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# HARTBEAT

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

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# **GREETING FROM THE HEAD**

On Tuesday, nine Year 9 students had a very important role to play in the tendering process for the catering management of the school. The current contract ends on 31 August and as such catering companies have been competing to provide the food service for the school from September. Alongside governors and senior members of staff, students tried a massive variety of foods and even took extra away from the taste testing for their friends! Afterwards they debated the merits of all three companies who made it to the final stage and came up with their decision as to who should be awarded the contract. Their views, representing all students,

will directly influence the food service in school going forward. The students involved were brilliant ambassadors for our school - thank you to Jo Perris, Joseph Osiname, George Birtles, Jamie Hughes, Finlay Boughey, Jess Cox, Miley Kelly, Maisie Barlow and Lily-Belle Antrobus!



## **FAMILY NEWS**

Mr Rooney, Head of Whitehall Family, writes: This final half term is shaping up to be big! Not only do we have lots of fantastic competitions and challenges but we also have the finale of this year's Family leaderboard! As it stands, **Riddings** are holding onto first place and have done brilliantly all year...however, it's not all over just yet! Students will be taking part in the Family 'Festival of Football' where tutor groups will enter squads of 10 players to compete in a 6-a-side tournament. Each year group will play against tutor groups in their year and aim to gain points for their Families. Victors will earn prizes, trophies and (of course) valuable points to boost their leaderboard stance! With so many teams and tournaments across years 7-10, this really could change the face of the leaderboard!

Additionally, we have the results of our 'Numbers Song Challenge', where tutor groups were tasked with thinking of as many songs as they could that included numbers in the title. All these numbers were then added together, with Beeches topping the list! The highest numbers for each tutor group came from 8S, 9S, 8R and 9R. Well done!

Family	Total
Beeches (8S)	6,015,813
Whitehall (9S)	3,033,278
Riddings (8R)	2,037,273
Hollies (9R)	1,557,970

# **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

Miss Sadler, Head of Art and form tutor for 9A, writes: I am delighted to report that Bethany Knight (9A) was presented with the <u>Chief</u> <u>Scout's Gold Award</u> at the end of a recent week-long camp with 1st Weaverham Sea Scouts; this is the highest Award a Scout can gain! This was a hard-earnt, and well-deserved achievement, taking into account Bethany's commitment and service to volunteering, leadership, supporting others, hiking, Scouting skills and personal challenges. Huge congratulations to you, Bethany!

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The proud parents of Rupert Nixon (8A) have been in touch to say that he recently completed a milestone of 100 Parkruns! Rupert regularly attends the 5k Parkrun at Delamere, amongst others. This is a fantastic achievement! Well done!

## WELL DONE WEDNESDAY!

Mr Mason, Head of Year 9, writes: Congratulations to students on receiving this week's 'Well Done Wednesday' acknowledgements. Thank you for continuing to display our HART values this week: Leah Stanley (9H), Jack Pickering (9H), Libby Lear (9F), Annabel Gibson

(9F), Tom Collie (9F), Gwendolyn Thomas (9T), Issy Evans (9T), Lizzie Parsons (9S), Mason Mitchell (9S), Jack Webster (9A), Dylan Coventry (9A), Harry Leigh (9R) and Ruby Ackerley (9R).

## SCIENCE

Mr Taylor, Science teacher, writes: At the end of last half term 112 students from Year 9 and Year 10 took the opportunity to compete in the BPHO (British Physics Olympiad) Challenge. Its aim was to show students that the physics they learn in lessons can be applied to examples outside of school, to situations that they might come across in the news, and to sorting out information and choosing reasonable answers. Over 14,000 students from 280 UK schools undertook the challenge which tested their general knowledge and problem-solving ability.

Everyone who took part achieved a medal, ranging from bronze (88 awards) to silver (23 awards) to gold (1 award), with a very special mention of Ben Barfield, who achieved a Gold Medal (achieving over 60%). Well done, everyone!









Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: On Tuesday our Year 7 athletes competed in the District Athletics competition at County High School Leftwich.



