

HARTBEAT

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GREETING FROM THE HEAD

This week has been our first ever 'Activities Week'! Students in Year 7 spent the week in performing arts and art workshops. Year 8 students have experienced many aspects of STEM. As I write this, our Year 9 students are either on a Duke of Edinburgh expedition, recovering from a D of E expedition or playing any number of sports that they have experienced for the first time ever - golf, curling and indoor hockey to name a few! Meanwhile, out of school, Year 10 students have spent the week experiencing the world of work. We have visited them in their placements, and they have been fantastic, with lots of praise being heaped on them for their initiative, hard work and diligence.

A huge well done to all our students and an even bigger thank you to all of the staff who have facilitated a week of amazing experiences !

FAMILY NEWS

Mr Rooney, Head of Whitehall Family, writes: Next week will be our chance to celebrate all of the successes of the Family system in its inaugural year. We have accomplished so much already in such a short space of time, yet we can't wait to continue to develop next year with the help of our student leadership team!

We will have a Family service at St John's Church for each Family next week to celebrate our successes and reflect on a brilliant academic year for our school. We will also find out the final results of the Family Competition as Sports Day points will be added to the

leaderboard! It is down to the wire on the last week!

Riddings	Whitehall	Hollies	Beeches
386	364	353	332

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the students and parents who have really shown our values this year and been involved in any of our activities. Whether it was a bake-off, fun run, disco, movie night, football competition, Harry Potter quiz, subject competition, Christmas tree decorating, silly Olympics, tutor time challenge, or any of the other events we have put on this year, our students and parents have always risen to the occasion and supported us. Thank you!

Miss Gregory, English teacher, writes: The winner of the Family Summer Poetry Competition is Leo Ebbs from 7T! Well done for earning extra points for [Whitehall Family](#)!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



We are happy to report that Year 8 students Rupert Nixon, Noah Smith and Evan Williams of 1st Hartford Scouts, took part in the District Scouts Sports Day last Friday evening at Witton Albion Football Club. They and their two team-mates from other schools came out as winners of the event! Well done, boys!

On Saturday 29th June, Leah and Noah Smith took part in the St Luke's Midnight Walk from Reaseheath College to Crewe Station and back, totalling 11 miles. They were part of a larger team including their sisters (former Hartford students, Mary and Anna), and several others from St John's Church, walking in memory of Fiona Hughes.

As a group, 'Team Fi' raised £1,954 for St Luke's Hospice - smashing their target of £1,000. What a wonderful achievement for a very worthy cause.



Mrs Kelsall, Attendance Officer, writes: Grace Senior (8C, pictured with England Netballer Paige Reed) recently took part in the annual SCI Sports Netball Tournament held at Butlins, Skegness. It was a huge event, with over 1500 children in attendance. Grace and her team came second! Very well done, Grace!



WELL DONE WEDNESDAY!

Mr Mason, Head of Year 9, writes: It's been a somewhat different week but it has been amazing to see the Year 9 students engaging with all of the various activities (organised and delivered by our hugely committed staff). On the back of this, here are my 'Amazing in Activities Week' students:



Bethany Knight (9A), Isabelle Wardil, Beth Jackson, Olly Robinson, Kayden Hatton, Jamie Hughes (9S), Alphonse Rijo (9F), Yzabelle Thomson, Bella Cox (9C), Millie Davenport, Georgia Twibell (9R), Lucas Yardley and Jess Solomon (9H)

PERFORMING ARTS

Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: I was lucky enough to watch Tia Holman (Year 10) and Isabelle Pope (Year 11) perform beautiful vocal performances at The Grange Theatre over the weekend. The event was called 'Rising Stars' and I do believe that Tia and Isabelle are our rising stars of the future!



We would like to say a 'big congratulations' to Wayne Wong (7R) who has just achieved Grade 5 with distinction for his recent piano exam - well done, Wayne!

ACTIVITIES WEEK

Ms Philippou also writes: What a fantastic week for our Year 7 students during this Activities Week! They have experienced Greek dancing, samba drumming, Brechtian Theatre and Flamenco dancing, to name but a few. All of our students were brilliant!



There were, however, three Year 7s in particular who have truly represented our HART values all week, so I must mention Eloise Davies (7R), Cameron Bryning (7C) and Billy Toy (7F) - well done!

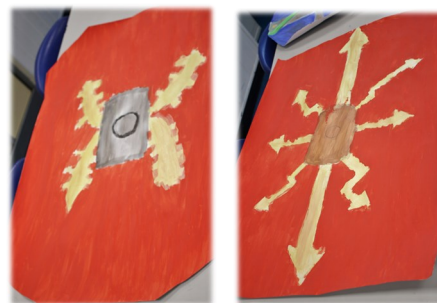
Mr Taylor, Science teacher, writes: For Year 8 Activities Week, students embarked on an exciting STEM week, filled with hands-on activities that sparked creativity and curiosity. They launched air rockets, raced balloon cars, and crafted their own speakers. Chemical rockets and stealthy shoe projects showcased their scientific ingenuity. Teams competed to build the tallest towers and solved challenging maths problems. Artistic flair was displayed in the creation of coats of arms and model castles, while "Wish You Were Here" tasks added a personal touch.



Students unanimously enjoyed the experience, relishing the opportunity to develop teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills in a fun, engaging environment!

HISTORY CLUB

Mr Atherton, History teacher, writes: In the final History Club of the year, students were asked to design Norman or Roman shields using paint kindly donated by the Art department. It was great to see such a large turnout for the final session of the year; students had a lot of fun discussing and debating the effectiveness of the Roman Legions throughout History as well.



We are looking forward to hosting more History Club sessions in September! Congratulations to all who attended!

LIBRARY

Attention all students! Grab yourself some bargain books for your summer reading! The school library has lots of really good quality ex-library stock for sale for just £1 per book!

Books will be on sale in the library on Thursday 18 July during break and lunch and Friday 19 July during break.

BAKING CLUB



Mrs Jones, Baking Club lead, writes: In our last baking club of the school year, the students made chocolate orange muffins - one of my favourites - and they turned out so well! Hopefully my bakers can keep up the good work over the summer!

PTA

Miss Gregory also writes: We are excited to announce that we are relaunching our PTA for next year and we would love for you, our parents and carers, to join!

Your level of commitment can be as little or as much as you would like, and your support would mean a lot to our young people. If you are interested in becoming a part of this important initiative, please email agregory@hartfordhigh.co.uk.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make such a positive impact!



AND FINALLY...

Monday is the start of the last week of the school year! It promises to be a brilliant week including Sports Awards on Tuesday. We will be selling ice pops at lunchtime every day and on Friday at breaktime students can even purchase special goodies in our 'end of year tuck shop'! We look forward to completing studies in lessons, reviewing the year and sharing the many, many highs with our students.

Have an enjoyable weekend and, who knows, we may even be celebrating an England win on Sunday evening!

Rachel Pickerill