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Year 10 Skills Show

Mr T and Mr MBA took ten of our Year 10 SEN pupils to the **Skills Show at the Coventry Arena**.

The visit was a real success, with pupils confidently engaging in a wide range of activities and conversations throughout the day.

The show offered an impressive variety of experiences — from military careers to hands-on construction tasks linked to the HS2 high-speed rail project — and the interactive elements were a particular highlight, enjoyed by everyone who took part.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon 13 April | School closed - Teacher Training
- Tues 14 April | Return to school
- Fri 17 April | Year 10 Geography trip
- Mon 4 May | School closed - May Bank Holiday

MARATHON FOR MIND - MR JONES

This year, I will be competing in the Running GP Bedford Autodrome Marathon on the 2nd of August. I have chosen to raise money for a charity that is very close to me – Mind. Mind is a charity I have supported and raised money for before. The work they do around mental health is incredibly important, and something I believe deserves far more attention. Over the past few years, I have had my own experiences with mental health, which has helped me learn a lot about myself and about how real and challenging mental health struggles can be. Because of this, raising money for a charity that provides such vital support to people is something I feel strongly about. I know from experience that reaching out for help with your mental health can be scary, but the work Mind does to support people through those times is truly amazing. I have written a little more about why I'm doing this and what the charity means to me on my JustGiving page. I would be extremely grateful if you could spare a minute to take a look and help bring as much attention to it as possible. I have linked my JustGiving page below if you would like to help me raise money for an incredible cause. Any donation, no matter the size, means a lot to me and to the people who need this support the most. If you're not able to donate, please don't feel bad at all — simply sharing the page and spreading the word would help massively.



Thank you for taking the time to read this and allowing me to share my story with you. I hope that if anything comes from this, it encourages people to take care of their own mental health and to speak up when they need support. One of the most important things I've learned over the last few years is that it's okay to speak out and show yourself as you really are. Mental health struggles can look different for everyone, and sometimes you can't always see when someone is struggling. If there's one thing I could ask, it would be this: reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while and check in on them. It could be an old friend, a family member, or someone at work you don't speak to often. One conversation could make a huge difference to someone.

Sam's Marathon for Mind

A fundraiser organised by Samuel Jones for Mind

Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGiving Page. On the 2nd of August 2026, I'll be taking on one of the biggest physical and mental challenges of my life: running a full marathon. This isn't just about the miles, the training, or the finish line – it's about raising money for a cause that means a great deal to me: Mind. I've chosen to raise funds for Mind



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Sport at Hartshill Academy – A Term to Be Proud Of!

Sport at Hartshill Academy has had an incredible term, with students showing outstanding commitment, energy and pride in representing the school. Across a wide range of sports, our teams have competed with determination, teamwork and resilience, producing some fantastic performances and memorable moments. One of the most exciting developments this year has been the enhanced co-curricular programme, with more opportunities than ever for students to be active before school, during the day and after school. These sessions are not only aimed at competitive teams but also at leisure and participation sport, giving every student the chance to enjoy physical activity and lead a healthy, active lifestyle.



Within lessons, we are also continuing to develop our physical literacy programme, focusing on helping students become confident, capable movers. By building strong foundations in movement skills, coordination, and athletic development, we aim to give every student the confidence to participate in sport and physical activity throughout their lives. We have also introduced a number of new opportunities for students. Cycle proficiency sessions have been delivered across year groups, helping students develop important life skills and confidence when cycling safely. A new boxing group has also been established and has quickly become a popular activity, giving students a positive outlet to develop fitness, discipline, and resilience. Alongside this, we have introduced Sportshall Athletics and Weightlifting, expanding the range of sports available and allowing more students to engage in different types of competition and training. These additions help cater to a wider range of interests and abilities, ensuring more students can find a sport they enjoy. Our school gym is steadily taking shape, with new equipment continuing to be added to improve the facilities available to students. This will provide even more opportunities for students to develop their strength, fitness, and overall wellbeing.

Pupils taking part in the new boxing group!





