



# HARTBEAT

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

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

As I review the contents of this newsletter, I have just completed lunch duty in the school hall! Children were eating their lunch whilst the Year 11s were 'jamming' on the piano providing music for them. Such a lovely atmosphere! Our lunchtime activities are full of participants too, with over 200 students regularly enjoying music, sports, art, reading, and more.

## FAMILY NEWS



Mr Rooney, Head of Whitehall family, writes: Friday 9 February will see Hartford Church of England High School host our second annual parent and staff quiz to support the school show, 'Beauty and the Beast'. After the success of last year we are really excited to welcome you back again!

The quiz will run from 7:00pm-10:00pm and entry will be £5 per person; this includes a strip of raffle tickets to be entered into our prize draw (ooooh!).

Bring along your own refreshments, cash for extra raffle entries, and definitely don't forget your A-game for quiz prizes! All money received will go towards supporting our students in their upcoming production. Please complete this form to sign up your quiz team (up to 6 per team) - we'd love to see you there: [QUIZ NIGHT >](#)



## YEAR 11 PRAISE

Mrs Merryweather, Head of Year 11, writes: I am so proud of the Year 11 attendance at the after-school revision sessions. They have been working incredibly hard towards their next set of mocks and their end of year exams, and their resilience in attending their personalised timetable of revision sessions has been fantastic. Every moment of hard work counts towards the marginal gains needed for success, and it has been great to see so many students investing time and effort in their studies. Well done, Year 11!



Special thanks must go to all the teachers who are giving up their free time to enable all of these extra revision sessions to take place!

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## ART

Miss Hughes, Art teacher, writes: Over the last term, Year 8 students worked on a cultural project focusing on African masks, which provided not only new creative opportunities, but also the chance to extend students' understanding of the wider world.

Students completed research on the cultural significance of African masks and looked at a range of different examples to gain an understanding of their characteristics. Using that knowledge they created their own African mask designs, and the challenge was then to interpret these into 3D using a range of card construction techniques.

Here we present to you a small selection of the design ideas and final masks. A big well done, Year 8! Impressive work!



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## IT CLUB



Mr Griffiths, IT teacher, writes: Calling all year groups! Come along to IT Club every Tuesday lunch time in C18. Use the PC's to practice your coding, make a game, play games with friends, or just come along and chat!





Mr Hardwick, PE teacher, writes: On Monday night we welcomed Wright Robinson College in the ESFA under 12 PlayStation cup for 'B' teams. Our boys were victorious, winning 4-3, thanks to goals from Billy Toy, Keilan Bailey, and two from Zephi Frith. The team will now face Cardinal Heenen Catholic High School in the round of 16.

Congratulations, boys! A superb effort, and good luck in the next round!



Miss Logie, PE teacher, writes: The Year 7 girls football team took part in the Cheshire and Warrington 'Inspire Games' football tournament, and played a number of fixtures against local secondary schools. The team played brilliantly, finishing second overall, and there was some excellent football on display. Well played, girls!



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Mr Hardwick, PE teacher, writes: Year 7, 8 and 9 rugby returned this week with a brilliant session. The boys showed great resilience and willingness to learn. Rugby takes place every a Wednesday after school, and we welcome more students come along and join the fun!



Mr Jenyons, PE teacher, writes: On Wednesday, eight Year 8 students represented the school in the Warrington Indoor Rowing Championships at Birchwood High School. In an event that had over 400 students competing, our students were exceptional, both with their attitudes and efforts towards the occasion.

Each student achieved their individual personal best distance in the 3-minute challenge; three students even finished within the top 10 overall and have been selected to represent the district in the National Indoor Rowing Championships in London later this year! **A massive congratulations to all students who competed!**

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## PERFORMING ARTS

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Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: This week I had the privilege of listening to Year 11 saxophonist Thomas Holden who improvised an amazing jazz piece, accompanied by pianist Miles Marshall. Thomas started the saxophone in Year 7 and his dedication has seen him flourish. Miles came to us with Grade 5 piano and his perseverance led him to achieve grade 8 by Year 10.



We also welcomed Year 7 pupils to orchestra after one term of instrumental lessons: clarinettist Lucy Billington and flautist Alice Slinger. We have a fantastic team of instrumental tutors offering one-to-one tuition in a range of instruments. If any parents are interested in lessons for their child please email me at [zphilippou@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:zphilippou@hartfordhigh.co.uk).

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Miss Haughton, Dance teacher, writes: The year 10 dancers have made a fantastic start to the GCSE course. It has been a really positive change and they have started the course with super, positive mindsets to match. Well done!



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## AND FINALLY...

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A reminder that we have our parent forum meetings next week. These centre around some of the positive changes that are happening in school and reflect our new vision and our HART values based on a Christian foundation of love (caritas) and truth (veritas). In particular, parents can give feedback on what they would like our new website to look like and what functions they hope it will perform. Parents can also find out more about the suggested new PE kit for the school which will be ready for Year 7 in September.

The parent forums will be both in-person and virtual to enable parents to attend who cannot come into the building. The in-person meeting is on Tuesday 28 January at 10am, and the online virtual meeting is on Thursday 30 January at 6pm.

If you would like to join us, please email [head@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:head@hartfordhigh.co.uk) to book a place. An online link will be shared for the virtual meeting on the day of the meeting itself. If you are not able to attend either meeting, but wish to contribute your views, please email [head@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:head@hartfordhigh.co.uk) with your thoughts. Meanwhile, the 'brand and logo survey' that can be completed by all stakeholders will close on Wednesday. If you wish to give your views [please click on this link >](#)

We wish all our readers a happy and restful weekend,

Rachel Pickerill