



**Hartshill
Academy**



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International School Award



Hartshill Academy has been awarded Foundation level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of our work to bring the world into the classroom. The Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life and work in today's world

ACADEMY NEWS

July 2024



**Hartshill Academy
School Production**

Hyde

*An interpretation of Stevenson's
'A strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde'*

Monday 8th July

Tuesday 9th July

The Theatre

6.30pm

£4.00

Tickets available on Weduc or on the door.



English and Languages Faculty

As this academic year draws to a close, we are reflecting on what an excellent year we have had. We have launched a new curriculum, welcomed a number of new members of staff and launched Sparx Reader. Our current total is 918 hours' worth of reading a total of 205 books. We would love to see us break 1,000 hours by the end of the year. Please can you support us with ensuring pupils are reading as much as they can. We want to wish you all a fantastic Summer break and see you again in September.

The Modern Foreign Languages department is excelling with end-of-year assessments going well. We're also excited to launch the "Movies and Munchies" lunchtime club from 4th July.

Congratulations to Mrs. Larguet and the MFL team for receiving the prestigious British Council International Award for Languages. Well done to all involved!

Mathematics Faculty

The last couple of months have been an extremely busy and exciting time in the maths department!

In May and June we entered several national Maths Competitions with the UKMT. Well done to all those pupils who performed so well both individually as well as in the team event.

In June we had 6 Year 10 girls who attended an event at the Spinney Theatre at Northampton School for Girls. This was for girls who are considering careers that require Mathematics at A level and beyond.

On a final note: Good luck to all the pupils in their end of year exam results and have a fantastic Summer Holiday!



Science Faculty

Last week we said farewell to Year 11 - the Science department wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing them again on results day.

In Botany Club, the pupils have been testing leaves for starch using iodine. This is a great way of showing how plants are producers and links nicely to the GCSE required practical for food tests.

This summer term we look forward to taking Year 10 to the Natural History Museum in London and also the Science show, Science Fair and Spelling Bee (invite only - you will need a golden ticket to attend!)



Pastoral Update

The Summer Term sees Hartshill Academy having a real push in terms of punctuality. Being on-time is a life skill and demonstrates the HART values of Heart, Ambition and Respect. During the day, staff will be supporting pupils to attend lessons on time, to ensure lessons start promptly for all pupils and no learning time is lost.

Being on time for the start of the academy day is just as important, as our carefully-designed HART time curriculum encompasses key life skills, experiences and learning and is where our PSHE curriculum is taught. Coming into the warmer months, some pupils may be tempted to relax their uniform, but please continue to ensure your child attends the academy in the appropriate uniform. Again, this is a life skill and prepares pupils to enter the world of work and present themselves professionally.

Safeguarding Update

This month we have had a focus on Homophobic Bullying throughout June with it been Pride month.

Pupils have been learning about the importance of using the correct language and terminology.

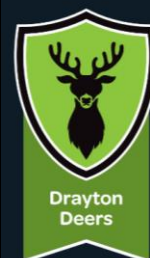
There is so much support out there, but we recommend the ChildLine website to support with more information about homophobic bullying

[Homophobic bullying | Childline](#)

Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors attended the Diana Award training in June. They will be using this training to promote anti-bullying and support all pupils in the academy.

House Update

We have a variety of House Competitions this half term including the Sports Day program front cover design, Just Dance in the Activity Studio at lunchtimes, The Chase in the Theatre and of course Sports Day. We are also running a RAG week for all pupils to fundraise for our House Charity which will end in a House Colour Run. There will be a letter sent home regarding the activities and how you can support your child with fundraising.



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Humanities Faculty

Geography: This term Year 9 Geographers have the exciting opportunity to go on our first Geography residential to Preston Montford, in the heart of Shropshire on the banks of the River Severn. Year 10 Geographers will also be going to Hornsea to complete their physical fieldwork.

History: Year 8 pupils had a great time exploring Industrial Revolutions working and living conditions at the Black Country Museum.

