



Hartshill Academy

ACADEMY NEWS

April 2024



Thank you to everyone who joined us on 22nd March for our Open Evening. It was a lovely evening to introduce parents and our new Year 6 pupils to our wonderful new building. Our pupils were excellent ambassadors for Hartshill Academy showing parents and future pupils some of the amazing work that happens here every day.



In April we said goodbye and Happy Retirement to Mr Mark Whitehouse and Mrs Joyce Mulley.

Mr Whitehouse has been a History teacher for 34 years and is now looking forward to spending his retirement enjoying his hobbies of local history and supporting the Sky Blues

Mrs Mulley was a pupil herself at Hartsill in the early 1970s. She has retired after 22 years in the catering team.

We wish them both long an enjoyable retirements.



English and Languages Faculty

Year 11 have worked hard in their mock exams and have now received feedback – they are starting to feel ready to face the real English exams in the summer!

Years 7-10 have all started exciting units of work on poetry this term, in which we are exploring language, structure and form and delving into hidden meanings!

In MFL, as we are getting closer to the final exam, we shared results from Mock 2 and discussed individual plans for each of our Year 11 pupils. We discussed ways to prepare for the final exams in addition to masterclasses we will be running until the end of term.

Y7 to 10 are having fun reviewing their learning through many hands-on activities .



Mathematics Faculty



As the last half term progressed it has been a delight to see the number of pupils attending our Maths club grow, (Monday and Friday lunchtimes in room 216). This is available to any pupil who would like a little more support with maths homework or would just like one to one guidance from one of our excellent maths teachers. The pupils just need to ask for a club pass from their maths teacher.

In April we are looking forward to a number of our gifted Year 7 and 8 mathematicians taking part in a National Maths competition (UKMT) - Good luck!

Science Faculty

Year 10 went to see GCSE Live! at the Birmingham Symphony Hall. And they have also been to the London Transport Museum



for an engineering event. British Science Week was a huge event this year! There have been assemblies, time themed lessons, poster

competitions and bake-off entries - which were VERY tasty! The winners will be announced very soon. And finally, the Smallpeice

Trust have been in to provide a day of STEM activities for Year 9.



Pastoral update

This month has seen a significant improvement in pupils receiving positive points across the academy. On the final two days of term, we also had our 'Double Up Days' where all positive points which pupils received were doubled. This allowed pupils to build their balance and continue to spend their points on prizes in the rewards store.

The rewards store has been a huge hit and we have now incorporated more items into the store for pupils to buy. Please encourage your child to continue to build their balance to treat themselves to some new equipment, a £5, £10 or £20 voucher or a football/basketball!

We hope all pupils have had a fantastic Easter break and are ready for the Summer Term ahead. We look forward to welcoming you back for a fresh start and look to improve on the behaviour, conduct and well-being of all pupils within the academy.

Safeguarding update

What is bullying?

Bullying is intentional behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone. It can happen anywhere. It's usually repeated over a long period of time and can hurt a child both physically and emotionally.

How can you help a child if they're being bullied?

If your child or a child you know experiences bullying, it might make you feel angry, upset, or confused. As a first step, there should be a shared understanding of what bullying is. You should agree that what's happening isn't right and shouldn't continue.

Please look at this link for more advice: [How can I help my child if they are being bullied? | NSPCC](#)

Support for children

Childline can be contacted 24/7. Calls to [0800 1111](#) are free and confidential. Children can also contact [Childline online](#).

In school all pupils can speak to our safeguarding team or a trusted adult. Please contact your child's HART coach as the first point of call if your child is suffering any bullying.

House Update

This half term saw our staff be put to the test with 'Test the Teacher'. Our Year 11 House Captains took the lead with developing a set of questions to put our teachers through their paces. The final Tik Tok Dance off saw Newton Nighthawks destroy the rest of the field and took home 200 points for their house!

We also held House Rowing for 2 weeks of the term. Every lunchtime pupils could use our Concept 2 rowing machines, and row as many metres for their house as possible. The overall winners were the Barber Bears closely followed by the Evans Eagles.

We look forward to more events this half term.



Drayton Deers

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Evans Eagles

173411



Barber Bears

172922



Newton Nighthawks

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Careers

This month, a number of year 7 pupils were invited to visit Warwick University as part of their career's curriculum. The purpose of this visit was to support the aspirations of young people and raise their expectations about what they can achieve in the future, and to encourage young people to think about their futures and support them to make informed choices.

Pupils had the opportunity to tour the university, and were even able to design their own ideal university based on what they had learned during the tour.

Humanities Faculty

Humanities have welcomed a new member to the team; Mrs Roberts has joined Hartshill Academy as Head of Geography.

Mrs Roberts is really looking forward to working with pupils and the team.

Year 11 have completed their mock exams in History, Geography and RE. Teachers will now be going through the papers to look at areas of success and how to help pupils make some last-minute preparation in readiness for the summer exams.

Lesson 6 for Year 11 will reboot in earnest now the mock exams are over. Attendance to these sessions is vital for pupils to achieve their truest potential.

Humanities staff would like to express a hearty 'thank you' to all pupils who volunteered to support the faculty on the recent open evening. Visitors commented on how knowledgeable and welcoming pupils were. Teachers were very grateful for their support!

Creative and Vocational Faculty



Spotlight | Performing Arts

Rehearsals have started for our School Production of Hyde, an interpretation of Stevenson's *'A strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'* and pupils are working extremely hard. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th July for our opening night.

