



HARTBEAT

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GREETING FROM THE HEAD

Today marked a significant milestone in the school journey of our Year 11 students. With very few exams today, Year 11 were able to participate in their last 'full' day of timetabled lessons. They enjoyed signing each other's shirts as part of this occasion, and getting staff to join in the fun of signing too! With many exams left to undertake from June 3rd onwards, Year 11 now embark on a different school timetable where exams will be combined with revision sessions and periods of independent academic study. We look forward to celebrating their leavers' assembly and prom with them once the exams are over!

FAMILY NEWS

Mr Rooney, Head of Whitehall Family, writes: This week in Family news, students have recently been competing in subject activities, including a Geography "guess the country by its shape" challenge, an MFL culture quiz, a DT chair model design competition, a piano competition, and a poetry writing challenge. Students have gained points in these competitions, and now the leaderboard looks like this...

1st place	Riddings	250 points
2nd place	Whitehall	224 points
3rd place	Hollies	216 points
4th place	Beeches	200 points

Students have been very busy this half term, and we would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Year 11 students who helped fundraise for their prom in the midst of their exams. A big thank you also goes to all other students who have been extremely respectful towards their Year 11 Family members during the exams by following our HART values, being quiet and respectful when passing the exam hall.

Finally, we had our year 8 disco on Thursday evening which was a great success and all students had a really good time! DJ Perry had us all dancing, no matter how badly (ahem...)!



We hope everyone has a restful half term break and comes back ready to enjoy our final summer half term, with lots of events, challenges and, of course, we will find out who wins the inaugural Family Competition! There will be lots of rewards and prizes up for grabs, too!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

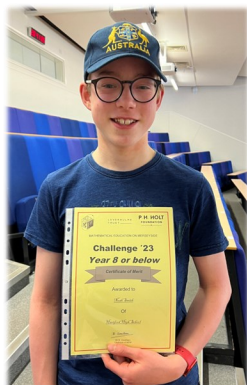
Mr Hardwick, PE teacher, writes: Congratulations to Hartford FC girls who defeated Winsford Town 3-2 on Saturday 18 May to become champions and holders of the U13s County Cup; the first girls' team in the club's history to get to the final!



The girls battled through many rounds, facing tough opponents all across Cheshire. Well done, girls; what a fantastic achievement! Players from Hartford Church of England High School are Summer Thompson (8R), Neve Foster (8T), Savannah Eden (7R), Luna McClellan (8R), Lucy Kenny (8R), Olivia Fallows (8R) Maja Golda (8R), Lily Finnigan (8R) and Lydia Mason (8R).

Anika Holmes (7S) and her Northwich Victoria Under 12s team won the Mid Cheshire Champions League! They are a new football squad who only came together at the start of this season but entered into the top league to challenge themselves. They went on to win the league, with three games in hand, winning 23 of 24 matches! They have worked really hard all year, training twice a week (including holidays), and overcoming many obstacles along the way.





Leah Smith (10A) and Noah Smith (8A) recently took part in maths challenges outside of school and both received Certificates of Merit: Leah in the Senior Challenge Competition (Y10 and below), and Noah in the Challenge Competition (Y8 and below), run by Mathematical Education on Merseyside. Very well done to both students!

WELL DONE WEDNESDAY!



Mr Mason, Head of Year 9, writes: My Year 9 students who have been rewarded for displaying their HART values this week are Caitlin Parry (9C), Hayden De Sousa (9T), Oli Glover (9A), Kai Brocklehurst (9S), Benton Tong (9A), Liam Mosley (9T), Grace Heslop (9H), Hayley Miller (9H), Lily Thrower (9R) and Victor Nzeife (9R).

I am very pleased with all of them!

PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Bates, Drama teacher, writes: The following students were selected to watch the year 12's level 3 BTEC showcase at Sir John Deane's College: Caleb Jackson, Arlo Gent, Tia Holman, Evie James, Scarlett Briers, Eleanor Lewis, Lily Thrower, Elsie Shaw, Jonathan Merton and Ava Gilgrass.



The Sixth Form college students were showcasing their talents across the arts. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to be inspired by the creativity and talent presented by the SJD students. I am delighted to say all our students displayed our HART values at all times!

Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: On Monday we had a visit from Nic Abbot from Rotary in Northwich. He came to help judge our piano competition, whereby the lucky winner would receive free tickets to a Piano Recital at the Grange Theatre on 31 May, with classical pianist Francesco Attesti.



Nic announced Wayne Wong as the winner! Wayne performed 'Ballade Pour Adeline', composed by Paul de Senneville. However, all of our pianists received well-deserved praise for their high standard of musicianship. Enjoy the show, Wayne!

PE



Mr Hardwick, PE teacher, writes again: A group of our Year 8s were invited by Cheshire Football Association to attend a 'round robin' tournament against other local high schools at Moss Farm. The boys involved were absolutely fantastic on the day and were a real credit to Hartford Church of England High School, showing great teamwork and respect for others.

Well done to Harry Worrall, Dylan Porter, Henry Baker, Will Martin, Oliver Shaw, Jack Cross-Williams, Alfie Shovelton, and Louis Tours!

DT

Miss Jump, Art and DT teacher, writes: I was really pleased with the entries for the latest DT design competition, where students were challenged to create a palm-sized, 3D model for an Olympic viewing chair.

Students were encouraged to use a variety of different materials for their model; we had entries using Play Doh, cardboard, wood and cocktail sticks, amongst others!

The winning entry was from Olivia Collins in 8D, who in turn, earned points for Riddings Family. Well done, Olivia!



LIBRARY

Mrs Lea, Librarian, writes: We have a new quiet reading room opening from Monday 3 June in the Library! This is one of the fantastic changes we are making to the library to ensure students receive the best possible experience.

For students who love to read, our library is open at break times from Monday to Thursday for quiet reading sessions. During these lunchtimes there is peace and tranquillity; no noise distractions (not even the sound of a computer or printer). It will just be the student, their book and their imagination!



For any students who may need help with homework or want help selecting their next reading book, the library is open before school from 8:00am to 8:25am, during lunchtimes and after school until 4:00pm.

Students can also access the online library via the school website to view and reserve books from home. To request login details please email me at jlea@hartfordhigh.co.uk



Y6 TRANSITION

Ms Daniels, Head of Transition, writes: Year 6's can feel a little nervous about the school change from primary to secondary, so our Year 7s recorded a video about moving up to high school where they talked positively about the school transition. Ten Year 7s took part in recording a video for Year 6 children, which will be played in leavers services in Chester Cathedral. Almost 2000 Year 6 children and their teachers will see it, in addition to the Bishop of Stockport, the Dean of Chester Cathedral and the Director of Education.

Thank you so much to Jacob Marshall, Savannah Eden, Gracie Hassall, Thomas Harte, Summer McDonald, Alice Slinger, Freya Atherton, Jacob Bunnell, James Barfield and George Williams for their time and input!

AND FINALLY...

This week, two colleagues who have worked at our school for a number of years moved on to enjoy retirement. Julie Farrow has manned our school reception wonderfully and will be familiar to many parents and Nicola Dilworth has been an active member of our PTA and an unsung hero in our finance office. Both are leaving us to spend quality time with their families. We thank them for all that they have contributed to our school community.

For all staff and students, today marks the start of our May half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Have a happy and relaxing half term week!

Rachel Pickerill

