. They enjoyed the show so much that several are keen to return to watch it again during the public performances to support the college. Well done, Year 9, for your fantastic conduct and enthusiasm.

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This week, Miss Haughton, would like to congratulate George Page as musician of the week, Joshua Hollingworth as actor of the week and Summer Macdonald as dancer of the week. Well done for your continuous dedication, effort and work ethic!

MATHS

Mrs Stanyer, Maths teacher, writes: As GCSE exams wrap up, Y11s can give their old Casio calculators a sweet send-off! From Monday 15 June, students can bring their used Casio calculators to me in MA1 and receive a chocolate bar in return (while supplies last)!

Calculators should be in reasonable condition (they don't need to be fully working). It's a fun way to recycle, reduce waste, and support sustainability. Let's end exam season with a treat and help the planet too!



PTA

Please do come along and join our PTA Update Teams meeting! Regardless of whether you are an active PTA member, a volunteer, or you are simply interested in learning how our school PTA works, everyone is welcome. The next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday 2nd June at 6pm via Microsoft Teams**. Please use this link to join the meeting - [PTA Update Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#). We can't wait to see some new and returning faces!

A REMINDER FOR YEAR 11

Yearbook's are still available to buy at allyearbooks.co.uk/buy/25485. Orders must be placed by Wednesday 27 May. Prom tickets are also available on scopy - don't miss out!

AND FINALLY...

It's been great to finally see the sun shining today and we are set for a lovely bank holiday weekend! We have packed an awful lot into 4 weeks and 4 days this half term and our students and staff are definitely ready for a well-earned break! We return to school on Monday 1 June for a jam-packed half term, when Year 11 will complete their exams and leave the school, Year 10 will become Year 11, complete their exams and undertake work experience, and there's a brilliant Activities Week on offer for our Key Stage 3 students. Alongside this, we will be recognising achievement across the school in our Awards ceremonies. With so much coming up, I look forward to seeing everyone again a week on Monday! Have a lovely bank holiday and half term break. Rachel Pickerill