



Hartshill Academy

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ACADEMY NEWS

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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the Summer Term! In the first three weeks of term we have already seen a Year 10 trip to the Herbert Art Gallery and Coventry Cathedral, our very first Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Award practice expedition, our first Year 7 and 8 Summer Residentials and Year 11 French and Art Exams. Lots of pupils showing us their HART values every day.

Year 11 GCSE exams begin on 15th May and we wish them all the very best with their final preparations. Pupils in Years 7-10 are also preparing for their Summer Exams after half term. Our pupils are working hard with revision and showing tenacity as they strive to keep improving. We are very proud of them all.

We have less than 50 days now in our old build before we move to our new build in September. There will be an opportunity later in the Term for the local community to visit the school before it is closed in July. This will be advertised on our Facebook page nearer the time.



English and Languages Faculty

April sees the start of the exam season for Year 11, with French speaking exams taking place and the run up to the first Literature exam.

The faculty would like to congratulate Mr Smith and his creative writing club for successfully managing to get their writing published – they have worked hard, and this achievement recognises their incredible work. Well done!



Top 10 School Leaders on Sparx		
Name	Maths Class	Total XP
Ethan	8a/Ma1	100630
Leah	10a/Ma1	86374
Henley	9a/Ma1	44310
Izzy	8b/Ma1	26713
Michelle	8b/Ma2	23567
Harriet	9a/Ma2	22847
Thea	11b/Ma1	22446
Harley	7b/Ma2	22138
Jessica	7b/Ma3	21675
Kory	7a/Ma3	21467

Mathematics and Computing Faculty

As the Year 11's approach their exams in earnest we would like to wish them good luck!

Years 7,8, 9 and 10 are also preparing for their end of year exams after half term this month, with exams starting in June.

Maths support continues to be available for Years 7, 8 and 9 in room HG4 with Mr Cheong and H11 for Year 10 with Mrs Sevellec.

Finally, congratulations to the top ten Sparx pupils on the leader board!

Science Faculty

The Small Piece Trust came into Hartshill Academy to set our Year 9 pupils the challenge of designing a train for the future. The pupils had to make their train out of foam; using a hot wire, sandpaper and cardboard. The chassis, which was made out of Lego, had a motor attached so could run along the train track provided.

Our teams had to present their ideas to the whole group; and were awarded marks according to a strict judging criteria. The pupils showed tenacity working and developing their designs to the task set and the results were impressive.

It looks like we might have some budding engineers in our midst!



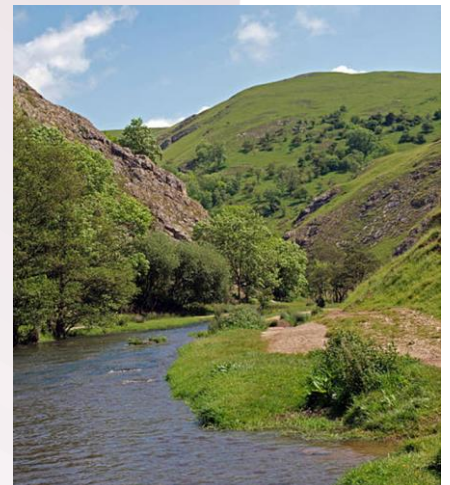
Humanities Faculty

June is a very exciting month for Year 10 Geography pupils, with our two fieldwork enquiry trips taking place:

Physical environment - we will be measuring velocity, depth and rock angularity along a river at three different sites.

Urban environment - comparing the quality of life in two contrasting locations in an urban environment.

These trips are very important as they are a key part of the Paper 2 UK Landscapes specification core knowledge.



Modern Languages

Well done to all of our Year 11 pupils who have completed their speaking exams in the past few weeks. There were some lovely conversations about environmental issues and whether it is better to be well paid or have a happy and long life. The French and Spanish exams made us all feel very proud of our pupils. Now we just have one final push until the exams.

If you want to support your child with vocabulary or if you wish to learn a foreign language and Duo Lingo isn't your thing, there are some great courses on Memrise, which is an app and a website. Our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils complete Memrise vocabulary games every week and we have pupils who have now scored over a million points! Well done!

Creative and Performance Faculty

Spotlight: Music

The Music Department are delighted with the number of pupils who have signed up to take part in Peripatetic Music tuition so far this year, we have pupils learning Guitar, Keyboard and the Drums.

If this is something you may be interested in, please contact Mrs Adele Blaney by email on

adele.blaney@midlandat.co.uk

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Pastoral update

We have some truly exciting updates from the Pastoral Team this month. Year 7 and 8 went on a fantastic residential visit. They tried lots of new activities and showed their HART Values throughout the residential, though they might not have got as much sleep as they should have!

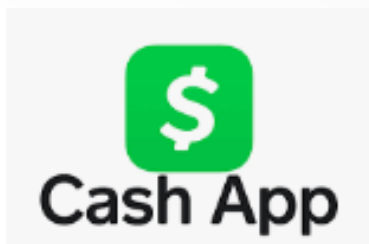
Thanks to Ms Corcoran for organising, and staff for taking part. Also, we have been thrilled to add Ms Wooldridge to the team, as she joins us as an Assistant Principal. We are so excited and know she will have tremendous impact.



Safeguarding update

'Cash App'

A Warwickshire Secondary School recently contacted Warwickshire Trading Standards with a safeguarding matter after finding a 14 year old pupil in possession of a large amount of money. The child reported that he had 'earned' the money by signing his friends up to a payment app called 'Cash App' operated by Square. The app can be downloaded from Apple's App Store and Google Play. The child stated that all his friends had to do was to provide a mobile number and bank account details to sign up and all parties then received a cash bonus (no age ID required). Trading Standards has raised the issue with the Financial Conduct Authority (the Regulator), as they believe that in the UK, children, and young people under the age of 18 should not be able to sign up to the service. Something to be aware of.



Houses Update

Pupils have had fun competing in numerous competitions and earning vital points for their Houses. The pupils took part in an Easter Egg find; Easter Egg hunt; shoot the ball through the hoops as many times as you can within 6 minutes in PE, and along with British Science activities.

This term pupils can look forward to competing in more competitions and accruing House points, from a marble run in Science to an *egg-cellent figure* in history, which all add up to their house's points.

Who will be the overall victor for 2022/2023?

The House points for last term are as follows:

Barber Bears 11492
Drayton Deers 11126
Evans Eagles 10624
Newton Nighthawks 8965



Year 7 and 8 Residentials 2023



