

The Hart

NEWSLETTER



Principal's Update – First Edition of the Year

It's been a fantastic start to the year at The Hart School, filled with positivity, celebration, and success both in and out of the classroom. I'm incredibly proud of our students and staff for their continued commitment, enthusiasm, and drive to achieve their best.

The introduction of Yondr pouches has been a real success, creating calmer, more focused lessons and improved interactions across school.

Our uniform standards remain excellent - students are looking smart and representing the school with pride. We're also delighted to report zero suspensions to date, reflecting the strong relationships, clear expectations, and shared values that underpin our community.

Engagement beyond the curriculum continues to thrive too, with high participation in clubs, events, and enrichment opportunities.

Wishing all our families a wonderful half term, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 3rd November for another exciting and successful half term ahead.

Ms Sandham





Celebrating Our Best Results on Record!

We are thrilled to announce that The Hart School has achieved its best set of results ever!

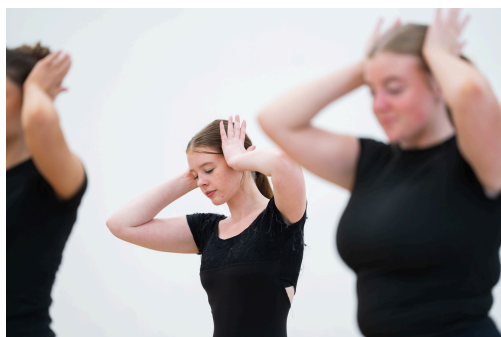
According to the latest school performance tables, we are above average for Attainment 8 and 5+ in English and Maths - a truly excellent achievement.

We're also proud to share that The Hart School now sits 2nd out of all Cannock schools in Staffordshire, marking a huge milestone for our school community.

This success is a reflection of the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our students, staff, and families.

Everyone at The Hart School should feel incredibly proud of this collective achievement.

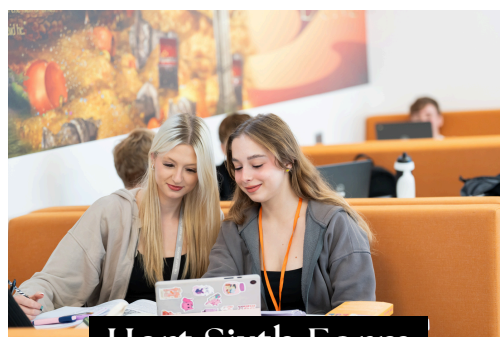
A huge well done to the Class of 2025 for your outstanding results - you've set a new benchmark of excellence, and we can't wait to see what you achieve next!



Thinking About Your Next Step?

Join Our Sixth Form!

Are you ready to take the next step in your education? The Hart School Sixth Form offers a wide range of academic and vocational courses, excellent teaching, and fantastic opportunities to develop your skills, confidence, and future prospects.



Hart Sixth Form

Our supportive community, inspiring teachers, and enrichment activities make Sixth Form life both rewarding and exciting.

For more information or to arrange a visit, email Mr Brennan or Mr Dangerfield today and start your journey with us!

Email:

ben.brennan@hartschool.org.uk

Or

neil.dangerfield@hartschool.org.uk

Highlights Across The Term...



Macmillan Coffee Morning Success

This month, we hosted a fantastic Macmillan Coffee Morning with a wonderful turnout! Our brilliant students took the lead, serving coffee and cake to members of our local community with warmth and enthusiasm.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised £200 to support Macmillan's incredible work with people affected by cancer.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the morning so special—we're proud to be part of such a caring community.



Celebrating Black History Month 2025

This October, The Hart School proudly celebrated Black History Month 2025.

It is a special time to honour the incredible contributions of Black people throughout history, recognise the importance of diversity in our community, and learn from the stories that continue to inspire change and progress.

A huge thank you to Miss Davis for delivering powerful and thought-provoking assemblies that engaged our students and staff alike. At The Hart School, we are committed to fostering a community where every voice is valued and every story matters.



Are you entitled?

Apply for Free School Meals

If your child is in Reception or above and your household meets the income criteria, you may be eligible for free school meals.

Even if you don't wish to take up the meals, registering helps your child's school receive additional funding.



How to Apply:

Visit the Staffordshire County Council portal to [apply online](#).

For help or more information, contact the Free School Meals team. Email: freeschoolmeals@staffordshire.gov.uk.

Phone: 0300 111 8007, then select option 3 followed by option 2.



Principal's Commendation Book

A number of our students were recently honoured by having their names entered into the Principal's Commendation Book. This new initiative has been launched to celebrate truly outstanding work by our talented students here at The Hart School.

