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Hartshill Academy Achieves IQM Inclusive School Award and Centre of Excellence Status



IQM Inclusive School Award: Hartshill Academy celebrates its achievement of the IQM Inclusive School Award, recognising the school's commitment to inclusion, equality and ensuring every pupil can thrive.

We are delighted to share that Hartshill Academy has been awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) Inclusive School Award and has also been recognised as an IQM Centre of Excellence.

The achievement reflects the academy's commitment to ensuring that every pupil feels valued, supported and able to thrive, both academically and personally.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM:

- Monday 2 Nov - Return to school
- Wednesday 4 Nov - Year 11 Mocks begin
- Friday 18 Dec - Last day of term - 12:30pm finish

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Stay Connected



We understand that the more information we can provide to our families, the better equipped they are to support the work of the school in educating their young people.

Our aim is to help our parents, carers and wider school community stay connected with school life at Hartshill Academy.

Our main channel for communication is Arbor. There is also lots of helpful information on our school website. However, there are other ways you can stay updated. Along with our newsletter, we have social media accounts on Instagram, LinkedIn and Facebook.

We also have a Parent and Carer Facebook group with almost 200 Hartshill parents and carers. If you are a parent or carer of a current Hartshill Academy pupil, we are inviting you to join our group.

Search 'Hartshill Academy Parents & Carers Group' on Facebook for more information.

HARTSHILL ACADEMY ACHIEVES IQM INCLUSIVE SCHOOL AWARD

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This achievement recognises the academy's commitment to ensuring every pupil feels valued, supported and able to thrive, both academically and personally.

Following a two-day assessment, IQM Assessor Adam Jarvis praised the inclusive culture embedded across the school, highlighting the strong relationships between staff and pupils, the academy's focus on wellbeing and safeguarding, and its commitment to helping every young person succeed.

The report recognised Hartshill Academy's HART values of Heart, Ambition, Respect and Tenacity as key drivers of a positive and supportive culture. The assessor noted that the academy has "created an environment where pupils feel safe, valued and ready to learn" and praised its "relational culture, collaborative approach to improvement and effective targeted provision".

Particular recognition was given to the academy's inclusive curriculum, adaptive teaching approaches and commitment to pupil wellbeing, with inspectors highlighting the school's determination to remove barriers to learning and ensure all pupils can succeed.
The report concluded that Hartshill Academy has "moved purposefully from a period of challenge to a place of genuine strength" and described the school as one where "every pupil can thrive". As a result, the academy was successfully awarded the IQM Inclusive School Award.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement, which reflects the dedication of our staff, pupils, parents and wider community. Together, we will continue to ensure that Hartshill Academy is a place where every pupil feels supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best.



Hartshill Academy Finishes Runner-Up in the KMAT Great Debate







Hartshill Academy's debating team has enjoyed remarkable success at this year's KMAT Great Debate, finishing as runners-up in both the Team Competition and the Individual Competition.

The competition featured approximately 40 schools, each represented by at least four debaters, making the achievement particularly impressive. The final team standings were incredibly close, with Hartshill narrowly missing out on the top spot.

Individually, Eliza L achieved an outstanding second-place finish overall, while Bella J and Marnie H were both recognised with prestigious 'Stand Out Debater' Judges Rosettes.

Throughout the competition, our pupils consistently impressed judges with their teamwork, thoughtful preparation and confident communication. They were also specifically praised for demonstrating teamwork, kindness, preparation and tenacity, reflecting the core values that underpin life at Hartshill Academy.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part and represented the academy with such maturity, determination and skill. Their success is a testament to their hard work and commitment, and we look forward to seeing them continue to develop their debating talents in the future.
Congratulations to all involved on this fantastic achievement!

