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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



On **Remembrance Sunday**, our Head Pupils and Principal, Miss Taylor, attended a local church service at Holy Trinity. As part of the Remembrance Day parade, they laid a wreath at the war memorial to remember the fallen and all who gave their lives to secure the freedoms we enjoy today. On **Armistice Day**, the entire school community observed a two-minute silence along with the rest of the country at 11am. During the special assembly, our Vice Principal, Mr Mba, outlined why the poppy remains the enduring symbol of both Remembrance and hope for a peaceful future.

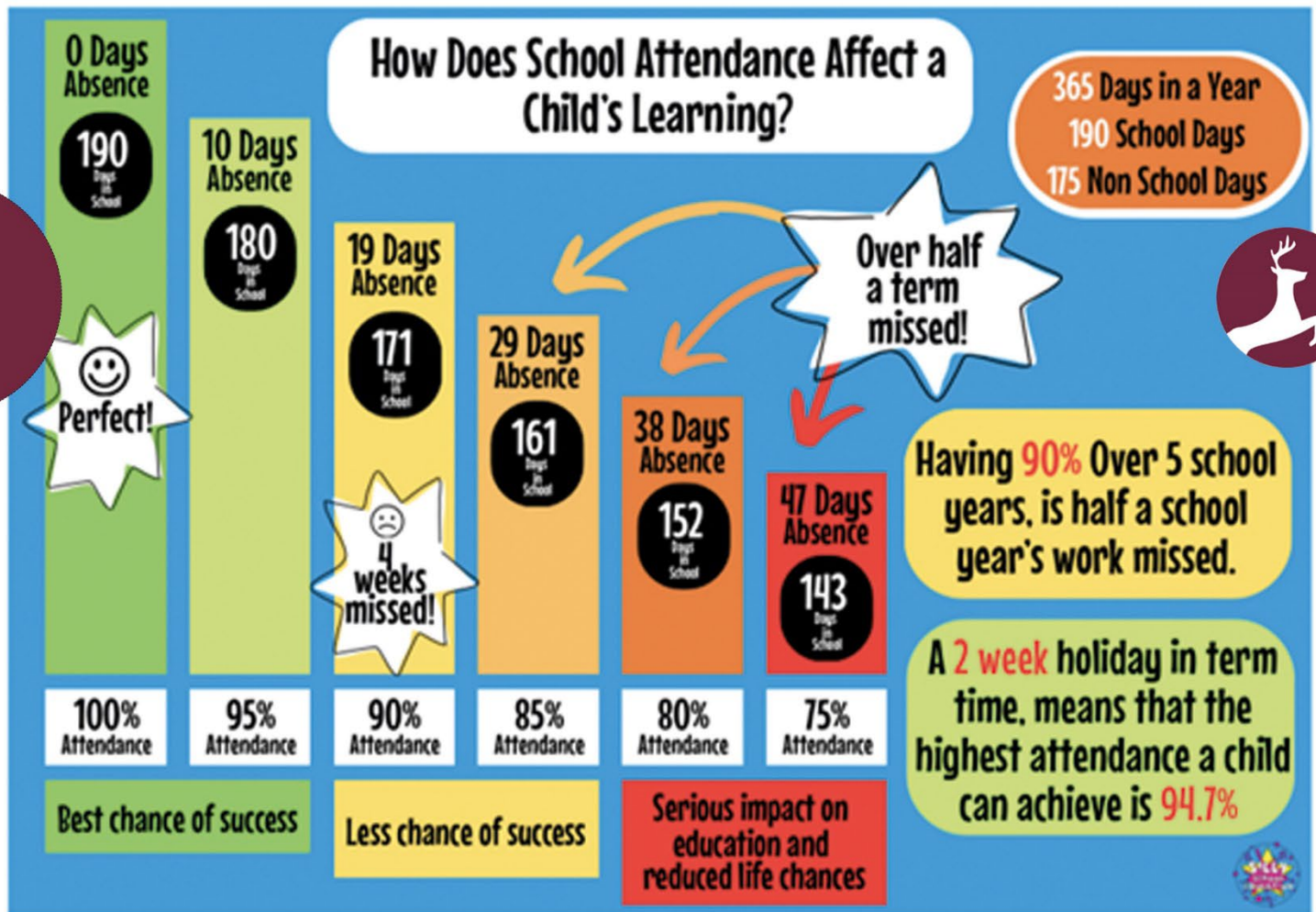


Elsewhere, one of our Year 11 pupils, Corey, was given the privilege to serve as 'Mayor for the Day' and witnessed the **Armed Forces Covenant** signing on Wednesday 6th November at Shire Hall. The Covenant pledge recognises the sacrifices and obligations made by the Armed Forces.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- THU 05 DEC | PARENT VOICE
- MON 16 DEC | YEAR 7 SPACE CENTRE TRIP
- MON 16 DEC | YEAR 10 WW1 BATTLEFIELD MEDICINE WORKSHOP
- THU 19 DEC | CHRISTMAS PERFORMING ARTS SHOW
- FRI 20 DEC | LAST DAY OF TERM

