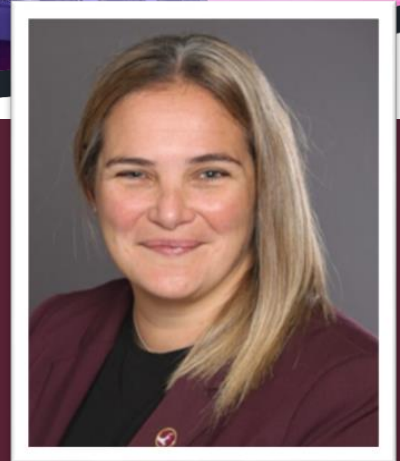




**Hartshill
Academy**

ACADEMY NEWS

May 2024



Welcome to the Summer Term! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Evening at the end of last term. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the fantastic work and HART values here at Hartshill every day.

All pupils have now had their Spring reports sent home on Weduc following their mid-year assessments. In addition we have also shared a second letter with their ranking in their core subjects compared to their year group.

This half term pupils are beginning their preparations for their Summer Assessments. Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 have their exercise books and knowledge organisers to support their revision. Copies of the knowledge organisers are also available on our website.

Year 10 will take the Summer Assessments in exam conditions in the Sports Hall, in preparation for their final GCSE exams next summer. Pupils in Year 10 have their Revision Guides, which have been provided by the academy, and their exercise books to support their revision.

Year 11 are now in the final days of their exam preparation with some practical exams already completed. They have shown great Ambition and Tenacity over the last five years. We wish them all the very best for the next few weeks of exams and we look forward to their Leavers Assembly and Prom in June and then celebrating their results with them in August.

English and Languages Faculty

English are enjoying all things poetry this term, studying a range of poems concerning the themes of conflict, social justice and relationships.

Sparx Reader update: since our launch of Sparx Reader a total of 137 books have been read and pupils have enjoyed reading for 653 hours! Well done everyone! Please keep up this excellent work.

iHola!/Salut!

In MFL pupils and staff hit the ground running after the Easter holidays, with lots of language learning activities and games taking place in lessons and a new Movie and Munchies Lunch Club!

This term, we welcomed two new members of staff: Miss Morgan, and Miss Adey who both have lots of experience teaching MFL - Bienvenues !

Mathematics Faculty



Maths has been an exciting time over the last few weeks as we welcomed Mrs Marshall to the department and were delighted for Mrs Delvard (nee Tindall) to rejoin us after her maternity leave.

In April the top Year 7 and 8 mathematicians took part in a National Maths competition (UKMT) and we wait with high anticipation for their results.

The Year 11's have been working hard and have shown a great deal of the tenacity that they need to succeed in their exams. Good luck in the coming weeks!

Science Faculty

The Royal Institution visited the pupils of Hartshill Academy last week. Years 7 and 8 were treated to an amazing interactive show, where the pupils were given several opportunities to get involved with the demonstrations.

We were then provided with a free Community Show, that was available to everyone in the local area.



The audience was comprised of pupils from Michael Drayton Junior School, and pupils and staff from Hartshill Academy. Everyone had a fantastic time, and we can't wait for the Ri to return next year!

Pastoral update

This half term, we have consistently been achieving an incredibly high ratio of 90%+ of positive to negative behaviour points. Pupils have worked extremely hard in building their rewards balance to purchase items in the rewards shop. Pupils have now been informed of when they can collect their rewards from Miss Gardiner at lunch times so I am hoping the points are certainly making prizes!

We recently had a visit from United Learning who sang the praises of our staff and pupils in relation to their commitment to the HART values and how these are becoming embedded into our daily routines and practices.

Please continue to support us with your child's behaviour and ensure communication is maintained with us if pupils are required to re-schedule any detentions. Our staff will continue to make contact via e-mail or telephone following any removals from lesson. Uniform and standards for equipment are checked each Friday and positive points given so please ensure pupils are fully equipped for their days at Hartshill.

Safeguarding update

Child Exploitation

Are you worried about your child?

Children and young people have a right to be safe and should be protected from all forms of abuse.

Exploitation affects hundreds of children and young people every year in Warwickshire. By knowing the tell-tale signs, we can all play an important role in reducing that number.

What to look out for:

- receiving unexplained and expensive gifts or money
- having no money but in possession of cigarettes, alcohol and other expensive items (could be a sign of running up debt)
- having new and significantly older friends
- being picked up from school by strangers
- substance use (drugs / alcohol)
- changes in mood
- showing signs of self-harm
- regularly going missing from school and home
- staying out late
- being secretive about where they are going
- being secretive with their mobile phone, laptop, tablet or other electronic devices
- lack of interest in activities and hobbies

If this sounds familiar or you think this may be happening to someone you know, please get help by calling **01926 414144** between 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday or report it to Warwickshire Police via their [website](#) or calling them on 101.

If someone is in immediate danger, always call 999.

House Update

This half term the House system is in full flow. Events you will find running are:

House Rowing Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime.

House Rounders in the last week of the half term.

House Hall event this half term is 'The Chase' pupils will be invited to take part in the Chase, questions will be designed by our House Captains to put out staff to the test. This will be a 'Golden Ticket' event, based on Positive – Negative point ratio. 80 pupils from each Year group will be invited to attend.

Values and Ethos points will be awarded based on behaviour. Demonstrate your HART values to gain more points for your house. There are also bonus points for litter collection and taking part in extra-curricular activities.



The next totals will be released at half term.

