



# Hartismere News

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## SHREK THE MUSICAL – THEATRE ROYAL NORWICH YEAR 7 & 8

On Wednesday 27 March, we took 64 year 7's and 8's to see the award winning "SHREK" at the Theatre Royal, Norwich. Pupils were ready to leave their troubles "Far, Far Away" and embark on an unforgettable adventure filled with laughter, love, and ogre-sized fun.



Shrek and his trusty sidekick Donkey set out on a quest to defeat the fearsome dragon and rescue the beautiful Princess Fiona. With a heart-warming story and a cast of unforgettable characters, this musical extravaganza is a journey we did not want to miss.



This show is set to a toe-tapping soundtrack featuring fabulous songs like 'I'm A Believer', 'Big Bright Beautiful World' and 'I Know It's Today'. These tunes had us singing all the way home. It was the perfect day out at the end of the spring term.



Keep an eye on the Hartismere school website for more fantastic theatre trips next term. Mrs Davy. Coordinator of drama & Theatre Studies



## ABTT THEATRE SHOW, ALEXANDRA PALACE & 'THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG' DUCHESS THEATRE.

On Wednesday 5 June, Mr Trudgill and Mrs Davy took fourteen technical theatre and Drama students to the ABTT Theatre show at Alexandra Palace, London. The Association of British Theatre Technicians is a charity and membership organisation who campaign on behalf of the theatre industry to ensure legislation is appropriate to the industry's needs. They provide technical advice, consultations, and training and are a vital resource to those working in the technical theatre industry. Hartismere School is now a member of the ABTT, the only state school in the country that holds that privilege. We are also the only state school to have a Creative Arts Technician with us on apprenticeship.



The ABTT Theatre Show is an exhibition where between 100 and 150 suppliers, relating to live performance technology engage with those responsible for delivery in the world of theatre, events, festivals, sport, film, and TV. A range of peripheral activities are presented to support the exhibition, which is a well-established annual networking opportunity for the technical community.

On the day, pupils (and staff) learned about new technology, in lighting, sound and staging, and met with potential work-experience opportunities and organisations that offer higher education courses and higher-apprenticeships, in technical theatre.





Following the exhibition and a site-seeing trip of some of London's iconic buildings, we walked to the West end to watch 'The Play that Goes Wrong'. Mischief Theatre's 'The Play That Goes Wrong' has become the most successful comedy in the West End. The show is a farcical play-within-a-play. Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society are mounting a production of a Mousetrap- style mystery called 'The Murder at Haversham Manor'. The show sits in a fine tradition of British slapstick, and of plays about theatrical blunders and the production is a technical triumph: ensuring that props and sets collapse on cue, without injuring anyone, is a genuine feat of stage management.

Mrs Davy, Mr Trudgill and Mr Wilkinson found many great ideas, and everyone enjoyed the complementary sweets, bags, T-shirts, various other freebies, and especially the trip to McDonalds.

If you are interested in learning how to use stage lighting and sound equipment, Hartismere technical Theatre Club runs fortnightly on red-week Monday lunchtimes in the Lines hall. Please see Mr Trudgill, Mr Wilkinson or Mrs Davy if you are interested in joining us.



## LAMDA EXAMS (The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) SUMMER 2024

We teach —  
**LAMDA**  
— Exams & Qualifications

Hartismere School is a private centre for the LAMDA examinations. A huge well done to the 125 pupils who took part in the LAMDA examinations between 18 and 21 June this year. This summer we had candidates who did Acting and Musical Theatre exams, and for the first time, Public Speaking examinations. The results usually take between 6 to 8 weeks to come back to us, so you should receive your certificates and medals when we return to school in the autumn term. If you are interested in taking part in these qualifications, we will be running them again in 2025 between the 17 and 20 June. Details to follow in the spring term. Mrs J. Davy, LAMDA coordinator





