



**Hartshill
Academy**



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HARTSHILL ACADEMY!

Welcome to our first Bulletin from the new build. It has been an incredibly busy Autumn Term but we are really pleased with the new building and amazing new facilities we now have for our staff and pupils.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us recently for the Year 11 Performance Evening and the Christmas Show. Two fantastic events showcasing the talent and HART values of our wonderful pupils



This week our golden ticket winners, the pupils with the most positive points in each house, were invited to our Hartshill Academy Games - Horrible Humanities event this week. This was a very energetic event with lots of pupils cheering on their house staff. We are looking forward to the next House Games event in the Spring Term.

ACADEMY NEWS

December 2023

English and Languages Faculty

As we are now in our wonderful new build, the fantastic new Library space is up and running! Pupils are able to borrow books and browse what it has to offer. Let's get reading Hartshill! Please see Ms Edney our wonderful Librarian for details.

The English Department are really getting stuck into the festive spirit this month, focusing on A Christmas Carol for Y10 and a wonderful trip to see a stage performance is planned.

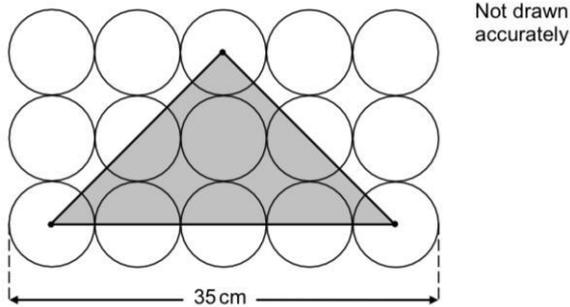
The Languages Department are pleased to welcome Madame Larguet as the new HoD of French and she is already settling in and making an excellent impact. Welcome Madame Larguet!



Bubble

The diagram shows 15 identical circles, arranged as a rectangle, and a shaded triangle.

The vertices of the triangle are at the centre of circles.



Calculate the area of the shaded triangle.

Mathematics Faculty

The Mathematics Faculty is launching a weekly prize draw for those "Sparx" homework pupils who have achieved 100% in their homework. Please encourage them to try their best in order to enter this weekly competition!

Also the "Maths Challenge" - (see picture to the left) is open to all pupils and prizes will be awarded! Please hand your answer to Mrs Sevellec in room 218 by Tuesday 19th December.

Science Faculty

We are now officially in the new build and the science labs are looking incredible! The science team cannot wait to use them for all the practical work that will be taking place this term.

In Botany Club, prior to half term, Miss Wicker and Mr Spiers had a very spooky theme for Halloween. Miraculously they managed to extract chlorophyll from spinach. Chlorophyll is usually a green colour but under a UV light it glows red!



Pastoral update

This past month, we have been enormously grateful for the Heart, Ambition, Respect and Tenacity of our pupils, staff, parents and families as we have experienced some challenging times. We are hugely thankful to everyone who has continued to engage so brilliantly with us, either through continued face-to-face provision or via daily online 'live' learning lessons. We fully appreciate the fact that this has been far from ideal, but we are pleased with how our pupils and staff have risen to the challenge in order to minimise, as much as possible, disruption to their learning.

Now, moving into the new build, we are ready to demonstrate the behaviour, attitudes, culture and standards that show we deserve our state-of-the-art £30million building and actively look forward to our journey towards becoming the best school in Warwickshire, through consistently being able to bring out the best in everyone.



House Games 2023



House Update

Please see the winning photos for the House Pumpkin Carving competition from last half term.

The winners are being voted for and announced in awards assembly at the end of term.

This week saw the first event of our Hartshill Academy House Games – Horrible Humanities. Congratulations to the golden ticket winners who joined us for the event and congratulations to the winners Newton Nighthawks!

Safeguarding update

On-Line Grooming

IWF safety campaign aims to help parents have conversations with their children about keeping their 'door' closed to child sexual abusers. The campaign includes a booklet for parents/carers explaining the risks, explaining why children are vulnerable, and suggests practical steps that parent/carers can take.

TALK to your child about sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

AGREE ground rules about the way you use technology.

LEARN about the platforms and apps you child uses.

KNOW how to use tools, apps and settings that can keep your child safe online.

For further details go to: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>



Drayton Deers

62 812



Evans Eagles

66 185



Barber Bears

64 391



Newton Nighthawks

65 560



Careers

Before half term, a large number of our Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to visit either the University of Leicester or Newman University, Birmingham, as part of their career's curriculum. Pupils spent the day looking at what life is like at university, as well as taking tours of the different campus and completing several problem-solving activities. Great feedback was received from both pupils and the university ambassadors, and we look forward to taking the rest of our Year 7 pupils to visit different universities across the space of the next few months.



Humanities Faculty Geography Department - GCSE Geography Field trip

The Year 10 Geographers took part in their Human field work trip to Birmingham, visiting a number of key locations across the city. Pupils spent time learning about, the Regeneration, Studentification and Gentrification across the city. We visited Longbridge retail park, Selly Oak next to Birmingham University and Moseley village. The pupils carried out an urban field work comparison between Edgbaston and Balsall Heath.



Creative and Vocational Faculty

We would like to congratulate all pupils who participated in the Year 11 Performance Evening on Tuesday 5th December and the Christmas Showcase on Monday 11th December. Everyone involved has worked extremely hard over the past few weeks, rehearsing at break times, lunch times and afterschool, demonstrating their HART values.

Hartshill Academy has some serious talent!



Welcome to

Hartshill Academy's Christmas Showcase



Monday 11th December
6.30pm
The Theatre