



HARTBEAT

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GREETING FROM THE HEAD

Last night we welcomed Year 6 students and their families to our transition evening. The hall was packed with everyone keen and eager to hear about our school in preparation for the children starting Year 7. Our current students were as fabulous as ever, playing in the orchestra, preparing and reading speeches about their experiences of school and modelling our new blazer and PE kit! More details of these new items will follow in next week's newsletter!



Prior to this, in the last two weeks we have (finally) opened our new building! Students and English teachers have been enjoying lessons in our new facilities and we hope to arrange an official opening event and opportunities for parents to see the building in the weeks ahead.

CAREERS

Mr Ingman, Assistant Headteacher, writes: On Thursday Year 10 were involved in a Careers Day where they spent time with qualified careers advisors, external employers and our teaching staff. The students were involved in CV and personal statement writing workshops in preparation for upcoming college applications, employability workshops with careers advisors looking at key skills needed to develop in a successful career and presentations from external employers including AstraZeneca, Pets at Home, The Canals Trust and Balfour Beatty.

The feedback from all visitors and staff was amazing and students should now feel proud and more prepared in planning their next steps for the future. The employers commented on how well behaved and engaged and said that the students were a credit to the school. Well done to all involved!

BRANDING

Mr Griffiths, IT teacher and school social media manager, writes: As we shared with you in a previous newsletter, we have been working with a design team to give our school an updated 'brand', meaning that from September, we will be using our new school badge on all of our correspondence and uniform, but from today, we are relaunching our school's social media!



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FAMILY NEWS



Mr Rooney, Head of Whitehall Family, writes: Last Friday saw the inaugural Hartford's Got Talent showcase - and what a show it was! We saw an array of talent varying from enchanting piano, to electrifying guitar, to an energetic Beetlejuice rendition!

Firstly, the Heads of Family would like to thank all the students for their involvement. We recognise the commitment and bravery of our students in putting themselves forward to perform in front of their peers and staff members. A big well done to Wayne Wong, Summer Macdonald, Eloise Davies, Mia Ball and Jacob Marshall (Y7), Oliver Hevicon, Coco Holden, Isla Harrington and Lydia Mason (Y8), Elsie Shaw (Y9), Jonah Scott and Caleb Jackson (Y10) and Liam Reynolds (Y11).

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Students' Choice Award: LIAM REYNOLDS! This was unanimous and the students really enjoyed the energy and excitement of his rendition of Beetlejuice. Liam showed great confidence and stage presence to win this award! Well done, Liam!

Staff Choice Award: OLIVER HEVICON! Oliver burst onto the stage with charisma and flair to his own walkout music! He wowed the audience with a display of supercar knowledge and had the crowd on the edge of their seats, getting 10/10 mystery supercars correct! Well done, Oliver!

Overall winner: WAYNE WONG! Wayne delivered an epic piece of piano mastery and had the audience captivated and awestruck by his skill. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed his wonderful performance. During the summer showcase, Wayne will be introduced as the winner and champion of Hartford's Got Talent. Congratulations, Wayne!



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We are very lucky to have such talented students and plans are underway to bring the showcase to a wider audience! We would love the students who participated to perform again, and we also encourage other students who did not take part this time round to apply for the next Hartford's Got Talent Family competition!



FAMILY NEWS

1st place	Riddings	233 points
2nd place	Whitehall	182 points
3rd place	Hollies	174 points
4th place	Beeches	162 points

As a result of Hartford's Got Talent, the Family points table standings have changed yet again! Hollies have managed to haul themselves up from 4th place but Riddings remain in 1st place...can they be toppled from the top?

WELL DONE WEDNESDAY!

Mr Mason, Head of Year 9, writes: I met with 11 more students as part of 'Well done Wednesday' this week. They received a treat and will also receive a card. These students have been exemplary in their conduct around school in all ways and I am looking forward to saying 'well done' to many more Year 9 students!

Well done to Oliver Butkowski (9H), Sam Jeffries (9H), Gwendolyn Thomas (9T), Issy Evans (9T), Kayden Hatton (9S), Beth Jackson (9S), Jess Cox (9D), Lily-Belle Antrobus (9D), Georgia Twibell (9R), Millie Davenport (9R), Libby Lear (9F) and Annabel Gibson (9F)!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Ms Daniels, Head of Year 7, writes: Summer MacDonald is treading the boards at Liverpool Empire Theatre in *The Sound Of Music*, one of my favourite plays. She's playing Louisa, one of the children. Break a leg, Summer!

On Sunday some of our Y8 boys and two Y7s won the U13 Mid-Cheshire Cup and became District Champions! It was a very tense game and went to penalties with them winning 5-4. Congratulations to Harry Eccles, Max Watson, Alfie Booth, Zach Isherwood, Louie Clarke, Olly Johnson, Cameron Bryning and Louie Quilty!



PERFORMING ARTS

Mr Williams, Drama teacher, writes: I wanted to say a huge 'well done' to everyone who auditioned for our next production: '[A Midsummer Night's Dream](#)'! The number of students who wanted to audition blew us away! The quality of auditions has improved upon our auditions for *Beauty and the Beast*. We are really excited to get going with rehearsals next week with our new and amazing cast:

DeeDee Nelson, Evan Williams, Savannah Eden, Oliver Hevicon, Sadie Lovatt, Tia Holman, Josie Turpin, Alice Owen, Eloise Davies, Gabby Ogden, Isla Harrington, Summer McDonald, Philippa Johns, Lola Concannon, Alexia Curbishley, William Martin, Lily-Rose Palmer, Isabell Lewis, Coco Holden, Gracie Hassall, Curtis Falconer, Grace Trueman, Amelia Brown, Jasmine Stephens, Autumn Wells and Lily Jones.



ENGLISH



Miss Davenport, English teacher, writes: Earlier this year, many of our students entered a national writing competition called 'The Glitch'. Students were invited to write a story in 100 words inspired by a sudden change or a shift in reality. I am pleased to say that through this competition, seven of our students are now published authors! Well done to Evan Llabres, Elsie Shaw, Jack Maddox, Lily Jones, Lily Hunter, Grace Dean, and Alice Slinger!

If you ordered a copy of 'The Glitch', they are ready to collect from E11.

PE

Mr Boys, Head of PE, writes: Our Year 10 basketball team played against St Nicholas RC High School last week and came out victorious, 59 - 23!

The boys put on a brilliant performance and it was a great chance to see our Btec and GCSE PE students working together. Well done, lads!



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING



Miss Godfrey, school counsellor, writes: During a recent anxiety group session, students designed their own 'pocket angels'. These 'pocket angels' will help alleviate some of the anxieties students have been experiencing.

Y6 TRANSITION

Ms Daniels writes: Last night, some of our students modelled our new blazer and PE kit for the Year 7 cohort of 2024 and looked very smart! Thanks go to Mia Raizyte, Henry Williams, Lydia Mason, Zach Smith, Lola Concannon and James Seddon.

Lucas Travis, Harry Wright and Oliver Barker also made some wonderful short speeches to a very packed hall about life at High School. Their speeches were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by everyone who attended. Thank you!

AND FINALLY...

We will be saying goodbye to three much valued teachers on Tuesday 30 April. Mrs Lewis, Assistant Headteacher has been promoted to the role of Deputy Headteacher at a school in Crewe. Miss Duff has also been promoted to the role of Assistant Head of Languages at another Cheshire School. Finally, Miss Scott leaves us to embark on a new adventure and change in career. Whilst we will miss all these colleagues, we wish them the very best of luck in the future.

We wish all our readers an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Rachel Pickerill