



**Hartshill
Academy**

ACADEMY NEWS

June 2024



Welcome to our June Bulletin. May has been a very busy month with the start of the GCSE exams. We are very proud of our wonderful Year 11 pupils and the HART values they have shown in the last few weeks. They have two more weeks of exams after the holiday before their Leaver's Assembly after the Physics exam on Friday 14th June.

Our Year 7 and 8 Mathematicians had some wonderful results in the recent Junior Maths Challenge with Zac P receiving a Gold Award and an invite to the next round later this term. Congratulations Zac. Congratulations also to our Year 8 boys Football Team who won their final 1-0 at the Bedworth Oval in May.

Pupils in Years 7-10 are now busy revising for their Summer Examinations. The dates for these are on the calendar on the back page. Pupils had assemblies last week about how to revise and when their exams will be.

Earlier this month I wrote to all parents and pupils about the uniform expectations for September 2024. The full uniform list including the shoes is available on our website

<https://www.hartshillacademy.org.uk/parents/uniform>

If you have any questions about uniform please email enquiries@hartshillacademy.org.uk

We have lots of exciting trips and events happening over the next half term. To support pupils and parents to prepare for these we have included a calendar at the end of this month's newsletter. I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to Hartshill Academy on Monday 3rd June.

English and Languages Faculty

Lots of successes to celebrate in the faculty this month both in and out of lessons. We are busy preparing for our RSC Shakespeare's School Festival performance next month, where we will work with local primary schools to put on a performance of Hamlet. It's not too late to join in the fun – please see Miss Jones in 123 for more information.

Our Sparx Reader programme is continuing; collectively students in Y7, 8 and 9 have now read over 167 books and spent 785 hours reading! Please can you continue to promote this so we can get to over 1,000 hours next month!

As the GCSE examinations kick off, pupils are rising to the challenge with confidence after successfully completing MFL speaking examinations and the first of the written papers. Now, it's time to gear up for the final stretch as preparation intensifies for the Summer Examinations for Years 7-10. Stay focused, stay motivated, and success will surely follow! Good luck everyone!

Mathematics Faculty

The year 11's were nervous but also very excited to finally start their GCSE exams! They have worked very hard over the last 5 years and their efforts have intensified over recent months as we approached this key point in their lives. We wish them every success with all their results (especially Maths!)

Congratulations to all the pupils in year 7 and 8 who took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. They received lots of bronze, silver and 1 gold award. Fantastic results! Well done!



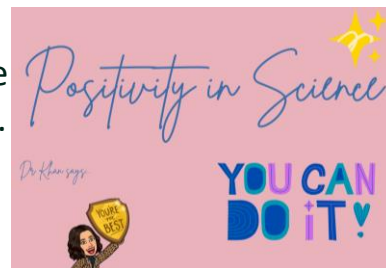
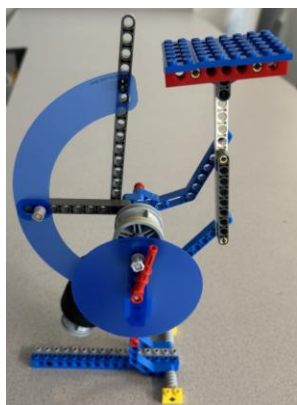
Science Faculty

In Botany Club, the pupils have been carrying out a tree survey in the school grounds. They have discovered 14 species, including English Oak and Ash.

The pupils in Lego Engineering have been investigating how gears can be used to reduce workload. Eventually, they will be building their own robot, with a variety of functions.

We have been making positive phone calls in Science for the past 2 weeks to celebrate our amazing pupils. Will you be receiving a phone call from your science teacher this week?

Finally, we would like to wish the whole of Year 11 all the luck in the world with their GCSE exams. Biology paper 1 seems to have set them in good stead, so fingers crossed for all the rest!



Pastoral update

Staff and pupils have been working incredibly hard to build our reward store balances and increase the number of positive points awarded for the fantastic things happening in Hartshill every day. We are consistently achieving over a 90%+ positive to negative ratio which is an outstanding effort from all. Our Double-Up days on the last two days of term will hopefully allow pupils to earn double the amount of points as usual too. Thank you to all those that are working hard to look after our school environment too by ensuring litter goes in the bin and pupils are keeping areas clear. Well done to all for a great half term – over 100,000 positive points achieved!