## FINAL COMMENDATIONS FOR THE YEAR

Students	Form	Positive Points Total
Emilia Clifford	7B	73
Ava Amps	7G	71
Henry Allison-Hales	9F	70
Amber Webb	7H	69
Cody Butcher	7B	65
Martha Price	7G	65
Scarlett Carter	7F	60
Henry Flatman	7G	60
Emily Johnson	8F	60
Josh Davis	7A	59
Henry Gant	7E	59
Isabella Jones	8E	58
Erin Waters	10E	58
Poppy Bendell	8F	57
Annabel Brown	9C	57
Theo Finch	8E	57
Florence Hobson	8B	57
Jay Barnes	7G	56
Mimi Bower	7B	56
Samuel Wateridge	7F	56
Michael Norton	7H	54
Mia Greaves	9A	53
Lilly Slater	9F	53
Alina Voloshina-Suggate	7G	53
Yafa Arabi	9F	52
Noel Bassett	9E	52
Isabella Boxall - Hunt	7A	51
Michalina Brva	9G	51
Isabelle Harper	7C	51
Kyla Webb	7G	51
Elsie Klass	7E	50

Form	Positive Points Total
7B	916
7G	903
7H	858
9A	807
9C	773
7E	746
7C	740
9F	732
7F	714
9G	708
8H	681
9B	679
10A	669
8G	665
8F	664
8E	649
7A	638
10G	633
8C	612
10E	588
9E	580
8B	571
8A	543
10C	513
11A	475
10B	449
11F	442
10F	426
11B	393
11E	352
11C	346
11G	329



## Smart Phones

A few parents have mentioned the growing interest in organisations that support parents in their decision-making about when to allow their children to have a smart phone. We appreciate this can bring difficulties and pressures at home. A recent article about Eton College makes for interesting reading (you can find it on the BBC website: *Eton set to give 'brick' phones to first years* (10 July 2024))

We have never allowed pupils to have phones on them during the school day: they must be dropped at pupil services in the morning, and collected as pupils go home in the afternoon. If pupils are found to have a phone on them in school, it is confiscated and held at the school office until collected by a family member.

Parents who are interested in groups supporting families around these issues, might be interested in the 'Smart-Phone Free Childhood' organization (and there are others too). A reminder, too, that we send a monthly online safety newsletter to families via Hartismail. This very useful newsletter highlights current and new online safety concerns, as well as giving families guidance about how to monitor online use and understand gaming. More in the new year...

## Year 10 GCSE Design and Technology Students Visit BT Aadastral Park for Technology Day



Year 10 students had an enriching educational experience at BT Aadastral Park in Martlesham. The Technology Day event provided a unique opportunity for the students to explore the latest advancements in digital industries and technology through various interactive showcases.

### **Exploring Digital Innovations**

Showcase 1 focused on Digital Industries, Retail, and Health. Here, students were introduced to the transformative impact of technology on these industries. They explored how digital innovations are revolutionising retail experiences, enhancing healthcare delivery, and shaping the future of industrial processes.

### **Education and Smart Living**

The second showcase, presented by Digitech in collaboration with the University of Suffolk, highlighted educational advancements and the concept of the SMART House. This interactive exhibit provided insights into how digital technology is being leveraged in educational settings to enhance learning experiences. The SMART House demonstration was a highlight, showcasing how intelligent systems can optimise home management and improve energy efficiency.

### **Preparing for the Future**

In Showcase 3, the students gained valuable insights into the world of work and future career opportunities. BT OpenReach provided information about apprenticeship programs, offering students a glimpse into potential career paths within the telecommunications industry. Additionally, they had the chance to meet design entrepreneurs who shared their experiences and offered advice on pursuing careers in design and technology. The virtual reality experiences were particularly popular, allowing students to immerse themselves in various professional environments and understand the practical applications of the skills they are developing in their GCSE course.







# SIXTH FORM GARDEN

Our lovely sixth formers have been working hard over the last few weeks to improve their outside space. Here are some before, during and after pictures. Well done!







HARTISMERE  
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



# Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 28 November 2024

The evening will begin at 6.30pm in the Sports Hall.

All prospective sixth form students and their families are invited to visit the school and hear about the courses, opportunities and support we offer at our highly successful sixth form.

Further details will be available on our website.



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## PE FIXTURE RESULTS

Since our last newsletter we have been busy competing in a number of summer sports against different schools and in various competitions.

