

The Hart

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Net Zero Building given the 'Green' Light

It's been an exciting month at The Hart School and we have welcomed a large number of visitors on to the site for the Grand Opening of our Net Zero Building. For those that do not already know, over the Summer, the school was the recipient of five brand new classrooms and toilet facilities in a state-of-the-art block. The rooms come complete with interactive technology and air-conditioning. The new building uses a combination of sustainable technologies to reach an A+ energy

efficiency rating and can actually generate more energy for the rest of the school. This combination of lean, green and clean technology results in a highly sustainable building.

Members of the Net Zero Building Team led by Dan Allison and our own Director of Estates, Jon Ward, held an assembly for Year 7 students where they were given a detailed presentation about the whole process and the intricacies involved

in the production. Students were then able to ask any questions to the experts about all aspects of the process which was a great way of gaining insight into this growing industry. They were particularly interested in aspects around helping the environment. A ribbon-cutting took place with our governors and the CEO of the Trust, Mr Marc Jordan. We also planted a cedar tree (the same wood that clads the building) to commemorate the day.

The following week we were privileged to host the Rt Hon MP Amanda Milling and members of the local council for a tour of the new building and see the improvements that had been made around the rest of the school site. We continue on our rapid journey of renovation and it is wonderful to see projects like this happening in our school. Stay tuned to our social media platforms and information we send out for details of further exciting projects.



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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Over the coming weeks we will be sharing with you how you can get involved in our many student leadership teams.

We recognise the potential in all of our students, and as future leaders, we offer a range of opportunities and roles for students to become involved in leading others, influencing practice and embedding change.

We have a range of student leadership posts for students from years 7-13. We encourage all of our students with the qualities and aspirations to make a difference to life at our school

to apply for a role and to take the opportunities presented to them.

Some of the upcoming roles include Diversity Ambassadors, Wellbeing Ambassadors, Student Council, Eco Ambassadors, Sports Leaders and Community Ambassadors.



LITERACY EVENT

Friday 4th November, Year 7 and 8 took part in an exciting live event hosted by the National Literacy Trust with author, Jeffrey Boakye.

Showcasing his new book, 'Musical Truth', Boakye discussed his love of music and writing through a 'musical journey of his life', sharing songs that represented pivotal moments throughout black British history.

The students were incredibly engaged with this event and were even able to create their own playlist to their life so far after hearing Boakye's (along with Mrs Payton's, Mrs Knight's and Mrs Humphries'!)



HEAD OF SCHOOL AND HEAD STUDENTS FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

The past week has seen the exciting announcement of our Year 11 Head Students and our Sixth Form Head of School.



Following video campaigns by the shortlisted candidates all students were able to vote on who they felt would represent them as Head Student.

All candidates put forward strong messages, showed good oracy skills, confidence and self-belief.

The successful Head Students were Jacob Davies and Brooke Stuart. The week also saw Head of School interviews

take place with our Sixth Form students. Again students were very passionate about the role and the responsibilities that went with this. Our Head of School for this academic year is William Granger-Redfearn who will be working closely with the deputy Head of School from Year 12 Grace Illingworth.

A huge congratulations to all four students.



A SPOOKTACULAR EVENT

Over the Halloween weekend, Staff and students from the Hart school had a spooky old time entertaining over 150 guests at the Deer Park 'enchanted forest.'

The evil enchantress had put a curse on the wood in which the audience walked around, interacting with its inhabitants by knocking on the doors planted around the forest. The evil enchantress had stolen life from the forest for everlasting life and beauty.

This immersive performance saw our audience meet a wide range of 'naughty and nice' characters, where they had to collect objects to break the curse and restore nature forever more.

Linked to the Deer Park's national forest project, the piece aimed to not only provide a bit of Halloween fun for the children, but educate

them on the importance of preserving nature and protecting our trees and forests.

This was yet again a wonderful experience for our students, who got to enhance their acting skills and work professionally with a company responding to a brief.

We can't wait to work with the Deer Park again next year. A big shout out to all 50 students and staff who were involved and represented the school in such a professional and wonderful manner.

You are all a credit to The Hart!



