



**HARTFORD**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
HIGH SCHOOL

# HARTBEAT

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

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## GCSE ART EXHIBITION

Miss Sadler, Head of Art, writes: It was so lovely to celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 Art students at the Art Exhibition on Tuesday evening. We also celebrated our talented Year 8 and Year 9 students, who have been working on art club projects with Miss Hughes and Miss Ngan. Thank you to everyone who supported the event!



## HART VALUES

Mrs Bolster-Woods, Head of Year 7, writes: This week the IT/Computing department have selected our Year 7 students of the week. Well done to Ethan Aitken-Sayle, Lucas Dunne, Sam Barrett, Elsie Longster, George Hankinson, Annie Benson, Joshua Kerr and Ella Su Bilginer for displaying a fantastic attitude towards learning within your IT lessons!

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

Mr Farrall's Year 8s: Amy Fazackerley, Ganula Gamage, Georgie Palmer, Cooper Berry, Herbie York, Connor Newland, Kira McIntyre and Lucy Hignett!

Mr Merryweather's Year 9s: Eloise Davies, Henry Williams, Imelda Cook, Annabelle Garner and Lucy Dodd for their invaluable support during Y7 parents evening!

Miss Gregory's Year 10s: Brodey Scott, Yadigar Utus, Sienna Fletcher, Dani Smout, Grace Wakefield, Freddie Bowman, Tilley Weller and Isaac Hough!

Well done everyone - keep up the hard work!

**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 punctual, 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.

Miss Gregory, Head of Year 10, writes: We have now completed our second week of Year 10 mock examinations, and I have been incredibly proud of the mature attitude, determination, and excellent behaviour our students have shown throughout. They have approached this important milestone with such positivity and responsibility, and it has been wonderful to see so many members of our Year 10 cohort showing that they are ready to take the next step into Year 11. They certainly look the part too in their smart new Year 11 ties. I look forward to seeing them continue to grow and succeed over the coming year.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Allegra Iskandarani (Y9), who has successfully passed her ABRSM Grade 1 Drum Performance with Distinction! Well done Allegra!

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Congratulations as well to Lily-Mai Aitken-Sayle (Y10), who competed at the Bridgnorth Regatta, winning in her quad and double races! Well done Lily-Mai!



## PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Haughton, Head of Performing Arts, writes: This week I would like to congratulate Michael Goode as musician of the week, Curtis Falconer and Azalia Norton as actors of the week and Gracie Winnington as dancer of the week. Well done for your dedication, effort and work ethic!

## TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

Last week, twelve of our Year 9 students attended Liverpool Hope University for a technology challenge day. It was a fantastic day out, with a series of challenges where our students worked together with students from other schools across the North West. The students represented our school wonderfully, and the day was made even better by having a winning team, who were presented with their award by Dr Nicholas M Jedynekiewicz DL, Deputy Lieutenant of Merseyside. Well done to everyone involved!



## OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AT THE CHESHIRE SHOW

We are delighted to announce that, for the second consecutive year, Hartford Church of England High School has been recognised in the Schools Out Tent at the Cheshire Show, receiving the prestigious Outstanding Display Rosette! A huge congratulations and thank you to Mrs Carnell, Ms Roberts, Mrs Keegan and our Year 9 students, whose creativity, dedication and hard work impressed the judges. Their vibrant and engaging display, based on this year's Commonwealth Games theme, captured the spirit of the event and showcased



the exceptional talents of our students! The celebrations did not stop there. Our Orchestra and Worship Band also wowed the crowds with their outstanding musical performances on the second day. Their enthusiasm, skill, and professionalism were a credit to the school and greatly appreciated by visitors to the show. It was a fantastic day for everyone

involved, and we are incredibly proud of all the students who represented the school so positively. Their commitment, teamwork, and excellent behaviour helped make the event such a memorable success. Congratulations once again to everyone who contributed to this wonderful achievement!

## CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On Monday, our Year 9 and 10 Cricket Team were invited to Winsford Cricket Club for



Knights Stokes Mid-Cheshire competition, with St Nicholas Catholic High School and Weaverham in attendance. The boys enjoyed two T10 fixtures, demonstrating their skills with both bat and ball across the day. Well done to Billy Toy, Eshan Syed, Harry Wright (I0R Hardwick) Ethan Harkin, Oliver Shaw, Logan Tabberner, James Collins, Harry Dent, Zach Isherwood, Harry Wright (I0R Pargeter), James Stanton, and Leo Fowler!

## BAKING CLUB

Mrs Jones, Baking Club Lead, writes: This week at baking club, Year 7 tried their hand at Apple hand pies. Yum yum!



## **DANCE SHOWCASE**



Last night, several of our students from Years 7-11 took part in the Dance Showcase and displayed some wonderful pieces, all created by themselves. The students demonstrated amazing dedication and talent throughout the evening. Well done everyone!

## **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

This week, Mrs Turner, Miss Gregory, Miss Thorpe and Miss McPhee spoke to all of the girls in school about empowering themselves and one another, reaching for the stars, and not being afraid to be themselves. This is part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding the mental health and wellbeing of our students, and will be followed up by assemblies for the boys over the next couple of weeks, exploring how they can support one another to express their emotions without fear of judgement, and the nuances of masculinity.

## **CHESHIRE SCHOOLS ATHLETIC TRIALS**

Last weekend, a number of our students took part in various athletics events representing the Mid Cheshire schools district. Students were competing for the chance to represent Cheshire at the Mason Trophy, which takes place this weekend. Notable performances came from Holly Bryning (who won the Junior Girls 100m), Zdenka Swanepoel (who came second in the Junior Girls shot put), Harvey Brown (who won Inter boys 800m), Max Kealan (who came second in the Inter boys 100m) and Cole Staley (who came second in the Inter boys 200m). Well done to everyone involved!

## **SEA WORLD HEAD COSTUME DESIGN PROJECT**

Miss Ngan writes: I would like to praise Year 9 students - Grace Smith, Hannah Birtwistle and Rebekah Birtwistle - for their outstanding work on the Sea World Head Costume Design Project. They have been working on this artwork with me since September, and the final pieces are truly fantastic. These artworks are a form of soft sculpture created from flexible foam. They are applied art objects used in performing arts and are often designed for stage productions. Their designs demonstrate exceptional creativity, artistic talent, passion, and dedication. The attention to detail and high standard of finishing are particularly impressive, reflecting both their hard work and commitment throughout the project. Well done!



## **AND FINALLY...**

It was great to see so many of our Year 7 parents and carers at their first Hartford Church of England parents' evening this week - thank you to everyone who attended! Many thanks as well to Judi and all Hilary Maclver's family, for donating a massive box of threads to our Sewing Club, for their future projects! Have a lovely weekend everyone. Rachel Pickerill