



# HARTBEAT

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for the community, published every Friday*

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

It may have only been four days, but this week has been as busy as ever! Most notably our Year 11 students began their formal GCSE and BTEC examinations. Over the last two days all students have sat exams in Religious Education and Biology, doing so in excellent fashion. Next week sees the introduction of many options exams, more science, English and my personal favourite, maths!

Talking of maths, our younger mathematics students in Years 7 and 8 participated in the UK Junior Maths Challenge recently. Their results have arrived in school and we are very proud of all those who took part. Mrs Stanyer will tell us all about it in next week's newsletter!

## FAMILY NEWS

Mr Rooney, History teacher and Head of Whitehall Family, writes: You may remember that last week we had an after-school darts competition to help our Year 11s raise funds to hire a photobooth for next month's prom at Vale Royal Abbey. Well, we are pleased to announce that the overall winner was Cameron Bryning (7C) of Hollies family with the highest score of 227! Well done, Cameron!



This week, History club conducted a 'Henry VIII and His Wives' competition! Whitehall family came out on top, followed by Hollies, then Riddings, with Beeches bringing up the rear. This means that the updated Family leaderboard now looks like this:

<b>1st place</b>	<b>Riddings</b>	<b>238 points</b>
<b>2nd place</b>	<b>Whitehall</b>	<b>197 points</b>
<b>3rd place</b>	<b>Hollies</b>	<b>187 points</b>
<b>4th place</b>	<b>Beeches</b>	<b>172 points</b>

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, and we will be doing lots of activities in recognition of this. Miss Godfrey provides more details later in the newsletter, but that means more Family points will be up for grabs!

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: Josh Brown (10H) and Frankie Escott (10C) played in the Under 15s Cheshire Cup for Chester against Wilmslow at Wirral RUFC on Sunday. Their team won impressively by 33 points to 5! Brilliant, lads!

What's more, Josh started the Sale Sharks end of season events on Wednesday and he has also been selected to represent the North West in the rugby 7s tournament in a few weeks. We wish you all the very best, Josh!

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Miss Logie, PE teacher, writes: Congratulations go to Maisie Almond (10R) who has been awarded the Cheshire Hockey Young Female Umpire Award for the 2024 season! Over the season, Maisie has worked exceptionally hard, umpiring both junior and senior hockey games, and has also represented Winnington Park Hockey club and the school brilliantly. Excellent work, Maisie!



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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: Our summer season of extra-curricular clubs brings with it some new and exciting opportunities for our students!

At [lunchtimes](#) we now have mindful colouring in C25 and Art Homework Club in A1 every single day! This is in addition to our other daily clubs including Chat Together in A3 and use of the 3G. Other new clubs include Board Games in V13 every Wednesday with Mrs. Challinor, Year 8 Chat Tuesday in E2 with Miss Gregory and Kahoot Friday with Miss Gregory in M2.



[After school](#), our PE department continue to have a range of clubs each and every day including rounders, softball and darts. We also have some other new after-school clubs, including Wargaming with Mr Wootton every Thursday and Dance with Miss Haughton on Mondays (KS3) and Friday (KS4).

**Students can find all available clubs on the notice boards in their tutor rooms.**

**We encourage everyone to give at least one of them a try!**

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## WELL DONE WEDNESDAY!

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Mr Mason, Head of Year 9, writes: My Year 9 students winning 'Well Done Wednesday' this week are Grace Bannister (9T), Lilly Marsh (9T), Kayden Hatton (9S), Caitlin Parry (9S), Will Godwin (9A), Georgie Pearson (9A), Freddie Rigby (9D), Ethan Hudson (9D), Zephyrine Aji (9F), Alphonse Rijo (9F), Miley Kelly (9R) and Eric Scott (9R). Keep up the good work, displaying those HART values!

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## PERFORMING ARTS

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Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: There are lots of exciting artistic events coming up in the next few weeks! Here are some dates for your diary:



9 June	The orchestra are performing at Hartford's Picnic in the Park at 2:00pm
19 June	The orchestra are performing at the Cheshire Show mid-afternoon...tickets are on sale soon
24 & 25 June	Our immersive performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream...tickets are on sale soon
26 June	KS4 Art Exhibition at St John's Church, Hartford, from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Please join us!
27 June	Our inaugural Arts Awards Evening - more details to follow
28 June	Musicals Through the Ages...tickets on sale soon

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## CHAPEL

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Mrs Morgan, School Chaplain, writes: We will be holding a [Pentecost service](#) in Caritas Hall during tutor time on Monday 20 May...all students are welcome to come along!

Also, Chapel is back every Monday lunchtime from 1:40pm in C23, and all students are welcome to come along! They can get their lunch first, and I look forward to seeing them there!



*"Come and See..."*

**John 4:29, The Bible**

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Miss Godfrey, School Counsellor, writes: I teased last week about some fun activities taking place for Mental Health Awareness week...well, I'm pleased to announce that these activities include:

- 'Sing for your mental health' - students can request to take part in a singing session during tutor time on Wednesday. They should check Satchel for details!
- 'Bake for your mental health' - after school on Wednesday. Again, students to check Satchel if they would like to put in a request to take part.
- Mental Health Fair - also on Wednesday. The Family who bring in the most cakes for this Fair will win a prize! Students are to drop off cake donations at Caritas gym on Wednesday morning.

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK**

**TUTOR TIME**  
Move It & Make!!! Exercises to get you moving

**FAMILY ASSEMBLY**  
Thursday & Friday: Topic Mental Health & Faith

**BREAK TIME**  
Monday-Friday Disney Mental Health Quiz

**LUNCH TIME**  
Celebrities with Mentally Ill Health Scavenger Hunt

**WEDNESDAY**  
Mental Health Fair  
Allocated times will be released to teachers.  
**CAKE SALE COMPETITION!!!**  
After school BAKE competition between families.

**DAILY**  
Around the World Challenge  
Art Competition

**FRIDAY £1**  
Wear It Green Day  
ACCESSORIES ONLY

## AND FINALLY...

Our Year 11s and many previous Hartford Church of England High School students will have known Barbara Woodward, who worked as an exams administrator at the school for many years. Barbara retired from our school after a long period of service last week. We wish Barbara all the very best for the future.

I hope that everyone enjoys the sunshine this weekend, and that our Year 11 students can enjoy some 'down' time amidst the revision.

Rachel Pickerill