



Hartshill Academy

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PUPIL LEADERS ASSEMBLY

It was a delight to host over sixty pupil leaders from across the academy earlier in the week for a special lunch to celebrate their appointments as pupil leaders.

Our Vice Principal for Personal Development, Mr Mba, reiterated to pupils their roles, responsibilities, and opportunities to demonstrate leadership in their respective roles, exemplifying our HART values daily.

Since the start of term, our young people have had the opportunity to apply for a range of leadership roles in the academy. Our **senior pupil leadership team** consists of our **Head Pupils**: Abi, Dane, Ebony and Tawan, along with our newly appointed Year 11 and Year 10 pupils, nominated by their respective pastoral leaders. These pupils act as prefects to help to provide leadership across the academy. We also have our **Pupil Council** in place, the primary vehicle to provide pupil voice in regular council meetings to discuss and feedback on issues affecting pupils. In addition, our **Pupil Ambassadors** are 'go-to' pupils for conducting tours, supporting events and conducting interviews for new members of staff joining the academy. To complete the set, we also

have our **House Captains**, who serve as our ambassadors for each of our four Houses, supporting our Heads of House in promoting and recruiting for the House Championship.

We are very proud of them all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- MON 04 NOV | RETURN TO SCHOOL
- THU 21 NOV | YEAR 11 ATTENDANCE SURGERY
- FRI 22 NOV | YEAR 10 GOOD FOOD SHOW
- THU 28 NOV | YEAR 10 PROGRESS EVENING
- FRI 29 NOV | FLU INJECTIONS
- THU 05 DEC | PARENT VOICE
- MON 16 DEC | YEAR 7 SPACE CENTRE TRIP
- THU 19 DEC | CHRISTMAS PERFORMING ARTS SHOW

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



This half-term we have given away a huge number of prizes to our pupils who are **always here and on time**. These have included:

- A **pizza party** for 100 children with 100% attendance (50 + a friend!)
- A **trip to Wembley** to watch England vs. Finland in the UEFA Nation's League
- A **pair of Nike trainers** for Dane Bullock who was here and on time every Friday in September (this will be the same in October!)
- A **trip to Wembley** to watch the Lionesses vs. USA
- **Tickets for a pupil and their selected adult** to watch the Lionesses take on South Africa at the CBS Arena
- **Weekly £10 gift vouchers** from Mr Craig as part of his weekly draw
- A **free trip to Drayton Manor** theme park (see above)



Investing into better lives

As you can see, we are investing a great deal in promoting good attendance in our school. This is because we know that **good attendance leads to good outcomes and good outcomes lead to a better life**.

We want children to be here and to be on time and we wish to thank everybody who shares this commitment.

There remains a small minority of children who are still absent from school too often and this risks damaging their future. We will do everything possible to support those children to ensure they have the best possible chance of success.

We will continue to recognise and reward children who attend school regularly and make a conscious effort to be punctual, as this will reflect the positive impact that the skills of regular attendance and punctual will have on the rest of life.

A QUESTION OF SPORT



Hartshill Year 7 Boys competing in the Nuneaton and District League

At the end of September the Year 7 boys competed in their first football fixtures for the school in the Nuneaton and District League.

They beat Higham Lane 4-0 and drew 0-0 with TNA. They showed excellent heart throughout both games to not concede and to score some well worked goals. Fantastic results and a great start to the league!



OCTOBER UPDATES

The Year 7 boys in their second round of fixtures in the Nuneaton and District league played Polesworth and Nicholas Chamberlaine.

All students involved showed great tenacity to battle for both fixtures. Unfortunately, we lost both games 1-0, but they were against 2 very good sides.

The Year 7 team has made a great start to the year with their first time playing together and several students have played their first ever proper games this year.

Fantastic work lads!



Mr Mansfield
Year 7 Team Coach



The Hartshill Year 7 Boys
Football Team



List of Hartshill Competitors

Year 7 Girls

Shannon Bullock
Emily Blackmore
Phoebe Wilcox

Year 7 Boys

Oscar Woods 3rd
George Weaver 1st
Geroge Linford 5th



Year 8 Girls

Lacey Heath
Rosa Farmer
Jasmine Langtree

Year 9 Boys

Ethan Wilcox
Jenson Dodd
Seb Tiganila 3rd

Did you know? The sport of cross country running has its roots in England, spanning back to 1883 when English rugby players were seeking a way to practice and train during the offseason. According to USATF, the first English championships for cross country were in 1876.

The recent **Nuneaton and District Cross Country Championships** showcased the incredible talent and determination of Hartshill Academy's athletes. Competing against several local schools, our runners exhibited remarkable skills and tenacity, resulting in outstanding finishes in both the Year 7 boys' race and the junior race. The highlights included securing 1st, 3rd, and 5th places in the Year 7 boys' race, along with a commendable 3rd place finish in the junior race.

