



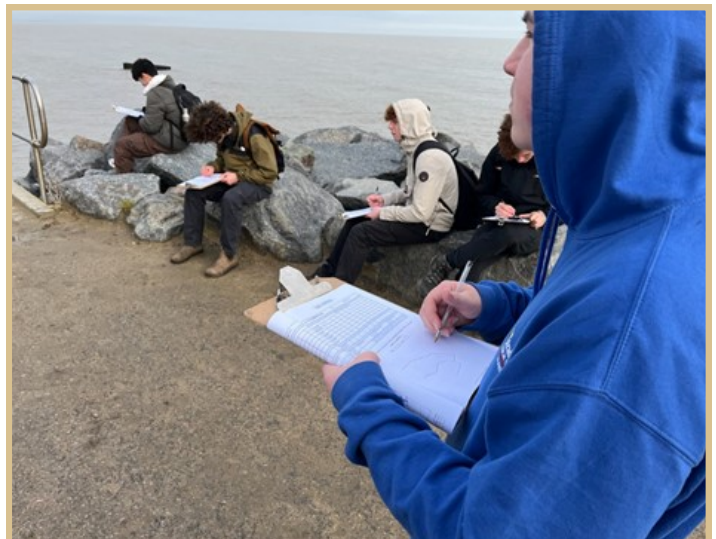
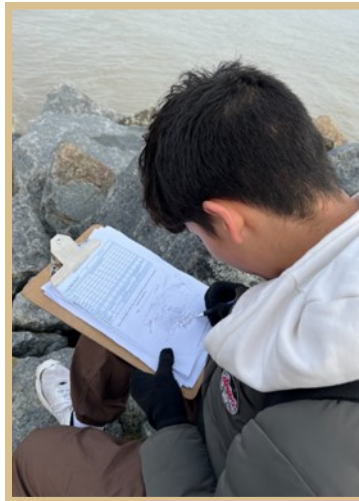
# Hartismere News

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## WALTON-ON-THE NAZE

The Year 12 geographers visited Walton-on-the Naze to investigate differences in environmental quality within the town and then spend some time looking at the different management options along that stretch of coastline. They had a great time testing out the different methods and even the lack of beach due to extremely high tides didn't deter them from giving everything a go. Well done, team!





## PE FIXTURE RESULTS

Year	Sport	Opposition	Result
Yr7/8	Dodgeball	Bungay	
U13/Yr 8	Football	EFL - County Schools	
U14/Yr 9	Badminton	Bungay	2nd/5th
U13/Yr 8	Panathlon	Omnibus Games	2nd
U13/Yr 8	Panathlon	Omnibus Games	3rd
Yr9/10	Badminton	Debenham	Win
U14/Yr 9	Badminton	Thomas Mills	3rd
U12/Yr 7	Football	Debenham	Loss
U13/Yr 8	Netball	Debenham	Win
U15/ Yr 10	Netball	Debenham	Win
U13/Yr 8	Football	Debenham	Draw
U14/Yr 9	Hockey	Ipswich High School	Loss
U15/ Yr 10	Badminton	Various	4th
U15/ Yr 10	Football	County Cup	Loss
Yr10/11	Basketball	Omnibus Games	Draw

## WINTER GAME RESULTS

Our Winter Games took place in the final two weeks of the Autumn term, every year group took part in the competition during lessons and every pupil competed in either netball, football, table tennis or basketball. All scores were then accumulated and the final results for each year group can be seen below.

YEAR 7 : Winter Games 2023								Points Scoring System	
Sport	Anderson	Britten	Constable	Cavell	Fry	Orwell	Hall	1st	70 points
Netball	50	70	30	60	20	40	10	2nd	60 points
Football	50	60	20	30	70	20	40	3rd	50 points
Table Tennis	70	20	20	30	50	60	50	4th	40 points
Basketball	10	30	20	40	70	50	60	5th	30 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>160</b>	6th	20 points
<b>Position</b>	<b>2nd=</b>	<b>2nd=</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>5th=</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>5th=</b>	7th	10 points



YEAR 8 : Winter Games 2023								Points Scoring System	
Sport	Anderson	Britten	Constable	Cavell	Fry	Orwell	Hall	1st	70 points
Netball	20	70	50	30	60	10	40	2nd	60 points
Football	10	30	70	60	20	40	50	3rd	50 points
Table Tennis	40	50	70	60	20	10	30	4th	40 points
Basketball	40	20	60	50	70	30	10	5th	30 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>130</b>	6th	20 points
<b>Position</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>3rd=</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd=</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>5th</b>	7th	10 points

