

24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first half term I am very pleased to share with you that this summer our Year 11 pupils achieved the highest results we have had so far. This has moved us up to be one of the highest performing schools in North Warwickshire. Following the excellent summer results we have had lots more to celebrate this term with sporting events, debating competitions, the Year 11 performance evening and the Young High Sheriff of Warwickshire Awards already this term.

Below are some updates from this half term and notices ready for the new half term.

Year 7 Update

Year 7 have settled in very well to their new school and we are pleased to see them working hard and learning more about the HART values every day.

Miss Overton is moving from her role as Year 7 Pastoral Leader to be our new Safeguarding Officer from the start of next half term. Miss Kauser will be the new Head of Year 7. Pupils will know Miss Kauser from PE and our sports clubs. If you have any questions please contact Miss Kauser by email shanaz.kauser@hartshillacademy.org.uk

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 are busy preparing for their GCSEs with their mock exams due to start in the first week back after half term. All pupils should have their revision guides that they were given in Year 10. They should be using these at home in addition to the work their teachers set to support their independent revision for their mocks and for their final exams. Details of all the GCSE course specifications and what pupils need to know for their exams can be found on the GCSE Revision pages of our school website.

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Homework

Thank you for your support this half term with ensuring your child is completing their homework to a high standard every week. It is important that pupils use their homework to ensure they are getting independent practice to reinforce the work they are doing in lessons. There has been a significant improvement in the quality and completion of homework this half term and we are really pleased with the ambition and tenacity pupils have shown to make this improvement.

Uniform

Our pupils arrive to school every day in their correct school uniform with their correct equipment and ready to learn. We have a collection of school uniform that is available at the entrance to school every morning, if your child is missing any items please ensure they come with a note and we can lend them the item for the day.

I have attached the school uniform expectations to this letter.

As we approach the winter months please ensure your child has a suitable hat and coat to ensure they are warm on their way to school and when they are outside at break and lunch.

I have included below the sections from the uniform expectations about hats, coats, jewellery and hairstyles as well as the section about what is not allowed.

Please note no jewellery can be worn in PE lessons for health and safety reasons. Pupils are expected to remove stud earrings for PE lessons.

Coats, Bags and Accessories

Hartshill Academy Bag – provided to all new pupils on the first day, replacements can be purchased via Arbor.

Coat—Plain, full length coat or anorak

Jewellery—A watch, school badges and one small pair of plain ear studs may be worn

Hairstyles—Must be simple and only natural colours, no extreme hair styles, no patterns or shapes cut into it

Hats – a plain woolly hat in the winter

Make up – Pupils can wear discrete natural makeup

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Uniform Don'ts

No skinny fit trousers, jeans, leggings or fitted skirts.



Black tailored trousers. No skin tight material. Trousers should be smart and business like. Trousers should cover the ankle.

No trainers, pumps, high heels or canvas shoes.

No fashion hoodies

No cotton leggings to be worn in PE; sports leggings only.

No skirts more than 1 inch above the knee

No rings, bracelets or necklaces

No false eyelashes

No facial or body piercing

No nail varnish or excessive and impractical length nails

No acrylic nails

Earphones or earpods should not be worn on the school site

No tattoos. It is illegal for children under the age of 18 to have a tattoo even with parental consent. Tattoos will be reported to the Academy safeguarding team

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very enjoyable and relaxing half term holiday.

Yours Sincerely



Lorraine Taylor

Principal

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