

Update



What's been happening at Hartford CE High School



Year 11 Prom
Sports Day
Maths
Art
Music
and so much more...

SUMMER 2019



HEADLINES: JULY 2019

As I write this I only have to look back in my diary to remind myself of how busy this term has been for our students. We have said goodbye to our fantastic Year 11s, who coped admirably with the second year of the new demands of GCSEs this summer. Their Prom on June 26th was a very well deserved celebration of the end of the exams for which they have worked so hard. I am sure they will be well rewarded with excellent grades in August.

June also saw our Sports Presentation Evening and Sports Day – it was great to have dry weather for the latter event and even better to see that Green House became the third different winner in three years – surely it must be Yellow's year in 2020?

On the artistic front, we have had the pleasure of our excellent Summer Music Concert and the fantastic production of School of Rock – I am always so proud to see students of all year groups working and collaborating so well together to entertain us.

July has seen another oversubscribed group of Year 6 students on induction with us – we look forward to them joining us permanently in September when the school will have over 1050 students on roll. Additionally, we have been able to celebrate the success of all students at our formal Commendation Days and hundreds of our youngsters enjoyed the Reward Trip at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

A personal favourite was the invitation I received to walk on the roof of our new building with 9 of our Year 9 students from our builders, Wates. The views from the top were stunning and we were given a really informative update on the progress of the new build - which is on track to open at the start of March 2020.

Some changes you will need to be aware of from September:

- **The West Building will be called Caritas** (the new build will be called Veritas) both named for our school motto
- The East reception will close in July and from September all arrivals at school will be managed through the reception in Caritas
- Uniform sales are now on line (but you probably already knew that!)
- The Finance Office will be located in Caritas
- Students will be able to eat in either canteen at lunchtime (currently this is House based)
- Midshires will be our new catering providers

As ever, we have a great deal to do at the end of the term and this includes saying goodbye to a number of colleagues – we wish them well in their future ventures.

May I also take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a happy and peaceful summer holiday.

Roll on September!

In 'Caritas et Veritas'

M Holland (Headteacher)



Thankfulness

“I pray that you put your slippers way under the bed tonight, so that when you wake up in the morning you have to get on your knees to reach them. And while you’re down there, say thank you [to God]...”

It was with these words, encouraging thankfulness, that Hollywood actor Denzel Washington drew to a close his address to the graduates of Dillard University in the USA back in 2016. Mr Washington is a Christian and knows that everything we have comes from God. As the Bible says:

“Every good and perfect gift is from [God], who does not change.”

James 1:17

As our Year 11s have left us after 5 years in school, we hope they did so with thankful hearts. They do have so much to be thankful for: the end of their GCSEs(!); an opportunity to have an education – something not everyone around the world has; dedicated teachers/staff who go the extra mile to help them get that extra level; freedom of religion and speech so they can express their views and grow in understanding of others; friendships made that will hopefully last for many years come; trials and tests to stretch and challenge them so that they grow in wisdom... The list could go on!

What about us? We don't need to reach a watershed moment in life to cultivate an attitude of thankfulness. We can simply pause daily and take stock of our lives. What are the things we value and appreciate – our home, health, school, family, friends, food, clothes, phone, freedom...? Do we take them for granted, or do we get down on our knees, either literally or metaphorically, and give thanks to God for them?

“If you were to wake up tomorrow with only the things you thank God for today – what would you have?”

What would you have tomorrow? What are the things for which you give thanks today? Do you, do I, need to cultivate a heart that is more deliberate and expressive in thankfulness? For a Christian, thanking God should be the most natural thing in the world. Everything that a Christian has, has come from God: all their joys and sorrows, triumphs and trials, highs and lows, and the greatest gift of all – eternal life.

Our Year 11s have spent months working hard in order to get the grades they need for the next stage of their lives. The tendency is for us all to view heaven in the same manner. We work hard all our lives in order to make the grade – be good enough – so we can get to heaven and enjoy ourselves. A Christian knows he/she does not need to work hard at being good in order to earn the right to enter heaven. Jesus simply asks us to trust that his death was sufficient to deal with our failings (sin) – to pay the penalty they deserve.

I am thankful that I do not have to labour to get to heaven! This doesn't mean I don't work hard in living in obedience to God's commands – I do! But when I mess up, I don't despair and think I have blown it – I simply say sorry and move on, free to live a life pleasing to God. I am grateful that I can live with peace in my heart. What will you give thanks for this summer?

Revd Phil Highton



Year

Hartford's annual Year 11 Prom took place at the beautiful Vale Royal Abbey on Wednesday 26th June. In a month of rain, we were lucky to have a warm, dry evening.

11 Prom

The venue was set and the cars started to arrive - what cars! There were Teslas, Lotus, Ferraris, Hummers, Limos, a fabulous camper van and even a car that danced!

Many photos were taken, including a whole year one on the red carpet, before entering the great hall (and yes, it was very Hogwarts, as many Year 11 pointed out) to start the food. Awards were given and Ben Brown and Freya Stafford were crowned Prom King and Queen.