YEAR 9 : Winter Games 2023								Points Scoring System	
Sport	Anderson	Britten	Constable	Cavell	Fry	Orwell		1st	60 points
Netball	50	60	10	40	20	30		2nd	50 points
Football	10	60	30	20	40	50		3rd	40 points
Table Tennis	50	50	30	10	20	60		4th	30 points
Basketball	60	20	30	40	50	10		5th	20 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>150</b>		6th	10 points
<b>Position</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>3rd</b>			

YEAR 10 : Winter Games 2023								Points Scoring System	
Sport	Anderson	Britten	Constable	Cavell	Fry	Orwell		1st	60 points
Netball	50	30	20	60	10	40		2nd	50 points
Football	50	40	20	10	30	60		3rd	40 points
Table Tennis	40	10	60	30	20	50		4th	30 points
Basketball	20	30	10	60	50	40		5th	20 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>190</b>		6th	10 points
<b>Position</b>	<b>2nd=</b>	<b>3rd=</b>	<b>3rd=</b>	<b>2nd =</b>	<b>3rd=</b>	<b>1st</b>			

YEAR 11 : Winter Games 2023								Points Scoring System	
Sport	Anderson	Britten	Constable	Cavell	Fry	Orwell		1st	60 points
Netball	0							2nd	50 points
Football	60	50	20	40	10	30		3rd	40 points
Table Tennis	60	40	30	30	10	50		4th	30 points
Basketball	20	50	40	10	60	30		5th	20 points
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>110</b>		6th	10 points
<b>Position</b>	<b>1st=</b>	<b>1st=</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>5th=</b>	<b>5th=</b>	<b>3rd</b>			



# Spring Sports Clubs



In addition to our 'Sports Clubs' we will be offering an 'Active Lunch Loan' system, you will be able to borrow sports equipment to use during your lunch time (from the corner of the tennis courts)

Monday PE Dept Meeting		Tuesday Active lunch loan: ERO		Wednesday Active lunch loan: AHO	Thursday Active lunch loan: SPA		Friday Active lunch loan: SPO
Lunch (1.15-1.45pm)	After School (4-5pm)	Lunch (1.15-1.45pm)	After School (4-5pm)	Lunch (1.15-1.45pm)	Lunch (1.15-1.45pm)	After School (4-5pm)	Lunch (1.15-1.45pm)
Y7-11 Table-tennis (dance studio) AFL	Y7- 9 Football (astro) SPA Y7- 9 Rugby (field) AHO Y7- 9 Netball (courts) DCO Girls Cricket (sportshall) CPA A-level PE Revision ERO GCSE PE Revision (H3)SPO	Invitational Club (dance studio) AHO Girls Fitness (fitness suite) SPO Y9-11 Badminton (sportshall) SPO	Cheerleading (dance studio) PFA/ERE	Y8 & 9 Fitness (fitness suite) DCO All years - Lyrical and Contemporary Dance (dance studio) RBA Y7-9 Hockey (astro) ERO Y9-11 Basketball (sportshall) SPO	Y7-9 Badminton (sportshall) AHO Y10 & 11 Fitness (fitness suite) AHO GCSE PE/A Level PE/WJEC catch up/PE detention (C2) SPO Just Dance (dance studio) ERO	Zumba (dance studio) RBA Running Club (field) CAG	Y7 & 8 Basketball (sportshall) SPA Y10, 11 & VI form Table-Tennis (dance studio) AFL Y7 Fitness (fitness suite) AHO Y11 WJEC Revision ERO (E3)

All clubs are mixed gender & all year groups unless specified

After School: Students must get changed into their PE kit for these sessions.

Lunch: Students do not need to get changed however they must wear training shoes for these sessions



# WINTER GAMES HIGHLIGHTS



## SUFFOLK CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP 2024



Congratulations to the students that took part in the Suffolk Cross-Country championship event on a very, very cold Thursday in January. These students had already competed at the regional event at the Royal Hospital school and been selected for this, the next round. The course was long and hard with a 'killer hill' in the middle! Everyone completed the event with Neve Mackenzie (year 8) and Liam Davidson (year 12) progressing through to the next round representing Suffolk. A huge well done to everyone that took part. If any students are interested in running or want to get started in fitness, running club is on every Thursday 4-5 pm.

