



# HARTBEAT

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

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It is with great pleasure that I write the opening to this newsletter as we celebrate what was a wonderful night at our school yesterday. Our Open Evening was visited by more families than ever before with 350 in attendance, meaning that our school was full with over 1000 students, staff and prospective parents. Over 170 students took part in the evening and were amazing ambassadors for our school.

Visitors were full of praise for the school as they left, saying that they and their children had thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Visitors were particularly complimentary about our students, saying that they were very impressed with their manners and how confident and helpful they were. In every department there was a 'buzz' all night and we loved welcoming visitors into our school! Special thanks must go to Miles Marshall and Sophie Carr in Year 11 who wrote a brilliant speech about their experiences at Hartford Church of England High School, sharing this with parents as part of my talk. Special thanks also go to Jonah Scott (Y9) for playing the piano for our guests before and after the talk, too.

Isla, Ellie, Lydia, Zach, Noah and Rupert did extremely well when put on the spot during the talk, answering key questions such as what they liked most about Hartford Church of England High School, how they had flourished so far, and most importantly, what their favourite food to buy from the canteen was!

One of our visitors contacted the school this morning with this message:

*"I just wanted to leave a quick note to compliment the Open Evening tonight which was brilliantly run by staff and pupils alike. My son was shown around by Alex who was engaged, insightful and a real credit to the school. Amazing Spider-Man artwork as well. Thank you from me and Harry who will be requesting a place at the school this evening!"*

I am very proud of all the staff and students of Hartford Church of England High School and thank them enormously for all that they did to make our Open Evening such a success. We look forward to welcoming Harry and all our other year 5 and 6 visitors to our school as students in year 7 in the future!



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## MFL

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Miss Boyd, Head of MFL, writes: On Tuesday 26 September we celebrated European Day of Languages. During lessons, students learnt about the Power of the Cognate in language learning (a word that looks and sounds like it does in English). Students translated Spanish cognates which linked to all subjects in each lesson. As well as this, students enjoyed various European foods in the canteen at lunchtime, as well as delicious cupcakes topped with edible European flags.



Can you work out the meanings of some of the cognates students had to translate on the day, and which subjects they link to? (Answers on page 4 – no cheating!)

Calculadora, Castillo, Energía, Clima, Gramática, Melodía, Mecanismo, Perspectiva, Biblia, Trofeo, Computadora, Diálogo, Diversidad, Bailarina, Gramos, Garantía

In [Languagenut](#) news our world ranking is now 105. A huge leap up the leader board from last week! Top students achievers are Chloe Riley, Macy Hughes and Lauren Westland, and Miss Boyd's Year 8 HART class is now the highest achieving class in the school. WELL DONE EVERYONE! ¡MUY BIEN A TODOS! BRAVO À TOUS!

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## DANCE

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Miss Scott, Dance Teacher, writes: On Friday 22nd September our Year 11 students took part in an intense four-hour workshop in support of their PSA Component 2 exam for BTEC. They worked incredibly hard learning a set repertoire from 'Big God' by Akram Khan. The theme we are exploring is power, and we have learnt how Khan fuses dance styles together to make a powerful statement about society and the importance of bringing different cultures together. Our students are looking forward to performing their examination piece at our showcase in November.



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## YEAR 8 FOOTBALL TEAM

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Mr Hardwick, PE Teacher, writes: Our Year 8 Football team travelled to Congleton High School for an English Schools fixture on Thursday and displayed a valiant performance in tough, windy conditions. The girls forced penalties but unfortunately came out in second place on this occasion, with Ella Cartwright and Maja Golda the scorers. Well done girls! Despite not winning, it was a fantastic performance!



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## MUSIC

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Ms Philippou, Head of Music, writes: Well done to Bradley Johnson, Miles Marshall, Carter Thomas, Caleb Jackson and Jonah Scott for performing in assemblies this week. Beautiful, as always!

A reminder to parents: If your child would like instrumental lessons please contact [zphilippou@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:zphilippou@hartfordhigh.co.uk)

Extra curricular Music, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Monday – Rock and Pop club

Tuesday – BTEC club

Wednesday – Orchestra

Wednesday – Mrs Kemsley's Singers

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## KS3 HISTORY CLUB

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Mr Brown, History Teacher, writes: Students enjoyed learning about the Victorian engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel in this week's KS3 History Club. We even tried to emulate his successful bridge building exploits! We invite students to join Mr Atherton next week to design your own coat of arms!

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## DESIGNER DREAMS BIG!

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You may have seen on the news this week the heartwarming story of a young man, Euan Job, who designed a dress for his idol, Shania Twain. Euan went to watch the singer live in Manchester and, to his surprise, she was wearing his creation! Lucky Euan was then called up on stage in front of the adoring crowd to be thanked and congratulated by the woman herself! Euan is a former student of Hartford, and it was lovely to see him being recognised for his talent. What a wonderful example to all of us that it's okay to dream big, and hard work really pays off!

You can find the article online at [itv.com](http://itv.com) (Granada region).



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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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Ms Daniels, Head of Year 7, writes: Congratulations to 7C who are currently the form with the most achievement points at 1948, closely followed by 7D.

Scarlett Morris, 7D, has accumulated the most this week. Highest achievers in the other tutor groups are:

7H	7A	7R	7T	7F	7S	7C
Thomas	Keilan	Thomas	Cerys	Harry	Florence	Cameron

**Attendance  
Matters**

**SECRET STUDENT** – Mrs Lewis, Attendance Lead and Assistant Head, writes: A student from every year group with 100% attendance from the previous week is selected to receive a prize and extra achievement points.

This week's prize winners are Jake Hayes (7C), Emily Crowder (8S), Lucas Curbishley (9S), Olivia Deakin (10H) and Isabelle Cole (11R).

Well done to all of our students who are in school every day, arrive on time and ready to learn!

Outside of school, Mya Winnington (7R) made a splash when she competed in her first swimming races on Saturday 23rd September at Nantwich Swimming Pool. She competed in two races for Winsford Swim team, coming 2nd out of 8 in the freestyle race and 3rd out of 8 in the backcrawl race. Congratulations, Mya!

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## MFL ANSWERS

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Here are the answers to the MFL quiz...how many did you get?

Calculator (Maths), Castle (History), Energy (Science), Climate (Geography), Grammar (English), Melody (music), Mechanism (Design Technology), Perspective (Art), Bible (RS), Trophy (PE) Computer (Information Technology), Dialogue (Drama), Diversity (PSHE), Ballerina (Dance), Grams (Food Technology), Guarantee (Business).

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## AND FINALLY...

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It's been INSET day today and whilst our staff have been busy participating in training and professional development, students have had the opportunity to enjoy a well-earned day off school. We hope that all children felt the benefit of this day of rest and relaxation after a very busy month. We look forward to welcoming all students back into school on Monday for lots of great learning in October!

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing weekend.

Rachel Pickerill