



**HARTFORD**  
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# HARTBEAT

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

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## FAREWELL YEAR 11!

Mr Mason, Head of Year 11, writes: As you read this, our Year 11 students will have 'left' us, with only a few remaining exams taking place next week.

**Year 11** - I am incredibly proud of the resilience you have shown and the manner in which you have conducted yourselves throughout this exam period. You have been a brilliant year group and I will miss you all hugely! Next Thursday is the 'leavers' assembly; a chance to reflect on the last 5 years and celebrate all you have achieved, with staff and each other. A week today is the prom and I am very much looking forward to that event, which will be the final school goodbye - until you return for your results in August! Good luck to everyone taking their final exams next week and good luck as well to all the Year 11 parents and carers with the prom preparations!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

A reminder of the events we have coming up next week:

- **GCSE Art Exhibition** - Taking place on **Tuesday 16 June**, between **5pm and 7pm**, in the Art Department. Everyone is welcome - we hope to see you there!
- **Dance Showcase** - Taking place on **Thursday 18 June** at **6.30pm**. Tickets are still available to purchase on ScoPay. Everyone is welcome!

## 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: Miles Rimmer, Amelia Daynes, George Hindmarch, Herbie Lawrence, Poppy Wishart-Terry, Leila Maas, Raylen Pratt and Eleri Wright!

Mr Farrall's Year 8s: Lily Dent, Jacob Cooper, Violet Lightburn, Harry Gardner, Owen Miller, Harry Hinks, Kayooran Ravichandiran and Joseph Buck!

Mr Merryweather's Year 9s: Veronica Barnett, Mia Kent, Hannah Gibson, Matthew Bray, Noah Insley, Hannah Duffy, Finley Harrop and Ben Walker!

Miss Gregory's Year 10s: Harry Myatt, Georgia Heywood-Cairns, Zac Horth, Anastasia Shabani, Oliver Hevicon, Ebony Mintonand and Lily Carter!

Well done everyone!



Miss Gregory, Head of Year 10, writes: Year 10 began their mock examinations this week and embodied our school values in an exemplary manner. Their conduct has been excellent throughout, with outstanding behaviour and a mature, focused approach. I am incredibly proud of the entire year group for demonstrating the diligence and resilience required during this important period. Well done Year 10 - keep up the fantastic work!

## THRIVE

Miss Jones, Senior Pastoral Lead - THRIVE, writes: I just want to take a moment to recognise the tremendous efforts of Nicky Porter. Nicky has worked incredibly hard to improve her attendance and has completely turned things around in terms of her attitude and engagement. We have been very impressed with her motivation to do well in her mock exams and she has been so welcoming to our new students. A huge thank you to you, Nicky, for your positive contribution to THRIVE and a big well done for showing great resilience each and every day!

## PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Haughton, Head of Performing Arts, writes: This week I would like to congratulate Connor Newland as musician of the week, Grace Berry as actor of the week and Ellie Clarke as dancer of the week. Well done for your dedication, effort and work ethic!

## MATHS

As GCSE exams wrap up, a reminder that Year 11s can give their old Casio calculators a sweet send-off! From Monday 15 June, students can bring their used Casio calculators to Mrs Stanyer 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!



## VALE ROYAL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP EVENT

Mr Hardwick, Teacher of PE, writes: This week, we welcomed 8 partner primary schools for an orienteering event, led by Vale Royal Sports Partnership. Tasks involved map reading, team building activities, and problem solving. A big thank you to Ava Patterson, Seb Price, Leo Baker, Alexander Pullin, Phillip McGreavy, Max Reid, Nia Donovan, Salma Abdelaty and Roxy Bloyce, who all represented Hartford Church of England High School as sports leaders! Great job!



## WARHAMMER TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday, Mr Wheel and Mr Wootton finished their Warhammer tournament with a flourish! After weeks of tough competition, they were down to two finalists - Thomas Linney (Y7) and Evan Williams (Y10). These two titans battled it out in an intense game, with Thomas taking an early lead and Evan clawing back some crucial points at the end, until the final turn that is, when the one-on-one was intense! While Evan got some big swings in, it was Thomas who secured the final points and firmly grasped victory with both hands! A huge well done to Thomas and Evan, who both received vouchers for some new models. Students are welcome to join the Warhammer club every Tuesday, if this sounds like something they would enjoy.



## YEAR 9 DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that all Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students have successfully completed Phase I of their training and are now ready for their practice walks. Dates for the practice walks have been given to students and will take place within tutor groups, from **3pm-5.30pm** on the following dates: **Monday 12 June** – Hallmark, **Tuesday 16 June** – Williams, **Monday 22 June** – Logie & Stephenson, **Tuesday 23 June** – Hayward & Boyd and **Thursday 25 June** – Hogben & Atherton.

Well done to all students for their hard work and enthusiasm so far. We look forward to seeing you continue to develop your teamwork, navigation and expedition skills!

## SEWING CLUB

Our Sewing Club has had a fantastic year, welcoming students from all year groups to learn new skills, be creative and have fun. Since September, members have made a range of projects, including drawstring bags, scrunchie hair bobbles, tote bags, plushie sock monkeys and zipped pencil case pouches. Students have learned both hand-sewing techniques and how to use sewing machines, growing in confidence with every project. We have been incredibly grateful for the generous donations of fabric that have helped bring their ideas to life. As the club continues to grow, donations of haberdashery items such as thread, buttons and zips would be greatly appreciated. Well done to all our Sewing Club members for their creativity, enthusiasm and hard work!



## IT

Our IT superstars of the week are Harvey Townend (Y7), Daisy Rowlands (Y8) and Darcey Peake (Y9). Thank you for your excellent effort and achievements in IT this week. You have truly displayed our HART values!

## DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE!

Beeches family are excited to be running our charity raffle event in support of Cheshire Young Carers, a fantastic local organisation that provides vital support, respite, and opportunities for young people with caring responsibilities. We would be incredibly grateful for any raffle prize donations - big or small - or any other contributions, all of which will help us raise as much as possible for this worthwhile cause. If you are able to support us, please contact Mr Wheel via email - [mwheel@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:mwheel@hartfordhigh.co.uk). Donations can also be taken to the main school reception. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## THE BIG FUTURE SURVEY

Students have recently been sent information about *The Big Future* survey via Arbor. This national survey, led by the Children's Commissioner for England, gives young people the opportunity to share their views, experiences, and aspirations, helping to shape future policies that affect children and young people across the country. We encourage parents and carers to discuss the survey with their child and support them in taking part. It is important that the voices of young people from our school are represented. Thank you for your support!

## SAFEGUARDING

We have always had a strong relationship with our local police, ensuring that our students and families are supported and safeguarded beyond the school walls. We are delighted that Cheshire Police's Youth Engagement Officer, Constable Andy Ward, is in school on a regular basis to chat our students about whatever they want. Andy is back in school on Wednesday 17 June and will be visible around site over lunchtime and available for students to speak to, should they wish to do so.

## AND FINALLY...

I was moved recently on hearing that Pope Leo had prayed a Rosary for peace, urging everyone to make this daily commitment to achieve peace... "Peace is not a naïve illusion, nor a matter to be pursued out of self-interest. Rather, it must be looked for with a sincere heart. It is a daily commitment. Peace comes from justice and love...It must start with small but important things, abstaining from every form of verbal or physical violence in daily life and also on social media...True peace starts with a heart that loves: when people speak words of reconciliation and when we look at the world with gentleness and wisdom. This is true strength, the strength of truth and love..." Pope Leo XVI.

We have a special school community founded in truth and love.

Rachel Pickerill