



HARTBEAT

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GREETING FROM THE HEAD

In another jam-packed week, we had the pleasure of hosting a photographer who, alongside our Director of Operations, Mrs Williams, toured the school yesterday photographing students and staff. Some lucky students had the opportunity to have their photo taken in our new blazers and PE kit; they were extremely excited about this! We look forward to showcasing the photographs on our new website which is currently being built and will be available to everyone later this summer. Next week, we welcome Year 5 children and their parents who will tour the school with Mr. Thompson or me. We are looking forward to sharing with them the achievements of our students and what they experience in lessons.

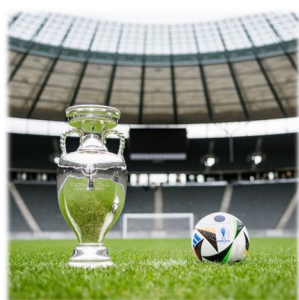


FAMILY NEWS

Mr Rooney, Head of Whitehall Family, writes: I will be taking a group of our Year 10 students to be part of the hustings at St John's Church next week. Students from our school have been given the opportunity to ask the first question to the MP candidates looking to gain the Mid Cheshire seat.



The students are really excited to have their first involvement in politics and have the chance to grill these candidates on how they will help education and our local community! You can read more about the hustings event later on in the newsletter.



Anticipation is building for our **Family Festival of Football** to celebrate the Euros this summer! Starting from Monday 24 June, all year groups will compete in a tournament each evening. Tutor groups have submitted mixed teams of at least 6 students to take part and I have seen various tactics' boards already being shared amongst the players! Each year group will play after school from 3:00pm to 5:00pm and must wear their PE kit.

Further details will be released next week regarding groups and specific event details, so keep your eyes peeled!

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Mrs Merryweather, Head of Year 11, writes: We were fortunate this week to have a visit from an up-and-coming band, **Absnt Mind!** The band performed to Year 10, Year 9 and Year 8, singing a mixture of covers and original songs. Our students engaged fantastically with the performance.



The boys in the band also spoke about struggles with their mental health, covering topics such as body image, self-esteem, managing anger and struggling with direction and focus. They gave all students the opportunity to ask them questions, before ending their performance with a brilliant cover of Natasha Bedingfield's 'Unwritten' and their original song 'No Strings'. They were also kind enough to spend time talking one-to-one with students and signing flyers for their upcoming summer tour. We were very proud of how well our students engaged with the performance and hope that they continue to follow the band's inevitable success!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



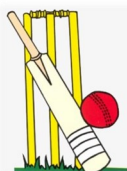
Miss Sadler, Head of Art and form tutor for 9A, writes: Mum of Will Godwin reached out to me this week to share his success from the weekend. Will competed in round 3 of the 2024 [Welsh Enduro Series](#) in Llanfyllin and secured 3rd place on the podium in the U15 boys category - not bad for only his second enduro race! This is Will's second time on the podium out of the 8 races he has competed in since taking up competitive bike racing in April 2023. Well done, Will!

WELL DONE WEDNESDAY!

Mr Mason, Head of Year 9, writes: Congratulations to all my 'Well Done Wednesday' winners this week! Daisy Kennedy (9S), Joseph Osiname (9S), Bethany Knight (9A), Libby Gough-Clark (9A), Miley Kelly (9R), Nathan Yue (9T), Sam Ashley (9R), Lucas Yates (9T), Hayley Miller (9H) and Pippa Faulkner (9H) have all been proudly displaying our HART values. Well done!



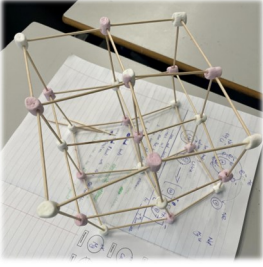
PE



Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: This week our Year 7 and 8 girls' cricket team played a great match against St Nicholas, winning convincingly, scoring 186 runs and restricting the opposition to 126! Brilliant, girls!

