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Hartshill at the KMAT Great Debate

The Hartshill Key Stage 3 Debate Team were invited to take part in the KMAT Great Debate "Debate Boxing" showcase at Warwick University on 11th May. The competition was intense, with an exceptionally high standard across all rounds. Our team performed brilliantly, placing 14th out of 24 schools from across Coventry, Warwickshire, South Leicestershire and beyond. A special congratulations goes to Asher W, who was recognised by multiple judges as a Stand-Out Debater. We're already looking forward to returning next year and climbing even further up the rankings. Well done, ladies!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon 25 May - Fri 29 May | School closed
- Mon 1 June | Return to school
- Mon 29 June - 3 July | Year 10 Work experience
- Mon 29 June - 3 July | Year 8 & 9 Residential
- Mon 29 June - 1 July | Year 7 Residential
- Mon 13 July | Summer Showcase
- Fri 17 July | Last day of Summer Term



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is participating in **National Thank a Teacher Day**



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MATTHEW SHINES AT THE FESTIVAL OF ARTS



One of our superstar Year 9 pupils, Matthew, recently shone at the Nuneaton Festival of Arts with two outstanding solo performances at the Abbey Theatre on Friday 1st May. Representing Haddon School of Performing Arts, he impressed the judges and secured 1st place for his first song. His second solo, performed on behalf of GM Voice where he has his singing lessons, earned him a fantastic 3rd place. A brilliant achievement and a wonderful showcase of his talent.

PE & School Sport Update

It has been another exciting and successful term for sport at Hartshill Academy, with a strong focus on athletics. Our students have represented the school with pride and commitment, and it has been fantastic to see so many of them developing their skills, improving their performances, and growing in confidence.

We have enjoyed a number of excellent performances across our athletics fixtures, with many students achieving personal bests and demonstrating great determination throughout. It is particularly pleasing to see the progress being made by our athletes, reflecting their hard work in lessons and extracurricular training.

We are especially proud to have a number of students selected to take part in the County Schools Athletics Championships. This is a fantastic achievement and recognition of their dedication and talent, and we wish them every success in the next stage of competition.

Looking ahead, after half term we will be moving into our summer programme, with a focus on cricket and rounders. These activities will provide further opportunities for students to represent the school, develop new skills, and continue their sporting journey. We are also preparing for our annual Sports Day, which is always a highlight of the school calendar and a great opportunity for all students to get involved, compete, and celebrate success together.

We are always keen to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our students, both in and out of school. If your child has been successful in sport outside of school, please do share this with us so we can celebrate their success as part of the wider Hartshill sporting community.

As part of our ongoing work to support participation, we are also asking for your support. If you have any spare Hartshill PE kit or trainers/boots at home that are no longer needed, we would be extremely grateful if these could be donated to the school. This helps ensure all students have access to appropriate kit and can take part fully in lessons.

Finally, we want to hear from you. We are committed to providing a broad and inclusive sporting offer, and we welcome ideas from students and families about the sports they would like to see at Hartshill Academy. Our aim is simple, to find a sport or activity that engages every student and helps everyone to stay active.



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP



The excitement around our House system has continued this term, with pupils from **Barber Bears**, **Drayton Deers**, **Evans Eagles**, and **Newton Nighthawks** once again showing fantastic enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

This term's activities have offered something for everyone, with a mix of fun, challenge, and teamwork. One of the highlights was our **Welly Wanging Competition**, which saw pupils demonstrating surprising skill (and strength!) as they competed to throw their wellies the furthest. Laughter and house pride were on full display throughout the event.

Our **Geography House Quiz** challenged pupils' knowledge of the world, with teams working together to answer a wide range of questions — from countries and capitals to physical geography. It was brilliant to see such strong participation and teamwork across all houses.

Finally, our **Squid Game–inspired competition** brought a creative and energetic twist to the term, with pupils taking part in a series of exciting challenges. The event was a huge success and showcased determination, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship from all involved.

It has once again been fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved and supporting their houses. Every event contributes to the growing sense of community and friendly competition that makes the House system such an important part of school life.

As we move closer to the end of the academic year, the competition is really heating up! Remember to keep earning those ClassCharts behaviour points and maintaining strong attendance, as every contribution counts towards your House total.

Keep supporting your house — there will be a special prize and a big reveal at the end of the year for the overall winning house, and it's still all to play for!

Well done to all pupils who have taken part this term — we can't wait to see how the competition concludes!



Who will win
the 2025-2026
House
Championship?



Updated house scores announced after half term!

Working on Wellbeing



This half term has been a real time for celebration for our work on wellbeing and mental health around school as we achieved the Nurturing Schools Award. The award recognises our commitment to building a nurturing culture for both our pupils and staff, and it has been wonderful to see all the positive changes across our school community whilst staff, parents & carers and pupils have been learning all about the 6 Principles of Nurture, and how we can connect this with our HART Values. We would like to extend another huge thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout the two years of hard work, and especially to the pupils, parents and staff who took part in our assessment day. Our Assessor told us it had been a joy to meet so many of our Hartshill family.



We have also celebrated Mental Health Awareness week this half term with a scavenger hunt for pupils, and a "Wear it Green Day" for staff. The theme for this years awareness week was Action and offered an invitation for all of us to take that next step towards a positive change to support our wellbeing, whether this change was for ourselves, someone else or our community.



Looking ahead to next half term, we have the School Nursing team visiting year 10 on Thursday 4th June, they will be offering some guidance on how to look after our wellbeing in the build up to exams, and advice on building revision strategies.

Finally, as we begin to look ahead to next school year, we will be booking in workshops and support sessions for families. It would be great to hear from our Hartshill Community about any topics you would like covering, or any specific issues you need support with. Please feel free to email any feedback to Chelsea.forsyth@hartshillacademy.org.uk.