RE: This term, Year 7 have been exploring Christianity and the Life of Jesus. Year 8 have begun examining the rich history of Hindu Dharma. Year 9 are studying Issues of extremism within world views.

Careers

Last month was a busy month for Year 10, with all pupils taking part in a mock interview with external employers from the local area. This gave pupils the opportunity to practice their interview skills, with positive feedback given to every pupil, as well as a target to work on. Year 10 pupils did exceptionally well and presented themselves incredibly professionally, so well done to all involved!

Last month also saw our annual careers fair, where local employers, colleges and sixth forms came in to talk to pupils and families about the opportunities out there for pupils post-16. A big thank you to all employers and parents who attended this event and made it a success!

Creative and Vocational

Pupils in Years 7-9 are working hard in rehearsals, ready for our summer production of HYDE.

We look forward to welcoming you on Monday the 8th and Tuesday the 9th July.

Tickets will be available on Weduc soon!



Spotlight | PE

Our Hartshill journey is to develop the full potential of every pupil at Hartshill Academy through high quality physical education within academic and sporting environments. Physical education is a corner stone in developing healthy, academic and well-rounded young people for today and for life.



- In June the Year 7s competed in the North Warwickshire Athletics tournament at Pingles against all the area's schools.
- We had some excellent performances, with the girls finishing first in the 200m and second in the javelin, and the boys coming in third in the high jump. The entire team exhibited outstanding character throughout, demonstrating tenacity in all competitions. They were especially mentioned for the outstanding respect they exhibited to other pupils and staff members, with the statement "What lovely polite and respectful students you have." Everyone put in a great effort.
- What are the benefits of after school sports clubs?
- Joining a club or taking part in sporting activities after school at Hartshill can make a huge difference to children's physical and mental wellbeing. Doing something active and productive after school is a great opportunity for pupils to try new things and meet new people.

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

This past weekend, Hartshill Academy's Year 9 pupils embarked on their adventurous Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Qualifying Expedition, exploring the picturesque countryside of Leicestershire. Travelling from their start point of Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, 28 pupils participated in this challenging yet rewarding experience, demonstrating resilience, teamwork, and a spirit of adventure.

Despite the inclement weather, pupils enjoyed a varied route passing through the historical site of Bosworth Battlefield and passing through quiet villages and open fields. Pupils made their way to Fox Covert Scout Camp, a lovely patch of woodland located outside the village of Kirkby Mallory, where they camped overnight.

After setting up their tents for the night, the campsite buzzed with energy as games of football and rounders unfolded. The pupils, working in their teams, cooked their evening meals, and regaled each other's teams with things they had seen and done on their journey.

During the expedition, pupils challenged themselves, supported each other and had a lot of fun. Hartshill Academy is proud of its Year 9 pupils for their enthusiasm and commitment to the DofE program. This expedition has undoubtedly equipped them with valuable life skills and memories that will last a lifetime. As they look forward to completing their award over the summer, Hartshill Academy celebrates their initial success and anticipates the accomplishments yet to come.





Silver Practice Expedition Report

Our Silver Team successfully completed their practice expedition over the weekend. They started at Twycross on a rainy Friday morning and made their way through some Leicestershire villages to their first night's camp at Fox Coverts Scout Camp in Kirby Mallory. Over their Bronze award and Silver training, the team has made a fine art of setting up camp, and the tents were up, and meals were cooked quickly and efficiently in the woodland camp luckily, the weather had improved by then!

The next day, they set off bright and early to head back to Hartshill, with rain clouds brewing. This was the longest walk they had navigated by themselves, and they arrived back to school, tired but elated in the evening, with lots of tales to talk about the people they had met and things they had seen along the way!

The next day was a relaxed one as they packed away camp and set off for a short walk around Hartshill Hayes Country Park, successfully completing their required practice expedition. With all their skills fine-tuned, we look forward to seeing their success in their Qualifying expedition next month!