Year	Sport	Opposition	Result	Year
U15/ Yr 10	Boys	Handball	Partnership Tournament	2nd
U15/ Yr 10	Girls	Handball	Partnership Tournament	1st
U13/Yr 8	Boys	Handball	Partnership Tournament	2nd
U13/Yr 8	Girls	Handball	Partnership Tournament	2nd
U13/Yr 8	Boys	Cricket	Tournament	1st
U13/Yr 8	Boys	Tennis	OBH	Loss
U12/Yr 7	Girls	Rounders	Omnibus Games	1 Win, 1 Loss
U13/Yr 8	Girls	Rounders	Omnibus Games	1 Draw, 1 Win
U15/ Yr 10	Girls	Rounders	Omnibus Games	1 Win, 1 Loss
U14/Yr 9	Girls	Rounders	Omnibus Games	1 Win, 1 Loss
U13/Yr 8	Boys	Cricket	Omnibus Games	1 Win, 1 Loss
U13/Yr 8	Girls	Tennis	Debenham/Fram College	Win- Deb, Loss-Fram
U13/Yr 8	Boys	Tennis	Debenham	Loss
U15/ Yr 10	Boys	Tennis	Debenham	Win
U14/Yr 9	Girls	Rounders	Omnibus Games	3rd
U12/Yr 7	Mixed	Hockey	Harleston Sancroft	Loss
U14/Yr 9	Mixed	Hockey	Harleston Sancroft	Loss
U15/ Yr 10	Boys	Tennis	King Edwards	Loss
U15/ Yr 10	Girls	Tennis	King Edwards	Loss
U14/Yr 9	Boys	Orienteering	County finals	2nd
U13/Yr 8	Girls	Cricket	County Qualifier	Win
U15/ Yr 10	Girls	Cricket	County Qualifier	5th
U13/Yr 8	Girls	Rounders	County Qualifier	2nd
U15/ Yr 10	Girls	Rounders	County Qualifier	4th
U15/ Yr 10	Girls	Tennis	Finborough School	Loss
U12/Yr 7	Girls	Cricket	Various	W,L,L
U12/Yr 7	Boys	Cricket	Various	L,L,L
U12/Yr 7	Boys	Cricket	Omnibus Games	3rd
U15/ Yr 10	Boys	Cricket	Debenham	Win





U15/ Yr 10	Girls	Super 8s Athletics	Partnership Tournament	6th
U15/ Yr 10	Boys	Super 8s Athletics	Partnership Tournament	4th
U15/ Yr 10	Boys	Tennis	County finals	2nd
U13/Yr 8	Girls	Athletics	Partnership Tournament	3rd
U13/Yr 8	Boys	Athletics	Partnership Tournament	1st
U13/Yr 8	Boys	Cricket	Partnership Tournament	3rd
U15/ Yr 10	Girls	Rounders	TMHS, AVHS, Debenham	?
U12/Yr 7	Girls	Rounders	Partnership Tournament	2nd
U13/Yr 8	Mixed	Athletics	Arthur Holifield Athletics	2nd
U15/ Yr 10	Mixed	Athletics	Arthur Holifield Athletics	4th
U13/Yr 8	Boys	Cricket	Omnibus Games	Win
U14/Yr 9	Boys	Cricket	Partnership Tournament	1st
U12/Yr 7	Girls	Rounders	County finals	2nd
U15/Yr 10	Boys	Cricket	Partnership Tournament	2nd

## A few highlights of our summer fixtures are....

### The year 7 rounders county final success

After successfully qualifying for the county finals, our 7 rounders teams showed phenomenal effort, they won all but one of their matches, losing by only half a rounder to eventual winners Ipswich High School. Not only did they demonstrate fantastic batting but they also worked collectively in the fields with catches and stumpings. The girls commitment to training has been excellent and their hard work has certainly paid off as they were ranked second in the county.

### The u15 boys tennis team came runners up in the county finals

A huge congratulations to our u15 boys tennis team who finished runners up in the county finals. The boys (Josh Abbott, Jack Freeman, Henry Harris and Santiago Pacheco) successfully qualified from their group before beating Woodbridge School (10-2) in the semi-finals and losing to a strong King Edwards side (8-4) in the finals.

### U13 Boys Super 8's gold medalists

The athletics team have competed in a number of different competitions throughout the summer term. The highlight of the athletics season was our u13 boys Super 8 success. The team of 8 competed in various track and field events to be crowned overall champions.

## U14 boys cricket county finals

Our u14 boys beat Bungay and Debenham to progress to U14 hardball County finals. The team will face Mildenhall in the semi final with the winners playing East Bergholt or Castle Manor. The finals will take place at Woopit CC on 8th July.







