

22nd January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you had a restful Christmas and New Year break!

We were delighted to welcome pupils back to the Spring Term 2024 and the start to the new term has been a positive one.

HARTbeat

We have now commenced our HARTbeat programme, where two pupil ‘runners’ each day, act as the ‘HARTbeat’ of the academy. These pupils are those who we believe deserve an opportunity to demonstrate their interpersonal skills and support staff around the school.

In order to ensure learning is not lost, pupils who are on HARTbeat duty will be based in the library, completing work on laptops which is closely-aligned to their normal curriculum. For their efforts, pupil will be rewarded with a badge to recognise their service to the academy.

We believe that giving pupils this opportunity will allow them to actively demonstrate the HART values to everyone who visits Hartshill Academy.

Reflection Room

As you may know, at Hartshill Academy, like many other schools, use a Reflection Room as a means of resetting pupils who need another chance to get things right.

Our Reflection Room is now supervised by members of the Senior Leadership Team. In the Reflection Room, pupils required to spend a fixed-term period (usually 5 periods) for a chance to reflect on when they may not have demonstrated our HART Values as we would expect.

In the Reflection Room, pupils will have access to a laptop and undertake learning which has been carefully planned by our subject faculties in order to ensure learning is not disrupted. In this room, pupils will also have an opportunity to reset and restore relationships with others as needed.

Where a pupil needs to spend time in our Reflection Room, this will include a same-day detention of 40 minutes, which staff will advise pupils and parents/carers of.

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Detentions

Detentions are used as a sanction where pupils have fallen below our expectations and we expect that pupils show Heart and Tenacity to attend these as the consequence for their actions.

If a pupil is removed from a lesson due to disrupting the learning of others, or is behaving in a way which is unsafe, this will be a next-day detention of 40 minutes. In detention, pupils will have the opportunity to have a restorative conversation with a member of the pastoral team and their class teacher.

We want all pupils to attend detentions which are set and appreciate your support in encouraging your child's attendance. In instances of deliberately missing detention or serious behavioural incidents (e.g. truancy), these detentions may be escalated to a 1-hour SLT detention on Friday.

Rewards Store

The Rewards Store (linked to Class Charts) is now open! In this store, pupils are able to use their spendable (positive) points in order to make purchases of a range of items.

All pupils now have logins in order to 'buy' items and these will regularly be processed and delivered to pupils.

We believe rewarding outstanding behaviour is the right thing to do and are so pleased already that so many pupils have taken advantage of the opportunity to spend their points in our Rewards Store.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a positive 2024 at Hartshill Academy!

Kind Regards,



Mr R Christon

Vice Principal

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