



Principal's Welcome

Welcome to our school bulletin. It has been a very busy start to the Spring Term. There have been a lot of changes in the school over the last few weeks. Our pupils have responded very positively and maturely as we work together to ensure we are building the very best future for our school.

In January I introduced the school HART values of Heart, Ambition, Respect and Tenacity.



Heart



Ambition



Respect



Tenacity

These are the values that underpin everything we do in school. Pupils and staff have begun to use these values to support the development of our positive school culture. In addition to our values we have a strong focus on kindness and gratitude to ensure we are all thinking about and contributing to the positive school culture. We begin lessons with positive greeting between staff and pupils and we end lessons by both staff and pupils showing gratitude by saying thank you for the lesson.

There is more information about our HART values

on the website.

<https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/about-us/values-and-ethos>

Before Christmas staff, parents, pupils and the local community were asked to contribute their ideas for the future of the school. This term we have collated these ideas and the school values into the Hartshill Way which will be sent home to pupils and parents this week.

Uniform and Punctuality

All pupils have had uniform and punctuality expectations explained this week. After half term all pupils are expected to arrive on time and in the correct school uniform.

The full uniform details are available on the website.

<https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/parents/uniform>

Year 11 Think Higher

All Year 11 pupils attended the Think Higher workshops in early February. These sessions gave pupils the opportunity to look at the skills and knowledge they need to prepare for university. Pupils were very positive about the event and had lots of questions to ask about what university is like, how do they apply and student finances.



BBC CWR Star School of the Week

At the end of January we were the BBC CWR Star School of the Week. Our media team held three radio interviews over the week talking about what they were learning in school and life at Hartshill Academy. The interviews are available to listen again on our website.

<https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/news/?pid=8&nid=1&storyid=27>



HHA Fantastic Five

This week year 11 pupils have been organising their teams ready for the start of the HHA Fantastic Five competition after half term. Pupils will work in a team of five with a staff member as their team coach as they support each other in the preparation for their mocks and final summer exams. Each pupil will collect points for their team through attendance, punctuality, behaviour, effort, attendance to period 6, revision and progress.



Author Event on Holocaust Memorial Day

Hartshill Academy Library's Book Club commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day today with a live webinar with author Liz Kessler. Liz was speaking about her new book, *When the World Was Ours*, set during the Holocaust and inspired by real events experienced by her own family members at this time. The story has a triple-narrative, split between three young friends – Elsa and Leo, both Jewish, and Max, whose father is a rising star in the Nazi party.

The book is already a firm favourite with the library Book Club, who are reading it as one of the shortlisted titles for the Warwickshire School Book Awards. It was a fantastic opportunity to gain some insight into the writing of it, as well as some more understanding of the history behind it.

As well as hearing Liz speak, the pupils also had the opportunity to submit queries and responses via the organiser.



Loudmouth

In January all Year 8 pupils had a visit from Loudmouth for an assembly and workshops on bullying and the dangers of knife crime. Our Year 8 pupils were praised for their engagement and maturity whilst learning about and discussing some important and challenging topics.



Coventry University Visits

Year 7 pupils have been on visits to Coventry University to learn more about university. All Year 7 pupils will have the opportunity over this year to visit Coventry University with their form group.



Year 9 Pathways

Year 9 pupils have begun the process of choosing their Pathways subjects for the start of Year 10. Following the Pathways assemblies pupils have attended the Parents Evening meetings to discuss their subjects with their class teachers. The Pathways form needs to be completed by Monday 28th February. The Pathways booklet and the form for submitting your choices are available on the website.

<https://www.hartshill.midlandat.co.uk/parents/year-9-pathways>

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Year 9 Curriculum Pathways