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# HART TO HART | Academy News

## CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB LEGEND CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING HARTSHILL ACADEMY PUPILS



**League of their own:** Winning pupils display their certificate and trophies awarded by The Paul Canoville Foundation for exemplifying excellent character values

Six Hartshill Academy pupils were recognised by **The Paul Canoville Foundation** for consistently demonstrating values of allyship, belonging and community, alongside our HART values.

Hartshill Academy hosted the event, welcoming staff, pupils and families from George Eliot Academy, Heath Lane, and Nuneaton Academy.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Mon 9 June** | End of Year Assessments begin
- **Mon 16 June** | Year 10 Mock Exams begin
- **Thu 19 June** | Community Fair
- **Thu 19 June** | Parent Voice
- **Wed 2 July** | Year 6 Induction Day / Parents Evening
- **Thu 3 July** | Academic Awards Ceremony
- **Mon 7 - Wed 9 July** | School Show
- **Wed 16 July** | Sports Day 2025
- **Fri 18 July** | Last day of academic year





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



**NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY IS 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**YOU CAN SEND A  
FREE THANK YOU**

to celebrate a teacher, or member of support staff that is making a **big difference** at your early years, school or college.

Send a free e-card on [thankateacher.co.uk/](https://thankateacher.co.uk/)

# AN EVENING WITH PAUL CANOVILLE

On Wednesday 7th May, Hartshill Academy had the honour of hosting *An Evening with Paul Canoville* — a powerful and uplifting celebration of character, achievement, and community spirit.

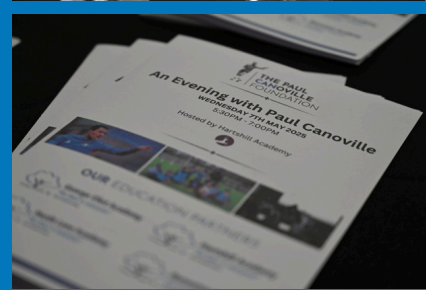
Welcoming guests from George Eliot Academy, Heath Lane Academy, and Nuneaton Academy, the evening brought together pupils, parents, and staff from across the United Learning family. At its heart was a shared commitment to developing young people of strong character, guided by the values of **Allyship**, **Belonging** and **Community**.

The event featured an inspiring keynote from former professional footballer Paul Canoville, the first Black player to represent Chelsea FC. Paul's story of overcoming racism, adversity and personal struggle moved the audience deeply. His message — that resilience, hope, and self-belief can carry us through the hardest of times — was a powerful reminder of what it means to grow through challenge.

A key highlight of the evening was the celebration of our pupils' achievements. We were thrilled to see Ishmael, Izzy, Noah, Abi, Emily and David recognised for their outstanding contributions to school life. Whether through quiet leadership, unwavering kindness, or dedication to their peers, each of them exemplifies the values we aim to instil in all our young people.

As their names were read out and applause filled the room, there was a palpable sense of pride — not just from staff and families, but from the pupils themselves, realising that their everyday choices and actions truly matter.

We extend our warmest congratulations to them all, and our sincere thanks to Paul Canoville and his foundation for making this event possible. Together, we are building a culture where young people are not only equipped with knowledge, but with the strength of character to lead, serve and thrive.





# HART OF THE COMMUNITY

At Hartshill Academy, we believe that education with character means reaching beyond the classroom and making a meaningful impact in the world around us. This term, our pupils have done just that – connecting with local and national communities through creativity, leadership, and service.

Earlier this term, a group of our pupils travelled to Stamford Bridge, home of **Chelsea Football Club**, after being specially invited for their inspiring **International Women's Day** dance piece. There, they performed alongside pupils from other United Learning schools, showcased their artwork, and took part in a Q&A with guest speakers – building connections with young people across the country and representing Hartshill with pride. Also in attendance were some of our award-winning pupils from our recent *Evening with Paul Canoville*, continuing to champion community values through their actions and achievements.

Closer to home, our Year 10 pupil leaders supported our local primary school, Michael Drayton Junior School, at their **VE Day 80 celebration**. From helping set up to serving both children and guests, they showed true leadership and care in honouring this important moment in our shared history.

Meanwhile, every pupil in Year 9 has been engaging with local issues through the First Give programme – meeting with charities, fundraising, raising awareness, and making a difference. At the School Final, the winning team secured a £1,000 grant for the **Joe Humphries Memorial Trust**, strengthening the link between our school and vital community organisations.

Whether on the national stage or in our own neighbourhood, our pupils continue to live out our school values through acts of connection, contribution and character. They are, in every sense, the heart of the community.



A group of our Hartshill dancers with Paul Canoville at Chelsea Football Club



Our Year 10 prefects after a busy morning of serving at the VE Day 80 celebrations



Macy and Sophie with Principal, Miss Taylor and Head of Year 9, Miss Duggins





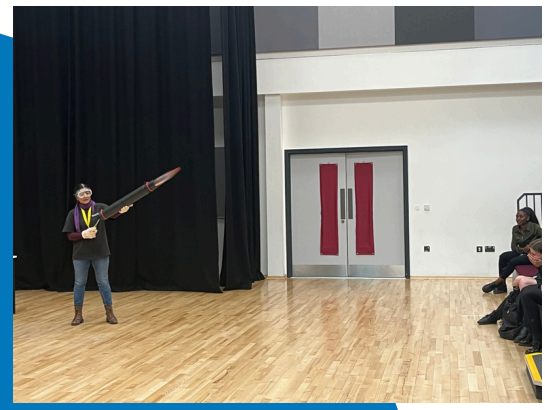
# SCIENCE IN ACTION

On **Thursday 8th May**, Hartshill Academy was buzzing with curiosity and excitement as we welcomed the **Royal Institution (Ri)** for a day of science exploration and inspiration.

