



# HARTBEAT

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## GREETING FROM THE HEAD

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This week we have enjoyed welcoming parents and children from a variety of primary schools as they have attended tours each morning. Families have joined us between 9:30 and 11:00am and have been able to see our school 'in action'! We have witnessed super art work, great singing, amazing acting, wonderful cooking and a whole host of lessons where students have been learning about tenses in languages, waves in science, isometric drawing in DT, indices in maths, World War 2 in history, earthquakes in geography and Pigeon English in English! I have been so proud of our students and staff as I have toured our visitors around. Tours run throughout the next week at 9:30am. If you would like to come along with any prospective students then there is still opportunity to book. Just email [head@hartfordhigh.co.uk](mailto:head@hartfordhigh.co.uk).

We thought that we would use this newsletter to introduce parents to some of the staff working at Hartford Church of England High School. This week we are starting with [Mr Ingman](#), our new Assistant Head; Strategic Lead for DT, STEM and Careers. Mr Ingman joined us from Sir Stanley Matthews Academy in Stoke on Trent having been a highly successful Director of STEM. Mr Ingman, wanted us to let you know that he is very proud of his year 11 engineering and design class who have performed superbly in the 'communicating designs' unit for their Key Stage 4 course. The Year 11s are really enjoying being taught by Mr Ingman - he even got a mention by students for the great work being done in engineering when I was on the tour this week. Mr Ingman is a Manchester United supporter and plays football for Sandbach United Vets, he also coaches Sandbach United Under 9s and, not only has he started working at Hartford Church of England High School this summer, he has also taken up golf at the same time!

We hope that Mr Ingman is as good on the golf course as he is in the classroom!



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## ART

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Miss Sadler, Head of Art, writes: Year 8 have produced some stunning African Masks homework this week. Students were asked to decorate a mask template using an African-style pattern. A very well done in particular goes to Ella Cartwright, Fazal Hussain, Evie Peake, Grace Senior and Harry Wright. We're looking forward to seeing more fantastic homework next week!

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## GEOGRAPHY

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Mrs Carnell, Geography teacher, writes: The Geography department were delighted to welcome a former student, Abir Balayat, to talk to some of our Year 11s this week about studying Geography at Sir John Deane's college and then further at University. Abir is in her second year at Manchester University and very kindly gave up her time to talk through her experience of Geography at Sir John Deane's, the topics she enjoyed most and why this was the case.



Many of our students go on to study Geography at A Level and it was lovely to hear Abir speak so passionately about the subject. Abir has chosen to follow a BSC course at Manchester with a focus on physical Geography and shared with the students her reasons for this. Our Year 11s were able to quiz Abir on her choices of topics to study and what she hopes to do with her degree in the future. We are very grateful to Abir for giving up her time and I'm sure she will have inspired our GCSE Geographers to continue their Geography journey!

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## YEAR 8 BOYS FOOTBALL

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Mr Hardwick, PE Teacher, writes: On Wednesday this week we welcomed other local secondary schools from the area for a football festival. Our boys managed to win four out of the five games they played, showing some fantastic football. Well done, gents!

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## YEAR 7 NETBALL

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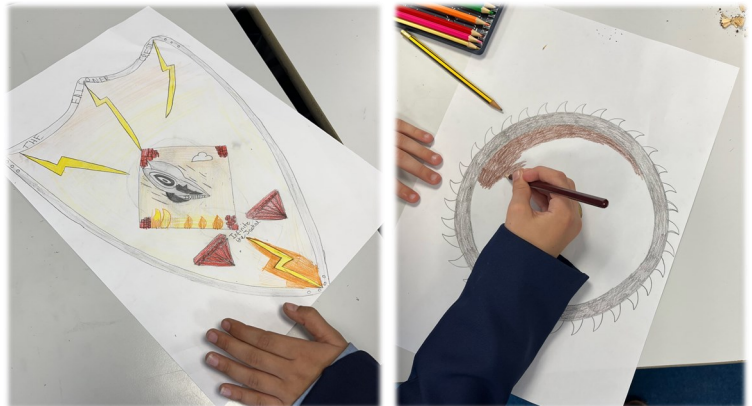
Miss Logie, PE Teacher, writes: Well done to all the Year 7 netballers who represented school in their first school netball fixture. They competed excellently and won all their games! The next fixture is on Monday 9 October when they take on St Nicholas RC High School in a local derby!

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## KS3 HISTORY CLUB

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Mr Brown, History Teacher, writes: Students learned about heraldry and created their own coat of arms in this week's KS3 History Club with Mr Atherton. We would love for students to return next week for a Battle of the Atlantic 'Crack the Code' challenge with me next Wednesday!



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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

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Ms Daniels, Head of Year 7, writes: Well done to Hannah Birtwistle, Phoebe Achu, Hannah Gibson, Tilly Barnett, Jacob Marshall, Darcey Peake, Luca Iancu and Imelda Cook in Year 7 who had a special visit to Mrs Pickerill this morning. The students were put forward by their form tutors for displaying our **HART** values. Mrs Pickerill issued them with their certificates, sweets and a VIP pass for the canteen.



Congratulations also go to 7D who are currently the form with the most conduct points, and to 7S who have the best attendance. Keep collecting those achievement points and being present in school!

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## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

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Last Friday, while all the students were at home for INSET and staff were in school for training, we held the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning in Caritas canteen. Staff donated cakes and biscuits, homemade and shop-bought, in order to raise money for this very worthy cause, and at the final count, donations topped £300 (we at Hartford Church of England High School are partial to a bit of cake)! This is about £100 more than last year! [Thank you to everyone for your valued donations.](#)

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## COUGHS AND SNEEZES SPREAD DISEASES

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As we move into autumn, the dreaded coughs and sniffles return. In school we continue to encourage good personal hygiene to restrict the passage of germs, with hand sanitiser available in all classrooms. Unfortunately, we're all prone to catching colds and viruses, but keeping hands clean, covering our mouths when we cough and throwing away used tissues does go some way in stopping the spread of germs.



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## LOST PROPERTY

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Our lost property pile is continuing to grow, and sadly everything is un-named so cannot be returned to students! We encourage parents to name all clothing items, including coats, bags and footwear where possible, so that any found items can be reunited with their owners! We would also ask for any students who think they've lost something in school, to go and check at the student office, located next to the main reception.

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## AND FINALLY...

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Last week saw the launch of our brand new family system (to replace houses) at Hartford Church of England High School. Our new [Heads of Family](#) introduced students and staff to the idea of a family system and how this would benefit them. Before the family system can begin we need new names for our families, and students and staff had the opportunity to vote for their favourite...they had the choice of explorers, values, local businesses and famous Hartford landmarks. The vote was a close call! The new names for our families will be revealed very soon!

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing weekend.

Rachel Pickerill