## Sports Day

Sports day concluded our 'House Cup' 2023 /24 competitions.

The first day involved year 7 & 8 students and the second day was the turn of year 9 & 10 pupils.

It was great to see the students displaying our house values (determination, excellence, inspiration, courage, respect, equality & service) in a fun and semi-competitive atmosphere throughout both days .

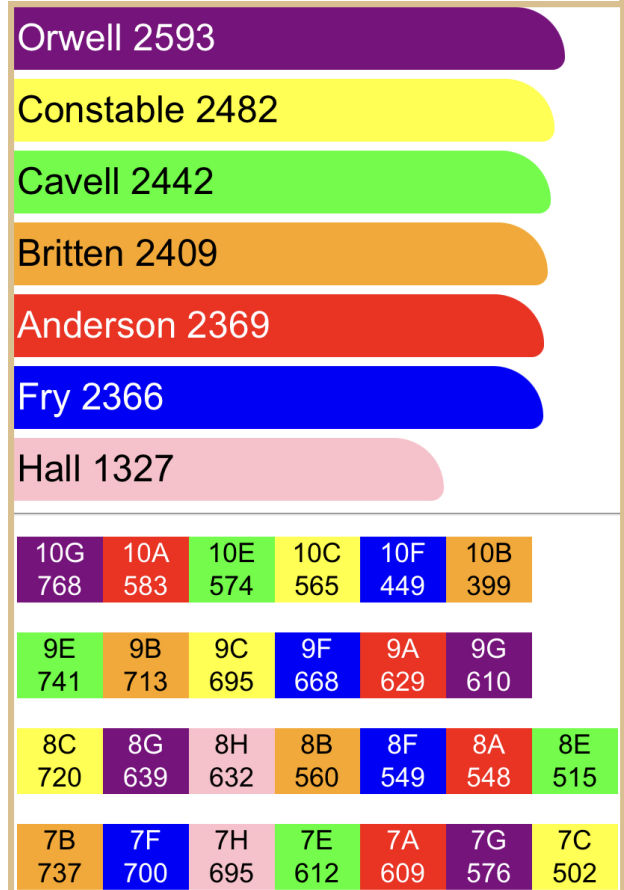
Managing to avoid the rain, the morning events were competed in great spirits and consisted of an inter-house sports quiz, volleyball, dodgeball, rounders and middle-distance athletics events, as well as the sharing of a poem written by the school's poet laureate Ruby Dobell and final preparation on flag designs for our opening ceremony.

The afternoon sessions began with an Olympic style opening ceremony. Students paraded the track with their house flags and colours whilst their chosen music was played. The creative and colorful flag designs were judged by the art department and points were awarded to houses accordingly. This was followed by outstanding dance and cheerleading performances and a formal singing of the national anthem alongside our amazing student brass band.

Students then competed in their track and field events as well as the house tug of war competitions. The support students showed towards each other was tremendous to see. Gold, silver and bronze medals as well as house points were awarded for their achievements.

### Orwell Victorious

Following the conclusion to both days the scores for all events were combined in the inter-house competition. Roles reversed this year with first place awarded to Orwell, closely followed by Constable, then, Cavell took the bronze medal position, Britten were 4th, Anderson 5th, Fry were 6th and Hall were 7th. Well done to our all of our medal winners and record breaker this year (Flo Potter beating the girls 1500m record previously set by Caitlin Mckie by 0.02 seconds (6 minutes .073 seconds) and all students for their commitment to the events, it was excellent to see the enthusiasm and sportsmanship on display across both days and we very much look forward to continuing the success of sports day in 2025!





## REMEMBER PARENTPAY – OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT

Parent Pay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24-7, safe in the knowledge that the website has been security checked by many local authorities and uses very high internet security standards.

Have you changed your username and password to something you will easily remember? Select "My profile" to do this. If you have more than one child at the school, merge their accounts so you can pay for everything in one place.

Please contact the school office on 01379 870315 during normal school hours for more details.

## BUS PASSES

The bus companies have asked us to remind families that all students must carry a bus pass for their allocated transport. Students may be refused travel if they do not have the correct pass.

The insurance provided by Suffolk County Council for students' safe travel only covers them for travel on the bus named on their pass.

## HARTISMAIL, WEBSITE AND MORE

We would like to remind you about the different ways Hartismere contacts parents, and how you can use the website and social networks to keep informed and up-to-date.

