

8th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of the Summer Term, I wanted to share with you some key dates and events for the new academic year. It has been an incredibly busy year at Hartshill Academy. It has been wonderful to see so many of our pupils taking advantage of the opportunities available to them with recent trips, sporting events and the summer show.

Building Works

We are almost at the final stage of our building project. As we end the school year our building partners, Wates, will work to move us back to our original car park and they will then dismantle the temporary car park and return this ground to playing fields.

Over the last few months we have had a new canopy installed behind the school which now houses some of our 750 solar panels. This has been a fantastic benefit to the school as on some of the recent sunny days we have been completely solar powered.

This canopy area will be a wonderful part of our outdoor space for pupils when they return in September. We are now working towards the planning for a 3G pitch on the space between the canopy and the woods. There will be more details on this over the next few months.

End of School Year

Summer Term finishes on Friday 18th July at 12:30pm for the Summer Holidays.

Autumn Term Start Dates

Year 7 and 11 pupils will return to school for the start of the Autumn Term on Wednesday 3rd September at 08:40am.

Year 8 pupils will return to school for the start of the Autumn Term on Thursday 4th September at 08:40am.

Year 9 and 10 pupils will return to school for the start of the Autumn Term on Friday 5th September at 08:40am.

Term Dates 2025-2026

Autumn 1	Wednesday 3 rd September – Friday 24 th October 2025
Autumn 2	Monday 3 rd November – Friday 19 th December 2025
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 1 st September 2025 Tuesday 2 nd September 2025 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 7	Settling In Evening Thursday 25 th September 4:00 – 7:00pm – In School Progress Evening Thursday 20 th November 4:00 – 7:00pm – Online
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
Year 11	Year 11 Information Evening Thursday 11 th September 5.30 – 6.30pm – Online Progress Evening Thursday 4 th December 4:00 – 7:00pm – Online

School Day 2025-2026

In September we will be making some changes to the school day. The start and finish times will remain unchanged. We will have six 50 minute lessons each day with five minutes of movement time between all lessons and breaks to support calm and purposeful movement around the school. We are starting the day with Period 1 and HART time has moved to just before break.

School is open from 8:00am when pupils can meet in the Atrium. Breakfast can be purchased or free bagels are available to all pupils. The movement bell will be at 8.35am for pupils to move to lessons. It is very important that pupils arrive at school on time to be in class for the start of Period 1 at 8.40am. Any pupils who arrive after 8.40am will be met by the attendance team to register and a late detention will be issued for lunchtime on the same day.

8:35	Movement
8:40	Period 1
9:30	Movement
9:35	Period 2
10:25	Movement
10:30	HART Time / Assembly
10:50	Break
11:05	Movement
11:10	Period 3
12:00	Movement
12:05	Period 4
12:55	Family Lunch in the Theatre – 7 Family Lunch in the Atrium – 8 / 9 Outside – 10 and 11
13:10	Outside – 7, 8 and 9 Lunch in the Atrium – 10 and 11
13:30	Movement
13:35	Period 5
14:25	Movement
14:30	Period 6
15:20	End of Day

Uniform

The Hartshill Academy uniform is something all pupils are required to wear across the school. Ensuring all our pupils are wearing a smart and appropriate uniform helps to foster a sense of belonging and pride in them for their school. We appreciate your support to help us ensure all pupils are in the correct uniform and ready for lessons every day.

We have made two changes to the uniform from September 2025:

1. Maroon V-necked jumper is replacing the black V-necked jumper. From Sept 2025 only the maroon V-necked jumper will be allowed.
2. We have added a plain black skirt (skirt and short combination item) to the PE kit. This is an optional item that can be worn instead of the PE joggers/shorts/leggings.

I have attached here the updated school uniform policy which I encourage you to read in full. You can also find this on the academy website here [Uniform | Parents | Hartshill Academy](#)

I wanted to draw your attention again, in particular, to expectations around footwear. All pupils must wear plain black, flat heeled, leather or leather look shoes. Boots can be worn under trousers. Trainers will not be permitted, aside from during PE lessons.

This year we launched our Hartshill Academy page on the *Grown Out Of It* Website, an initiative that makes school uniforms more affordable, sustainable, and accessible for everyone at Hartshill Academy. This is a fantastic online platform that allows families to donate and purchase pre-loved school uniform. Our dedicated Hartshill Academy page can be found here: [Hartshill Academy Uniform Store](#).

PE Days 2025 – 2026

All pupils are expected to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. We do this to reduce the amount of time that is spent getting changed, meaning pupils have more time in their PE lessons. PE days will be:

	PE Kit Day
Year 7	Monday
Year 8	Tuesday
Year 9	Wednesday
Year 10	Thursday
Year 11	Friday

If your child has chosen PE or Sports Studies as an option subject in Years 10 or 11, they may be required to wear their PE kit on other days for those lessons. Their PE teacher will let them know when this will be, pupils should wear full uniform on any other day.

Equipment

All pupils are expected to have the following equipment on them every day so they are ready and prepared for their lessons.

The calculators we recommend are the Casio fx-83GTX, Casio fx-85GTX, Casio fx-83CTW or Casio fx-85CTW.



If you have any questions, please contact school on email enquiries@hartshillacademy.org.uk.

Yours Sincerely,

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