At Hartshill, we also place a strong emphasis on character and values within sport. The HART values are being actively introduced and embedded within our sporting environments, encouraging students to demonstrate hard work, ambition, respect, and teamwork both on and off the field. Sport provides a fantastic platform to develop these qualities and help students grow not only as athletes, but as individuals. We want sport to be shaped by our students. The PE department welcomes student voice, and we actively encourage pupils to have a say in the sports and activities offered so we can continue to create an inclusive environment where everyone has the chance to take part. The school has proudly represented itself at all local sporting events, and it has been fantastic to see a real resurgence in sports such as rugby, cricket, and netball. The commitment and enthusiasm shown by our students has been outstanding. We are incredibly proud of all our students and the way they embrace sport at Hartshill. Our aim is simple: to create opportunities so that there is truly something for everyone to enjoy, develop, and succeed in. The school is yours, and we want to listen. If there is a sport, activity, or opportunity you would like to see at Hartshill, please come and speak to the PE department – we are always keen to hear your ideas and continue developing sport together.



National Space Academy.

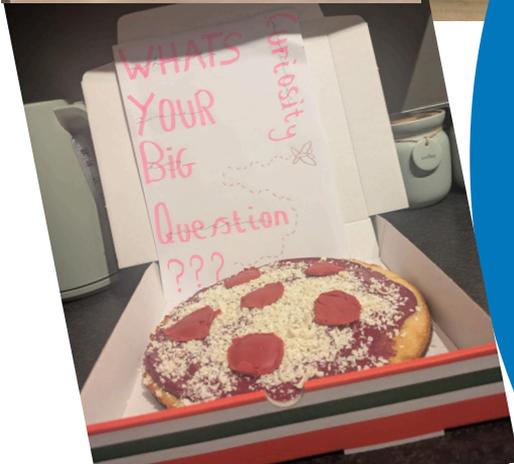
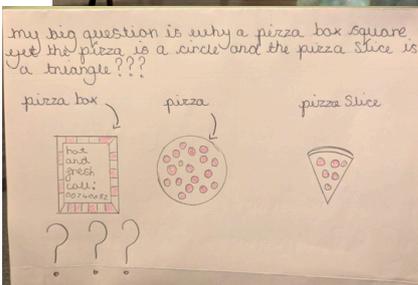
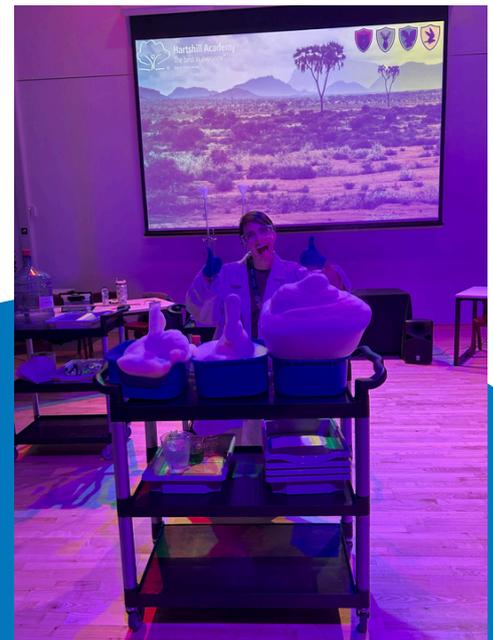
Visit for Year 8 and 9

One Year 8 and Year 9 class had an amazing opportunity to learn some rocket and space science with a special visitor from the National Space Academy. They learnt about conditions in space on other planets through a variety of experiments and demonstrations.

They even had the opportunity to try on a real space suit!



British Science Week



British Science Week took place from the 6th to the 15th March. The theme this year was curiosity, so we challenged the pupils of Hartshill Academy to ask a big question. Pupils engaged with the challenge by creating entries for our science bake-off and a week-long poster competition. The winner of the bake off was Scarlett Harvey in Year 7. The science department topped off British Science Week 2026 with a fantastic science show that everyone was invited to! A huge congratulations to our talented pupils and a special thanks to Mrs Foggin for choreographing the routine.