Students were nominated by their subject teachers for their excellent work over the past fortnight and were invited to enjoy hot chocolate with Miss Sandham as a special treat.

Congratulations to all the students nominated: Lizze, Layla, Imogen, Scarlett, Charlotte, Thomas, Sophie, Tyler, Olivia, Annalise, and Ava— a massive well done to each of you!

Congratulations to Our Young Writers!

Huge congratulations to our students who have been featured in our very own Grim Tales published book! A special shout-out goes to Lexi E in 10X2 English, who was awarded 'Best in Book', taking home the trophy and a voucher from Young Writers.

Our students' creativity and talent continue to shine through, and this fantastic achievement is a testament to their hard work and success.

Well done to all students involved - we are incredibly proud of you!



Well done everyone!

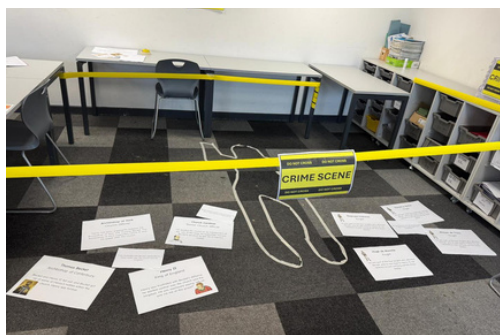


Thank You for a Wonderful Open Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open Evening! It was a pleasure to welcome Year 6 and 5 students and their families to explore the exciting opportunities at The Hart School.

Parents and children enjoyed meeting our dedicated staff, while our student volunteers showcased their maturity, enthusiasm, and sense of community. A special thanks to our staff for giving up their evening to make the event a success.

A Reminder - the deadline for applications is 31 October via Staffordshire County Council: [Online Application](#)



Hart School Open Evening



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Thank You for Attending The Hart School Careers Fair!

A huge thank you to all parents, careers, and members of the local community who joined us for The Hart School Careers Fair on Wednesday 22 October.

The event, ran from 11.30am to 4:30 PM which was a fantastic opportunity to connect with professionals from a wide range of industries and recruitment sectors.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to all our guests, employers, and career advisors who shared their expertise and insights - your contribution made the event truly valuable.

We hope everyone found the advice, inspiration, and guidance helpful, whether for supporting your child or exploring new opportunities yourself.

FA Future Lionesses

We are thrilled to announce that Freya and Eva have been scouted for the England Football team and invited to attend the prestigious FA Future Lionesses Talent ID Event!

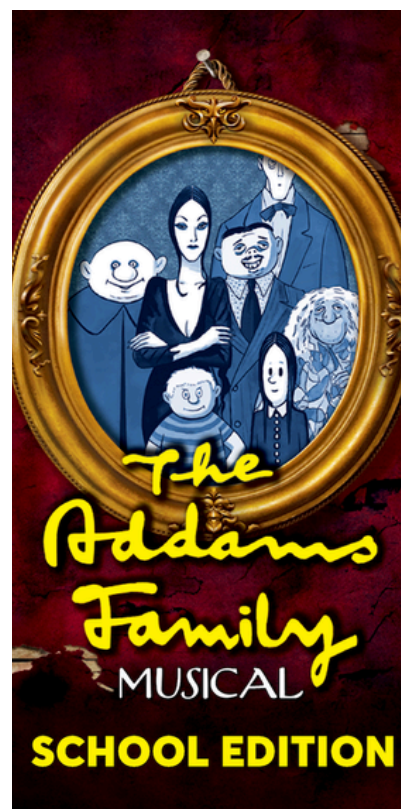
These events are designed to identify talented players through the FA's Player Referral Process, providing accessible and inclusive opportunities for female footballers who have been recommended during the season.

Freya and Eva's hard work, skill, and dedication to the game have earned them this incredible recognition.



We are extremely proud of both of them and look forward to following their journey.

Well done both!



Exciting News: Next Year's Production – “The Addams Family”

We are thrilled to announce our next whole-school production: “The Addams Family”!

We have had a record number of interests for auditions from students and staff, all eager to be part of this fun and energetic show. With a variety of roles available, there's something for everyone - on stage or behind the scenes.

We can't wait to showcase the amazing talent in our school community. Don't miss out on what promises to be the show of the year this summer!



Proud moment for our community!

Daniel S and Zackeree P in Year 10 were two of only five cadets chosen to represent Staffordshire Air Cadets at the VJ Day event at the National Memorial Arboretum.