## LONDON ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, NATIONAL GALLERY, PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY

Art and photography students from years 10 to 13 had the opportunity to visit London this term. The trip took the students to the newly opened Portrait Gallery. As part of this trip the students saw the Taylor Wessing photographer's award and the Hockney drawing exhibition. The photography students then headed through Soho and Chinatown to the Photographers' gallery taking in the Moriymana retrospective before having the opportunity to complete a photoshoot. The art students went to see work in the National Gallery and explore Trafalgar square. A great day out was had by all!





# YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY

**AGED 10-15 YEARS?  
FIND OUT MORE...**

**Monday 5th February  
6.30-7.30pm**

**Jays Green Community Centre,  
Harleston**



**[harlestonplayers@gmail.com](mailto:harlestonplayers@gmail.com)**



## COMMENDATIONS

### Individual Half Term Totals

Student Name	Form	Points
Henry Allison-Hales	9F	21
Ava Amps	7G	19
Cody Butcher	7B	18
Alyssa Holt	9C	18
Emilia Clifford	7B	17
Josh Davis	7A	17
Maizie Gooderham	7B	17
Poppy Bendell	8F	16
Emily Johnson	8F	16
Michael Norton	7H	16
Martha Price	7G	16
Kyla Webb	7G	16

Student Name	Form	Points
Yafa Yarabi	9F	15
Annabel Brown	9C	15
Hattie Collins-Stiff	8A	15
Emma Coote	9A	15
Molly Eaton	9G	15
William Gudge	9G	15
Noel Bassett	9E	14
Mimi Bower	7B	14
Isabella Boxall-Hunt	7A	14
Roman Boxall- Hunt	9F	14
Megan Elford	8H	14
Theo Finch	8E	14
Mia Greaves	9A	14
Lucy Gregory	8H	14
Isabelle Harper	7C	14
Florence Hobson	8B	14
Isabella Jones	8E	14
Emilia Mayhew	8B	14
Ella Wager	9C	14
Samuel Wateridge	7F	14
Evie Wilkinson	9C	14

### Form Order

1 <sup>st</sup>	7B	239
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9C	207
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9F	203
3 <sup>rd</sup>	7C	198
4 <sup>th</sup>	9G	198
5 <sup>th</sup>	7G	187
6 <sup>th</sup>	7A	181
7 <sup>th</sup>	7H	179
8 <sup>th</sup>	7F	177
8 <sup>th</sup>	8H	172
9 <sup>th</sup>	8F	170
9 <sup>th</sup>	8G	170
10 <sup>th</sup>	9B	168
11 <sup>th</sup>	10G	167

12 <sup>th</sup>	8E	154
13 <sup>th</sup>	8B	148
14 <sup>th</sup>	8C	147
15 <sup>th</sup>	8A	146
16 <sup>th</sup>	7E	140
17 <sup>th</sup>	10A	134
18 <sup>th</sup>	9E	133
19 <sup>th</sup>	11F	123
20 <sup>th</sup>	10B	120
21 <sup>st</sup>	10E	114
22 <sup>nd</sup>	11A	113
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11B	113
24 <sup>th</sup>	10C	108
25 <sup>th</sup>	11E	100
26 <sup>th</sup>	10F	98
27 <sup>th</sup>	11C	88
29 <sup>th</sup>	11G	87





# Qualifications and Careers Fair Thursday 14 March

We're pleased to be able to share with you details of our first ever 'Qualifications and Careers Fair' at the school which will take place later this term. Working closely with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and Careers Hub we have arranged for a range of local, regional and national employers together with educational providers to come and work with us. We are looking forwards to welcoming representatives from the businesses, organisations and providers listed below with several other invitations still in the pipeline!

<b>M&amp;H Plastics &amp; Training Academy</b>	<b>Suffolk MIND</b>	<b>EDF Sizewell B</b>	<b>Priory Healthcare</b>
<b>Care Careers Suffolk</b>	<b>West Suffolk Hospital Health Ambassadors</b>	<b>BUUK infrastructure</b>	<b>CEVA Logistics</b>
<b>Hutchinson Ports (Port of Felixstowe)</b>	<b>Lexham Insurance</b>	<b>Midwich (AV, Document Solutions and IT)</b>	<b>Seven Resourcing</b>
<b>HM Forces (Army)</b>	<b>HM Forces (RN &amp; Marines)</b>	<b>Military Preparation College (MPCT Ipswich)</b>	<b>Labcorp Ltd</b>
<b>University of Lincoln</b>	<b>First Intuition (Apprenticeships)</b>	<b>University of East Anglia</b>	<b>University of Suffolk</b>

During the morning of 14 March all pupils will have the opportunity to see how their school experiences open up potential pathways into further/higher education and beyond to the world of work.