Mr Marklove, PE teacher, writes: Congratulations to the following Year 7s who achieved excellence at the recent school's athletics event and have been selected to represent Mid Cheshire at the Cheshire County Schools Athletics Championships on Wednesday 26 June at Macclesfield Athletics Stadium: Billy Toy, Harry Worrall, Cameron Bryning, Ollie Maddock, Holly Bryning, Mary-Ella White, Cerys Marklove, Valentina Frizzelle, Eloise Davis, Lilia Dunne and Zdenka Swanepoel! Well done!

SCIENCE



Mrs Challinor, Science teacher, writes: Year 9 have been learning about how and why atoms become ions, and how they form ionic bonds and giant lattice structures. We love a good model in science, so they constructed their own ionic lattices with marshmallows and cocktail sticks!

This is my last article as I move to a new school next week, so I'd like to wish all my students well. I hope they all continue to strive towards reaching their full potential as they progress at Hartford Church of England High School!

PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Firth, Music teacher, writes: Last week I had the pleasure of taking some Year 9 students to explore music in Liverpool. Students were fantastic and praised by staff leading the sessions.



We started with a workshop at the British Music Experience discovering pop culture, followed by a tour with a small show celebrating 30 years of the Spice Girls, ending with time in the Gibson Interactive Studio where students experienced different instruments and their sounds. We then visited the Liverpool Beatles Museum and finished our trip with a visit to the Museum of Liverpool where students could discover music and sports legends that came from Liverpool and the surrounding areas. Well done to the students who braved the karaoke booth and showcased their talent to members of the public!

Mr Williams, Drama teacher, writes: In our Drama club ensemble we hosted our first Premier League-style session where the students gained points in different dramatic activities. Ellie Lewis (9C) came out on top! Well done, Ellie!

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Mr Wootton, Science teacher, writes: After Easter we started a brand new War Gaming club! This club is all about painting and playing. We'd love for more students to come along and have a go! We're in V16 after school every Thursday, until 4:30pm.



A huge shout out goes to James McBain (8R) for his amazing painting of his beautifully bright blue new Lizard-men models, and managing to beat the combined forces of Finley Donaghy-Kilbride (8R), Issac Hough (8H), Evan Williams (8H), Zach Smith (8H) and Lucas Thackery (8T). There was some brilliant paintwork on show from all of these students, along with Finley Henderson (8T) and Ruben Owen (8H). A brilliant job by all! James' next job is to try and beat me (good luck...)!



There are plenty of clubs for students to get involved in every day, at lunchtimes and after school. Students can check the posters in their tutor rooms for details!

1ST HARTFORD SCOUTS

Many of the scouts at 1st Hartford are part of our school community. They are currently raising money for an amazing trip to [Kandersteg](#), the 'International Home of Scouting' in Switzerland in 2025.



Coming up, they have two special evenings planned:

24 June at 8pm - Quiz night at Hartford Hall. Tickets available from Hartford Hall.

14 July at 5pm - Beetle Drive at The Hart of Hartford. Tickets available online:

https://1sthartfordscouts.co.uk/?product_cat=events

Both events will be great fun and are being planned by the scouts themselves. Do get involved if you can and join in the fun!

HUSTINGS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Rev Mike Smith, Vicar at St John's Church and School Governor, writes: On Wednesday 19 June we are holding an election hustings at St John's.



We encourage as many school families as possible to come and quiz the candidates who want to be the MP for our new constituency of Mid Cheshire. Each candidate will be given two minutes to introduce their candidacy and priorities. This will be followed by questions from constituents. Written questions may be submitted during coffee and will also be received from the floor. As Mr Rooney said earlier in the newsletter, our Year 10 students will be asking a question, too!

Doors will open at 7:30pm and the event will start at 8:00pm. We look forward to welcoming you!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Miss Done, Finance Officer, writes: If you're looking to buy new school skirts for September, we're running a special offer of 2 skirts for £5. Plus, we have more uniform items available at lower prices, too.

Please email uniformorders@hartfordhigh.co.uk with your requirements, including sizes.

AND FINALLY...

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, Mrs Challinor leaves us today after two years working in the science department. Mrs Challinor begins a new venture on Monday leading the teaching of science in another school, we thank her for all she has contributed at our school and wish her well for the future.

Have a happy and relaxing weekend!

Rachel Pickerill