Safeguarding update

Every May, we see the whole of the UK taking part in Mental Health Awareness week, to tackle stigma and share ways to support good mental health. This year's theme of movement: moving more for our mental health, encouraged people to get moving. Even our staff took part in a bootcamp after school. Moving more is great for our mental health to improve and can increase our energy, reduce stress and anxiety, and boost our self-esteem.

How will you continue to find small ways to bring movement into your everyday life?

House Update

Thank you to all pupils who have participated in our last house sport which was rowing! Starting the last week of Summer 1 half-term we are starting house rounders as our house sport competition.

This next, and last, half-term we have some exciting events coming our way! For our house charities, we are going to have a week dedicated to fundraising, where our pupils will get to wear their House colours to support charities!

Later in the Summer 2 term we have our Sport Day! Where our pupils can sign up for different competitions and celebrate sports here at Hartshill!



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Humanities Faculty

History

This half term the Hartshill time machine has taken pupils back to some challenging periods of time. For example, year 8 have been studying the Transatlantic Slave Trade and year 9 have just finished their enquiry into the horrors of the Holocaust. Pupils have approached these topics with maturity and an open mind.

Geography

This half term pupils in year 7 have been exploring the Middle East, Year 8 have investigated threats to Tropical Rainforests and why they are critical to our survival. Year 9 have studied the importance of urbanisation, looking at cities in the UK; Liverpool, London and of course Birmingham.

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Year 7 have studied Jewish practices and festivals this term. Year 8 have been examining arguments around the creation of the world. Year 9 have looked at issues of equality.

For the end of year assessments pupils need to revise:

Year 7 – Judaism and Christianity

Year 8 – Islam and Philosophy of Religion

Year 9 – Issues of Life and Death and Issues of Equality



Careers

This half term, all year 9 pupils had the opportunity to explore different vocational pathways by taking part in a choice of 7 vocational workshops led by employers across the area. These workshops included hair and beauty, construction, education, health and social, hospitality and catering and entrepreneurship.

Pupils were able to learn about these different pathways and industries through practical, hands-on exercises, and we received a lot of positive feedback from both pupils and employers.

Next half term, all year 8 pupils will be invited to attend the STEM careers event 'The Big Bang Fair', so keep an eye out on Weduc for details on this!

Creative and Vocational Faculty

Spotlight | Photography

Our Year 10 photographers have recently started a new project on 'Concealment' - they have been exploring the use of collage with famous faces in the style of Lola Dupre.



Lola Dupre



Spotlight | PE



Year 8 boys North Warwickshire School Final vs Higham Lane

George D (c), Vlad G, Ethan P, Romeo K, Jack B, Tyler P, Eden W, Jenson D, Ethan W, Kalan E, Jack L, George L

The team worked very hard to get to the final, to do this they had to after play 7 leagues games for their league in which they finished 2nd. This achievement got them into the semi-final against Nicholas Chamberlaine which they won 3-2. This then meant they would meet once again Higham Lane, who were the winners of our league. They had never beaten Higham lane before, so they knew it was going to be a tough game to win. The fixture was played at the Bedworth oval on an extremely hot day. All of the boys ran themselves into the ground to support each other and to keep the score level, it was a very even game with only a few chances from each side through the whole game. Both sides defended extremely well, making sure no space was allowed for any attacking team. Our defense stayed strong, supported by Jack Bates in goal. who pulled off some wonderful saves. At full time the score was 0-0, which took us into extra time. We took the lead in the first period of extra time, it came early on and it was a well worked corner which was finished off by Romeo at the near post. With a tough 10 minutes ahead, George Downing played a vital role in sweeping up the opposition attacks along with Kalan Eggleton running hard in midfield to win the ball back. The game finished 1-0 to Hartshill - a well earned win!



Duke of Edinburgh

Twenty-eight students from Hartshill Academy participated in their Bronze Practice Expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh's award this weekend . This was their first opportunity to tie together their navigational and campcraft training sessions together.