The performances of all participants demonstrated immense tenacity. Many faced various challenges, from difficult terrain to mental fatigue, yet they all exhibited incredible determination. Each athlete's willingness to push through adversity reflects the core values of Hartshill Academy and the spirit of cross country running. Our athletes displayed not only skill and endurance but also a strong sense of teamwork and support for one another.

Overall, the event was a resounding success, and we are proud of all our athletes for their hard work and dedication. Let's continue to build on this momentum and support each other as we strive for even greater accomplishments in the future!

MASTERS OF THE WORLD

Huge congratulations to our very own **Miss Woolridge** who represented England at the 2024 World Hockey Masters World Cup in South Africa. In the O35 women's final, South Africa found gold as runaway 4-1 winners over the Netherlands. England won bronze in the tournament with a 4-3 victory over Australia.



See if you can spot Miss Woolridge in the squad photo (above). As well as representing the nation in this international tournament, Miss Woolridge was also given the honour of being the flag bearer for all of the England squads in South Africa.



You can view footage of the 2024 World Hockey Masters World Cup on YouTube.

Check it out and see Miss Woolridge in action.

CAN'T BEAT THE BOOK BUZZ

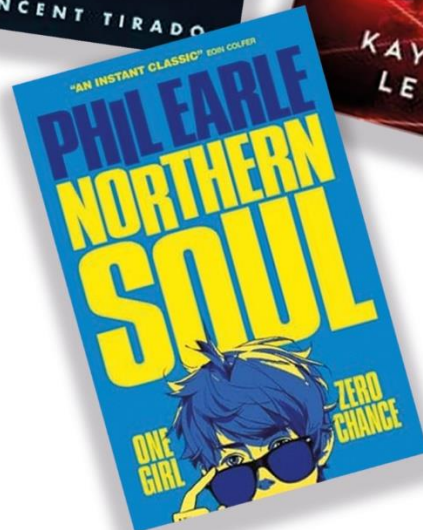
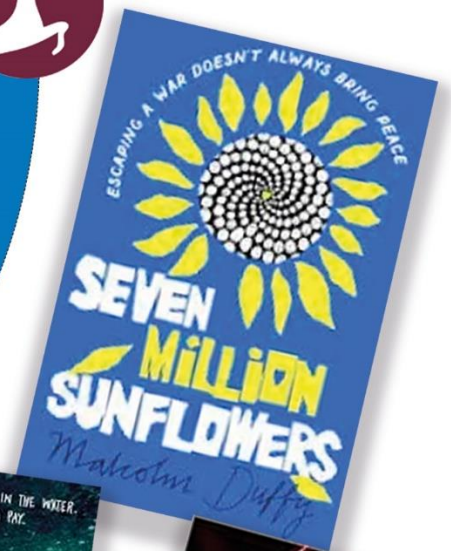
HARTSHILL ACADEMY BOOK CLUB

Our Hartshill Academy Book Club have been reading, reviewing and rating a selection of texts that are currently under nomination to win the Warwickshire School Library Service 'Teen Book Award'. As a school, every HART group put their vote forward for which book, out of a longlist of eight books, they would most like to see make the shortlist and potentially be awarded the Teen Book Award.

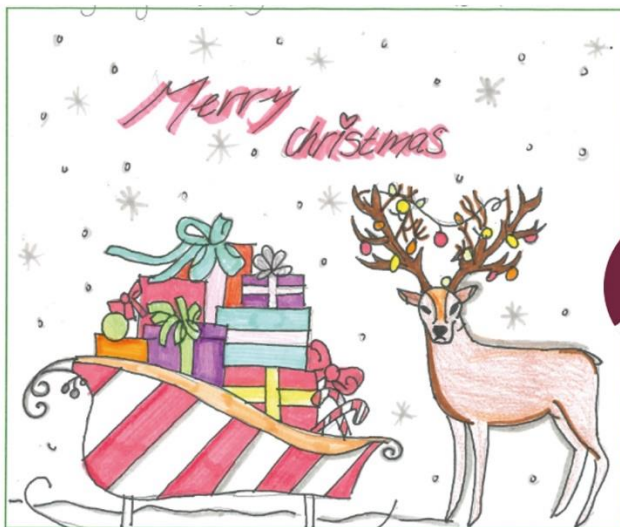
In our HHA book club, our readers have had the amazing opportunity to read the four books which made the shortlist; *We Don't Swim Here*, *Seven Million Sunflowers*, *Thieves' Gambit* and *Northern Soul*. The pupils have been hard at work, reading and discussing the shortlisted stories and are currently in the process of deciding which of the four they would most like to see awarded in December. Our readers will have the chance to share their thoughts with the WSLs team during their visit to the Academy in November, as well as get to stream the live award ceremony with the authors themselves.

Book Club runs every Wednesday lunchtime with Miss Coles and Miss Jones in 122, it is open to all who are willing to read and share their opinions or ideas.

'Books are a uniquely portable magic.'
- Stephen King -



CHRISTMAS IS COMING



UNITED LEARNING CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Yes...It is a little early to mention Christmas ...however, last week in Art, pupils from all years got a chance to enter United Learning's Christmas Card competition!