The dance floor was filled all night with an eclectic mix that included Twista, Dexy's Midnight Runners and the much requested Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond. Students (and staff) made good use of the photobooth and a good time was had by all. If you would like to see these photos please join the prom Instagram account @hcehsprom

We wish all our Year 11s the very best and are really glad that they had an amazing send off. Now to next year - the date is Thursday 25 June 2020.

Ms Ryder





I would like to say a huge thank you and congratulations to the cast, pit band, and all involved for their dedication and hard work!

This year, Ms Philippou and I decided to put on a production of School of Rock the musical. We were overwhelmed by the number of students who came to audition - therefore we thought it would only be fair to have two casts in order to really showcase the talent of our students.

A research trip to London to watch the show, saw us embarrassing our students over on the Hartford High School twitter account with a picture of our 'rock poses.' Despite this, we were able to take loads of inspiration for staging, set design and costume back to Hartford.

Throughout the year, all students involved have been working exceptionally hard and have been committed to their weekly rehearsals alongside all of their other commitments, both in and out of school, truly challenging themselves.

In addition to the brilliant acting talent, we have also seen a vast array of musical talent, through both our performers on stage and our pit band; meaning that all songs performed in the show have been live, and of a professional quality.

We have also had students helping behind the scenes in many areas; on the technical aspects of putting on a show, in hair and makeup, and in co-directing.



I hope that you have enjoyed this experience, and, after your summer break, hope that you will be ready to audition for the next school play!

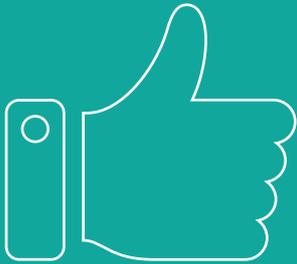
Ms Kilgannon & Ms Philippou

Junior Maths Challenge Success 2019

Students at Hartford CE High School achieved 3 golds, 6 silvers and 24 bronzes in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge.

Well Done!

Over 270,000 students from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.



Special mentions go to Alice Webster 8A, Charlotte Small 7C and Anna Smith 7H, who all achieved a gold certificate

The Junior Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. It is aimed at those in Year 7 and 8 and is sat in schools.

For further information contact Miss B Crerar.

The UK Mathematics Trust is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. It organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for UK secondary school students. Further information about the Trust and its activities is available at www.ukmt.org.uk

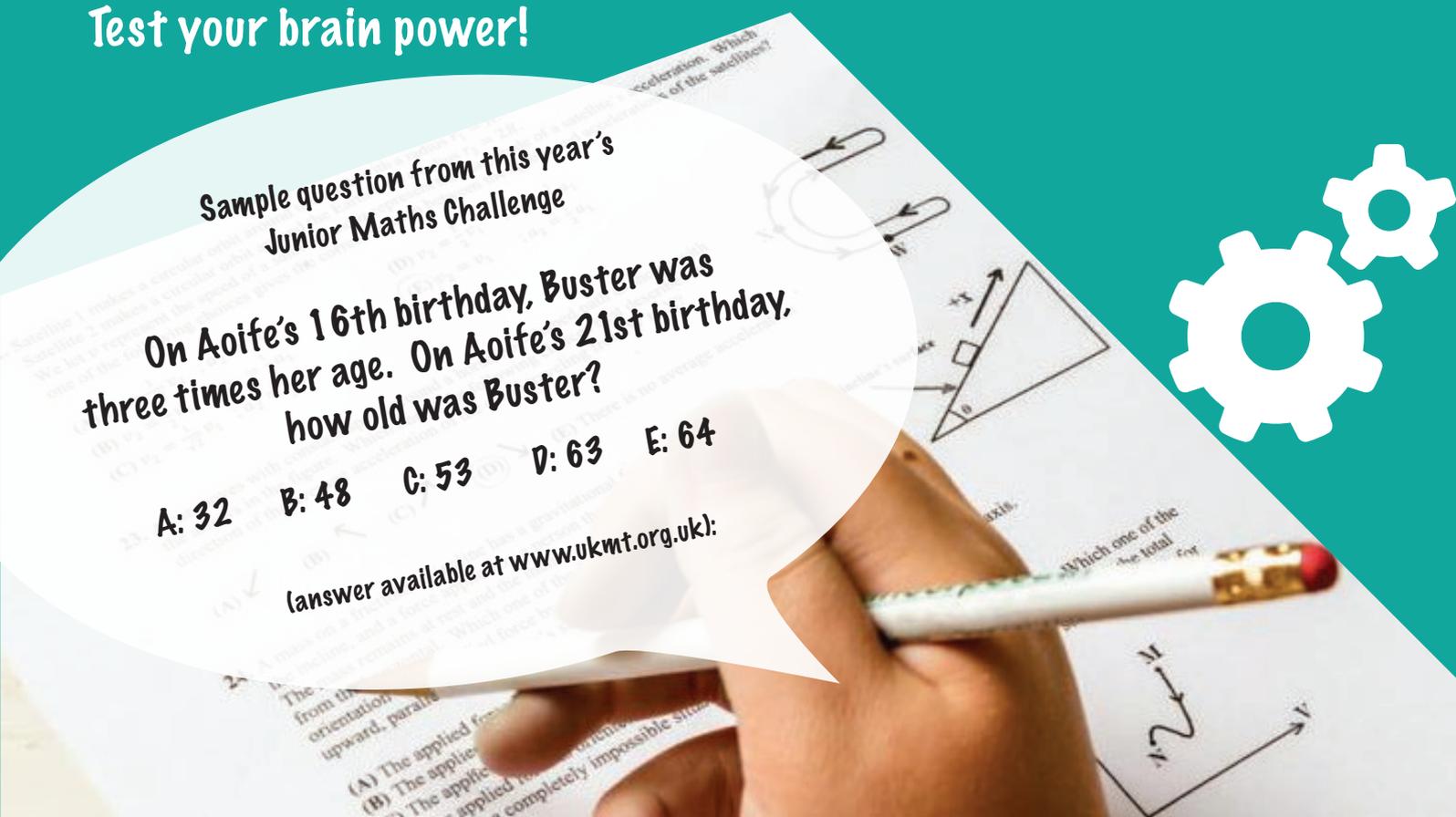
Test your brain power!

