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GREETING FROM THE HEAD



It has been another very busy week here in school, and our festive activities have begun! This week, our students have created Christmas decorations for our Family tree decorating competition, and the volunteers for next week's Bake-Offs have been selected.



It is also with great pleasure that we would like to invite you to our [Annual Carol Service](#) which will be held at St John's Church, Hartford on Wednesday 20 December from 7:00pm.

This will be a joyful event at this special time of year, highlighting many of the gifts and talents of our students. We do hope you will be able to join us on this occasion.

[If any parents are able to donate boxes of mince pies to be enjoyed at the end of our carol service, they would be gratefully received! Please hand them in to reception or bring them along on the evening.](#)

YEAR 10 ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr Marklove, Head of Year 10, writes: This week, a special mention goes to Jonah Scott (10A) and Caleb Jackson (10C) for their musical interlude to the whole of the year group during this week's assemblies. Performing publicly to your peers can be daunting, so very well done to both of you!



This week's '[Fantastic Friday](#)' students are Jonah Scott, James Pope (10H), Kayleigh-Jade Dutton-Jones (10R), Abi Hesmondhalgh (10T), Henry Lightburn (10F), Tomos Dugard (10D), Emma Cowell (10S) and Lyra Reilly (10C). Congratulations to all of you for gaining the most achievement points in your tutor groups so far!



A special weekly mention must also go to Miss Hughes' tutor group, 10A, for having the highest attendance in Year 10, as well as the most achievement points as a group, totalling a mammoth 5635 points! This is an outstanding effort, please keep this up!

YEAR 11 PEER MENTORS

Mrs Merryweather, Head of Year 11, writes: We were so pleased to receive some positive feedback from a parent about our new [peer mentoring](#) initiative this week after the Year 7s involved met their peer mentors for the first time:

"I just wanted to say, what a great idea the peer mentoring is. Our son was a little unsure when we initially told him but after speaking with us and also his form teacher he seemed happy to attend. He was quick to tell us that he'd really enjoyed it, and is happy to keep doing it, so that's great!

Thanks for thinking of him for this, we think it'll have a really positive impact on him!"

We are looking forward to the next session of peer mentoring on Thursday.



PE



Mr Hardwick, PE teacher, writes: On Monday a selection of pupils from Year 7 were invited to an event hosted by [Cheshire Cricket](#) at St Nicholas Catholic High School. The event focused on several stations such as catching and striking the ball. Our students were absolutely fantastic and a real credit to Hartford, showing excellent teamwork and commitment to the event. Well done to all involved!



On Wednesday evening Year 7 welcomed Gateacre High School in the ESFA Playstation Cup. Both teams were very evenly matched and the game ended in a 2-2 draw (with goals from Thomas Harte and Billy Toy) forcing penalties. After 5 Hartford penalties were scored, it was up to Gateacre to level, but they were denied by our 'keeper, Benjamin Walker, sending Hartford through to the next round. A fantastic result, boys! Well done!



SCIENCE



Mr Taylor, Science teacher, writes: The results are in from the Year 9 and 10 [Astrophysics Challenge](#). Twenty national schools took part, including many from the private sector. Out of 124 students, 98 achieved a bronze award, 16 achieved a silver award, and two of our very own students achieved a gold award. Well done, Atharva Nisal (Y10) and Jonathon Merton (Y9)!



MUSIC



Ms Philippou, Head of Music, writes: A big well done to our orchestra students Sam and Ellie Lewis, Noah and Leah Smith, Miles Marshall, Tomos Dugard, Catrin Daniel, Maisie Almond, Jacob Marshall, Chloe Riley, Jonathan Merton, Caleb Jackson, Rupert Nixon and Emma Cowell; all represented the school brilliantly, despite the cold, performing carols for Hartford's community-based events last weekend.

A big thank you also goes to our former students, Anna Smith and Miles Marshall, for their support.

EXAM SUCCESSES! Congratulations to Thomas Holden for achieving his Grade 3 saxophone with merit, and Miles Marshall for earning his Grade 5 saxophone with distinction.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Huge congratulations go to Valentina Frizzelle (7T) for her recent success in gymnastics. After few competitions that ended with no medals, Valentina pushed on and showed real determination by upping her difficulties and winning 2 medals (bronze on bars and vault, 6th overall) in 'The English', a national competition, with new skills! Valentina worked very hard and we are proud she showed such resilience and discipline! What a fantastic achievement!



Last weekend, Noah Smith (8A) completed the fifth and final session of this year's 'Maths Masterclasses', run by Mathematical Education in Merseyside. Very well done, Noah!



SCHOOL COUNSELLOR



Miss Godfrey, school counsellor, writes: This week, students who attend Anxiety Support Therapy made 'relaxation spin wheels'. Students chose activities that help them when they are feeling anxious.



BAKING CLUB



Mrs Jones, leader of baking club, writes:
This week, our amazing bakers got into the festive spirit and made some delicious mince pies!

Well done, everyone!

HOLLIE GUARD

Mrs Lewis, Assistant Headteacher, writes: Our local police officers have visited school this week to deliver assemblies to the students about keeping safe and the Hollie Guard App. Hollie Guard is a free personal safety app available for smartphones and its uses and benefits were discussed with the students.



To find out more, go to hollieguard.com, and to download the app, search 'hollieguard' in your app store.

AND FINALLY...

I was so proud of our school orchestra last Friday and Saturday when they performed at the Hartford Christmas lights 'switch on' and then at the Hartford Fayre. Huge thanks to Ms Philippou for coordinating their amazing musical work! In the coming week I am looking forward to seeing students perform in the dance show, too. It is brilliant to see our students showcasing their talents!

As we appointed permanent staff to lead our SEND support within school this week, so too we said goodbye to Kelly Bagshaw and Nicola Colquitt who have supported many young people during their time at Hartford Church of England High School, but who are now moving on to pastures new; we wish them both well for the future.

We wish everyone a happy and relaxing weekend. Please remember check out our website for further information about how students can 'get involved' in our many [Christmas activities](#) over the next two weeks.

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