Careers

This month we hosted our very first Skills Builder Challenge Day. 100 Year 9 pupils spent the day developing all 8 of their essential skills, such as creativity, teamwork, listening and problem solving, to create, plan and design a new civilisation living on a distant moon – Utopia. This involved putting together a team of people, creating new species of wildlife, as well as planning and building the most effective city possible. All pupils did an amazing job, and the careers team are extremely proud of the way pupils developed their skills to develop themselves! A winning team will be decided in the coming week, with prizes being given out in assembly, and we hope that this is the first of many challenge days to come!



Humanities Faculty

History

The History department are getting used to life without Mr Whitehouse since his retirement at Easter. He is still in touch with the team and has his fingers crossed for his year 11 pupils as they approach their GCSE exams.

The postponed Year 8 trip to the Black Country Living Museum will take place in June. Communication will be sent home soon for all pupils who previously signed up for the trip back in November.



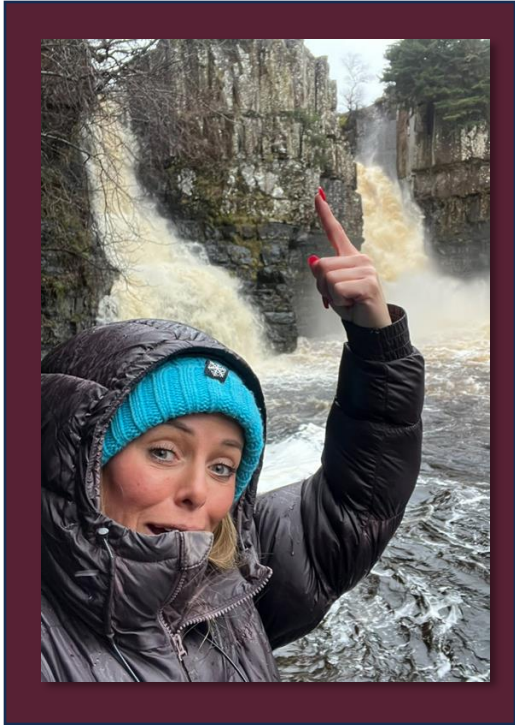
Creative and Vocational Faculty

Spotlight: Music Department

We would like to congratulate all pupils who took part in the Music Showcase, it was a fantastic evening showcasing the talent we have at Hartshill Academy. We would also like to thank our year 11's, this was their last show at Hartshill Academy and seeing their talent grow over the past 5 years has been a privilege. We wish you all the best in your future.



Welcome to our new staff!



Name: Mrs Lucy Roberts

Role: Head of Geography

Likes: All sport, apart from cricket. Currently riding high on Aston Villa's current form as a season ticket holder.

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: The warm welcome from both students and staff.

Favourite HART Value: Ambition – because it ensures you remain positive even when the task becomes difficult and without ambition, you will never reach your true potential.



Name: Miss Gillian Adey

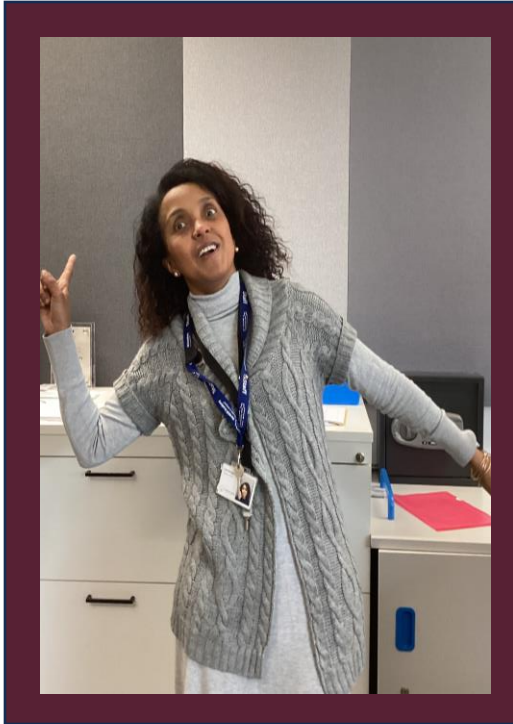
Role: French and Spanish Teacher

Likes: Playing hockey, skiing and going to the gym.

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: The wonderful, supportive staff, the new building with its modern facilities and of course, the hardworking pupils.

Favourite HART Value: My favourite HART value is Tenacity because it can help us to achieve goals and overcome challenges, which is essential for success in education. I believe it is just as, if not more important than IQ for high achievement, as it fosters a culture of resilience. It is also a quality that can be learned and then improved by everyone.

Welcome to our new staff!



Name: Ms Lisa Morgan

Role: French and Spanish Teacher

Likes: Football, walking , reading and Japanese food.

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: Staff culture (warm welcome and working collaboratively from day 1 with the great support of the Leadership team)

Favourite HART Value: Tenacity because it drives staff and students to challenge themselves to be even better today than yesterday.



Name: Mrs Lorraine Marshall

Role: Maths Teacher

Likes: Exploring new places especially within the natural landscape, from walking the dog around Bradgate Park to climbing to the base of Angel Falls in Venezuela.

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: The brand-new build may be impressive but the warm welcome from both staff and students is even more so and much appreciated.

Favourite HART value: Ambition. Without ambition there is little or no drive for improvement; but an ambitious person perseveres to overcome challenges always reaching for the next goal and striving to be the best they can be.

Welcome to our new staff!



Name: Mr Michael Hughes

Role: Pastoral Leader - Attendance

Likes: I love spending time with my young family, I like football but have to admit I support Birmingham City! I really like designing and making unique unusual clocks.

My Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy is seeing the pupils that are making the most of the opportunity, I also enjoy listening to their aspirations for the future.

Favourite Hart Value: This is a hard choice but for me it has to be tenacity especially as in my role as I am working towards attendance targets. This is something that I am passionate about as every day really does matter and I will do whatever it takes to ensure pupils get the best chance of success.