Sample question from this year's Junior Maths Challenge

On Aoife's 16th birthday, Buster was three times her age. On Aoife's 21st birthday, how old was Buster?

A: 32 B: 48 C: 53 D: 63 E: 64

(answer available at www.ukmt.org.uk):



MUSIC NEWS!

Resident DJs Charlie Boulton 9F and Matthew Dee 8H took to the decks to entertain students with top hits during Sports Day.



HARTFORD FUN RUN

It is always a great pleasure to perform at any event organised by Hartford Parish Council. During this year's Fun Run Nina Martin 9H, Cara Berry 8T, Henry Baynham 7C, Jack Davison 8T and Nathaniel Westwell 9C performed alongside Mrs. Bushnell Wye in our woodwind group, entertaining runners before they set off for their run. It was also a great pleasure watching many of our own pupils supporting this fantastic local event.



SUMMER CONCERT 2019



It is always a pleasure working with our young musicians to showcase their annual musical achievements. As always, the Summer Concert is a time to say goodbye to Year 11 orchestral members many of who started orchestra in Year 7, we say goodbye by dedicating pieces to them. For Leah Holland we performed Under The Sea, for Thomas Beckett Brass Band performed the Theme to Dad's Army, for Harry Buckley we performed Don't Stop Believing by Journey, for Naomi Crowder woodwind group performed the Theme to Lord of The Rings and finally for all Year 11 including Eleanor Yearsley we performed Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen.



*Always a pleasure
working with our
young musicians*

There were many highlights worth mentioning, such as Year 5 from Hartford Primary School performing a medley from Aladdin, Chamber Choir's performance of Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol, Year 7 singers, guitarists, Tom on the drums, JJ Price on the piano and Archie Rees on the clarinet performing I'm Yours by Jason Mraz. Also, many of our bands performed; we had our Year 9 band Cascata (Nina Horne Martin, Nathaniel Westwell, Katie Turner, Anna Yevseyev and Mary Smith), Adolescence (Idris Christian, Reuben Makin, Jack Davison), our Year 10 band Miniscus (Josh Ashley, James Clarke, Adrianna Davison, Alex Dutton) and a Year 8 band showcasing their Rock n' Roll classwork under the guidance of past pupil Tom Clarke (Jack Davison, Bryn Daniel, Cara Berry, Sam Zaho, Holly Chennell).

PHILHARMONIC TRIP

We are very lucky to have iconic music venues such as The Bridgewater Hall and the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, with fantastic orchestras, within an hour's drive away. When a brochure promoting the music of John Williams in Steven Spielberg films came through the post, it was an opportunity we couldn't miss. Thirty students from Year 7 to Year 11 travelled to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to watch the magnificent Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra play music from Indiana Jones, ET, Catch Me If You Can, Hook and many more films; the music combined with cinematic visuals entertained our pupils. Once the concert finished



our students gave a standing ovation, however some of our students questioned why Star Wars was not played. Having explained Star Wars was not directed by Steven Spielberg we sat back down to an encore which was, to the excitement of many students, the epic music of Star Wars. This was the perfect finishing touch to a fantastic evening. Our students were a real credit and were complimented for their good behaviour by many audience members.



**Fun was
had by all.**

ICE SKATING

As a big thank you to our musicians in Chamber Choir, School of Rock Band and Orchestra we arranged a non-musical activity and went ice skating. Whilst the sun was shining outside we ventured to quite possibly one of the coldest places in the North West - Planet Ice in Altrincham. All students had a fantastic time with beginners clinging on to the side of the rink and our more advanced skaters floating on the ice with confidence. There were many falls, quite a few bruises and one sprain, but thankfully no broken bones.