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



We have been working hard across the Autumn term to support and promote excellent attendance. Some of our activities have included:

- **Pizza Parties** – 100 pupils with 100% attendance will be rewarded with Domino's Pizza! To be included in the draw, pupils need to have perfect attendance between:
Monday 18th Nov - Friday 22nd Nov & Monday 25th Nov - Friday 29th Nov
- **Friday trainers** – Pupils in school every Friday have the chance to follow in the 'footsteps' of Dane (Y11) and Alfie (Y7) who won themselves new trainers for being in every Friday in a month! Who will win in November's draw?
- **Mr. Craig's weekly prize** – For pupils making a concerted effort to improve their attendance, a £10 voucher is awarded each week!
- **Attendance Leagues** – Only a few weeks to go and Man City are storming the Attendance Champions League, but could a team from League Two upset the favourites during the Play-Offs in December to cash their ticket to a 'sky high' attendance prize?
- **Attendance Workshops** – Mr Craig is now running these to support parents. Look out for an email for your child's year group!
- **Year 11** – Points mean Prom in Fantastic 5 and being here is the single-best way to rack up those points and potentially get a free ticket to the event of the year!

We will continue to recognise and reward children who attend school regularly and make a conscious effort to be punctual, as this will reflect the positive impact that the skills of regular attendance and punctual will have on the rest of life.

A QUESTION OF SPORT

Bank of Monty Hartshill Cross Country Event



Results | Winners from each year group:

YEAR 7 Boys Score

Walter, Rowan, Harry, Alfie, Bentley, Oliver 465

YEAR 7 Girls Score

Darcey, Phoebe, Georgia, Connie, Daisy 375

YEAR 10 Boys Score

Will, Jayden, Dylan, Harley, Aaron 530

YEAR 10 Girls Score

Tillie, Michelle, Brooke 365

YEAR 9 Boys Score

Zac, George, Lucas, Ethan, Rhys 410

YEAR 9 Girls Score

Maisie, grace, Darcy, Bethany, Lexi 380

YEAR 8 Boys Score

Will, Earnie, Kai, George, Evan 520

YEAR 8 Girls

Bronagh, Lexi, Layla, Layla 320



The event was held during PE lessons throughout the week. It brought together a diverse group of runners of all ages, who showcased determination, skill, and camaraderie.

Participants took on the challenging course in groups of 4 or 5, which featured a mix of different routes. Each stretch tested their endurance and resolve, but the atmosphere was buoyed by enthusiastic cheers from each other. Every competitor put in a commendable effort, making this year's cross country truly memorable.

Congratulations are in order for all who took part! The determination on display and the spirit of encouragement among participants highlighted the best of what sport can offer.

We can't wait to see everyone back in the next Bank of Monty Hartshill cross country for another spectacular edition. Until then, well done to all for a fantastic effort!

SUPER SCIENCE



Year 9 STEM Event

The Smallpeice Trust visited Hartshill Academy to treat 60 Year 9 pupils to a STEM event based on train travel. The pupils were asked to work as a team to design a sustainable train and train station. The day started with a tower challenge, where the pupils had a set amount of time to build the highest tower – the competition among the groups was fierce!

The pupils were then given the opportunity to build a fully working train chassis with a carriage that they designed and crafted out of foam. All teams were given a budget to work with and they had to present their work to each other, pitching their plans 'Apprentice' style!



Half term revision sessions

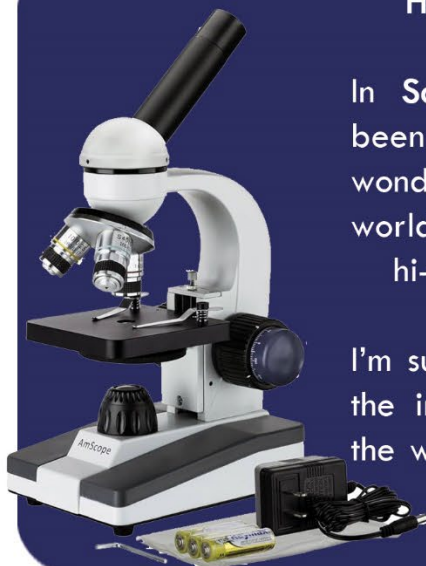
During the half term, Year 11 were invited in for revision sessions, to help them to prepare for their mock exams. The uptake was great, with many pupils attending sessions on both days.

Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics were covered during this time, providing invaluable last-minute revision for all that attended. Dr Khan was so impressed with the enthusiasm and engagement shown by all the pupils.

Honey, I shrunk the kids!

In Science Club, pupils have been busy exploring the wonders of the microscopic world by looking at coins, ties, hi-vis and a bee's antenna.

I'm sure you will all agree that the images are incredible and the world at a microscopic level is a fascinating one!



SPARK SOMETHING


At Hartshill Academy, we use **Sparx Learning** to support our young people to develop their independent learning skills. Every subject is different, so each Sparx system is carefully researched and designed to maximise impact in that discipline. We use Sparx Learning in our core subjects: English, Maths and Science.



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IN DEVELOPMENT

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SPARX Reader

Every week, pupils across year seven, eight and nine are completing Sparx Reader Homework. Reading has many benefits; it can improve academic performance and can contribute towards success at GCSE. Each week, every pupil is expected to complete thirty minutes of Sparx Reader homework.

All Sparx Reader homework will now be set on a Thursday and due on the following Thursday. This means that English teachers can track through the week and offer support to anyone who is struggling. If Sparx is completed at the weekend, pupils will have done their homework well in advance of the deadline, reflecting the HART value of ambition and tenacity. Through completing their homework, pupils have the opportunity to achieve Sparx Reader points and enter prize draws. If there are any issues with computer access, pupils are welcome to access laptops in 214 at lunch time. Any questions, please contact Miss Jones.

SPARX Science

This month, Sparx Science has been launched to all pupils! This is a great platform for science homework that supports learning and allows pupils to take part in independent learning in their own time. Each class has been set homework on a Thursday morning and is due the following Thursday. Dr Khan is keeping an eye on the deadline data and there will be a leaderboard (complete with rewards) coming soon!

Each week parents and carers can see how pupils are performing in the SPARX Leaderboards available in the **Parent and Carer Facebook group**.



HART UPDATE



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024

The Hartshill pupils and staff participated in Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on the theme of respect to promote positive relationships and understanding throughout our community. On **Tuesday, 12 November**, we celebrated **Odd Socks Day**, with students and staff wearing mismatched socks to highlight the importance of embracing individuality. Throughout the week, activities and discussions centered on fostering a culture of respect and raising awareness about the impact of bullying, reinforcing our commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.



YEAR 8 LOUDMOUTH ASSEMBLY

We recently collaborated with Loudmouth, an interactive theatre and education company, to support Year 8 students with their PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, and Economic) education. The program featured a dynamic mix of workshops, and a thought-provoking theatre production aimed at addressing key topics relevant to young people's lives.

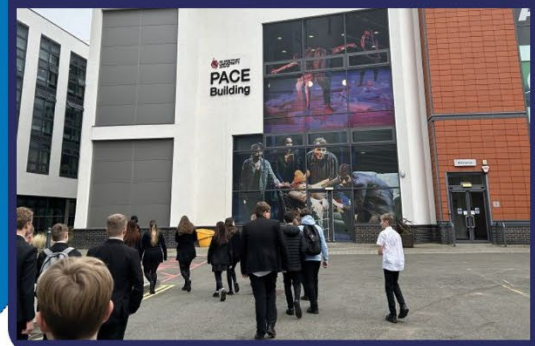
The engaging theatre piece brought real-life scenarios to the forefront, providing students with relatable, impactful stories that encouraged reflection and discussion. Following the performance, the interactive workshops allowed students to delve deeper into the issues, exploring themes such as relationships, resilience, and making informed decisions.

This creative approach not only supported Year 8s learning but also encouraged open conversations and equipped students with essential life skills in a memorable and impactful way. Working with Loudmouth has been a fantastic opportunity to enrich our PSHE curriculum and support our students' well-being and personal development.



De Montfort University Trip

Every Year 9 pupil had the valuable opportunity to visit **De Montfort University**, where they engaged in sessions on CV building and explored future career pathways. University student ambassadors guided each group on informative tours around the campus, providing insight into student life and showcasing facilities, including on-site accommodation. This inspiring experience aimed to broaden our pupils' aspirations and provide a glimpse into the possibilities of higher education.