Even though the weather wasn't on our side, the athletes' performances were excellent, with all of our students achieving some amazing results both individually and as part of the team. We'd like to give a huge 'well done' to everyone who took part:

Thomas Harte, Ewan Scott, Freddie Garrick, Roman Birtles, Ben Walker, Tom Jeffreys, Harry Worrall, Billy Toy, Zephy Frith, Harry Lockett, Oliver Maddock, Cameron Bryning, Razvan Dragan, Holly Bryning, Mary-Ella White, Scarlett Morris, Cerys Marklove, Jess Lillis, Holly Patterson, Zdenka Swanepoel, Eloise Davies, Patrycja Redel, Grace Dean, Valentina Frizzelle and Lilia Dunne!

# PERFORMING ARTS

Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: We welcome you to share in our Arts Week, commencing Monday 24 June:



## A Midsummer Night's Dream - an immersive experience!

Mon 24 June & Taking place at school, performances at 4:30pm and 6:30pm.

Tue 25 June Tickets are £2 and will be available on students' Scopay accounts.

## **Art Exhibition**

Weds 26 June Taking place at St John's Church between 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

## **Musicals Through the Ages**

Fri 27 June Taking place at school from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Tickets are £3 and will be available on students' Scopay accounts. Bring your own refreshments!

If you're free on Sunday this weekend, please come and support our orchestra as we perform at Hartford's Picnic in the Park at 2:00pm near the cricket hut!

## **D-DAY ANNIVERSARY**

Mr Marklove, Head of Year 10, writes: Barnton Parish Council commemorated the 80th anniversary of D-Day on Thursday, and representing the Army and Air Forces, Cadet James Stanton (8S) read a tribute to all those who lost their lives. Alongside him were fellow students Bradley Driver, James Stanton, Evie Wright and Amelia



Brown, along with Mr Proctor, teacher of Geography. All paid homage to the fallen with the lighting of the Beacon.

# **STUDENT COUNCIL**



Mrs Morgan, School Chaplain, writes: On Wednesday, members of Hartford Parish Council came to school to meet with ten student ambassadors from Years 7-10: Curtis Falconer,

William Martin, Lydia Mason, Charlotte Foggon, Evan Williams, Dylan Coventry, Eden Greatrex, Nathan Yue, Tomas Dugard and Leah Smith.

The aim was to hear their thoughts on what would make Hartford a better place for the community, and in particular for teenagers. Our students had some fantastic ideas, from football nets, cycle trails, footpath maps, more bins, cycle racks and wild flower areas, to community events such as an open air cinema/concerts, community clean-up events, a community bonfire, plus lots more. These ideas will be brought to the next Parish Council meeting later this month. The councillors were so impressed with our students, that they are thinking of starting a junior council! We would love for any students to let us know if this is something they might be interested in.

# YEAR 11 PROM

Mrs Merryweather, Head of Year 11, writes: The countdown to the prom is on! We had some excellent news this week when we received an email from the Green Uniform and Baby Bank. You may remember a few editions ago that we invited parents to attend their prom event, promoting sustainability by purchasing pre-loved prom dresses and suits. The proceeds from the event were split between schools who promoted it and, thanks to the six families from our school that attended, we have received an amazing donation of £280 towards our prom!

This money has been put together with the funds raised by our prefects in their fantastic fundraising efforts and has enabled us to hire a photobooth to capture special memories of the Year 11s' final opportunity to celebrate their time at Hartford Church of England High School.



## AND FINALLY...

We welcomed Mr Jones to our school this week, a new teacher of Science and PE. Returning to school and offered a big 'welcome back' are Mr Merryweather, teaching English, and Miss Hallmark, teaching Business Studies and IT. Over the next 6 weeks they, and everyone in our school community, have so much to look forward to. We have trips, enrichment galore, awards ceremonies and even parents' evenings thrown in for good measure! I apologise in advance that parents and carers may find themselves bombarded somewhat by information about all that is happening. There is just so much to share and we don't want you to miss a thing!

Have a happy and relaxing weekend!



Rachel Pickerill