NINA HORNE MARTIN

Nina Horne Martin 9H, our young oboe player, took up an exciting opportunity with The Royal Northern College of Music to perform alongside young oboe players and young bassoon players. In one session she played the music of Mozart alongside the theme from one of the greatest cinema films, The Magnificent Seven



PICNIC IN THE PARK

Summer fun is always worth celebrating and this summer we were invited to enjoy the summer weather (believe it or not, it was sunny) at Picnic in the Park organised by Hartford Parish Council. A group from our Chamber Choir performed a number of wonderful pieces including the Four Chord Song, songs from Seasons of Love and Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol. Directed by Mr. Thompson, the group sang beautifully and showcased our fantastic vocalists.

RACHEL HOFFMAN

During our first term, way back when we started the academic year, one of our past pupils came to visit us, Rachel Hoffman. As a student cellist of the Royal Northern College of Music, member of the ELO Experience and freelance musician, she talked to our BTEC pupils of her studies and working freelance. We also had the honour of listening to her perform at our Certificate Evening. Since working with us, we are very proud to announce she has graduated with a First Class Honours in Music at the Royal Northern College of Music.



Wishing all our students the best of luck:

ABRSM EXAMS

The following students are taking their ABRSM exams at the end of the academic year. We wish them luck.

NAME	INSTRUMENT	GRADE
Leah Holland	Trumpet	6
Nina Martin	Alto Sax	7
Cara Berry	Clarinet	2
Thomas Holmes	Clarinet	2
Henry Baynham	Clarinet	2
Anna Smith	Trumpet	3
Bryn Daniel	Trombone	3
Harry Buckley	Euphonium	5
Thomas Beckett	Trumpet	4
Anna Yevseyev	Trumpet	4
Mary Smith	Trumpet	6
Stanley Miller	E Flat Horn	3
Isabelle Flemming	Piano	1
Ethan Dimelow	Piano	1
Holly Chennell	Flute	1
Jack Davison	Piano	1
Anna Smith	Guitar	1



André Adams

André has been performing at a number of music festivals this Summer.

In June he performed at the Lion Salt Works Museum in Wincham, where he met two other young musicians who have learning difficulties too. Both have Dyslexia – a perfect opportunity to raise Neurodiversity awareness.

Well Done!

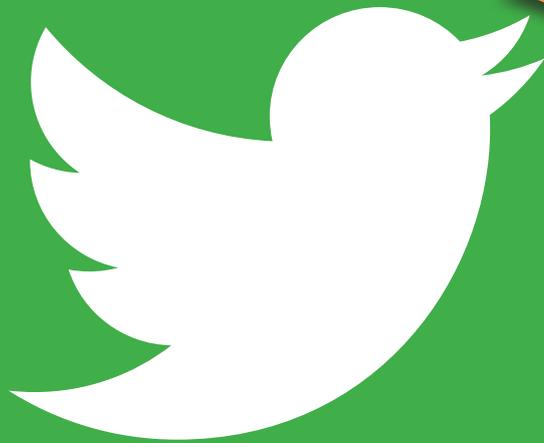


Also in June, André raised Neurodiversity Awareness at the Christopher Maloney Academy where many of the children have ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and Autism.

On 4th July at the Petty Pool Music Festival, over 400 students, teachers & careers enjoyed all 3 of André's performances. He raised the school's profile and autism awareness.



English news



Tweet the English department with a picture of you reading in an unusual place - maybe the zoo, a beach or even upside down in your garden.

**Tweet us on
@hartfordenglish**

Word of the Week

As part of our literacy drive we now have WOTW. These are displayed in each classroom alongside the word origin and how to use the word in a sentence linked to different subjects.

This term so far we have had the following words...

Concede

Consequent

Convince

Conclude

Contemporary

Conduct

Consist

Convene

*Ask your child
and see if they
can use the words
at home!*

Equivalent

Equal





With us being in Year 10 and having already experienced Conwy before, it was still so fun and enjoyable. We had an amazing time and managed to fit so much in just two days. Each of us took part in two activities and orienteering over the course of the trip. The activities were an amazing experience for everyone, and allowed them to try new things even if it was out of their comfort zone. The disco on the second night was so much fun and everyone looked amazing, it allowed them to socialise and it even got a few teachers dancing. The trip gave everyone a chance

to make new friends and to strengthen the current friendships already made in the year. It let the year group have a chance to get to know one another outside of the usual school environment and Conwy was also a great place to meet other people in their year who they may not have talked to before. Overall, Conwy was a great experience for everyone! It was a way to interact and experience new things, and I hope that all the Year 7s enjoyed it as much as we did.

Charlotte Gowing 10T

Menai trip



CRESSIDA COWELL'S

Waterstones Children's Laureate Charter



Every child has
the right to...

1. Read for the joy of it
2. Access NEW books in schools, libraries and bookshops
3. Have advice from a trained librarian or bookseller
4. Own their OWN book
5. See themselves reflected in a book
6. Be read aloud to
7. Have some choice in what they read
8. Be creative for at least fifteen minutes a week
9. See an author event at least ONCE
10. Have a planet to read on



The Waterstones Children's Laureate Charter

Cressida Cowell, of 'How to Train Your Dragon' fame, has recently been made Children's Laureate and has created the following charter. This is something that we at Hartford have been working towards for the last few years. Thanks to our fabulous library staff, all of our Year 7 pupils receive a book of their choice and have access to a wealth of books in their fortnightly library lessons. We also run a book swap where pupils can exchange a book for a new one.

