



HARTBEAT

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

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GREETING FROM THE HEAD

To all members of our school community,

Welcome to the first ever edition of Hartbeat! This is our weekly newsletter where we can share everything that is happening in school with everyone in the community.

This week our students have returned to school and we have welcomed a number of brilliant new teachers.

We welcomed: Mr Thompson (Deputy Headteacher), who is leading on the quality of education provided to students in school and Mr Ingman (Assistant Headteacher), our strategic lead for DT, STEM and careers.

We are delighted to have appointed a new Head of English, Mr Spann and Lead Practitioner for English, Mrs Woolmer. Other teachers that have joined us are; Mr Wootton (Science), Miss Gregory (English), Mr Brown (Humanities - we now have 2 Mr Browns in the department!), Mr Procter (Geography), Mr Atherton (English and Humanities), Mr Williams (Drama and PSHE), Miss Bates (Drama and English), Miss Ferrie (Food Technology), Mr McVeigh (Assistant Curriculum Team Leader, Maths) and Mr Edgar (Maths).

We have also launched our new behaviour policy this week. You can read the new policy here: <https://www.hartfordhigh.org.uk/uploads/files/behaviour-attitudes-129.pdf>

In next week's newsletter we will be setting out our key development priorities for the school year. Prior to this, parents will receive a copy of our 'key dates' including parents' evenings and other opportunities to engage with school in parent forums. For early information, we will be holding a Key Stage 4 Information Evening and a Year 7 Pastoral Meeting on Wednesday 20th September; if you have children in these year groups you can expect full details of these events to be sent to you from colleagues responsible for these this week.



STUDENT SUCCESSES!



A huge well done goes to HB in Year 8 who represented Wales and Borders in a number of events over the summer in the Pony Club sport of Tetrathlon. This involves the 4 disciplines of running, swimming, shooting and riding. The event takes place over 2 days. One day usually involves separate events of running 1000m, Swim for 2 minutes and shoot turning targets from 7m. Day two is a cross country ride on horse over 80cm fences. Points are awarded for each section with the cumulative points resulting in the placings.

Over the summer he has travelled, as part of the Welsh team, to Ireland, Scotland and England with the final event being the UK Pony Club Championships where he took the Stepping Stones (11 & under) Boys Championship. He now moves up to the Junior section (14 & under) which starts over the autumn with winter Triathlons (running 1500m, shooting 10m one handed and swimming for 3 minutes).

Another of our Year 8 students, Josh Sheldrick, undertook the very daunting task of abseiling St Mary's Church in Weaverham this summer, raising £80 for the church funds. Josh was understandably nervous, but faced his fears and completed a very impressive activity for a very worthy cause. Excellent, Josh!



Pharrell in Year 10 spent some of his summer in Germany, representing the UK in the Euro Finals in extreme stunt scootering, earning himself the opportunity to compete in the World Finals in Australia next month. What an incredible achievement!



This extreme sport is definitely not for the faint-hearted! If you would like to support his trip, his family have set up a Go Fund Me page:

<https://gofund.me/efcc35d7>

MUSIC

Instrumental lessons: If you are interested in instrumental lessons for your child, please contact Ms Philippou for more information at zphilippou@hartfordhigh.co.uk



Music Clubs will also start next week:

Monday: Rock and Pop club

Tuesday: BTEC

Wednesday: Orchestra

All music lessons will start next week.

Singing club will start Wednesday 20th September.

GEOGRAPHY

It has been great to welcome all our geographers back into school. We have taken the opportunity, in our first lesson, to look at all the geographical news that has been happening over the summer. It has been fantastic to see how many of our students are up to date with current events and have clearly been discussing this at home. This will be invaluable in their geography lessons as we move through the year. Each week we will be posting 'Geoglebox' onto our google classrooms. This will list all the TV programmes for the week ahead that have a geography theme and could prove interesting and relevant for the learning in the classroom. We are all very excited about the year ahead.

Mrs Carnell, Head of Geography

LIBRARY (LRC)

Don't judge a book by its cover!

Let the blurb, and only the blurb, inspire your next read.

By taking away the distraction of the front cover, we have challenged our students to try books they may normally have overlooked.



This new addition to the library is already proving very popular with students. They are really enjoying finding something new with their 'mystery book'.

PE

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TRIALS



On Wednesday evening over 70 of our Year 7 students took part in the boys and girls open football trials at school. It was an excellent session and bodes very well for the rest of the year.

We are hopeful our open netball trials this Friday will be just as popular!

CLUBS & PRACTICES THIS HALF-TERM

We have various activities available to students every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please see the timetable below. All abilities welcome!

Day	Lunchtime	After School (finish approx. 4:15pm)
Monday	3G Football	Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10 Boys & Girls Hockey Y7 & Y8 Dance
Tuesday	3G Football	Y7 & Y8 Boys Football ALL YEARS Dance Choreography Club
Wednesday	3G Football	ALL YEARS Netball Y9 & Y10 Boys Football
Thursday	N/A	N/A
Friday	3G Football	Y11 Boys Football ALL YEARS Girls Football

AND FINALLY...

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Drummond, Head of English gave birth to twin girls this week. Both are healthy and the family are thrilled. On behalf of everyone at Hartford Church of England High School, we send our congratulations! We also offer our congratulations to Mrs Merryweather (previously Gittins), Mrs Harriss (previously Weiss) and Miss Cork on their marriages which all took place over the summer. They have shared that they had wonderful wedding days and we wish them and their spouses many good wishes for a happy married life together.

With the weather returning to more seasonable temperatures, all students are expected to be back in school uniform next week. We look forward to week 2 of the new school year and seeing all of our students again on Monday.

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing weekend.

Rachel Pickerill