



# HARTBEAT

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

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

I was delighted to receive our new brand details and logo from our design agency this week. I will be sharing pictures and information with students from Monday onwards. Staff got to see our new logo last night and there is a real 'buzz' about it! Parents who attended Parent Forum had a sneak peak, too! We will share more details in the newsletter next week.

Also, next week we are due to receive the new English block as the building will be handed over to us. Keep your fingers crossed for Thursday!

## FAMILY NEWS



Mr Rooney, Head of Whitehall Family, writes: As today is Red Nose Day, our Charity Reps have chosen to mark the occasion by raising money with a bake sale this lunchtime! Thank you to everyone for your delicious donations; we will share the amount raised in next week's newsletter.

Mr Perry, Head of Riddings Family, adds: We are also holding a 'Silly Olympics' in the dome after school today – a great opportunity for students to have lots of fun in the name of a very good cause...and rack up some more precious Family points!

Riddings have recently claimed top spot and Hollies are making a comeback! It's all to play for now, with Family challenges and activities in the lead up to Easter, including today's 'Silly Olympics', and of course, 'Hartford's Got Talent'!

1st place	Riddings	109 points
2nd place	Whitehall	97 points
3rd place	Hollies	94 points
4th place	Beeches	87 points

## SCIENCE



Mrs Keegan, Science teacher, writes: This week Mrs Challinor and I teamed up with Hartford Primary and Hartford Manor Primary to celebrate British Science Week. Year 5 and 6 students got a glimpse of high school science with captivating flame tests and chromatography. Former primary pupils from Year 8 (Lucia Cliffe, Finley Taylor, Fazal Hussain, and Lewis Kerr), joined to share their high school experiences, inspiring the next generation.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: On Saturday, Riley Adlington, Reece Mannion, Josh Kent, Seb Ashcroft, Keilan Bailey and Zac Jepson played for Northwich Victoria U12's in the Cup Final against the league leaders. In a very close game which led to penalties, Northwich Vics won! Congratulations to all the boys involved, well done!

### PE

Mr Jenyons, PE teacher, writes: On Monday the PE department took 3 teams to the regional indoor athletics championships at Ellesmere Port.

Both girls' teams had exceptional attitudes towards the event, with the Year 7 girls' team finishing 6th and the Year 8 girls finishing 8th! Brilliant!

The boys' team (Year 8) took first place in the regional competition; an outstanding achievement!



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Miss Logie, PE teacher, writes: Last Friday, the girls' Year 7 and 8 football teams took part in the FA's "Let Girls Play - Biggest Ever Football Session". The girls played a friendly fixture against Queens School Chester. The final score was 5-3 to Hartford and there was some excellent football, teamwork and sportswomanship on display. Well done, girls!



Miss Logie also writes: A fantastic day was had watching the talented Year 7 and Year 8 teams compete in the Cheshire Schools Netball Competition at Winsford Academy last weekend, after being postponed by a week due to the rain!

The Year 7s were rewarded with second place in their age group and Year 8 took 4th place. Miss Godfrey and I will be taking the girls to compete at Weaverham in further tournaments. These girls are doing brilliantly and we are very proud!



*Congratulations!*

In more netball news, our Year 7 and 8 netball teams competed in the Mid-Cheshire netball tournament on Wednesday and Thursday respectively, and all brought home a gold medal each! Amazing from both teams!

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## PERFORMING ARTS

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Ms Philippou, Head of Performing Arts, writes: On Tuesday we had two different Performing Arts workshops.

Students interested in Music, Dance and Drama took part in a workshop run by the [Pauline Quirk Academy](#) and our DJs of the future took part in a workshop by James McInnes from [DJ Beatbox](#). It has been a privilege working with local professionals within the Performing Arts, and our lucky students have enjoyed every minute!



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.

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## LIBRARY

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Mrs Lea, Librarian, writes: Last week the library celebrated World Book Day with a different lunchtime activity each day. We ended the week with a Family competition where teams took part in our Harry Potter quiz. Our winners were Slytherin (Hollies)! Congratulations to all the teams who competed and to Head of Hollies Family, Miss Logie, who is the proud new owner of the House Cup!

Hollies

72 points

Riddings

70 ½ points

Whitehall

62 ½ points

Beeches

53 points

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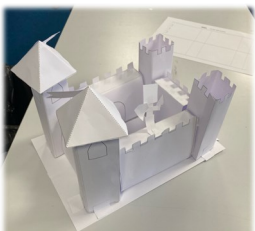
Mrs Morgan, School Chaplain, writes: We have created a Christian book section in our school library called 'Reading for the Soul'. We asked if anyone had any books suitable for 11-16 year olds, and to our surprise and delight, St John's Church in Hartford gifted us a huge box full of wonderful, brand new books for our students. We thank them so much for their generosity, which will delight and edify our students for years to come.

Thanks also go to Icthus Christian Books in Northwich for their generosity, too. We are so grateful and blessed by their kindness and encourage all our students to come along and read these lovely new books!

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## HISTORY

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Mr Brown, Head of History, writes: At History Club we have been making cardboard castles. Our students have designed and made some great models!



## CHESTER CATHEDRAL TRIP

Some of our Year 10 RE students recently went to Chester Cathedral for a Christian Controversies Conference. The Cathedral itself was stunning, the site having been worshipped upon since Roman times and parts of the present building being 1000 years old!



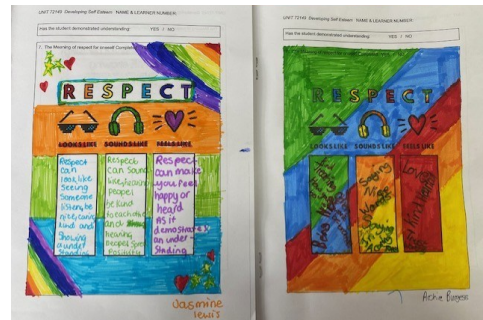
The day was divided into four parts, with workshops/seminars on 'Ethical Choices in Medical Research', 'The Role of Women in Ministry', 'The Church Response to Sexuality and Gender' and 'The Sanctity of Life - Euthanasia and Abortion'. Each session included reason and debate and the day culminated in a Question and Answer session. We left feeling challenged and enlightened and all of our students were a credit to Hartford Church of England High School.

### BAKING CLUB

Mrs Jones, TA and Baking Club lead, writes: Baking Club students have recently been wowing us with more sweet treats: chocolate orange muffins and fruit scones! Delicious!



### MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



Miss Godfrey, School Counsellor, writes: This week our See Me Thrive students have been looking at the meaning of Respect. Students shared colourful posters exploring what respect looks, sounds and feels like.

### AND FINALLY...

Throughout this week I have been amazed and inspired by our students and staff! As the newsletter demonstrates, staff have provided opportunities aplenty for students to develop beyond the curriculum and our young people have grasped so many of the chances to join in, displaying our HART values to the full. I am an extremely proud Headteacher!

Have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend,  
Rachel Pickerill

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WEEKEND!