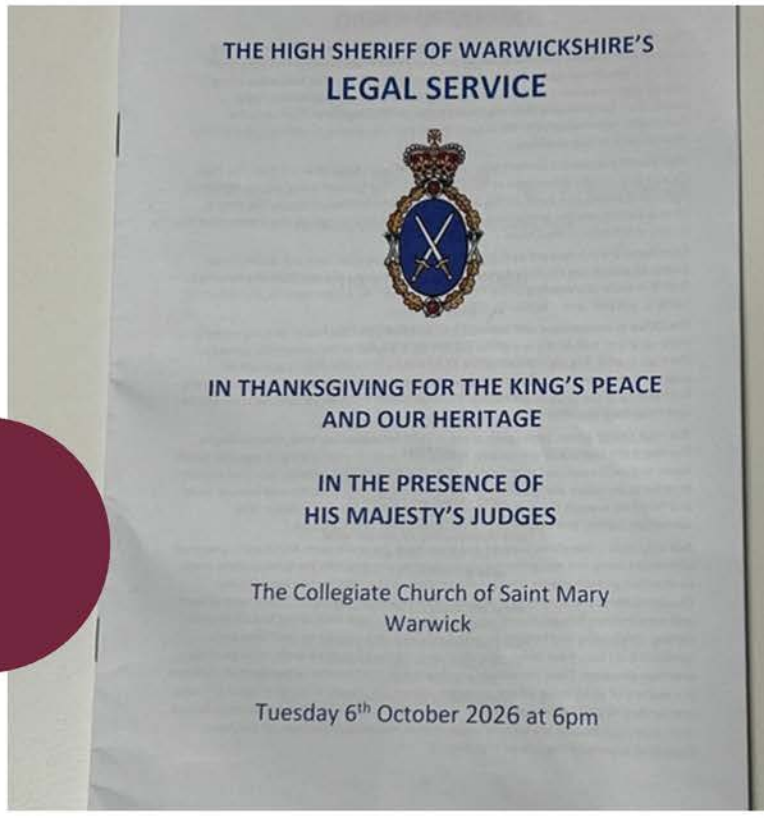
YOUNG HIGH SHERIFF COMPLETES FINAL ASSIGNMENT

Congratulations to Year 11 pupil Vongai, who has successfully completed her final assignment as a Young High Sheriff.

As part of the High Sheriff of Warwickshire's Legal Service programme, Vongai contributed thoughtfully to discussions on the important themes of rehabilitation, forgiveness and reconciliation, sharing her own reflections and perspectives.







The role has provided valuable opportunities to engage with community and legal initiatives, helping to develop confidence, communication skills and a deeper understanding of key social issues.
We are incredibly proud of Vongai's achievement and the positive contribution she has made throughout her time as a Young High Sheriff. Well done, Vongai!

HARTSHILL SCARECROW FESTIVAL







Thank you to the Art and Design department, as well as pupils in art club for creating this amazing display for the Hartshill Scarecrow Festival in September. This created a lot of attention (especially the car)

HARTSHILL SPORT STRIKES GOLD!



Hartshill Academy is celebrating after achieving the prestigious School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year, recognising our commitment to putting participation, competition and opportunity at the heart of school sport.

From competitive fixtures and tournaments to clubs, leadership, volunteering and officiating, our pupils are being given more opportunities to experience sport, challenge themselves and proudly represent Hartshill.

Our extensive co-curricular programme includes football, rugby, basketball, athletics, cricket, rounders and table tennis, helping pupils discover new activities, develop their talents and build confidence beyond the classroom.

At the centre of everything are our HART values of Heart, Ambition, Respect and Tenacity. They are not simply values we talk about; they are qualities our pupils demonstrate when they train, compete, lead and represent their Academy.

This Gold Award is a fantastic recognition of the pupils and staff who are helping to make sport an increasingly important part of life at Hartshill. A special thank you goes to Mr Suddick, Ms Kellegher, Miss Kauser, Miss Taylor, Mr Craig and Mr Whetton, as well as everyone who has supported clubs, fixtures and competitions throughout the year.