The aim of the practice expedition is for students to develop team participation and map and cooking skills, alongside their appreciation for the outdoors and identifying things they need to work on for their Qualifying Expedition. As part of the weekend the students had to be completely self-sufficient: so, they had to carry everything they needed on their backs, including camping and cooking equipment and lots of snacks! Friday saw the six groups walking the route they had mapped out from Polesworth back to Hartshill Academy. The energy was maintained when getting into camp with a camping style evening of setting up their tents, cooking, and multiple games of football. On Saturday, the day started with packing away camp, cooking breakfast and a hike through the countryside surrounding Hartshill before returning to school. All groups were then debriefed by staff and sent home for a much-needed shower and rest! Over the course of the 4 practice walks the groups have really developed their teamwork and navigational skills, and are very reflective of what they did well and what areas they want to improve in. It was especially nice to see the groups recognizing the importance of morale and work together to complete routes they had mapped out. We are all incredibly proud of our bronze teams and their hard work this weekend and are looking forward to seeing them succeed in next month's Qualifying expedition!



This weekend, our D of E Silver team had their first practice expedition towards their silver award. The aim of this expedition was to refresh their navigational and campcraft skills from their Bronze expedition last year. As part of the expedition, the students had to be completely self-sufficient: so, they had to carry everything they needed on their backs, including camping and cooking equipment, first aid kits, enough food for 2 days and contend with the changeable weather. Right from the start, the team smashed it with their excellent organisational, navigational and teamwork skills. Friday saw the teams walking a route of around 8 miles, starting from Polesworth to Hartshill Academy . The energy was maintained when getting into camp with a camping style evening of setting up their tents, cooking and getting to bed to avoid the torrential downpour! On Saturday, the day started with packing away camp, cooking breakfast and a hike through the countryside surrounding Hartshill, with the Silver team being the first to set off, before returning to school in the early afternoon to head home for a well-earned shower and rest. We are incredibly proud of our 'Team Silver' and the dedication they have shown to their Silver award.

Safeguarding Team

Name: Kate Wooldridge

Role: Assistant Principal

Likes: Hockey, football, basically any sport. Being outdoors and travelling the world.

I love watching live music.

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: All the staff that make Hartshill shine every single day, making every day fantastic for all our brilliant pupils.

Favorite HART value is Respect. In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

Name: Zoe Hipkiss

Role: Social Worker

Likes: Pilates and walking

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: Excellent team, who work together to support students

Favourite HART value: Respect, to be kind and listen to others

Name: Alexandria Hiatt

Role: Safeguarding officer

Likes: Reading, and sunshine.

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: The students always willing to help and be polite

Favorite HART value: Respect, because it shows a willingness for staff and students to work together and if we can instill this in our students we can help raise considerate human beings.

Name: Jessica Crane

Role: Safeguarding/ Early Help admin

Likes: Horse riding and gym

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: The staff and how welcoming they all are.

Favourite HART value: Ambition, because it encourages the pupils to never give up and strive to be the best version of themselves.

Name: Laura Copson

Role: Early Help Lead and Safeguarding officer

Likes: Football, travelling and spending time with family and friends.

Favourite thing about Hartshill Academy: The facilities that are available along with some great teachers.

Favorite HART value is heart not just for students but staff to! Being able to show compassion, empathy, and a genuine care for others. It's all about being kind and understanding, this is so important with the current world we are in!

Summer 2 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 3rd – 7th June					
Week 2 10th – 14th June	Yr 8 and 9 Think Higher Event	Yr 10 Mock Interviews Day	Careers Fair 4-6pm		D of E Assessed Expedition
Week 3 17th – 21st June	Yr 8 Black Country Museum History Trip Yrs 7 and 9 Summer Assessments Week	Year 10 Mock Exams Begin	Science Fair and Spelling Bee Year 8 Big Bang Careers Trip Group A	Year 8 Big Bang Careers Trip Group B	
Week 4 24th – 28th June	Yr 7 Residential Group A Yrs 8 and 9 Summer Assessments Week	Yr 7 Residential Group A	Yr 7 Residential Group A Yr 7 Residential Group B	Yr 7 Residential Group B	Yr 7 Residential Group B Yr 10 Mock Exams End
Week 5 1st – 5th July	Yrs 8 and 9 Residential Week	Yrs 8 and 9 Residential Week	Yrs 8 and 9 Residential Week	Yrs 8 and 9 Residential Week	Yrs 8 and 9 Residential Week Paul Canoville Day
Week 6 8th – 12th July	School Show Day	School Show Picnic Day	Yr 10 Geography Field Trip Yr 6 Induction Day		5k Run Afternoon
Week 7 15th – 19th July	RSC Show Day		Sports Day		End of Term 12.20pm Finish