



# HARTBEAT

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for the community, published every Friday*

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

Thank you to everyone that has completed the brand survey. This week it was the turn of the students to provide their feedback. Following a big meeting with all student council members, 15 students were chosen to meet with our creative consultants WDC to share the views of the children at our school! The Designers now have lots of ideas - watch this space for further developments!

## FAMILY NEWS

Miss Logie, Head of Hollies Family, writes: This week the Charity Reps met with the Heads of Families to discuss and plan future fundraising opportunities and events that we can run in school. The meeting was hugely beneficial for the Heads of Families and the Reps, and we are planning a British Heart Foundation Fundraising event to celebrate 'Heart Month' this month...details to follow!



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After a successful sign up campaign, the Heads of Family are happy to announce that the Audition Showcase stage of 'Hartford's Got Talent' will take place on Friday 9 February in the Music rooms. Students taking part can check Satchel for more details.

Don't forget! We've got our school production fundraiser quiz going ahead next Friday, 9 February. If you've not signed up yet and would like to take part, [please follow this link >](#)

It's open to parents, carers and staff, it's £5 per person to take part and you can have a maximum of 6 people per team. It will take place in Caritas Hall from 7:00pm and participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks and drinks of choice!

On Tuesday 6 February, make sure you tune into Chris Poole on Radio Northwich between 1:00pm and 3:00pm as he chats with Mr Perry (Head of Riddings family), Zachariah Johnson (10T) and Ellie Lewis (9C) about our Family system, their link to Hartford buildings and much more!



Mr Ingman, Lead for STEM and Careers, writes: We had the privilege of welcoming Cambridge University's school liaison officer from Fitzwilliam College on Monday. Students in Years 10 and 11 got involved in a universities workshop. This was a session focussed on exploring what university is and what life at university is like. The session also provided information on the application process, and the importance of college courses and subject choices. All students were engaged and excited at the opportunity to start a partnership with such a well-regarded university in the UK. This was a workshop that definitely looked to raise aspirations and set the ambitions of our students at the highest level!

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### PE

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Miss Logie, PE teacher, writes: Both Year 10 and Year 8 netball teams had their Mid-Cheshire Schools netball league games on Monday against Leftwich. Both teams played exceptionally well. The Year 10s sadly lost their match but the Year 8s won!



The next netball fixtures will be against Middlewich in a couple of weeks' time.

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The under-14s girls football team battled through the rain on Wednesday night when they took part in the Cheshire and Warrington 'Inspire Games' football tournament. The team played a number of fixtures against local schools and finished in second place overall! Well done, girls! There was some excellent football on display!

Mr Hardwick, PE teacher, writes: Year 7 boys were unfortunately knocked out of the last 16 in the PlayStation English Schools Cup. The team fought well from 2-0 down to bring it back to 2-1 with 5 minutes to play. However, a counterattack in the last minute meant that Cardinal Heenan progressed through to the next round as 3-1 winners. It was a fantastic achievement though, boys! Really well done!



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Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: It was great to see so many students attending volleyball club in the dome on Wednesday, and we're hopeful to have some fixtures in the calendar next half term!



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## PERFORMING ARTS

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Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: For our budding musicians there is a 'Music Industry Careers Festival' at the Philharmonic in Liverpool. It is well worth a visit but needs booking first:



<https://www.liverpoolphil.com/whats-on/talks-tours-learning/music-industry-careers-fest/8923>

On Wednesday this week, we welcomed saxophonist Ben and violinist Jacob into our orchestral family. Meanwhile, Leah Smith and Caleb Jackson were guided through their first conducting session and did brilliantly!

Miss Firth, Music teacher, writes: Congratulations to my 'Wall of Famers' this week:



Y7 - Zack Jepson: Constantly striving for perfection and developing every lesson.

Y8 - Chloe Riley: Receiving full marks on her high stakes assessment - an amazing achievement!

Y9 - Danny Phillips: Commitment to developing his musical talent and always trying his best in lessons.

Y10 - Samuel Lewis: Dedication to music and great effort with coursework.

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## FICTION ADDICTION

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Miss Gregory, English teacher, writes: This week, our Fiction Addiction group read a classic short story by renowned author Roald Dahl, entitled 'Lamb to the Slaughter'. The short story concerns Mary and Patrick Maloney, a married couple. Mary murders her husband by striking his head with a frozen leg of lamb. She then ingeniously covers up the crime...



Our Fiction Addicts then took on the persona of Mary Maloney and wrote their own 'guilt letter' to the police as to why Mary murdered her husband! Reasons included 'not having hung out the clean washing', 'losing his job', and 'being a terrible cook!' It was great to see the students reading aloud so confidently and then transferring their understanding of the short story into their written letters. Brilliant work!

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## BAKING CLUB

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Mrs Jones, TA and leader of Baking Club, writes: The bakers at Baking Club have been very busy over the last couple of weeks, rustling up mini chocolate rolls and chunky chocolate American cookies. Yummy!





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## MENTAL WELLBEING

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Miss Godfrey, School Councillor, writes: Annabelle Hassell (8F), shared these fabulous photographs of her pet chickens donning some superbly knitted clothing, perfect for the current temperatures! I'm sure you'll agree, Annabelle's grandmother did a great job, and these photos made my day...hopefully they'll brighten yours, too!

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## YOUNG CARERS

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Hartford Church of England High School works closely with Cheshire Young Carers and their education officer is often in school to meet with students. A young carer is a person under the age of 18 who regularly provides emotional and/or practical support and assistance for a family member who is disabled, physically or mentally unwell or who misuses substances.

If you feel that your child is a Young Carer or you want more information on Cheshire Young Carers, please contact your child's head of year and visit the Cheshire Young Carers website:

<https://www.cheshireyoungcarers.org/about-us>



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## SPORTS DOME

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Miss Done, Finance Assistant, writes: Our sports dome is up and running! Our students are enjoying using it for their PE activities, however it is also available to hire, as well as our 3G pitch. For any enquiries, please contact [lettings@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:lettings@hartfordhigh.co.uk).



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## AND FINALLY...

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A huge thank you to all the parents who attended the parent forum sessions this week. It was brilliant to be able to discuss your views about our school with you. We look forward to welcoming more parents to our discussions in the coming months!

We wish all our readers a happy and restful weekend,

Rachel Pickerill