Reading is such an important part of life - in particular for GCSE exams that require pupils to read source materials, extracts, articles and experiments, alongside longer questions.

Please encourage your child to read, as studies prove reading boosts results in all subjects from Maths to English - and everything in between!

We wish them the best of luck when they go on to present their idea in the Grand Final at Wembley Stadium on 10th July.



NATIONAL ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE

On Friday 7th June, 30 of our Year 9 students participated in the National Enterprise Challenge which was led in school by the 'Inspirational Learning Group'.

Their brief was to create a new event or competition that will help get more women participating in football.

After some fantastic ideas and presentations, the independent judging panel voted team NFF as the winners. Their idea focused on a feast of neon football!

The winning team consisting of Jessica Connor 9A, Tess Jackson 9H, Isobel Sanders 9H, Billie Turner 9R and Sophie Williams 9S - pictured here receiving their certificates.

Red House Cake Sale

The Red House Captains held a cake sale over lunchtimes on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July under the bridge to raise money for the Red House charity. Pictured are House Captains Beau Antrobus and Daniel Holloway, Vice House Captains Jack Broughton and Caitlyn Rowe with Courtney Groves and Elanor Warner – Sports Captains. Just on the Thursday, we raised £86.90 from all the cakes, biscuits and sweets we sold. A big thank you to anybody who contributed or bought any of the cakes!



A young man with glasses and a black t-shirt stands in a classroom. Behind him is a whiteboard with chemical equations and a projector screen displaying the text 'Oxford Interviews'.

Oxford
Interviews

Ben Lakeland

It is always good to hear about how ex-students are getting on, and what they are up to. On Monday 8th July 2019 we were fortunate to have a visit from Ben Lakeland, who left Hartford CE High School 5 years ago. After leaving Hartford in 2014, Ben went on to Sir John Deane's 6th Form College, before being accepted to Corpus Christi College, at Oxford University, where he is now in his third year reading Physics.

Ben came in to talk to some of our Year 9 students about life at this prestigious university, answer the many questions they had and dispel some of the myths surrounding academic life and getting into the top universities.

It was quite inspiring for the students to listen to the experiences of someone who, 7 years previously, had been sat in the exact same seat as they are now, preparing to embark on their GCSE courses in September.



Humanities trip to Sicily

April 2019

Our trip to Sicily started at a very reasonable time in the afternoon as we flew from Manchester at around 4pm. Once in the air we all did a quick swap so we were sitting with friends and settled down for our three hour flight to Catania.

Our hotel was situated right on the beach, at a seaside town called Giardini Naxos and we had some lovely views across the Bay from our windows and balconies.

On day one we headed off on the ferry to Lipari Island off the north coast of Sicily. The island is beautiful with magnificent views. We learnt about the fascinating history of the island as our guide led us to some of the stunning sights in the old town and inside the original city walls. We met at the harbour to enjoy ice cream and Gratin, a traditional Sicilian iced coffee served with a brioche. After exploring the towns and taking many photos of the panoramic scenery, we hopped back on the ferry until we reached the island of Vulcano. This island has an active volcano, so there was no surprise that there was a very strong smell of eggs due to the sulphur! We enjoyed the sunshine and paddled in the thermal springs, that bubbled away in the shallows of the sea, before taking a walk around to the black sands beach. On the way back on the ferry, we were able to see the stunning landscape, including views up to the smoking volcano. In the evening, we took part in a fun quiz with everyone desperate to win - as cream eggs were the prize!

Day 2 saw us set off to the beautiful town of Taormina set high on cliff tops with stunning views across the sea. First we headed off to the Roman amphitheatre, where our guide told us all about the fascinating history of the ruins and we learnt that in the summer they still hold plays and show films in the open air. After lunch we were allowed some free time to go shopping and explore the old pedestrian town of Taormina. As we headed back



to the coach we learnt that the Giro di Sicilia (a cycling race) was passing through, so we all stood to watch the spectacle as they sped downhill past us. From here we headed off to Alcantara gorge, an amazing series of waterfalls carved though an ancient lava flow. They were shooting a scene for a film on the beach by the river and the director gave us all an orange! We then headed back to the hotel where we enjoyed time on the beach. Later that night we all went off to a local bowling alley to show off our bowling skills...or not!

On the last day of our trip we travelled part of the way up Mount Etna to a shop where we could taste a selection of locally produced honey and other dips which many parents then received as gifts from the trip! Unfortunately, the road up to Mount Etna was closed due to heavy snow (very unusual in April) so we visited the town of Catania instead. Despite the rain, we all loved walking around the market and took the opportunity to embrace the Italian culture and try some delicious pizza! Later that night we headed off to an Italian restaurant to learn how to make pizza ourselves and then we enjoyed what we had made.

We all really enjoyed our trip to Sicily and want to say a big 'thank you' to all the staff who made it such a memorable time.