They stood at the base of the mound during the service, saw King Charles up close, spoke with veterans, and met senior military leaders including the Air Vice Marshal, the Vice Marshal of the Navy, and Warrant Officer Stokes (famous for coordinating the Queen's funeral).

The day ended with a VIP buffet – an unforgettable experience where they did themselves and our community proud.



Well done both!



A Fantastic First Term at The Hart School

Our students and staff have had a fantastic first term! From the very start, their energy, enthusiasm, and positivity have been truly inspiring.

It's been wonderful to see students settling in, making friends, and embracing life at The Hart School with confidence and curiosity. Across all year groups, classrooms and corridors have been filled with ambition, kindness, and a shared commitment to excellence.

Thank you to our amazing staff and school community for making this term so special. Here's to a year of opportunity, achievement, and continued success!



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Sporting Successes at The Hart School!

Our students have had an exciting start to the football season!

Year 8 Boys

Kicked off their season with a spirited away match at Blessed William Howard. Sam opened the scoring, and despite a strong effort, the game finished 6-2. Jason, making his debut, scored a well-deserved goal to cap off an exciting performance. Well done to the whole squad for their determination and team spirit!

U14 Girls

Outstanding 8 - 0 cup win against Alleynes Academy! Daisy scored five goals, Jayden a hat-trick, with the whole team showing fantastic teamwork.

Year 11 Boys

Impressive 3 - 1 victory over The Excel Academy to reach the Round of 16 of the U16 Staffordshire County Cup. Goals from Sonny J and Tom D, with Player of the Match: Leo W. Well done to all our players for their effort, skill, and team spirit!



Well done team!





Mental Health Awareness Day at The Hart School

Students and staff came together at The Hart School to support Mental Health Awareness Day by wearing yellow a colour symbolising hope, positivity, and the importance of talking about mental wellbeing. Even Rufus and Arlo, our much-loved therapy dogs, joined in to show their support!

At The Hart School, we believe that mental health matters every day. Raising awareness helps break down stigma, encourages open conversations, and reminds everyone that support is always available.

Thank you to all who took part and helped make this day meaningful. If you or your child would like support or guidance regarding mental health, resources are available through:

- YoungMinds: www.youngminds.org.uk
- Mind: www.mind.org.uk
- Samaritans: Call 116 123 (free, 24/7)

Let's continue to promote positivity, hope, and open conversations about mental wellbeing every day.



Well done everyone!



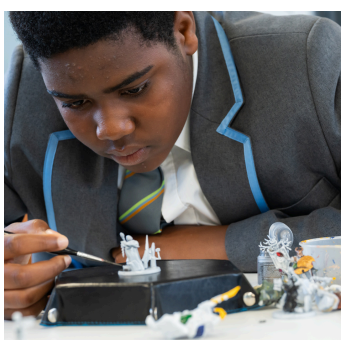
Celebrating Extra-Curricular Success

We are absolutely thrilled by the incredible engagement and enthusiasm our students have shown for extra-curricular activities this term! With over 39 clubs on offer across the week, there truly is something for everyone - whether it's sports, arts, academic clubs, or special interest groups.

A huge thank you to our amazing staff for their kindness, energy, and commitment in running these clubs. Your dedication allows our students to learn beyond the classroom, develop new skills, and build friendships in a fun and supportive environment.

We have been blown away by the passion, curiosity, and commitment of our students, who are making the most of every opportunity. It's wonderful to see learning, creativity, and teamwork thriving across our school community.

Extra-curricular activities at The Hart School are a real highlight of the week, and we can't wait to see what the term brings!



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Student Leadership Update – We Are Blown Away!

We are absolutely blown away by the response to our student leadership opportunities—over 200 applications have been received!

Wow!

After half term, we will be celebrating all students who have been appointed to roles. The effort and dedication shown in applications has been truly impressive, reflecting the incredible talent and ambition of our student body.

There are 21 different leadership opportunities for students to get involved in, including:

1. Anti-Bullying
2. Community Ambassador
3. Diversity Ambassador
4. Eco Ambassador
5. Head of School
6. Deputy Head of School
7. Literacy Ambassador
8. Mental Health Ambassador
9. Neurodiversity Ambassador
10. Numeracy Ambassador
11. Peer Buddy
12. Principal Leadership Team
13. Reading Ambassador
14. Wellbeing Ambassador
15. Year Group Prefect
16. Senior Prefect
17. Sports Leaders
18. Student Librarian
19. Teaching and Learning Ambassador
20. Young Carer Ambassador
21. SEND Council



Further guidance on the roles and responsibilities will be shared next term, so students can start preparing to make a real impact.

