



HARTBEAT

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GREETING FROM THE HEAD

This week our Year 11 students finished their mock exams and I hope they enjoy a well-earned rest this weekend. Students in Years 7 to 10 have been creating mottos for our new families 'Beeches', 'Whitehall', 'Hollies' and 'Riddings'.

Next, we will be creating each family's logo! Students have also been suggesting Christmas activities that they would like to take part in later in the term. Watch this space for further information!

REMEMBRANCE AT ST JOHN'S

Mrs Morgan, School Chaplain, writes: At 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, the nation paused for 2 minutes and reflected with thanks upon the men and women who bravely paid with their lives for our freedom.

Our Ethos Ambassadors, plus 'Thrive', our bereavement support group, worked hard to make a beautiful poppy wreath from recycled plastic bottles, wrote the names of over 100 fallen Hartford servicemen on poppies to decorate the church, sold poppies for the British Legion, and the whole school observed a 2 minute silence at 11am last Friday morning.



17 of our Ethos Ambassadors also helped to lead a service at Hartford Cenotaph at St John's Church with our partner primary schools. There were readings, prayers, reflections and poetry with of course, the Last Post and a 2 minute silence. On Sunday, one of our Ethos Ambassadors laid a poppy wreath, representing our school at the big Remembrance parade.

Nobody wins in war. We look back at those who have gone before us, and give thanks for their lives. We look to Jesus, the Prince of Peace who gave his own life for us, and we look forward with hope, that we too might be bringers of peace, love and life to all around us.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



Miss Godfrey, School Counsellor, writes: This week we have been conducting workshops with each year group in acknowledgement of Anti-Bullying Week. Prior to these workshops, our lovely Year 11 prefects had two days of anti-bully mentor training with me and they have all been brilliant!

'STOP' stands for 'start telling other people'. The mentors will be in the caritas canteen on Monday, Thursday and Friday next week with colouring sheets, inviting students to come over and talk to them about bullying or just enjoy some colouring time.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Mrs Kelsall, Pastoral Manager and Attendance Officer, writes: Scarlett Morris (7D) was lucky enough to be part of the medals ceremony team at the World Trampolining finals in Birmingham recently.



Scarlett and her gymnastics team brought out the medals and handed them to the presenter awarding the winners on the stage. What a lovely experience!

PE



Miss Logie, PE teacher, writes: Last Friday some of our Year 7 girls took part in a football festival hosted by Hartford Church of England High School. The Year 7s fielded 2 teams, playing against local schools such as St Nicholas, Weaverham, Middlewich and Rudheath. It was a fantastic evening of football and some excellent football was played. Well done, girls!



Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: On Wednesday evening our Year 11 boys football team travelled to Winsford to play in the district 8-a-side competition against some strong sides from Winsford, Weaverham, St Nicholas, Rudheath, Knutsford and Cransley. Our team put up a good fight and did the school proud. Impressive performances were given by all the boys, well done!



ENGLISH

Mrs Merryweather, Head of Year 11, writes: Whilst the mock exams have been on, Year 11 have also been working hard in English on their speaking and listening assessments, preparing and delivering speeches to their classmates. In recognition of [Transgender Awareness Week](#) (13-19 November this year), I'd like to share some excerpts from the speech of Alex Fulwell, who wrote incredibly passionately and eloquently on the topic of trans rights:

“ The word ‘transgender’ - or trans - is an umbrella term for people whose gender identity is different from the sex assigned to us at birth. Although the word ‘transgender’ and our modern definition of it only came into use in the late 20th century, people who would fit under this definition have existed in every culture throughout all of recorded history. But still when the topic of trans people is brought up, many people separate themselves from the discussion and that needs to change and quickly... Society tells you that I am dangerous, that me being in your bathroom is scary for you. But what about me? I am scared to walk down the road or go to the bathroom in a public space. I have to buy certain clothes that crush my ribs just to walk out the house. I am a brother, a son, a nephew and a grandson. When did I become so dangerous, so feared? ... You could hit me and kick me and tear me down and when I am saved they won't call me by my name. I won't be put on my ward. I will be called a woman and told it was my own fault. Do you really agree with this? Wholeheartedly? ”



Alex has sent his powerful speech to his local MP to draw his focus to Transgender Awareness Week, and we are extremely proud of how well he has articulated himself on this subject.

Miss Gregory, English teacher, writes: What a fantastic turnout for the first session of the Year 7 short story book club 'Fiction Addiction'! This week we introduced ourselves and shared the reasons why we love to read and dived right into the spooky and eerie gothic genre, by reading 'The Tell-Tale Heart' by Edgar Allen Poe.



Students thrived and shared their opinions, ready to plan and write their own short gothic piece next week! Keep your eyes peeled for some spoiler pieces! Well done Year 7! [If any other Year 7s would like to join, please come along to V14, Tuesdays from 3:00-3:30!](#)

PERFORMING ARTS

Mr Brown, Head of Humanities, writes: Last Thursday, staff from the [Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts \(LIPA\)](#) visited our school and gave several workshops ranging from dancing, musical theatre and drama to our Year 10 students.



The staff from LIPA were mightily impressed and complimented our students, particularly for their routine for their forthcoming dance competition. Students enjoyed the experience and were appreciative of being able to have an invaluable insight into the world of showbiz!

ART



Miss Sadler, Head of Art, writes: Year 11 have been completing their 10-hour mock exam pieces based on their personal projects. Project themes are wide ranging and include themes like, Greek sculpture, graffiti art, war, decades, identity, fashion, coast and women's rights.



MFL



Miss Duff, MFL teacher, writes: Well done to all Year 7s who worked really hard to design their 'Day of the Dead' puppet for our competition. Please collect your prizes from your Spanish teacher on Monday. Well done!

The winning puppet (pictured) is by Louie Quilty (7C), with Allegra Iskandarani (7C) coming in second and Rayane Belayat (7A) third.

AND FINALLY...

With the weather getting colder, please ensure that your children have waterproof coats for schools. Hoodies are not suitable or allowed in school. Waterproof coats are far better in the current inclement conditions!

Wishing everyone a happy, relaxing weekend.

Rachel Pickerill