



HARTBEAT

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GREETING FROM THE HEAD

We have hit the ground running this week with so much going on at Hartford Church of England High School!

Yesterday, we hosted Year 9 parents for the first time since their children joined the school as we held parents evening. It was brilliant to welcome so families into our school! The evening represented stage 1 of the options process. We very much look forward welcoming parents back again next Thursday for the options evening itself and wish all our Year 9s well as they choose their options and prepare for key stage 4.

This week our Year 11 students embarked on the next phase of the GCSE journey, undertaking their mocks and experiencing afternoon as well as morning exams! They have all worked very hard and deserve some rest and relaxation this weekend!

FAMILY NEWS

Mr Jenyons, Head of Beeches Family, writes: We would like to extend our thanks to all the Year 7s who came along and supported our Beauty and the Beast fundraising disco just before we broke for half term, and to all the staff and parents who came along to our recent fundraising Quiz Night.



A total of **£728 was raised** which is fantastic; it's a significant contribution towards our exciting forthcoming production, as it has enabled us to purchase head-mics for our performers! Thank you to everyone for your continued support!



This week, the March edition of Hartford News was sent to Hartford residents. It features photos of our students, an article about our Family system and their links to historical buildings in Hartford, as well as our visit to Radio Northwich.



Please look out for further links between Hartford Parish Council and our school community in the future!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Mrs Belayat, TA, writes: On Saturday 24 February, during the half term, Jacob Wrigley (11F) represented Northwich Rowing Club at the Trafford Head Race on the Bridgewater Canal. Jacob and his squad took first place and returned home with a gold medal! What a wonderful achievement, Jacob! Congratulations!

SCIENCE

Mrs Keegan, Science teacher, writes: British Science Week 2024 will run from 8 to 17 March, a celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths. In honour of their 30-year anniversary, this year's theme is 'Time', and they are running another poster competition.

We have already had some great entries, including this example, showing the science of fashion over the last 100 years!

We would love for all students to get involved and get those entries in to the science team!



- Posters must be A4 or A3 in size
- You can use pop-up pictures, pull-out tabs or materials such as pencils, paints, crayons and paper
- All entries will receive Family points
- The top 5 posters will be entered into the national competition
- All entries must be handed in to science teachers by Monday 11 March

What are the judges looking for?

Creativity in approach: An innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme - don't be afraid to think outside the box!

Content: Being clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic.

Effective communication: It is presented and communicated in an engaging way.

HISTORY

Mr Brown, KS3 History Lead, writes: This half term, History homework is having a revamp! Aligned with our commitment to developing literacy and the History department's desire to tell more diverse narratives, KS3 students have the opportunity to read the stories of women and people from minority backgrounds from the time periods they are studying. This will embellish and deepen their understanding of the events that they are learning about in the classroom. We hope KS3 pupils will enjoy this opportunity!



HARRIET TUBMAN: A HERO OF ABOLITION

INTRODUCTION

In the annals of American history, few figures stand as tall as Harriet Tubman. Born into slavery in Maryland around 1822, Tubman's remarkable life is a testament to courage, resilience, and the unwavering fight for freedom. Let's journey through the incredible story of this extraordinary woman and her pivotal role in the abolitionist movement.

EARLY LIFE

Growing up enslaved, Tubman experienced firsthand the brutality and dehumanization of slavery. But even in the face of such adversity, she never lost her spirit of defiance and hope. At the age of just 27, Tubman made a daring escape from bondage, traversing treacherous terrain to reach freedom in the North.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

But Tubman's journey to freedom was just the beginning. Determined to help others break the chains of slavery, she became a pivotal figure in the Underground Railroad. This clandestine network of safe houses and secret routes provided a lifeline for enslaved individuals seeking freedom in the North and Canada.



Risking life and limb, Tubman made multiple perilous journeys back into slave territory, guiding dozens of enslaved people to safety. Her bravery and resourcefulness earned her the nickname "Moses," a tribute to the biblical figure who led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.