We can't wait to see all the amazing ways our student leaders will contribute to life at The Hart School!

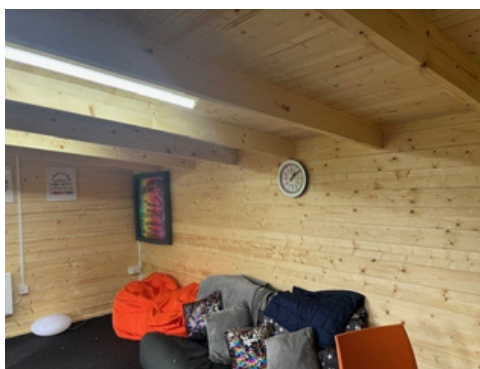


Exciting News: Our New SEND Sensory Room is Open!

We are thrilled to announce that our new SEND sensory room is bigger, better, and now complete!

This space provides more opportunities than ever for students to engage in leadership activities, chat and chill sessions during break times, and enjoy a calm, supportive environment tailored to their needs.

We are excited to see our students making the most of this amazing new space, and we warmly invite parents and carers to join us at workshops, coffee mornings, and drop-ins to learn more and connect with our SEND team.



To support parents and carers, we are also offering a series of workshops, coffee mornings, and drop-in clinics throughout the year:

Up-Coming Events For Parents & Carers

Workshops:

- SEND Processes on 15.10.25 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- ASC on 20.11.25 at 3:15 - 4:00 pm
- ADHD on 28.01.26 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- Dyslexia on 26.03.26 at 3:15 - 4:00 pm
- Mental Health & Wellbeing on 13.05.26 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Coffee Mornings:

- Tuesday 11.11.25 at 10:00 - 11:10 am
- Wednesday 04.03.26 at 10:00 - 11:10am
- Thursday 02.07.26 at 10:00 - 11:10am

Drop-In Clinics:

- Tuesday 02.12.25 at 10:00 - 11:10am
- Monday 09.02.26 at 10:00 - 11:10am
- Thursday 23.04.26 at 10:00 - 11:10am
- Wednesday 17.06.26 at | 10:00 - 11:10am
- Tuesday 14.07.26 at 10:00 - 11:10am



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A Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who sent in birthday messages for our very own therapy dog,
Rufus - he had a truly paw-fect birthday!

New Rewards Shop Opens!

We are excited to announce the launch of The Hart School Rewards Shop, opening next term during break times!

Students will be able to spend the positive points they earn on a wide range of items, from confectionery, sports equipment, and craft supplies to hobby materials.

The more points students earn, the more they can spend, making it a fun way to celebrate effort, achievement, and positive behaviour.

With something for everyone, we can't wait to see our students enjoy this new reward opportunity!



Thank You for Supporting Our Foodbank Donation

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all staff, parents, carers, and students who contributed to our recent foodbank donation.

Your generosity makes a real difference in supporting families in our local community who are in need.

At The Hart School, we are proud to see our school community come together to show kindness and compassion.

Every item donated will help provide essential support to those who need it most.
Thank you for helping!



Every student. Every day.



A Warm Reminder – School Attendance

We are pleased to see significant improvements in attendance this year, and we thank you for your continued support. Starting the year strongly is essential. Please avoid taking your child out of school during this time, as even small absences can impact learning and create gaps in their understanding.

To put it into perspective:

- 1 day off school = 6 hours of learning missed
- 10 days off school = 2 weeks of lessons missed
- Attendance of 95% across the year still means around 10 days of missed learning

If you need any support in helping your child attend school regularly, please contact our attendance team:

Email: attendance@hartschool.org.uk

Attendance Team: 01889 571685 to notify your child's absence.

Thank you for helping us ensure every student can make the most of their learning opportunities.



Christmas Fayre

Join us on 27 November after school for one of the biggest festive events of the year! Enjoy stalls, games, hot drinks, burgers, and new this year - fresh crêpes!

Meet Santa and his elves, join in family fun, and soak up the festive spirit.

- Free entry – everyone welcome
- The Hart School Hall
- To host a stall (£15), email ptfa@hartschool.org.uk (last few spots!)

PTFA Wreath-Making Workshop

Join us on Thursday 4th December, 5:30pm – 7:30pm for a cosy festive evening making your own real Christmas wreath!

- £25 per wreath – all materials, hot drinks & festive cake included
- No experience needed
- Limited spaces – sold out three years running!

Book early via Arbor Pay to secure your spot. Let's make this year's wreaths the best yet!