



# HARTBEAT

*Hartford's weekly School Newsletter about the community,  
for the community, published every Friday*

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

As part of one of our strategic improvement areas, to work more closely with parents, I am delighted to announce the first of our 'Parent Forum' sessions that will take place at least once each half term focusing on a particular area of school life. These hour-long sessions are designed to provide an opportunity for parents to find out more information, ask questions and make suggestions on the items for discussion. Our first parent forums will focus on the Ofsted inspection report and in particular on the areas outlined for improvement. It will also be an opportunity for parents to meet our new Deputy headteacher, Mr. Thompson, who will lead these sessions. We will run one in a morning and one in an evening (both exactly the same) to hopefully fit around parent availability. If you wish to attend please email [head@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:head@hartfordhigh.co.uk) to book your place.

[Parent Forum 1 - Quality of Education and Ofsted Priorities:](#)

Tuesday 24 October 10:00-11:00am and Thursday 26 October 6:00-7:00pm.

## GOSH FAMILY FUN RUN!

[Great Ormond Street Hospital Fun Run!](#) Miss Logie, PE Teacher and Head of Family, writes: On Thursday 26 October, Hartford Church of England High School students and staff are invited to take part in The Great Ormond Street Family Fun Run to raise money for a fantastic cause and also to compete in our first Family competition.

More information will be provided by the PE department in PE lessons. Students will be asked to sign up to the event and donate either £1 or £2.

Further to this, If you would like to sponsor a student, please follow the links below, selecting what colour house they are in:

[RED HOUSE >](#)

[YELLOW HOUSE >](#)

[BLUE HOUSE >](#)

[GREEN HOUSE >](#)



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## ENGLISH

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### WRITING COMPETITION: Lest We Forget

Miss Davenport, Lead Practitioner of English, writes: Lest We Forget invites 4-18 year-olds to write a poem in any style [on the theme of war and peace](#). If budding poets are looking for inspiration, here are some ideas:



- The sadness of war
- The hope of peace
- The courage of soldiers
- The innocence of children
- From someone else's point of view
- Write for Remembrance Day

Poems can be hand-written or typed, and there is no line or word limit - let creativity and expression flow! [If selected, your poem could be published in the next Young Writer's anthology.](#)

If students would like to enter, they need to collect an entry form from me in CG5 and the deadline to enter is Monday 13 November 2023. The power of your words can make a difference. Lest We Forget.

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## SCIENCE

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Mrs Challinor, Science teacher, writes: Our Year 7 scientists have ex-cel-led themselves with their 'STEAM' cell model homework project, combining science and art, resulting in these fabulous cell creations. They blew us away with their efforts and creativity, with some channelling some showstopper Bake-off cake creations, and others using modelling clay, woodwork and Lego.

We now have some more ex-cel-ent student work to help brighten up our science labs. Students from other years have been admiring them all this week. Thanks also to the undoubted support from home, we know our students have really appreciated your help! Well done, Year 7!

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## KS3 HISTORY CLUB

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Mr Brown, History teacher, writes: Students who attended this week's KS3 History Club studied the exploits of aviation pioneer Charles Lindbergh and tried to create their own version of the 'Spirit of St Louis' out of paper. We have some budding aviation engineers in the making! Students can join Mr Atherton next week for a Battle of the Atlantic 'Crack the Code' challenge!



## PE



Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: We've had another fantastic week of **football** fixtures with most year groups in action. It's great to see so many students representing the school at various locations around Cheshire:



**Y11 Boys** - County Cup vs Poynton, just missed out, losing 4-3 in a very well-fought game. Then English schools vs Moorside High School, celebrating a great 3-1 win.

**Y10 Boys** - County Cup vs Alsager - a massive 7-1 win!



**U14 Girls** - County Cup vs Alsager - narrowly missing out 4-3 in a very close contest.

**Y9 Boys** - 7-a-side league - produced an undefeated performance throughout the evening.

**Y7 Boys** - 7-a-side league - a mixture of wins, losses and draws throughout the competition.

Huge congratulations to all the teams, and the very best of luck in the next rounds!



Miss Godfrey, school counsellor and netballer, writes: Congratulations go to Year 7 girls Lucia Cliffe, Emily Crowder and Holly Patterson for getting selected at the **Cheshire Netball Trials**. This is a fantastic achievement, well done girls!

Mr Hardwick, PE teacher, writes: We had a fantastic turnout to our **boys after school football** club on Tuesday this week; a little more than 40 students turned up, ready to play. A real credit to the school!

## HARVEST FOODBANK APPEAL

Mrs Morgan, School Chaplain, writes: In the last couple of weeks, every Tutor Group nominated their Charity Reps for the coming school year and we look forward to working with them, as we launch our Harvest Foodbank Appeal. Donations of dried and tinned goods, plus any chocolatey Christmas treats can be left in the School Chapel between now and 26 October when we break up for half term. Thank you in advance for your generous support for needy families in this area.





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## D OF E AWARD

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Mr Marklove, Head of Year 10 and Associate Assistant Head Teacher, writes: We are delighted to be offering our Year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards this year. This award encourages young people to develop independence, commitment, increase their skillset and improve leadership and teamwork through a programme of activities. [Please watch the video by following this link >](#)

Invitation letters have already been sent out; we look forward to guiding your child through this great award!

## SKI TRIP 2025!

Mr Marklove also writes: We are once again able to offer our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students the opportunity to join the school ski trip to Pila, in the Aosta Valley in Italy in April 2025.

Full details will be emailed to parents shortly, so keep a look out!



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## PANTOMIME

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This year's pantomime at the Grange Theatre will be 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', from KD Theatre Productions. The show will run from 9 December to 1 January and will feature two of our very own students as backing dancers: Daisy Walker (Y9) and Summer MacDonald (Y7). This show promises to be some festive fun for all the family, so go to [www.thegrangetheatre.com/pantomime](http://www.thegrangetheatre.com/pantomime) for your tickets!

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## LOST PROPERTY

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We reunited three items of named clothing to their relieved owners this week, however, given the volume of un-named lost property, we will be displaying all unclaimed items next Friday, 20 October, from 3:00pm to 3:30pm for parents and students to come and look through. Any unclaimed lost property will be donated to a charity shop when we finish for half term.

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## AND FINALLY...

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You may remember an item from our very first edition of Hartbeat about our very own Pharrell Lobe (Y10) who had spent some of his summer in Germany, competing in the Euro Finals of extreme stunt scooting...well, he's jetting off to Australia on Tuesday to represent the UK in the World Championships! Good luck, Pharrell!

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing weekend.

Rachel Pickerill