

The Hart

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NZB to deliver zero-carbon project for Rugeley's Hart School

Our Net Zero Building (NZB) construction is well on the way to providing a next-generation net zero carbon energy building, designed to stand the test of time and with sustainability at its heart. I'm thrilled that our school has continued to grow as a popular choice with families in our town. The new building will provide an additional capacity by 4,111 sq to the school. The new building will consist of five new state of the art spacious classrooms and additional toilet facilities. The Net Zero is designed to

generate more electricity than it uses throughout its life, slashing operational costs. Key features will include solar panels, mechanical ventilation heat recovery units, air tightness detailing and fully electric fuel sources, plus sensor-controlled low energy lighting and plenty of windows to maximise natural light.

Further school improvements

Throughout the summer holidays we will be continuing once again with extensive school improvements to the site. This will consist of

full refurbishments of the remaining three science laboratories, new LED lighting, flooring, full redecoration with new furniture in ten classrooms and brand new outdoor street furniture across the site and ten new table tennis sets across zones for students to access during social time. I'm sure you would agree it's a very exciting time for all at The Hart School. I'd like to thank our students and staff for the part they

continue to play in building and sustaining a strong and improving reputation for our school as we continue on our journey towards becoming an outstanding school. Finally, I hope you enjoy reading our final addition of the newsletter for this academic year and I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Miss Sandham



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EQUALITY STREET

The Hart School Social Action Team brought their idea to life on Saturday 4 June 2022.

The Social Action team worked tirelessly to bring their ideas to life. Throughout this project students came up with many ideas for this social action project and the topic of tackling inequality was selected from a list of community improvement ideas for Rugeley, including food waste and mental wellbeing. Following an assembly, poll and survey of students and the local community students settled on moving forward with their idea of raising awareness on inequality.

The pinnacle of their project was the creation of Equality Street bringing in people of different faiths, sexualities and disabilities. This was part of Rugeley's Big Celebration on Saturday 4 June for the Queen's Jubilee. The theme of the street party was on raising awareness of different minorities to celebrate the differences within the community. We also had live entertainment including bhangra dancers, steel pans as well as our own amazing

students performing.

Thank you to the generosity of Simply Bilash in Stafford for providing all of the indian food. Also to the generosity of the community who donated to our charity of choice - Katherine Allport Foundation, where we raised over £200. This money will go towards creating personalised hampers for those starting chemotherapy who live or are receiving treatment in Staffordshire. To find out more click here: www.TheKatherineAllport.Foundation

Now that students have launched this project there will be many other events to follow in the next academic year.

We would be grateful to you if you could sign up to our Community Pledge. Where we believe in the dignity of all people and their right to respect and equality of opportunity. We value the strength that

comes with difference and the positive contribution that diversity brings to our community.

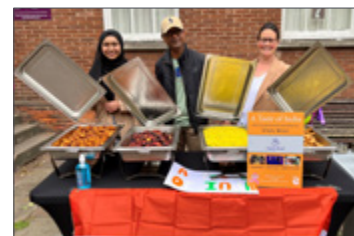
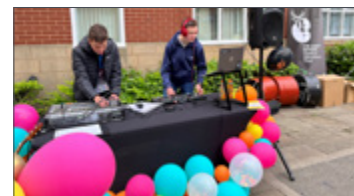
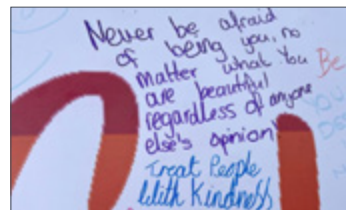
Our aspiration is for Rugeley and the wider region to be safe, welcoming and inclusive.

This is an opportunity for you to

demonstrate your personal commitment to equality and inclusion for all communities.

PLEASE SIGN UP TO OUR COMMUNITY EQUALITY PLEDGE HERE:

<https://forms.office.com/r/QvphMxqMLL>



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Congratulations to the 40 Hart Schools DofE participants who passed their Bronze expedition this term!

Students had to undertake an independent, unaided expedition in teams from Milford Common on Saturday to Beaudesert campsite on Cannock chase, before staying there overnight. They had to navigate themselves across the chase, carrying all the equipment they needed, including tents, gas stoves and their all-important food. At Beaudesert, teams were quick to setup their campsite and start cooking their evening meals, their preparedness and speed commented on by the instructors. Sunday saw the teams embark on their return journey, across the Chase again, back to the Hart School. Everyone who took part made an amazing effort

and they should be really proud of their achievement.