DOT Art Competition

Mary Smith's winning entry 'Matilda'

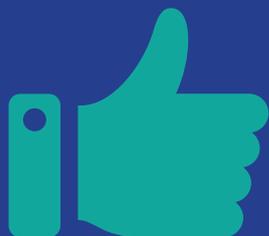
The first Art project for Year 9 this year has been to produce a piece of work inspired by the 'doodle' artist Jon Burgerman. All pupils in Year 9 completed the task with the intention of having work put forward for the Cheshire schools DOT Art competition.

The first stages saw work being narrowed down in school to just 25 allowed for submission. Those entered were works from :-
Maddie Haddock, Alisha Seddon, Charlie Morris, Isobel Sanders, Alfie Naylor, Ellie Johnson, Jennifer Riley, Ruby Clark, Katy Ball, Sam Brady, Paris Basset, Thomas Greaves, Erin Cloherty, Eleanor Bradbury, Katie Turner, Grace Roberts, Nina Martin, Isabelle Buck, Grace Sperring-Toy, Isabelle Barnett, Hermione Mason, Anna Yevseyev, Isabelle Fleming, Mary Smith.

From the 25 submitted, a panel of Art experts selected just 3 of the top art works from each school which were then subjected to a public vote for a winner.

We are very proud of all our entries which can still be seen on the Cheshire Schools DOT Art Site by following this link <http://cheshire.schools.dot-art.com/school/index/name/hartford-ce-high-school>

A round of applause to our first prize winner Mary Smith 9A and to our runners up
Charlie Morris 9H
and Sam Brady 9H.



'Dictator'
by Charlie Morris
1st Runner up



'Fake News'
by Sam Brady
2nd Runner up



PE News

Summer 2019

Athletics News



Mid Cheshire Year 7

Well done to both athletics teams in Year 7, who competed in the Minors Mid Cheshire athletics competition at The County High School, Leftwich. There were some great performances and some fantastic results, with Lucy Allman 7F winning the long jump and Robbie Price 7C winning the 1500m.

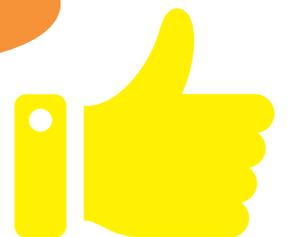


Cheshire vs Merseyside

Robbie Price 7C was selected to represent Cheshire at the inter-county match between Cheshire and Merseyside.

Robbie won the 1500m and set a new personal best of 4:54.3.

Congratulations Robbie!



Cheshire Schools Athletics Championships

A number of our students were selected to represent Mid Cheshire at the Cheshire Schools Athletics Championships at Victoria Park.

Cameron Bourne 10F won the inter boys discus.

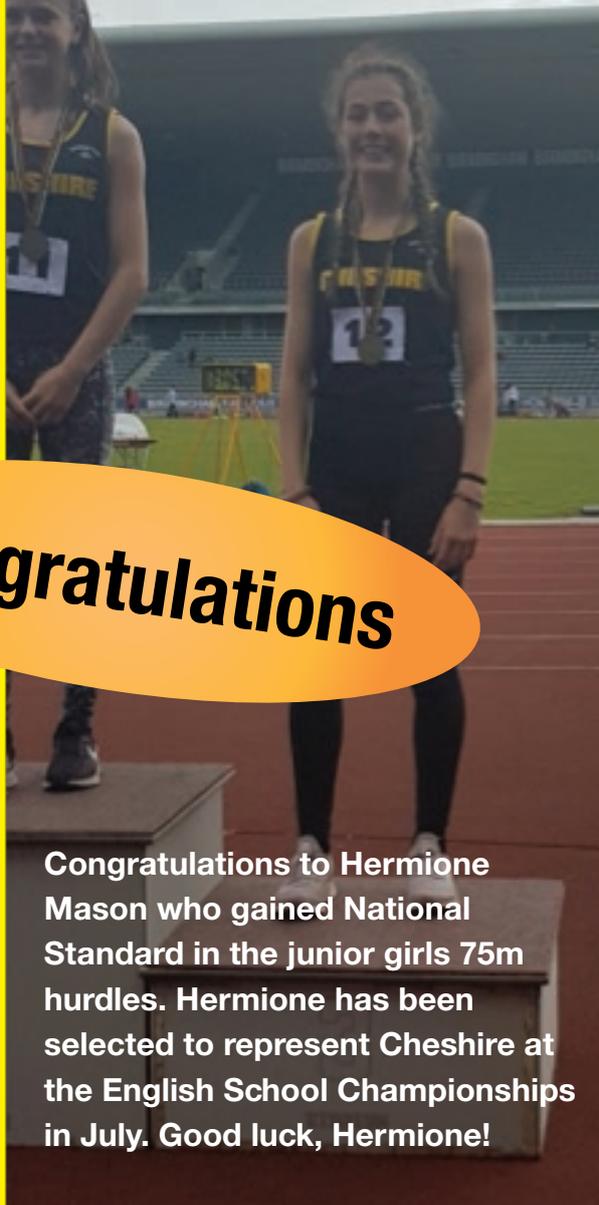
Grace Roberts 9T came second in the junior girls 800m.