As the UK's leading provider of science shows for schools, the Royal Institute brought its acclaimed *Science in Schools* programme to our doorstep - delivering live demonstrations, eye-opening experiments, and interactive sessions designed to ignite a love of science in pupils and staff alike.

Throughout the day, our students were treated to two exhilarating shows presented by the Ri's expert science communicator, combining education with entertainment in spectacular fashion. With dramatic demonstrations and real-world connections, the sessions sparked wonder and left students asking brilliant questions long after the applause ended.

And to cap off the day, families and members of the wider Hartshill community were invited to a special twilight performance - a chance to share the excitement and see science in action for themselves.



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## Rocket Science

We are delighted to welcome  
The Royal Institution of Science  
to deliver a FREE Science Show  
for our wider school community.

**Date: Thursday 8th May 2025**

**Time: 4PM - 4:30PM**

**Venue: Hartshill Academy Theatre**

**Cost: Free**

To attend this event, please email  
[soraya.khan@hartshillacademy.org.uk](mailto:soraya.khan@hartshillacademy.org.uk)  
to reserve your place. Join us for this great  
family-friendly event. Book now as spaces  
are limited.



Ri The Royal Institution  
Science Lives Here





# BOOK BUZZ

There's a real buzz about books at Hartshill Academy, enhanced by the recent visit from **The Scholastic Book Fair**. Over the course of a few days, our library and theatre were transformed into a vibrant pop-up bookshop, sparking curiosity, conversation, and most importantly - a growing passion for reading among our pupils.

From gripping graphic novels and fast-paced thrillers to laugh-out-loud comedies and powerful real-life stories, there was something for every reader to discover. Pupils from across all year groups had the chance to explore an exciting range of titles during HART time, some English lessons and after school. Many took home new reads to dive into, while others left with wish lists and recommendations for friends and family.

But this wasn't just about buying books - it was about building a culture of reading. The fair acted as a catalyst for meaningful conversations in English lessons, with pupils discussing their favourite genres, authors, and the joy of reading simply for pleasure. Teachers have already noticed a boost in reading engagement and a renewed sense of enthusiasm among pupils who are discovering books they genuinely connect with.

At Hartshill, we believe that reading is more than just a skill - it's a doorway to imagination, empathy, and lifelong learning. We're thrilled to share that due to the overwhelmingly positive response, we'll be welcoming The Scholastic Book Fair back more regularly in the new academic year. We look forward to seeing even more pupils finding books they love, sparking new reading journeys, and becoming part of our growing community of readers.

**SCHOLASTIC**



## DID YOU KNOW?

One of the factors contributing to poor reading skills is a lack of variety in books and reading materials.

It is essential that books spark a child's interest so that they commit the time and effort to become better readers.

Research shows that students who read regularly for enjoyment not only perform better academically, but also develop stronger emotional intelligence and a greater understanding of the world around them.

Events like the **Scholastic Book Fair** play a crucial role in helping us nurture confident, curious, and independent readers. They offer accessible, appealing options for students at all reading levels, while also raising funds to reinvest in our school's reading resources - a win-win for our whole school community.



# WORKING ON WELLBEING



A message from Miss Wallbank,  
Senior Mental Health Lead at  
Hartshill Academy



## **Year 8 RISE and RYTC Project**

During the last term, a group of Year 8 pupils took part in an inspiring project in collaboration with the RYTC Arts Group and RISE Mental Health Service. The initiative aimed to raise awareness and educate young people about mental health through creative expression, including performance and visual art.

Over the course of six weeks, the students worked with dedication and enthusiasm to develop their own original pieces. Their hard work culminated in a collection of powerful and moving performances at the end of April. Following the project, all participating pupils were invited to continue their journey by joining RISE's ambassador programme—and we are incredibly proud to share that every one of them has chosen to take on this opportunity.

## **Community Fair**

This year will see the launch of Hartshill Academy's Community Fair. The fair is an opportunity to showcase the incredible businesses, services, and support networks available within our local community. We are inviting education facilitators, local businesses, mental health organisations, and community groups to join us in connecting with pupils, parents, carers and residents.

Please do come along and join us on the **19th June 4pm - 6pm** for healthy cooking demonstrations, information on local services that support mental health and wellbeing, and the chance to see what else is happening in our local community.

## **Changemakers**

Changemakers is the free healthy lifestyle service that helps Warwickshire children, young people and families live healthier lives. Working as part of Connect for Health – our School Nurse Service - they offer incredible workshops on fussy eating, healthy lifestyles workshops and come into school to support with educating young people on how to make healthy choices. Visit their website for further information:

[www.compass-uk.org/change-makers-healthy-lifestyles-service](http://www.compass-uk.org/change-makers-healthy-lifestyles-service)





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**HARTSHILL ACADEMY PRESENTS**

# COMMUNITY 2025 FAIR

**INCLUDING STALLS AND  
INFORMATION ON :**

- Careers •
- Wellbeing Projects •
- Healthy eating and Cooking •
- Community projects •
- Mental Health services •
- Local Charities •

**19TH JUNE 2025 4-6PM**

This is our first year hosting a **Community Fair**, pulling together all of the services in our local community that support careers, mental health & wellbeing, as well as highlighting some of the opportunities for young people in our area.



If you are part of local group or club, and would like to host a stall at the event please contact Miss Wallbank to discuss this further at:

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