Tubman's contributions to the Underground Railroad were not limited to guiding others to freedom. She played a crucial role in organizing and coordinating rescue missions, demonstrating exceptional leadership and strategic acumen.

PE

Miss Logie, PE teacher, writes: On Monday the boys under-13s hockey team travelled to Birkenhead High School to take part in the England 'Hockey In2 Hockey' Championships. In a very closely-contested group stage, the boys grew into the competition and finished second in the group and qualified for the semi finals.



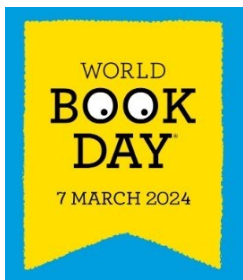
Unfortunately, the team narrowly lost 2-1 in the semi final to The Grange and finished 4th overall. There was some excellent hockey played throughout the day! Well done, boys!

We have more students competing in sporting events today and tomorrow.

Today, Mr Jenyons has travelled with Ben Muscott (8H) and Lily-Mai Aitken-Sayle (8T) down to Olympic Park, London, where they are taking part in the [National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships](#), representing Hartford Church of England High School and Northwich Rowing. Good luck to you, Ben and Lily-Mai!

Tomorrow, our Year 7 and 8 netball teams are taking part in the [Cheshire Schools Netball](#) Tournament at Winsford Academy. There will be up to 15 other schools competing. The girls have been working really hard in training and we are delighted they will have the opportunity to share their talent at this event. Good luck, girls!

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024



Miss Davenport, English teacher, writes: From Monday 4 March to Thursday 7 March, we are running a World Book Day bingo competition, whereby students will need to speak to staff and ask them the title of their favourite book in order to win!



COMPETITION DETAILS

Students need to collect a 'BINGO!' sheet from me in CG5.

The 'BINGO!' sheet will list 9 members of staff.

Visit each member of staff and ask them the title of their favourite book.

Complete the 'BINGO!' sheet and return this to me in CG5 no later than 3:10pm on Thursday 7 March.

Students who hand in a completed and correct 'BINGO!' sheet will be entered into a raffle and a winner will be drawn and announced on Friday 8 March.

The lucky winner will receive a £10 Amazon voucher!

PERFORMING ARTS

Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: As you know, we are very busy preparing for our school play, however, it doesn't stop us from developing other areas within the performing arts:

- We have a new stage lighting club starting soon, which will be run by Mr Williams in the Drama Studio.
- Next week we have Jake Barnabas from 'The Luka State' running a workshop for our rock and pop musicians.
- We have a DJ and production workshop with James McInnes for our Year 9 and Year 10 music production students.
- Mrs Kemsley will be conducting a singing workshop for the cast of 'Beauty and the Beast'.
- In the next couple of weeks we are also lucky enough to have the team from the Pauline Quirk Academy to provide a workshop for our Year 9 and Musical Theatre students.

If you would like your child to be involved in any of these workshops, please contact me at zphilippou@hartfordhigh.co.uk

Don't forget your tickets for our forthcoming school production, 'Beauty and the Beast'! Tickets are £5 each and are now available to buy on Scopay. The performances will take place in Caritas Hall on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March. Doors will open at 6:00pm and the show will start at 6:30pm.

BAKING CLUB

Mrs Jones, TA and baking club lead, writes: This week, we have been baking mini bacon and egg quiches. These took a lot of skill and the bakers did a great job!



AND FINALLY...

Today we contacted all parents of students joining us from Year 6 as we received the list of children who have places at Hartford Church of England High School in September. It is an exciting time as we prepare for their arrival! We look forward to seeing many families at our Year 6 welcome evening in April and wish our new cohort well as they begin the transition from primary to secondary school.

We would also like to wish our Year 8 boys well in their Mid Cheshire Cup final at Barnton Football Club tomorrow against Sandbach United – good luck, boys!

Have a happy and enjoyable weekend,

Rachel Pickerill

