

The Hart

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Open Evenings

We were delighted with the interest registered at our Open Evening events in October. So much so, we offered a third night, with all events across the three days being fully attended. Due to a demand for visits to the school in October, we adapted these evenings to allow prospective parents and children to visit the school site with lots of safety measures in place, along with school tours taking place during the day. There was a lovely atmosphere across the school and a good opportunity for families to see the school in action and to speak with staff and students. I was also delighted to see so many familiar faces during the evenings following my visits to the primary schools.

Oversubscribed

As anticipated, we have been blown away by the number of students who have made an application for September 2022. We have just had an indication of our first preferences for September 2022 and it is clear that we will be significantly over-subscribed once again. We are very excited about the journey The Hart School is on and it is clear that the school

is certainly becoming a school of choice for parents and children. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community.

Last day arrangements

The last day of term is Friday 17 December. Lessons will run as normal for Periods 1 to 2 and students will be able to get hot food during break 1. Period 3 will be spent in tutor and assembly to celebrate our students' successes across the Autumn term. School will finish at 12.30pm on this day.

The bus route operated by Select Buses is not able to collect students at 12.30pm on this day. If you are unable to make alternative arrangements for your child to return home early, they will be supervised in school and the bus will take them home as normal.

Covid-19

Thank you as always for your support of the students this term and for your support for the continuing Covid-19 management measures we are working to.

I would like to thank all students and members of The Hart School community

for their response to the changes following new DfE guidance regarding mask wearing in schools. Although, we adopted wearing face coverings from September, we have seen an increase of the school community wearing them more consistently whilst moving around the school. Please continue to check that your child has a face covering with them before leaving for school.

Lateral Flow Testing

We must remain vigilant in our response to Covid-19. It is essential that students are:

1. Using their LFT kits twice weekly, Sunday and Wednesday evenings
2. Maintaining good hygiene through regular use of hand sanitiser on entry to lessons

3. Ensuring that they follow public health advice on self-isolation and do not attend school if they have symptoms or a positive LFT

We will, as always, keep all measures under constant review and will be in touch if there are any further required amendments to our practices.

Travel on School Buses

In order to ensure the safety of all passengers and the driver, all students are expected to wear face-coverings when they are on school transport and worn throughout the journey to and from school (unless they are exempt).

Miss Sandham



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FOODBANK FRIDAY

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

10 December 2021



All around the country there are volunteers who give their time to help families in crisis. They do this by creating food packages for families who are facing financial difficulty

Financial crisis can effect families and households at any time and winter months can be an exceptionally difficult period

This Friday we will be supporting the Rugeley Food Bank and asking all students and staff to bring a food donation if they are able to do so.

The Foodbank have asked that we try and avoid baked beans and pasta, as people have been very generous and they have plenty of these right now.

It will also be an opportunity for students and staff to wear their Christmas jumper, should they wish to.



LIFE AND SOUL DAY

On Thursday 2 December all students were given the chance to learn beyond the curriculum.

Our Life and Soul days are excellent opportunities for all students to extend their learning beyond the curriculum and work with peers in a group environment. During these days students develop highly important transferable skills for the future.

Our Year 7 students explored British Values through a group-based Desert Island project. Students gained understanding of how communities and society operate, as well as democracy in choosing their own leader of the island. They created their own set of values and beliefs as well as learning about laws and the criminal system.

Year 8 explored the religions and cultures of the world. Bringing this to life was the head coach of a Bhangra group who came in and delivered a workshop discussing India and its rich farming culture as well as teaching the students aspects of Bhangra. During the morning both Years 7 and 8 were also involved in an assembly on Hate crime delivered by CACH – Communities Against Crimes of Hate.

Year 9 students worked on a STEAM project and in teams were constructing and racing a formula one car using a gas-powered launch system.

Our Year 10s participated in The Inspirational Learning Groups Esports Digital Challenge. Students worked in

teams, looking at all aspects of creating, designing and launching a new computer games concept. They identified a target market before developing an idea for a brand new, downloadable computer game. Students considered all aspects of their game design, including characterisation, game play, cyber-security and add-ons before considering how they would promote their new game to their target audience. This challenge helped students to develop their entrepreneurial and digital skills as well as promoting key skills such as creativity, teamwork and communication. The winning team will also go forward to represent the school in the national final at the ICC in Birmingham in July 2022.

