

17th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Autumn Term at Hartshill Academy has been another super busy term including our first international trip to Paris last week, our very own young High Sheriff of Warwickshire, Year 9 visits to De Montfort University, Christmas Dinners and our first Christmas Carol concert at the Church later today.

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 above 95% achieve higher grades than their peers with lower 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.

As you know, this year we have moved from five 1 hour lessons to six 50 minute lessons each day and have also increased the movement time between lessons to 5 minutes. I am very pleased to report that these shorter lessons and more movement time have been welcomed by pupils and are helping us minimise any need for pupils to leave their classroom during lessons. Our expectation is that pupils should only need to leave the classroom during lessons in exceptional circumstances as pupils who are out of lesson disrupt their learning and this can disrupt the learning of others too. Some pupils, of course, do have a medical or safeguarding need and we are currently reviewing all access to passes to ensure pupils have the correct support they need. Those pupils who need to access an ASH pass for safeguarding reasons or a toilet pass for medical reasons during lessons times will have a new pass issued at the start of the new term. If your child has a medical need, that the school is not aware of, please contact our assistant SENDCO Amy Walsh amy.walsh@hartshillacademy.org.uk by the end of the first week of Spring Term.

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

End of Autumn Term

Autumn Term ends on Friday 19th December at 12.30pm.

Spring Term Start Date

All pupils will return to Hartshill Academy for the start of the Spring Term on Wednesday 7th January at 8.35am.

Mid-Year Assessments

All pupils in Year 7-10 have 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. Please ensure your child is using these to revise in preparation for their mid-year assessments in January.

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Term Dates 2025-2026

The 2025-2026 term dates and inset day dates are available on our website.

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Spring 1	Wednesday 7 th January – Friday 13 th February 2026
Spring 2	Monday 23 rd February – Friday 27 th March 2026
Summer 1	Tuesday 14 th April – Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer 2	Monday 1 st June – Friday 17 th July 2026
Academy closed for teacher training	Monday 5 th January 2026 Tuesday 6 th January 2026 Friday 23 rd January 2026 Friday 20 th March 2026 Monday 13 th April 2026 Monday 20 th July 2026

Progress Evenings and Events 2025-2026

Year 8	Progress Evening Thursday 19 th March 4:00 – 7:00pm – Online
Year 9	Pathways Town Hall Meeting Tuesday 3 rd February 6:00 – 6:30pm - Online Progress Evening Thursday 12 th February 4:00 – 7:00pm – Online Pathways Evening – Thursday 26 th February 5:00 – 6.30pm– In School
Year 10	Progress Evening Thursday 29 th January 4:00 – 7:00pm – Online

Uniform and Equipment

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

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Parents, Teachers and Friends of Hartshill Association (PTFA)

Last week saw the first meeting of our new Parents, Teachers and Friends of Hartshill Association (PTFA). If you are interested in getting involved in this and supporting their events over the coming months please contact our Vice Principal Mr Mba

christian.mba@hartshillacademy.org.uk

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L Taylor". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned directly below the phrase "Yours sincerely".

Lorraine Taylor
Principal