Hermione Mason 9T came 2nd in the junior girls 75m hurdles and gained a new personal best and national standard of 11.4.

India McDonald 8R came 3rd in the junior girls discus.

Mason Trophy

Following on from the Cheshire Schools Athletics championships, 3 of our students were selected to represent Cheshire in the Mason Trophy at the Alexandra Stadium in Birmingham. Cameron Bourne competed in the inter boys discus and Grace Roberts competed in the junior girls 800m. Hermione Mason won bronze!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Hermione Mason who gained National Standard in the junior girls 75m hurdles. Hermione has been selected to represent Cheshire at the English School Championships in July. Good luck, Hermione!



Primary Sharing

It has been a good year for all of Hartford's cluster schools in primary competitions; participation numbers have been excellent and there have been lots of fantastic performances across a range of sports. The summer term has provided lots of opportunities for the primary students, with the Year 5 and 6 Quad Kids event at Hartford followed by the Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills event, in addition to the Sports Partnership events. Following the success of both competitions, the current Year 6 students took their first steps towards secondary school; the PE department provided the new students with an opportunity to experience practical lessons. The lessons included cricket, rounders and softball. Students were also provided with the opportunity of after school clubs, which were very well attended for both Football and Netball.

On the final day of their transition, all Year 6 students participated in a mass Quad Kids Athletics event where they were aiming to set their personal bests, whilst also having the opportunity to work in teams with their new tutor groups.

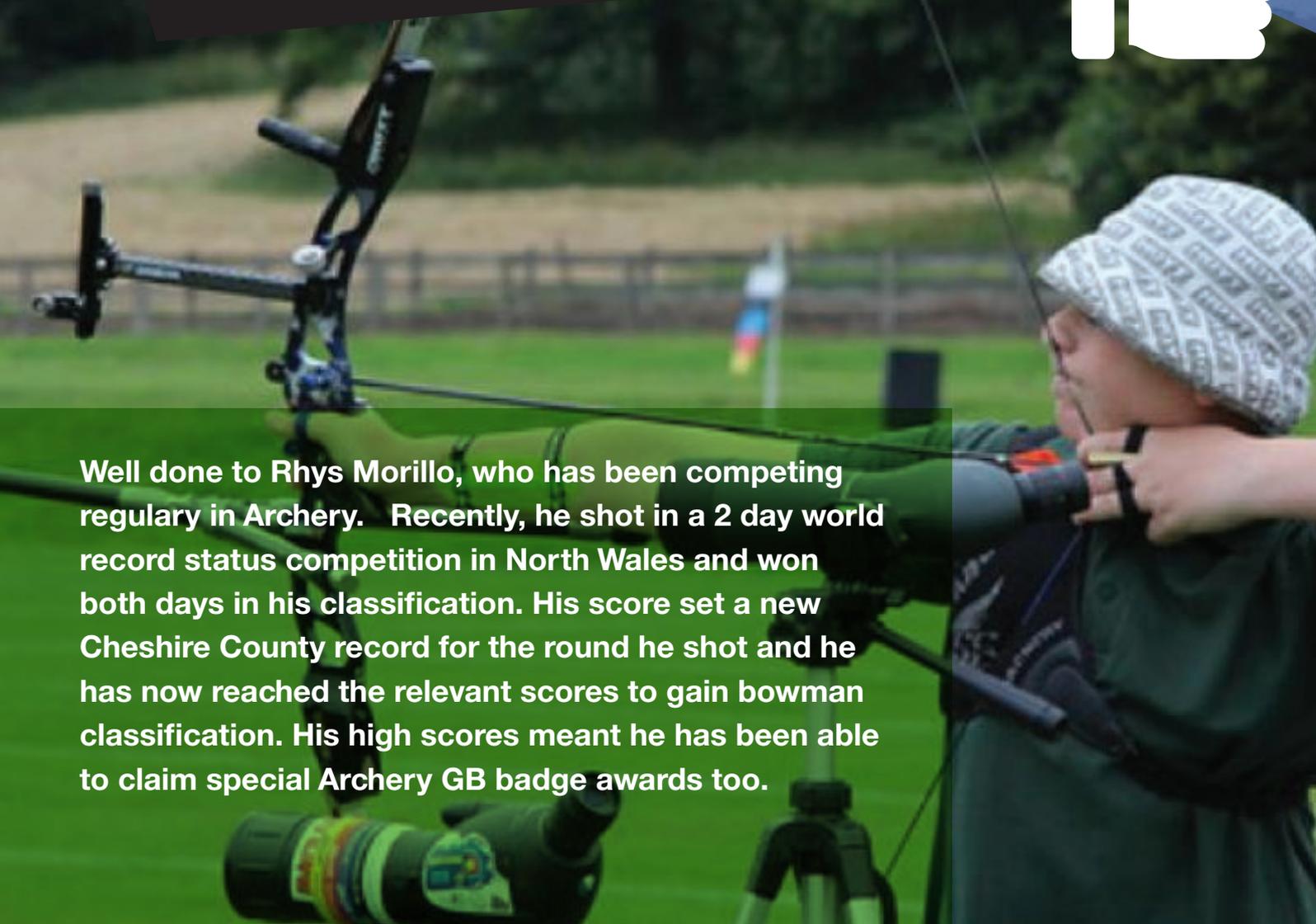


Finally, a massive thank you to all the sports leaders and staff who have supported all competitions this year and supported students in the transition days.