Our preferred way of routinely contacting you is via email. We call it HartisMail. We use this to inform you about important information and any school news.

You can register for HartisMail by creating an account on our website. This has the added benefit of granting you access to additional sections of the website.

To register, you need to:

- create an account on the school website at [www.hartismere.com/Account/Signup](http://www.hartismere.com/Account/Signup).  
(You can skip this step if you have already registered.)  
Ask your child to enter their username and password when prompted.

Most emails we send home are posted on our website, as well as updates, information, and announcements. New content is added to the website daily. To keep up with everything that is going on at Hartismere you can also follow us on Hartismere's official Facebook page and X.



## BEGINNING AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

If parents are picking up and dropping off their children at school and in Eye, please could we ask that they are mindful of people in the local area? Local residents have experienced cars blocking driveways and other access points, including on the Castleton Grange estate. Please do park and drive with consideration for everyone in our community.

There is no permission for use of the hospital car park for drop-offs or pick-ups. Disabled parking spaces are, of course, for people with mobility difficulties.  
Thank you for your support.

The Local Authority is responsible for arrangements concerning school buses and this is managed through the service [SuffolkOnBoard](#). It is recommended that, where possible, pupils and students walk or cycle to school.

Please remember that students should only travel on the bus to and from school that is clearly identified on their bus pass, otherwise they risk causing overcrowding and other safety problems.

The insurance provided by Suffolk County Council for students' safe travel only covers them for travel on the bus named on their pass.

## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

The Senior Designated Professional for Safeguarding in school is Mr Geoff Luxton. The alternate Safeguarding Officer is Mrs Claire Jones.

Any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of the pupils should be taken directly to either Mr Luxton or Mrs Jones directly and without delay.

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy and all other policies are available via the link on the school website. If you type "Policies" into the search bar at the top of the page, a list of all policies is shown.

### **Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership**

If you are worried about the welfare or safety of a child, during the holidays for example, you can contact Customer First on 0808 800 4005 (24 hours). There is a great deal of information on the Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership website: [suffolksp.org.uk](http://suffolksp.org.uk)



## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

We usually have a small stock of second hand uniform which has kindly been donated by parents. If you would like to purchase any items please email us with your size enquiry to [uniform@hartismere.com](mailto:uniform@hartismere.com) and we can let you know if we have any of the items available in stock.

If you would like to donate any items of school uniform that no longer fit, please drop them into Pupil Services.





## FRIENDS OF HARTISMERE SCHOOL



The Friends group, (Hartismere's PTA), is growing all the time and they were delighted to welcome lots of new members to the meeting in June. The new volunteers meant that the Friends group were able to support the school's sports days with sales of refreshments (and some rather good doughnuts!), the proceeds of which will go towards supporting our pupils in specially chosen projects. If you'd like to join the Friends, or get involved (the commitment is as much or as little as you'd like), please send an email to [friends@hartismere.com](mailto:friends@hartismere.com). There will be lots to get involved with in the new school year.

### Visits to school & dropping things off...

If you are dropping something off for your child such as dinner money, forgotten PE kit, packed lunch or homework for example, please take it to Mrs Lawrence in the Pupil Services Office. This is located just inside the entrance to the Sports Hall. Please remind your child that they should go there to collect it. If they do not know that you are bringing something in we will attempt to get a message to them.

If you are coming into the school for any other reason such as a meeting with a member of staff, please remember to report to reception and sign in.



## **DATES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023- 2024**

### **Autumn Term – 2023**

**PD Day Monday 4 September**

**Tuesday 5 September – Years 7 and 12 return**

**Wednesday 6 September – All year groups**

**School ends for pupils Friday 20 October**

**Half Term - Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October**

**PD Day Monday 30 October**

**School Ends Wednesday 20 December**

### **Spring Term - 2024**

**PD Day Wednesday 3 January**

**Pupils return Thursday 4 January**

**School ends for pupils Friday 16 February**

**Half Term - Monday 19 to Fri 23 February**

**School Ends for pupils Thursday 28 March**

### **Summer Term – 2024**

**PD Day Friday 12 April**

**Pupils return Monday 15 April**

**Bank Holiday Monday 6 May**

**PD day Tuesday 7 May**

**Half Term - Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May**

**School Ends Friday 19 July – pupils leave @ midday**



