



# HARTBEAT

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for the community, published every Friday

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

As I write this, I have just returned to my office from our final event of the school year! In a year of firsts, we held our inaugural 'whole school assembly' where we brought the entire school together to reveal the results of the Family championship and sports day! It was a wonderful occasion where I had the privilege of speaking to the school community together, thanking them for all that they have done and wishing them an enjoyable summer. It's been an incredible year of many highs and in our final newsletter of the year, we share more special moments with you.

## FAMILY NEWS

Mr Rooney, Head of Whitehall Family, writes: In the final entry for this year, I can announce our Family competition winners!

After a long, hard fought and tightly contested year, the winners of the inaugural Family Competition are (drum roll please)... **RIDDINGS!**

A massive 'Congratulations' to all students, teaching staff, associate staff and parents who have worked hard this year to claim the first Family trophy! Students were presented with this trophy in our whole school assembly, and it will be on display all year for all to see! Commiserations and also congratulations to the other Family groups as **Whitehall**, **Hollies** and **Beeches** pushed the Champions all the way as you can see by the final results below!

Riddings	Whitehall	Hollies	Beeches
1035	1010	1001	912

Softening the blow of not winning the Family competition, Hollies were today announced as the overall winners of Sports day and were presented with the Sports Day trophy! This was a proud moment for Head of Family, Miss Logie, who said that if there was one competition that she wanted to win as a PE teacher, it had to be sports day! Congratulations to all the students and staff of Hollies Family for their victory!

Thank you everyone for all of your support and contributions this year. It was great to have the opportunity to celebrate successes this week by coming together as Families at St John's for a celebration service, as well as handing out Family awards during our weekly assembly slot.

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## FAMILY NEWS

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I also have the sad job of announcing two goodbyes to Head of Family roles this year. Miss Logie will be taking up the Head of Girls PE role in our school from September, whilst Mr Jenyons is leaving Hartford for a new role at Middlewich High School. We thank both members of our inaugural Head of Family team for their enormous Family contributions and we all wish them well for their next adventures! Whenever one door closes, a new one opens, and I am excited to announce that Mr Merryweather will take over as Head of Hollies and Miss Gregory will take over as Head of Beeches. They are both excited to bring lots of ideas and enthusiasm to the Family system in September, and Mr Perry and I are looking forward to it!

Myself, Mr Perry, Miss Logie and Mr Jenyons hope you all enjoy your summer, have the opportunity to rest and recuperate, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September where the Family competition will be bigger and better!

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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We are pleased to report that the parents of Lucas Wrigley (9F) got in touch to celebrate his taking part in the Runcorn Regatta last weekend, representing Northwich Rowing Club with his Junior squad in a coxed quad. They beat Royal Chester and Queens Park Chester to claim gold medals! Brilliant, Lucas!

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George Holland (9C) recently took part in a Charity Cricket Match, raising funds for Shelter and for Cancer Research UK. A fabulous day was had by all and a total of £3,000 was raised to share between these two fantastic charities! Well done, George!



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## YEAR 8 BUDDIES

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Ms Daniels, Year 6 Transition Lead, writes: Thank you to the Buddies from Year 8 for their amazing work and the support they gave to the Year 6s on the induction days. Year 6 had a wonderful time, meeting new friends and teachers and finding their way around. The Buddies will continue to support them throughout Year 7.

Congratulations to the following students for their successful applications to become a 'Buddy': Deedee Nelson, Hannah Kerr, Grace Wakefield, Gabrielle Ogden, Lydia Mason, Lucas Travis, Harry Wright, Zach Smith, Holly Parker, Isla Harrington, Oliver Barker, Chloe Riley, Sophie Jones, Josie Turpin, Lily Rose Palmer, George Unitt, Lauren Westland, Alice Owen and Evie Peake.



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## WELL DONE WEDNESDAY!

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Mr Mason, Head of Year 9, writes: My final 'Well Done Wednesday' students of the school year are Isabel Lees, Sophie Stubbs (9H), Ben May, Stylianos Kandyltzoglou (9A), Olly Robinson, Jamie Hughes (9S), Ava Gilgrass, Madison Foster (9D), Lucas Wrigley and Samuel Mawrey (9F). Well done!

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## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

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Miss Ferrie, Food Technology teacher, writes: Year 9 were fantastic during activities week. There were so many incredible dishes made in the 'Ready, Steady, Cook' lesson; I am a very proud food teacher! Here's a small selection of what the students served up!



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## MATHS

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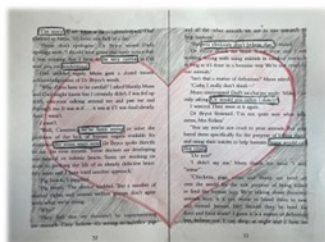


Mrs Stanyer, Lead Practitioner in Maths, writes: A big 'congratulations' to Year 8's Noah Smith and Lucas Evetts who did so well on the Junior UKMT that they managed to progress on to the 'Pink Kangaroo Round', reserved for the very top performers nationally. Noah even managed to achieve a certificate of merit, something only 25% of the participants are awarded! Amazing!

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## ENGLISH

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Ms Trenbirth, English teacher, writes: I am delighted to share with you some Blackout Poetry, put together by our THRIVE students! Blackout Poetry is the art of



focusing on, or rearranging, certain words in an existing piece of writing to create a different meaning to the original. The students really enjoyed the task, which is reflected in their wonderful work!

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## PERFORMING ARTS

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Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: On Wednesday, 45 students gathered together for a pizza and karaoke night in the Music Department. The big news shared was about our next school play...ladies and gentlemen, we are off to see the wizard! Coming to you in March 2025 - The Wizard of Oz!

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## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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Miss Godfrey, School Counsellor, writes: While many of us are looking forward to the summer break, we know that there are some students or families that may find it a struggle. Remember that there are resources to access support:

<a href="#">National Self-Harm Network</a>	<a href="#">Kidscape</a>	<a href="#">Childline</a>	<a href="#">Frank</a>
<a href="#">Young Minds</a>	<a href="#">Beat</a>	<a href="#">LGBT Youth</a>	<a href="#">Samaritans</a>

CAMHS Crisis Line: 0800 145 6485, Local Mental Health Support: 0300 303 3972

Miss Sadler, Head of Art, writes: It has been a very busy and productive term in the Art department! Students have been working hard and have produced some fantastic artwork!

Year 7: Greek pots and Aboriginal hangings



Year 8: Surreal rooms and insect printmaking



Year 9: Self-portraits based on the work of Shepherd Fairey and Graffiti-style t-shirts



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**AND FINALLY...FROM THE HEAD**

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As the year draws to a close, colleagues inevitably leave us to move to pastures new. As well as Mr Jenyons, we say goodbye to Katie Christie (Teaching Assistant), Harry Edgar (Maths Teacher) and Allan Clark (Strategic IT Manager). We wish all these staff well in their future careers.

Looking forward, over the summer we will launch our new website - more details coming soon! And in October, our first meeting of the newly-formed PTA will take place. Please join us if you'd like to get involved no matter how big or small a role you'd like to play.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Wednesday 4 September. Please check out our Facebook page for more information where we will be keeping you in touch with developments over the next 6 weeks!

Thank you to every member of our school community for your support, hard work and dedication throughout this academic year.