

Christmas Concert – Thursday 7 December



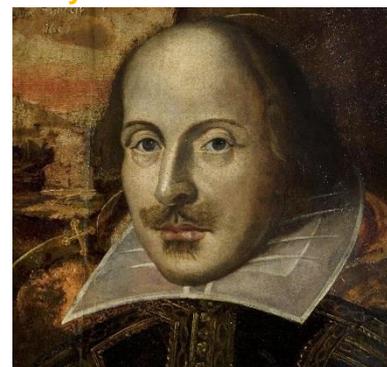
We are holding a Christmas Concert on Thursday 7 December, showcasing the amazing talents of our students from Year 7 through to Year 13. The performances will highlight the extra-curricular activity and peripatetic lessons which are undertaken every week, alongside students who have opted to study music at Key Stage 4 and 5.

The concert will begin at 5.00 pm and will be located at our Lower School site in the Hall. If you wish to come along and get into a festive mood, tickets can be purchased on the door for £2 and seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Creative Education Trust (CET) – Day of Shakespeare – Friday 8 December

The annual CET Day of Shakespeare is taking place on Friday 8 December 2017 at Abbeyfield School, Northampton. Four schools within the Trust are performing: Abbeyfield School; Thistley Hough Academy; Ash Green School and The Hart School.

Our talented Year 10 students will perform 'Much Ado About Nothing' at 2.15 pm and the event closes at approx. 3.00 pm. If you would like to attend you would be very welcome. Please email enquiries@hartschool.org.uk to register your interest. The event commences at 9.45 am and performances begin at 10.00 am.



Christmas Showcase - 'Deck The Halls' - Friday 15 December



We would like to invite you to join us for our Christmas Showcase, 'Deck the Halls', which will take place on Friday 15 December 2017 at Upper School, commencing at 5.00 pm.

The evening of festive dance, drama and music, will celebrate the considerable talents and successes of our students from work within lessons and extra-curricular activities.

If you wish to attend, tickets can be purchased on the door for £3 for adults and £1.50 for concessions; seats are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 15 December

This year we are going to split the proceeds of our Christmas Jumper Day between Save the Children and the local Rugeley Foodbank.

We know that Christmas is a tough time for many local families, and there are many things which families need which aren't donated in the regular Foodbank donations.

This money will allow the Foodbank to purchase these additional vital items, such as protein based foods and personal hygiene products, which families need desperately. A donation of £1 will be collected in tutor groups.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Maisie Strange is a Year 11 student who works closely with Birmingham Support Group, helping homeless people within the Birmingham area. Maisie volunteers at weekends and over holiday periods, distributing products and serving food in the shelters. We're keen to spread the word that homelessness isn't always a life choice; indeed, we have many ex-service men and women and professionals that find themselves in this situation.

We are running a Christmas Shoe Box Appeal in school for the charity, and we are kindly asking that each tutor group provides at least one filled shoe box.

We would like to extend that to our families if you feel that you can support in any way. Things to include: toiletries (nothing sharp); food (biscuits, crisps, sweets, chocolates); hand sanitizer; scarves; gloves; boxers; socks; blankets.

It doesn't all have to come in a shoe box - extra donations can be made in the box in Reception.



Creative Education Trust (CET) - annual Sixth Form competition

On Friday 24 November, ten Sixth Form students spent a day in London with CET participating in the annual Sixth Form competition. The Hart School had two students competing in the Public Speaking final against six students from other CET Sixth Forms. Given the topic of 'Is there safety in numbers?', Year 13 student, Emily Kuhn, spoke brilliantly about the dangers of social media and our obsession with gaining numbers of followers. She was highly praised for her crafting of phrases such as 'is the touch-screen on our phones making us lose touch with real people?'. Morgan Buckley, in Year 12, produced a fantastic piece of oration that used behavioural theory to make links between wolf packs and the formation of gangs. Though neither students took the main prize, they were both highly commended for their efforts and we are extremely proud of both of them. Special mention should also go to our Essay Writing finalists: Katie Hodson; Timal Mistry; Emma Vincent and Nathan Northey. Well done to all!



Oxbridge applications – exciting update

Following the fabulous news that three of our Year 13 students were doing so well that they had submitted applications to Cambridge University, we are pleased to announce that all three talented individuals have been selected for interview in the coming weeks. After passing their entrance exams, the prestigious university has invited them to attend interviews at the various colleges they have applied to. We will be thinking of Emily Kuhn, Harry Murdoch and Emma Vincent next week and will be keeping everything crossed for them.



Parents, Teachers & Friends Association



The new Hart School PTFA met last night and have started to make plans for their first event, which will be a Cinema Night in January for Lower School students.

They will be asking students to vote on which film they would like to be shown on the night and a ticket will include popcorn and a drink.

We'll keep you posted!

Lost Property

There are a significant number of items in Reception, including coats, blazers, jumpers and PE kit items. If your son/daughter has lost anything, please ask them to come to Reception at either Lower School or Upper School at break time or lunchtime only.

Any items not collected by Friday 15 December will be donated to local charities.



Weekly drop in sessions

Just a reminder that we are holding our weekly drop in sessions on a **Thursday** from **8.30 am to 9.00 am** at **Lower School** (for Years 7-13), where we are welcoming parents and we have addressed any enquiries that you have had on a one to one basis. If parents would like a telephone conversation with any of your child's teachers, or should you have any concerns that you wish to chat through with our pastoral team, please contact the school on 01889 802440.

Best wishes,

Holly Hartley
Acting Executive Principal

Louise Perry
Acting Principal

Term dates for your diary

Christmas Holiday: Wednesday 20 December 2017 - Tuesday 2 January 2018 inclusive

Inset Day: Wednesday 3 January 2018; students return on Thursday 4 January 2018

February Half Term Holiday: Monday 19 February 2018 – Friday 23 February 2018 inclusive