Working on Wellbeing



Working on Wellbeing Parent/Carer Workshops

This half term, we have had Warwickshire's Families First service in school each week delivering workshops for parents and carers. These have covered everything from behaviour to understanding your teenagers brain and resolving conflict at home. The feedback from families that have taken part has been brilliant, and we hope to continue to host more workshops in the future. In the meantime here is the link for all upcoming workshops the team are hosting - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-family-and-relationship-support-71623337213?msockid=387f76db9d7069a42cdd60b99c8e68f4>

Nurturing Schools Award



Over the last 18 months in school, we have been working hard to make sure Hartshill Academy is a nurturing school. You will have seen our newsletters earlier this year sharing the changes we were making in school, whilst we have been working on the Nurturing Schools Award. We had our assessment day for the award on 17th March, and wanted to say a huge thank you to all of the staff, parents/carers and pupils that took part – our assessor told us it had been a real pleasure getting to know the Hartshill Academy community. We should have news to share on the outcome of the assessment really soon.

Compass Shine

Compass Shine is an early intervention and prevention service that supports children and young people from 5 to 18 years, as well as supporting parents, carers and professionals who are worried about the mental wellbeing of a child or young person. They provide self-help resources, information & advice, one-to-one or group intervention, counselling and family based support. They help children and young people understand the issues they are struggling with, provide strategies to cope and achieve positive mental wellbeing. Low Mood Anxiety Self-harm Managing Emotions and Behaviours that challenge Relationships (Family/Peer) Change and Transitions You can access Compass Shine by calling 02475 186206. Accessing support during the holidays We hope you have a fantastic Easter and do lots of things to take care of your mental health and wellbeing. If you or someone you care about is experiencing a mental health crisis or you have an urgent concern, you can contact the RISE Crisis Helpline 24/7 by calling NHS 111 and choosing option 2.

A Big Win for Wellbeing at Hartshill

Hartshill Academy has been awarded the Wellbeing Badge by The Diana Award.

We are delighted to share that Hartshill Academy has been awarded the Wellbeing Badge by The Diana Award. This recognition celebrates the hard work of our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and the wider school community in promoting kindness, positive wellbeing, and a safe, supportive environment for all pupils.

Shout-Out to Our Wellbeing Stars

Year 7



Courtney



Iona



Indie



Zara



Phoebe



Olivia

Year 8



Charlie



Emily

Year 9



Alfred

Year 10



Noah



Alfie



Layla



Coby



We are proud to be recognised for championing wellbeing across our school community.



Throughout the year, our ambassadors have led a range of initiatives — from online-safety campaigns and mindfulness activities to kindness projects and peer-support roles. Their commitment to creating a culture where every pupil feels valued and able to speak up has made a real difference across the academy.

We are incredibly proud of the pupils who have contributed to this achievement and of the positive impact their work continues to have on our school community.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP



House Events Round-Up

This term has been an exciting one for our House system, with pupils from all four houses — **Barber Bears**, **Drayton Deers**, **Evans Eagles**, and **Newton Nighthawks** — showing fantastic enthusiasm, teamwork, and school spirit.

We have enjoyed a range of competitions that brought students together in friendly rivalry. During the **Mario Kart Tournament**, the **Newton Nighthawks** raced their way to victory with impressive skill and determination. In **British Science Week**, it was the **Evans Eagles** who soared to the top spot, demonstrating excellent knowledge and quick thinking. To round off the term, our **Hartshill Disney Quiz** saw another triumph for the **Newton Nighthawks**, who proved they truly know their Disney magic!

Across the PE curriculum this term, House pride has continued to shine. During boys' PE lessons, houses battled it out in a series of **basketball fixtures**, with **Barber Bears** and **Newton Nighthawks** finishing in a hard-fought draw. Meanwhile, in girls' PE, the competition took the shape of **table tennis**, where the **Newton Nighthawks** claimed another impressive victory.

It has been **wonderful to see so many pupils attending and participating** in these events. The positive energy and support shown across all houses has helped make this term's competitions some of the most successful yet.

A gentle reminder that **ClassCharts behaviour points contribute to the final House scores**, so every positive point makes a difference. From next term, **attendance will also be included**, giving pupils even more ways to support their house throughout the year.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce **more outdoor events next term**, encouraging teamwork, resilience, and plenty of house pride. We can't wait to see even more pupils getting involved and cheering on their house.

Let's keep the momentum going — **well done to all houses for a fantastic term**, and we look forward to an even brighter, more competitive, and more spirited one ahead!



Who will win
the 2025-2026
House
Championship?



**Barber
Bears**

1856



**Drayton
Deers**

2164



**Evans
Eagles**

2559



**Newton
Nighthawks**

2431