THE PTFA NEEDS YOU



Fancy joining the PTFA?

It's TOTALLY flexible, we meet once a month on a Wednesday in the schools' library 4:30pm-5:30pm (You don't have to attend every meeting). Also, if you can't make the meeting but still want to get involved, that's okay. Please email ptfa@hartschool.org.uk for more information.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest we forget

The whole of The Hart School marked Armistice Day with a two-minute silence at 11.00am on 11 November, which was observed impeccably by the students. Their attention to, and respect for, the assemblies that were delivered was outstanding.

We were very proud to see how seriously the students conducted themselves. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month - we will remember them.

Staff and students also attended the Armistice Day Service in Rugeley town

centre on Friday 11 November and also the Cenotaph in town on Sunday 13 November to commemorate Remembrance Sunday to join the nation in commemorating those who have died in war.



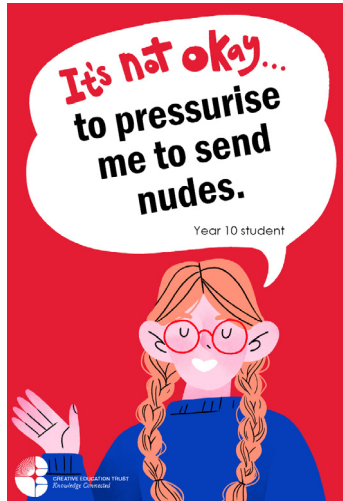
IT'S NOT OKAY...

We have been focusing on Harmful Sexual Behaviour this term, with our work with students in all year groups focusing on 'It's Not Okay...'.

This has been brought to the attention of schools across the country following the 'Me Too' Campaign and Ofsted research and surveys with over 75 schools across the country a year and a half ago.

We have focused this term on how students speak and act towards each other. We have worked on this in assemblies led by Mrs Lewis (Safeguarding Lead), tutor sessions and in workshops in Key Stage 3. The aim is to make students aware of inappropriate language and actions, which includes homophobic, transphobic, sexist and racist language.

In our workshops with Key Stage 3, we have focused on reporting these incidents and what happens next, with a focus on what will happen, what might happen and what won't happen. Students have all discussed to whom they report incidents too – tutors, Heads of Year, Student Support Officers, teachers and also the Safeguarding Team. We also have the facility to report online confidentially through ARCS.



THE HART SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER
4:30 - 7:00pm In the Hall

THIS YEAR WE WELCOME BACK ONE OF THE BIGGEST LOCAL FESTIVE EVENTS!

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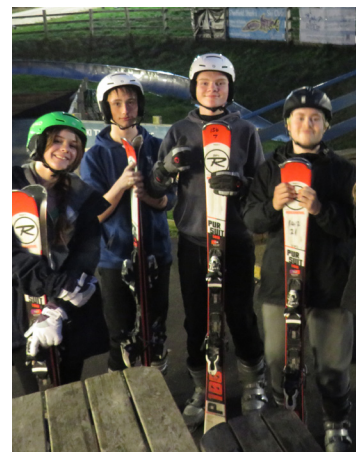
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SKI TRIP

Over the last 8 weeks 32 of our Hart school students have taken part in dry ski lessons at Swadlincote ski centre.

The students and staff are excited and preparing for the first school ski trip since before the national lockdowns. A mix of years 8, 9 and 10 will travel to Italy in February to enjoy learning a new skill in the mountains whilst immersing themselves in the language and local foods. The students have been brilliant on the dry ski slope, whatever the weather...rain or shine (there's been a lot of rain!) Fingers crossed for plenty of snow and sunshine for them to continue developing their skills.





OUTDOOR WEAR

As we are approaching the winter months and as it gets colder (and wetter!), please remind students to bring a winter coat to be worn over their blazer. Students may also opt to wear The Hart School grey Jumper that can be worn under their blazer. Can we remind you that hoodies are not part of the school uniform and are not permitted.

HAVE YOU HEARD THAT GREASE IS THE WORD?

The Hart school Performing Arts department are very excited to announce that our next school production of Grease is well under way.