We have submitted three cards from all of our entries for the competition and the winner will receive a **£50 AMAZON VOUCHER** and a printed pack of their very own design.

Every pupil made an amazing effort and the Art Team were so impressed with the different ideas and the range of creativity demonstrated by all pupils. We wish we could show them all here, but we have selected some of our favourite designs.

An extra special well done to the following artists:

- T Buckler – Y11
- L Hall – Y11
- A Eko-Acquah – Y10
- I G Bentley – Y9
- M Rawan – Y8
- O Bateman – Y8
- O Arnold – Y7
- B Jooste – Y7
- E Lajko – Y7



CHOCOLATE CASTLES



ACTIVE HISTORY CLUB WITH MISS GODDARD

The History Club students have all really enjoyed the project. We are planning another team build based project for Autumn 2.

You can vote for your favourite castle by scanning the QR code below.

Chocolate Castle Project



This half term we have been working on our chocolate castles project. Students have been using their HART skills every Wednesday lunchtime to construct some interesting castle imitations in edible resources (Motte and Bailey, Stone Keep, Concentric).

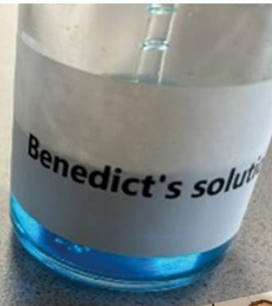
Highlights of our Autumn 1 build experience were:

- A gingerbread Lord of the castle
- Tall towers with the creative use of ice cream cones
- Brilliant teamwork across the club to build the castles
- Overcoming structural issues
- Adapting to new students joining the history club

SUPER SCIENCE



Year 10 and 11 have been carrying out required practicals with Miss Taylor. Year 10 have been working on neutralisation reactions and have successfully made copper sulfate crystals. Whereas, Year 11 have been conducting tests for sugar and protein in different food samples.



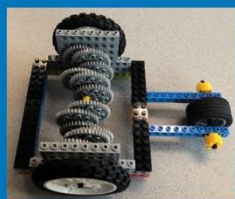
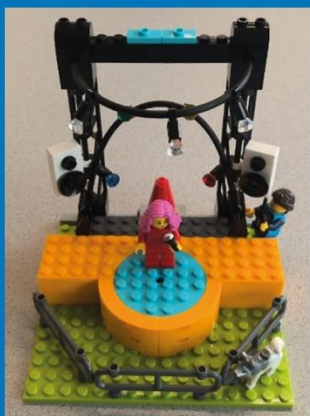
Science club have been shrinking heads for Halloween (made from dehydrated apples). They look amazing and keep popping up all over the science department! How can something so delicious and healthy also be so incredibly creepy?!



Lego Engineering

Years 7, 8 and 10 have been attending Lego Engineering club several times a week during the term. Below are some of the amazing structures that they have produced.

One of the builds was from a set, whereas the others include different vehicle designs, a boat and investigating how gears work.



House event – Sowing Together

Pupils and their adults came into Hartshill Academy to help Dr Khan sow the House planters with a variety of flowers and vegetables. The weather was not on our side, but the event was a huge success, and everyone had a great time! It is going to be amazing watching the fruits of our labour grow over the next few months.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

This half-term has seen a number of changes to the way safeguarding works at Hartshill Academy. The team now consists of:



Mr Christon – Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Miss Taylor – Deputy DSL

Miss Copson – Safeguarding Officer

Miss Crane – Early Help Lead

Miss Wallbank – Senior Mental Health Lead

In addition to the above, we have over 30 DSL-trained staff, including all Senior Leaders and Pastoral Leaders in school, and all of our staff undergo extensive safeguarding training and updates both in-school and through United Learning.

We are committed to safeguarding, supporting the wellbeing and promoting the mental health of our pupils and their families and so far this academic year have been proud to:

- Appoint a trained Senior Mental Health Lead to develop our mental health provision in-school for children and families
- Train and develop staff awareness of promoting good mental health and wellbeing through fortnightly CPD
- Open an Attendance and Safeguarding Hub (A.S.H.) to support pupils in a nurturing setting
- Introduce a range of therapeutic-style interventions, targeted at those pupils who need it
- Train 16 staff as Mental Health First Aiders
- Work closely with the Mental Health in Schools Team, Connect 4 Health and Virtual Schools Outreach to further support our children
- Introduce self-referral pathways such as QR codes so that it is easy to get help when needed



As a school, we want children and families to feel supported and we want to hear from you if there are any concerns you have around the safety or wellbeing of your child.

Stay Connected



We have recently created a brand-new Parent and Carer Facebook group. With over 100 parents and carers, we are inviting any parent or carer of a current Hartshill Academy pupil to join our group.

It is a friendly space where you can stay informed as part of our wider school community, in addition to our main channels of communication. You'll find updates, useful tips and support for navigating school life to ensure our young people have the best possible experience at Hartshill Academy.

Search 'Hartshill Academy Parents & Carers Group' on Facebook for more information.