Above all, congratulations to our pupils. This is their achievement.

Gold recognises how far we have come, but our ambition does not stop here. We want Hartshill Academy to be a place where every young person has the opportunity to be active, compete, lead and develop a positive relationship with sport and physical activity that lasts well beyond their time at school.

SEND COFFEE & CHAT

After the huge success of our first SEND Coffee & Chat, we are excited to announce another opportunity for our community to come together to share experiences and advice.



SEND Coffee & Chat

Join us for a friendly and supportive space for parents and carers of young people with SEND.



What to expect:

- Meet other parents and carers
- Share experiences and ideas
- Access useful information and resources
- Ask questions in a safe, supportive environment
- Enjoy a relaxed chat over tea and coffee

📅 Date: Thursday 5th November 2026
⏰ Time: 16:30-17:30
📍 Location: Hartshill Academy - Library

☕ Refreshments Provided

To book a place or find out more please scan the QR code and complete the form

SEND Parent Support Group – Fill out form

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Together We Can Support Every Child to Thrive
Hartshill Academy SEND Team

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HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

The House Competition has got off to a fantastic start this academic year, with pupils from Barber Bears, Drayton Deers, Evans Eagles and Newton Nighthawks already taking part in a range of exciting events. Throughout every challenge, pupils have demonstrated our HART values of Heart, Ambition, Respect and Tenacity, earning valuable points for their houses while building teamwork and house spirit.

The year began with a staff house competition during September's INSET Day, setting the tone for a year of friendly rivalry and healthy competition. This was quickly followed by our Year 7 Team Building Event, where our newest pupils worked together in their house teams on their very first day at Hartshill, helping them to build relationships and develop a strong sense of belonging from the outset.

Our first major pupil house event was the Now That's What I Call Music Quiz, which brought together music lovers from all year groups to test their knowledge across the decades. Congratulations to Newton Nighthawks, who emerged victorious after a fiercely contested competition.

The excitement continued with The Cube, held in the theatre, where pupils faced a series of challenging and creative tasks requiring concentration, resilience and teamwork. A huge well done to Evans Eagles, who secured first place through an impressive display of determination and problem-solving.

More recently, pupils competed in our indoor Pétanque Competition in the sports hall. This event required precision, patience and tactical thinking, with Barber Bears claiming the top spot after an excellent performance.
It has been fantastic to see so many pupils representing their houses and embracing the spirit of competition whilst showing excellent respect and encouragement towards one another. The enthusiasm and commitment displayed so far suggest that this year's House Championship could be our most competitive yet.

We are also delighted to have appointed 32 House Captains from across Hartshill Academy to represent their House and HART group throughout the year. The selection process was highly competitive, with pupils demonstrating excellent leadership qualities, commitment and enthusiasm for the House system. Congratulations to all those who were successful. We look forward to seeing the positive contributions they make in promoting the HART values of Heart, Ambition, Respect and Tenacity, leading by example and supporting house events throughout the year.
There is still plenty to play for before the end of term. Our next event will be the highly anticipated Trick or Treat House Challenge, taking place on Friday 23rd October, where pupils will have another opportunity to earn valuable house points and help their team climb the leaderboard.

In addition to house events, pupils can continue to support their houses every day by:
- Maintaining excellent attendance
- Earning positive Class Charts behaviour points
- Demonstrating the HART values around school
- Taking part in future house competitions and enrichment activities

These opportunities allow everyone to contribute to their house's success while displaying the qualities that make Hartshill such a positive community.

As the competition develops, every point will count. Will Barber Bears, Drayton Deers, Evans Eagles or Newton Nighthawks emerge as this year's House Champions? We look forward to seeing the competition unfold and wish all four houses the very best of luck for the remainder of the term.

Keep showing your house spirit and let's continue to demonstrate what HART is all about!



Who will win the 2026-2027 House Championship?







