



# HARTBEAT

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for the community, published every Friday*

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

The penultimate week of the half term has been extremely busy! At the start of the week students were photographed for Hartford News and we can't wait to see their photo on the front cover of the next edition! On Tuesday afternoon our students took to the airwaves on Radio Northwich! Ms Philippou has all the details...

## FAMILY NEWS

Ms Philippou, Associate Assistant Headteacher, writes: Ellie Lewis (9C), Charlie O'Connell (10T) and Zach Johnson (10T), proudly took to the airwaves with Mr Perry, Head of Riddings Family, as part of Chris Poole's radio show on Radio Northwich. They spoke about our [Family system](#), school life, fantastic opportunities and much more.

DJ Chris Poole said: "They [students] were a delight to talk to and an absolute credit to the school. You couldn't have found three better ambassadors! They clearly love being there and spoke very highly of all the teachers."



You can listen to the show (minus ads and music) here:  
[OUR SCHOOL 2024-02-06-1200 Chris Poole E](#)



## CAREERS



Mr Ingman, Lead for STEM and Careers, writes: On Friday, twelve of our Year 11 students had the opportunity to visit Old Trafford football ground to be part of a Careers and Apprenticeships event. This was an excellent chance for the students to get great advice and guidance on their further education.

The event was attended by a number of universities, colleges and industry employers from various sectors and our students were confident in engaging with them all. There was also a chance to attend live seminars on an introduction to apprenticeships, a breakdown on the structure/delivery of an apprenticeship and effective CV writing.

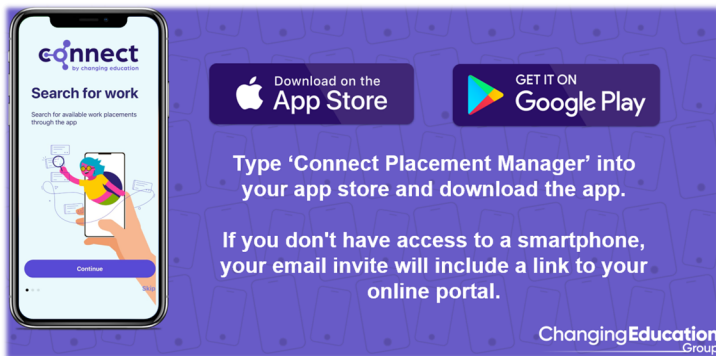
Well done to all the students who attended; you were excellent ambassadors!

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## CAREERS

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On Wednesday, Year 10 had a careers assembly focussed on Work Experience where we talked about an opportunity for them to participate in a week-long placement in industry from Monday 8 July. This is an ideal way to explore different career paths, gain valuable experience of working as part of a team in industry and improve employability skills ready for their future.



Students were given key information regarding registering for the Connect App and how to go about speaking with employers to confirm a purposeful placement. This information has also been emailed to students from the company Changing Education.

**Year 10 students now need to begin conversations at home with parents and carers, and should also speak to a variety of companies within their preferred sector. When they have a placement confirmed, the company details must be registered on the [Connect](#) platform no later than Friday 24 May.**

For support or further information, students can find me, Mr Ingman, in V15 or I can be contacted via email at [jingman@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:jingman@hartfordhigh.co.uk).

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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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Miss Gregory, 7R Form Tutor, writes: Eloise Davies took part in the Cheshire Schools' County Cross Country Race on Saturday. She did really well on a cold, wet morning, despite having been unable to train after sustaining a rib injury from playing rugby. Eloise came 18th out of over 60 other girls and has been selected for the next regional cross country event that will take place in Ellesmere Port in March. What a fantastic achievement, Eloise!



Following successful qualifiers in the autumn, James McBain (8R) won a place to attend the British Shooting Schools Finals, representing the North West, at 10m Air Rifle.

James shot really well, but the competition was strong. He scored 97.3 out of 200. In the end he finished 9th and it was the top 8 who got through to the grand final; James unfortunately missed out on 8th place by only 2.7 points. He's looking forward to more competitions this year, and is hoping to qualify again for next year's finals. Good luck, James!



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## MATHS

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Mr Sharples, Maths teacher, writes: On Wednesday ten Year 10 students represented Hartford Church of England High School in a local school's annual 'Maths Feast' competition held at Sir John Deane's College. There were four rounds of differing levels of problem-solving questions. It was fantastic to see a packed room full of maths enthusiasts and witness the level of teamwork and ability on show throughout the afternoon.

Well done to both groups, with special praise going to Ben Barfield, Tomos Dugard, Sam Lewis, Zara Billington and Caleb Jackson who came in 6th place out of 18 overall!



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## PE

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Miss Logie, PE teacher, writes: On Wednesday four of our netball teams made the away trip to Middlewich. Years 7, 9 and 10 played friendly fixtures whilst the Year 8s played their Mid Cheshire Schools league game.

All teams played exceptionally well, with the Year 7s, 8s and 9s all winning their games. Unfortunately the Year 10s narrowly lost out in a well-fought game. It was a fantastic evening of netball overall, and there was some excellent sportsmanship on display! Well done to all the girls!

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Mr Jenyons, PE teacher, writes: A massive congratulations to all of the students who represented Hartford Church of England High School and Mid Cheshire in the District Cross Country event last Saturday at Knights Grange. The event was an excellent showcase of the students' commitment to cross country running and their determination, with the conditions being very challenging.

There were several stand-out runners on the day, including Billy Toy (7F) and Dan Green (9H), who have both qualified to represent the county in an event later this year!



A final congratulations goes to former Hartford Church of England High School student Robbie Price who again maintained his dominance in these events by winning the senior boys' event. Keep it up, Robbie!

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## PERFORMING ARTS

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Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: On Wednesday, Alex Harper from Edsential's Music Service and Jake Barnabas, drummer from 'The Luka State', gave our rock and pop musicians an exciting musical experience.

Under the expert guidance of Jake and Alex, our musicians worked on 'Supersonic' by Oasis and 'Smoke on the Water' by Deep Purple. They then ventured into creating their own music. The atmosphere was brilliant. This is part one of two workshops with a follow-up in one month's time...we cannot wait to hear the end results!



Miss Bates, Drama teacher, writes: Our Beauty and the Beast cast are very busy in rehearsals, showing resilience and teamwork. I am so proud of all their hard work! If any other students are interested in helping out in the school production, either backstage, in hair and make-up, lighting or sound design, please come and speak to me or Mr Williams in school.

Miss Haughton, Dance teacher, adds: Students from KS3 have been working extremely hard rehearsing for the dance sections of the school production. They have made a fantastic start to these dances and are very committed every week to rehearsals and arrive with great energy! Well done!

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## BAKING CLUB

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Mrs Jones, TA and leader of baking club, writes: This week the bakers made Cornflake tart. They all looked really tasty. Keen baker Grace Sweeney (7D) was unable to attend but decided to have a go at the recipe at home. Amazing results from everyone!

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## AND FINALLY...

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Good luck to all those taking part in the quiz tonight to raise funds for Beauty and the Beast! Next week we are celebrating the work of the British Heart Foundation and, for a donation to charity, students can wear red accessories, socks or tights to raise money for a cause very close to the hearts of our school community. Staff will be wearing red, too! We look forward to sharing photos of our fundraising activities in next week's newsletter.

We wish all our readers a happy and restful weekend,

Rachel Pickerill