

17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We are almost at the end of the first full Autumn Term in our new home. It has been a very busy term and we've not slowed down this week with the Space Centre Trip, History Guest Speaker, Science Christmas Lectures at Birmingham University, Christmas Dinners and the Christmas Show.

As always we are very proud of the Heart, Ambition, Respect and Tenacity our pupils have demonstrated this term. This has been an excellent term for Hartshill Academy with a significant increase in the number of pupils in school every day. We know that on average pupils with attendance below 95% achieve lower grades than their peers with higher attendance. It is important that pupils are in school every day to ensure they do not have gaps in their learning. We are pleased to see more pupils in school each day ensuring they stay on track to make great progress with their learning.

In addition to this the Autumn Term has seen a significant decrease in the number of lates to lessons, lesson removals and suspensions from school. Pupils are clear on the expectations at school and the vast majority are doing the right thing every day to ensure they are learning and aiming to keep getting better everyday.

This term has also seen the formation of our new Pupil Leadership Team. These are our pupils who have put themselves forward for new roles to lead and shape the future for our Hartshill Academy community. We are very proud of all the pupils who have chosen to challenge themselves and develop in this way. There is a new surprise coming in the Spring Term when the pupils return to school too.

A key focus for pupils during HART Time this term has been thinking about what it means to be a person with good character. Throughout this academic year, we will continue our efforts to develop the personal character of our young people. We value an education in which development of character is as important as exam success. We have a clear pathway to promote leadership, working independently and in teams, resilience, integrity, self-discipline, compassion, courage and respect for self and others. We want pupils to look back on their academic career at Hartshill Academy as a time of enjoyment and happiness which has inspired and challenged them in equal measure and prepared them for the ups and downs of life.

Below are some reminders and updates of key dates and details for the new term.

### **End of Autumn Term**

Autumn Term ends on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm.

### **Spring Term Start Date**

**Principal:** Miss L Taylor

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All pupils will return to Hartshill Academy for the start of the Spring Term on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8.40am.

### Mid Year Assessments

All pupils in Year 7-10 have mid-year assessments in January. Last week pupils in Year 7-10 had assemblies about preparing for their Mid-Year Assessments in January. To support pupils in preparing for their assessments Years 7-9 have been given knowledge organisers, and Year 10 have GCSE revision guides. The knowledge organisers are also available on the website.

[Hartshill Academy - Knowledge Organisers](#)

### Year 11 Update

Year 11 pupils received their mock exam results last week and they are now busy completing coursework and preparing for their next mocks in March. There is a Year 11 Progress Evening on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025. A letter with details on how to book appointments has been sent out on Arbor by Mr Mba.

### Term Dates 2024-2025

The 2024-2025 term dates and inset day dates are available on our website.

<https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/news-and-events/term-dates>

<b>Spring 1</b>	Weds 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025
<b>Spring 2</b>	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2025 – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2025
<b>Summer 1</b>	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2025 – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
<b>Summer 2</b>	Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun 2025 – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2025
<b>Academy closed for teacher training</b>	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 and Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2025 Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2025

### Progress Evenings and Events 2023-2024

Year 7	Progress Evening Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 4-7pm – Online
Year 8	Progress Evening Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 4-7pm – Online
Year 9	Progress Evening Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 4-7pm – Online Pathways Evening – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March – At Hartshill Academy
Year 11	Progress Evening Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 4-7pm – Online

### Uniform

Full details of the Hartshill Academy uniform are available on our website.

### [Hartshill Academy - Uniform](#)

There is an optional choice to wear a plain black v-neck jumper as part of the uniform. This is the only style of jumper that is allowed.

### **Equipment**

All pupils are expected to have the following equipment with them every day so they are ready and prepared for their lessons. Pupils must bring their Hartshill bag with them every day. The calculator we recommend is the Casio fx-83GTX or Casio fx-85GTX.

- Black Pen x 2
- Green Pen
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Knowledge Organiser (Years 7-9)
- Timetable
- Yellow Book

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for everything you do to support Hartshill Academy. We wish you all a very peaceful and enjoyable Christmas Holiday and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



Lorraine Taylor  
Principal