The Duke of Edinburgh awards is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop skills, take part in physical activities, volunteer within the community as well as the overnight expedition challenge. This is a very fulfilling experience giving lots of opportunities outside the main school curriculum and is a valuable asset on leaving school, moving in further education and starting careers. By being out and about, participants also raise awareness of the positive impact of the school and nurture valuable links with the community.

This year we have had the largest number of participants of a long time, with 40 students signed up to take part across year 9 and 10. Students are very enthusiastic about the award and the opportunities it will bring. Many of the students are well underway in completing the other aspects of the award, volunteer, physical and skills, in their own time, outside of school, as well as regularly attending training sessions afterschool on a Wednesday in preparation for the expedition.



CARE HOME VISIT

Our Community Ambassadors have been writing to residents at Horesefair Care Home and recently went and visited for afternoon tea.



THE QUEENS PORTRAITS

The Hart School supports Cherishers to create a mural for The Queens Jubilee.

Cherisher, a charity based in Rugeley town centre had a street party in Rugeley town centre on the 4th June outside our shop for up to 200 elderly people. As part of this they asked local schools to produced portraits of the

Queen for display in the shop. The artwork was also put into a larger mural for the public to see all month in Rugeley town centre. Our pupils entered over 40 fanatic entries all unique and many of our school's entries can be seen

in the mural within the shop in town.

This was also a competition for students, and we believe we have some winners that will be announced and awarded their prize very soon.



RUGELEY AND ARMITAGE CAMERA CLUBS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Students take part in Rugeley and Armitage Camera Clubs Annual Exhibition.

Earlier this year the Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club approached The Hart School after hearing about the success of photography as a subject within the school and we were asked to take part in their final annual photography exhibition. Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club was founded in 2009. The club has many members who regularly compete in prestigious competitions across the country. The club has a full varied programme of activities and educational meetings. They have guest speakers including leading photographers.

As part of this exhibition pupils from our school were given chance to enter a competition where their work was selected within 3 main categories. The categories were Nature, Rugeley & Surrounding Areas, plus Abstract and Mono. 1st

2nd and 3rd Prizes were awarded in each category. The competition was very popular with students to the point where we were over subscribed. The school had over 100 photos to look through, with entries from Year 7 up to Year 11. The standard of work was impeccable. Work was then selected for printing and display within the exhibition which was held on Sunday 12th June. Student work was also digitally shown within the exhibition. All families and pupils were invited to attend, and winners were announced on the day of exhibition.

The work entered was highly commended by all club members. They enjoyed looking through our pupils photographs and the lead judge Paddy Roscoe, a professional photographer himself said he really enjoyed the privilege of looking

through the students photos and judging them even though he found it extremely hard to pick between them. All pupils received some constructive feedback from the judges to help them in their future work.

Overall the winners were Lea Foster in Year 7, Charlotte Edmonds in year 7, Jacob Peers Year 8, Cameron Hill Year 10, Sebastian Tite Year 9, Kyle Hodson Year 9, Alex Oancea Year 10 and Jack Holyhead Year 8. The overall winner was Lea Foster.

After the success of this collaboration we are glad to say there will be more joint projects with the Rugeley and Armitage Camera Club in the future We are extremely proud of all the students who participated and look forward to seeing what they will produce next.



OUR PTFA SUPPORTING D of E

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Our participants are very grateful for the funds received from the PTFA to buy gas burners and cartridges for Trangia gas stoves so they could practise for their weekend expeditions. The pictures show a training session at school where participants used the new equipment for the first time.

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CELEBRATING BIRMINGHAM PROJECT

The Hart School has been working with local primary schools alongside professional artist Jennifer Collier to produce a mass participation installation that will be showcased in Rugeley town centre in conjunction with Cannock Chase Cultural Education Partnership to celebrate the Commonwealth Games and the Queens baton passing through the town.

Jennifer Collier is a local artist who remakes household items from found & recycled papers, giving new life to items that would otherwise be thrown away. The art installation will be based on a 'sense of place' and Cannock Chase, incorporating the themes of protecting Cannock Chase for future generations. Students have currently been having workshops with Jennifer relating to Rugeley with Jennifer then producing a mass participation installation.

The installation will be installed in Rugeley Town Centre and Cannock Bandstand to celebrate Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, and the arrival of the Queen's Baton Relay.