Congratulations

Congratulation to Rio Johnson for a successful year. Rio has continued to win a number of competitions over the past year and is current **World Champion in his field.**



Well done to Rhys Morillo, who has been competing regularly in Archery. Recently, he shot in a 2 day world record status competition in North Wales and won both days in his classification. His score set a new Cheshire County record for the round he shot and he has now reached the relevant scores to gain bowman classification. His high scores meant he has been able to claim special Archery GB badge awards too.

Cheerleading

On Sunday 23rd June our new cheer squad 'Hartford Hawks' entered their first National Schools Cheerleading Competition. On arrival the students were overwhelmed by the size of the Velodrome National Cycling arena in Manchester, but held their nerves together as they joined over 100 schools on a fantastic, spirit filled day. We registered on arrival at 9.30am and arranged our Hawk themed banner where we were seated. We were then soon called for a team photograph and uniform check. We toured the stadium before going through a strategic warm up of stretching, tumbles, stunts and full routine. Our mascot, Veritas the Hawk, got herself ready and we were good to go. Our team performed brilliantly in the KS4 Level 3 category and we were presented at the end of the day with a 2nd place trophy. Amazingly, our banner also received 2nd place. To top off our exciting day, our Mascot performed an outstanding solo and received 1st place!

All of the team's hard work, rehearsals and dedication paid off as they all left with a medal and certificate. We are very proud of everybody involved and thank you to our sponsor Burton & Beavan who helped us look so professional in our new kit!

We are looking forward to next year already!



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Well done to all the Year 11 students who have now completed the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. In tough conditions over the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of June, students completed a walk and overnight camp meeting the criteria of the course.



OLLIE HEYWOOD 10C

Congratulations go to Ollie Heywood 10C for another successful season playing for Stoke City FC. Just a few of his highlights from this season:

Captained Stoke City in the 3-day Oakham 2018/19 pre-season tournament where they were crowned winners.

Played in the 3-day Premier League u15 International Tournament at Chelsea's training ground with Chelsea, Arsenal, Sunderland, Man City, West Brom, Anderlecht and AZ Alkmaar.

Qualified from the u15 Floodlit Cup group after playing Man City, Notts Forest and Sheffield United home and away.

Captained Stoke City in the u15 Floodlit Cup Northern quarter final win away v Derby County.

From the beginning of January, became a regular starter with the u16's.



ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS EVENING 2019

TEAM AWARDS

BOYSTEAM OF THE YEAR

YR 9 Football

GIRLSTEAM OF THE YEAR

Hartford Hawks Cheerleading Squad

THE PETER HIGNETT AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
TO WHOLE SCHOOL LIFE:

HARRIET STEELE

OLYMPIAN OF THE YEAR

HERMIONE MASON

ATHLETICS

PERFORMER OF THE YEAR

GRACE ROBERTS

ATHLETICS



Congratulations to all those who took part - and to our worthy winners.

SPORTS DAY

Despite a week of wet and miserable weather, the sun shone on our athletes for the annual Sports Day which was held on Friday 21st June.

After a week of events culminating in the final on the school field,

The victors were GREEN House

(to say Mr Mason was pleased is an understatement!)

Winners of the Fair Play award were BLUE House.



Netball World Cup

The girls PE Department have been celebrating the start of the Netball World Cup this week. An inter house competition in lessons has seen the top four favourite countries (England, Australia, New Zealand and Jamaica) being represented by our students in competitive tournaments.

This has led up to the exciting visit to Liverpool M&S Arena on Friday 12th July, where all of our squad netball players enjoyed round one of live games. This included watching exciting day one games by New Zealand, Malawi, Australia, Northern Ireland, Barbados and Singapore.



Go ENGLAND!



Holiday & Inset Days

School holiday dates 2019 – 2020



Autumn Term 2019

2 September, Monday	INSET Day
3 September, Tuesday	INSET Day
4 September, Wednesday	Return to School
25 October, Friday	Break for Half Term
4 November, Monday	Return to School
20 December, Friday	Break for Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2020

6 January, Monday	Return to School
20 February, Thursday	Break for half-term
21 February, Friday	INSET Day
2 March, Monday	INSET Day
3 March, Tuesday	INSET Day
4 March, Wednesday	Return to School (Years 10 & 11)
5 March, Thursday	Return to School (Year 9)
9 March, Monday	Return to School (Year 7 & 8)
3 April, Friday	Break for Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2020

20 April, Monday	Return to School
8 May, Friday	Bank Holiday
22 May, Friday	Break for half-term
1 June, Monday	Return to School
17 July, Friday	Break for Summer Holiday
20 July, Monday	INSET Day

We expect that family holidays will NOT be booked during school term dates