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP



Barber
Bears



Drayton
Deers



Evans
Eagles



Newton
Nighthawks



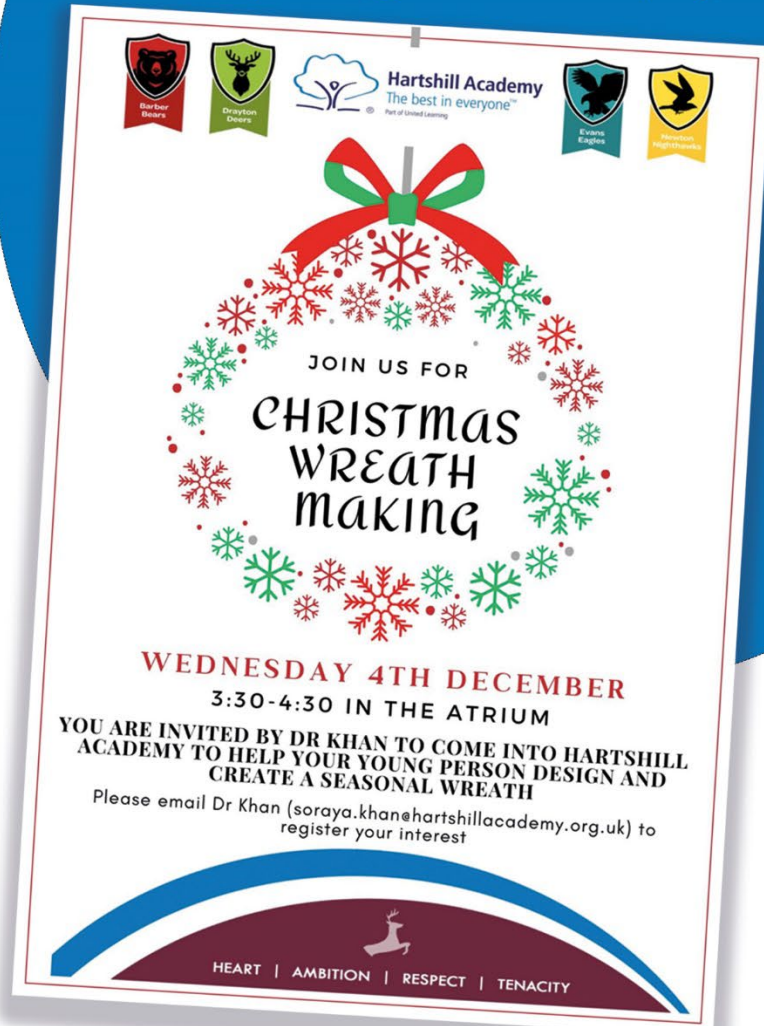
The Chase

Earlier this month, we had our House Event: The Chase, which brought excitement, energy, and a competitive spirit to the school as Drayton Deers, Newton Nighthawks, Evans Eagles, and Barber Bears battled it out in a thrilling showdown. The challenge? To take on our very own "Destroyer," Mr. Dawes, in a quiz of wits and knowledge.

With each House showcasing their teamwork and determination, the tension built as questions got tougher and stakes got higher. In the end, it was the Drayton Deers who triumphed, defeating the Chaser and earning ultimate bragging rights as champions of The Chase.

Congratulations to the Drayton Deers for their well-deserved victory, and a huge thank you to Mr. Dawes for playing the perfect Chaser. This event truly highlighted the competitive spirit and camaraderie within our House system!

The next pupil and adult event is making Christmas wreaths! This is taking place on **Wednesday 4th December** at 3:30pm. If you are interested in getting involved and would like to book a space, please email Dr Khan at soraya.khan@hartshillacademy.org.uk



Sowing Together

Last month, several pupils came with their adults to join us in sowing the House planters. Dr Khan wanted to share the progress of their hard work with you – despite the snow! We can't wait to see what the Spring brings!



EDUCATION WITH CHARACTER

This term the **School Council** have been working to develop and promote displays around the school building that communicate how pupils develop and demonstrate character across the academy. The displays highlight how character must be **caught, taught and sought**. The different literary characters illustrate how character influences our behaviour, actions and attitudes.



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Character at Hartshill Academy



SOUGHT

TAUGHT

CAUGHT



Level 6

'I have a **personal code** of behaviour and I follow it.'



Level 5

'I am **considerate** of other people.'



Level 4

'I **follow** the rules.'



Level 3

'I want to **please** somebody.'



Level 2

'I want a **reward**.'



Level 1

'I don't want to get in **trouble**.'

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Staying Safe Online



We are committed to ensuring that our pupils have a safe and positive experience online, both at school and at home. To support you in helping your child navigate the digital world safely, we are pleased to introduce the **Safer Schools App**, a resource specifically designed for parents and carers.

The Safer Schools App provides up-to-date information, tips, and guidance on a wide range of online safety topics. It covers essential areas like managing screen time, understanding social media, handling cyberbullying, and recognising the signs of online exploitation. The app also gives insights into the latest online trends and the challenges children may face.

1. Download the 'Safer Schools England' App



2. Create an account & scan the QR code