We were lucky enough to see a wonderful set of auditions that made our job with casting extremely hard! The talent was exceptional. Congratulations to all those who received parts and commiserations if it didn't go your way. We could have cast it many times over. Don't forget, chorus rehearsals will be starting very soon. A reminder that anyone can be involved in the chorus for Grease, so it really

isn't too late to join in with the fun. All year groups are more than welcome. Grease will be performed Wednesday 21 June – Friday 23 June. Rehearsals will officially start the week beginning Monday 5 December (more information to follow very soon, please look out for messages in tutor time.) For now, we hope everyone has the soundtrack on full volume and you are practicing your Greased

Lightening moves (and yes, that does include parents and carers too.)



LIFE AND SOUL DAY

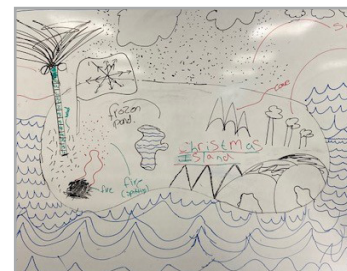
These are excellent opportunities for all students to extend their learning beyond the curriculum and work with peers in a group environment.

This first Life and Soul Day of this academic year saw an array of activities across the school. Year 7 students explored British Values through a group-based Desert Island project. Understanding how communities and society operate, as well as democracy. Year 8 students completed STEAM based activities with the theme for the day being Transportation. With the current media attention relating to petrol and diesel vehicles reliance on fuels students looked at the evolution of transportation over time. Year 9 students carried out a series of team building activities to recognise the importance of effective communication and the importance of inclusivity as well as recognising the value of creative thinking to

overcome obstacles. Year 10 were involved in a workshop with the external company Humantopia around motivation and confidence. The day helped students to express then rationalise their fears and worries as they start their Key Stage 4 journey. Year 11 had a series of workshops around the range of post-16 pathways available to them from Sixth Form to apprenticeships as well as study skill sessions. Our Sixth Form students visited DE Montfort University for a taste of student life. They participated in a seminar, gained a tour of the campus and accommodation as well as asking questions to the student reps.

All students had the opportunity to visit the in-

school careers fair where there were a variety of post 16 providers, universities, apprenticeship providers and employers. Students were able to talk to and learn more about the choices available to them. All of the external visitors were impressed with how our students conducted themselves throughout the careers fair and the level of engagement they showed,



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All equipment & Guidance provided!
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Any questions please contact - pfa@hortschool.org.uk

A HART SCHOOL MUSIC UPDATE

St Augustine's Church once again welcomes The Hart School on the 15 December to perform at their annual Christmas Concert.

It promises to be an exciting evening of Christmas Classics and some songs written by students! The concert will start at 7:00pm and all are welcome. There is no fee but donations to the Church are very welcome.

You can also catch the choir and associated artists at the Rugeley Town Christmas Light Switch On, on the 25th November in the centre of town!

Finally we would like to gratefully thank the Universal Music UK Sound Foundation for a donation towards the school that has resulted in the purchase of lots of exciting equipment. This includes a Concert Drum Kit, Ukuleles (that look like Kiwis!), Guitars, Bass Guitar and more! In addition to this the PTFA have also funded the purchase of 40 new drum sticks to support our budding drummers!

We look forward to seeing you at one of musical events soon!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Monday 14 - Friday 18 November 2022



Last week The Hart School celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It took place from the 14 to 18 November 2022 and had the theme 'Reach Out.' The week kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14 November, where adults and children wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Following this, we undertook assemblies and activities

during tutor time to discuss our process in school to ensure all of our students feel safe and more importantly, know how to report it, if they had any concerns.



NATIONAL CHAMPION IN KATA

Harry McAulay in Year 11 wins the Under 18s Open Black Belt Division

Harry McAulay in Year 11 competed in the GKR KARATE UK National Tournament on Saturday 12 November.

In the U/18s OPEN BLACK BELT division, Harry took the title as National Champion in Kata on behalf of his Dojo here in Rugeley, representing Region 25 Wolverhampton and the Central Zone.

This is a first for our area in GKR KARATE and a phenomenal achievement.