Year 11 worked within the RSHE guidance by exploring relationships as well as completing a scenario-based journey through the risks, pressures and consequences of being involved in unhealthy relationships. Students also had sessions to understand their post 16 options from Sixth Form, to college to apprenticeships and T levels, with some students gaining an experience of Sixth Form.

Our Sixth Form students experienced student life as the visit de Montfort University. This encompassed a campus tour as well as an accommodation tour. Students had the opportunity to talk to student reps as they fully immersed themselves into University life for the day.



COMMUNITY CLEAN

In November, memorial events took place all over the country to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. In preparation for these events two students went the extra mile.



Elise Cowdell & Joshua Blocksidge, who are part of Brereton Youth Volunteers, spent their time cleaning the memorial in Brereton on Saturday 13th in preparation for the Brereton Service.



Amazing work from both. They are a real credit to The Hart School.



PANTOMINE SUCCESS

On Saturday 20th November, Through the Stage Door performed Snow White at the Rugeley Red Rose Theatre. There were 90 students involved in the production of which four were from The Hart School.

The theatre group put on two performances throughout the day and there were over 420 audience members.

A huge shout out to the Hart students involved:

The Wicked Queen was played by Isobel Till, her wit in this role had the audience in hysterics.

Snow White was played by Olivia Till, her singing was both beautiful and confident.

Charlie Sparkes excelled in a multitude of roles including her main role as

one of the Dwarfs. Charlie also supported many of the younger children taking part in the panto and was a real asset to the team.

Sienna Daniel also excelled in many roles within the show including both a servant and a dwarf.

For more photographs of the event or for more information on Through the Stage Door and how to get involved please visit: [@ThroughTheStageDoorUK](https://www.facebook.com/ThroughTheStageDoorUK) on Facebook.



SAVE OUR WILDLIFE AWARDS



Thursday 9 December, 7.00pm - 7.30pm.

We are one of thirty four schools who have been put forward for the Save Our Wildlife Awards.

The competition asked participants to show through their art how the loss of wildlife and species extinction is linked to farming animals.

The competition aimed to help young people become better-informed about the environmental crisis that we are in, by exploring the impact of what we eat and the way food is grown and how they can help to create a healthier world for us all to live in.

Register below for your free tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vons-save-our-wildlife-awards-tickets-213607053447>

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Thank you for your support this term. We have seen a resilient response to school attendance and regular routine despite the impact of COVID-19 and self-isolation following positive PCR tests.

Regular attendance is hugely important to ensure students can make sustained progress to achieve their desired outcomes. It will also ensure that positive relationships are built with staff and peers thus allowing students to thrive.

We recognise that there will be a very small number of occasions whereby your child is unable to attend school. Therefore, please ensure you are reporting planned absence through Class Charts and uploading any relevant evidence. The attendance team will then add this to your child's file and code their attendance accordingly.

We would be very grateful for

the support of all parents/ carers in ensuring that their child leaves home early enough each morning to get to school on time and in encouraging them to be punctual.

Although numbers of students who arrive late are small, they may miss the tutor programme, assemblies, and the beginning of their first lesson; this means that they miss important information and often disrupt the teaching and learning of others.



SWIMMING SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to student Lucas Millerchip who took part in a swimming gala on 27/28 November and achieved two county times in 50m Freestyle and 100m Freestyle.

On Sunday 05 December Lucas went on to achieve another 4 personal bests in 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly!

Lucas trains 5 times a week and his hard work is really paying off.

What an amazing achievement and a real credit to the school.



FACECOVERINGS REMINDER

Face masks are to be worn by students when moving around the school at all times unless exempt.



STUDENT HOME LEARNING CLUB

We are delighted to say that we have now launched our Hart Home Learning Club. This will be in the comfort of our beautiful, newly refurbished library, and will run from Monday-Thursday until 4pm.

Staff will be there to give a helping hand where needed. We hope this helps to support you manage and organise your time to ensure home learning (homework) is completed on time. Drinks and biscuits available!