The Celebrating Birmingham temporary installation will be displayed from 23rd July 2022, when the Queen's Baton Relay comes into the park. For more details about the Queen's Baton Relay, and timings please visit

<https://www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/visitors/whats/commonwealth-games---birmingham-2022/queens-baton-relay-2022>.

for the duration of the Commonwealth Games. We hope you will get a chance to visit and see what amazing work has been created!

The work will remain installed



OLIVER!...

The audience just wanted more.

A cast of over 50 students and staff performed The Harts School's first whole school production since the beginning of the global pandemic. The show of choice was Lionel Bart's classic Oliver!. The show explores some very challenging and pertinent topics. In addition to the large cast a plethora of students supported

backstage offering the slickest scene changes you could ever imagine.

Throughout the week of the performance over 1200 people came and watched the performance, including two matinees to local primary schools and four evening performances to the local community. Such was the

talent that the Hart School has to offer that we had two students perform the role of Nancy on alternate evenings. In addition to this the indomitable Alfie Coombes stepped in, with only one evening's rehearsal, to the role of the Artful Dodger. He performed this role all without any support from a script and had learnt all, songs, words

and dance in the one evening. We are forever indebted to his courage in doing this!

The response to the show has created a real buzz around the school and shown that what the Hart School is all about.

Watch this space for an announcement on next year's show!



BIRCHES VALLEY ART VISIT

Year 7 students have been visiting Birches Valley to produce woodland art sculptures.

This is movement adopted by artists of different disciplines, who are inspired by nature or use it as a raw material, transmitting its beauty and encouraging us to take care of it.

Look at the excellent work produced, well done Year 7!



Environmental art forces us to think about the consequences of our behaviour on the planet. We focused on the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

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DEBATE MATE WINNERS

Winners of the Creative Education Trust's first debate competition

This year Creative Education Trust held the first cross-Trust debating competition, involving Abbeyfield, Lynn Grove, Milton Keynes, Ellis Guilford, Hart, Thistley Hough and Weavers.

Students took part in interactive sessions inspired by Debate Mate introduced over 1000 students to advocacy, debate, and key public speaking skills. The competition involved debate coaching for every team from barristers through our partnership with the Kalisher Trust, two virtual rounds of debates, and a final event at Conway Hall in London in collaboration with Debate Mate. Students debated a range of topics, including whether humans

should focus on building a civilisation on another planet rather than fixing the problems on earth, whether AI should make political decisions, and whether historical artefacts should be returned to their country of origin.

Before the debates began students heard from Marc Jordan, Chief Executive of Creative Education Trust, and the Rt Hon Sir Robert Buckland QC MP. Sir Robert emphasised that students should not let self-doubt be a barrier and encouraged students to consider all the options open to them for their futures.

The two top-scoring teams, Thistley Hough and Hart, competed in one final debate

to determine the winner of our first debate prize. The motion was 'This house believes we should prioritise academic attainment over creativity in schools'. Congratulations to team Hart for winning the competition, to our runners-up Thistley Hough, and to all teams for representing their schools so brilliantly.

Thank you so much to all the students who took part and the teachers who supported them, to our student photographers, to Sir Robert Buckland QC MP for being our guest speaker, and to our competition partners Kalisher Trust and Debate Mate.

Well done Team Hart!



REWARD CELEBRATIONS

Last week we have held two separate Celebration of Excellence events for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4. It was wonderful to see so many students receiving nominations and awards for progress, attainment, community, principals and the Nicola Willing Award along with awards that represent our Hart School values.

Thank you to all parents, carers, students and staff who attended these excellent events and congratulations to all students who received an award.



SPORTS DAY 2022

After a long awaited 3 years, Sports Day was back for year 7/8/9 this year.

After a long awaited 3 years, Sports Day was back for year 7/8/9 this year. Our Sports Day this took place on Friday 15th July. It was an amazing day as usual students really excellent in each event. We had perfect weather and real team spirit on the day, with students performing on behalf of their tutor group. All students were a credit to the school, both participants and sports leaders helping out from year 10. One student stood out this year in particular. This was year 7 Elise Cowdell, who after trying to organise her 4x100m team struggled to get students to

participate decided to run this herself, displaying a great sense of pride and resilience. There were winners for each year group! year 7 winners went to Mr Brindley's tutor group (TBR), year 8 winners went to Mr Humphries tutor group (NHU), and this year's

year 9 winners went to Mrs Dawsons Tutor group (SDA). Student feedback was really positive, this was a great way to finish such a superb year. Thankyou to all staff and students who made this such a fantastic day!