If you haven't already found it on the school website you might find it useful to visit the CEIAG (Careers Education, Information and Guidance) section: [www.hartismere.com/Curriculum/Personal-Development/Careers-Information](http://www.hartismere.com/Curriculum/Personal-Development/Careers-Information)

We'll be posting information about the 'Fair' on the website and also on our Instagram feed @hartismerecareers #hartismerecareersfair24



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Hartismere Careers

@hartismerecareers

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance at Hartismere School  
[www.hartismere.com/Curriculum/Personal-Development/Careers-Information](http://www.hartismere.com/Curriculum/Personal-Development/Careers-Information)

**National Apprenticeship Week 2024**

**Hartismere School 2024 'Careers Fair'**

**APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO SCIENCE**

- MEDICAL SCIENTIST
- DOCTOR
- HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT
- LABORATORY SCIENTIST
- METROLOGY TECHNICIAN
- NUCLEAR SCIENTIST
- FINANCE SERVICES ASSISTANT
- PHARMACEUTICAL REGISTERED NURSE
- JOURNALISM AND MEDIA WORK

**APPRENTICESHIPS LINKED TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

- COMMUNITY ACTIVATION COACH
- COMMUNITY SPORT AND HEALTH OFFICER
- GOLF RESERVEKEEPER
- LEISURE TEAM MEMBER
- PERSONAL TRAINER
- SPECIALIST
- SPORTS COACH
- SPORTS THERAPY ASSISTANT
- TEACHER
- YOUTH WORKER
- AND MANY MORE!

**Apprenticeships linked to Computing**

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) data specialist
- Cyber security technician
- Digital forensic technician
- Digital user experience (UX) professional
- Design engineer
- Robotics engineer
- Software developer and many more!



## 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 Facebook and Twitter.



## **APPRENTICESHIP VACANCY AT HARTISMERE SCHOOL INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN**

We have an exciting opportunity for a young person to work across the IT and Technical departments at Hartismere School as an Information Communications Technician.

Apprenticeship level: Advanced Level 3 (A Level equivalent)

Required: September 2024

Duration: 24 months

Wage: £6.40 per hour (under 18 years old)

Hours: 37 per week (52 weeks per year)

Holiday: 23 days holiday per annum plus 8 bank holidays

**Applications should be made using the non-teaching application form available on the school website under 'vacancies'.**

This role is ideally designed to benefit the career development of someone who has recently finished, or will soon finish, secondary education. They will develop many transferable skills and attributes, including reliability, timekeeping, communications, teamwork, initiative, self-reliance, efficiency and attention to detail.

For more information, please contact the school.

## **FRIENDS OF HARTISMERE SCHOOL**

The Friends are seeking some more volunteer helpers for this year's production on 6—9 March.

The Friends group are keen to hear from anyone who would like to help out at this year's production of Sister Act. The commitment would only need to be one evening, helping with refreshments and the raffle with a team of people.



If you're interested in helping out, and/or joining the Friends, you can email [friends@hartismere.com](mailto:friends@hartismere.com) or there is a new Facebook group 'Friends of Hartismere School' you can join.

We've been so pleased to welcome new members to our Friends group, the aim of which is to support the children, raise some money and create connections with our Hartismere families.

Chair: Kerry Baker  
Secretary: Diana Acaster  
Publicity: Suzanne Wateridge



# Sixth Form News

## A level league tables

Performance tables for schools in England were recently published by the DfE. We were very pleased to see how well last year's A level students performed in the county.

School	Average points score
St Benedicts Catholic School	36.52
Hartismere School	36.31
Farlingaye High School	36.21
Thomas Gainsborough School	35.35
Northgate High School	34.32
Thomas Mills High School	33.83
Kesgrave high School	33.24
Abbeygate Sixth Form College	33.15
Copleston High School	33.06
Sir John <a href="#">Lehman</a> Academy	32.9
One Sixth Form College	31.44
Thurston Community College	31.15

## Year 13: planning for the future

Our year 13 students have now sent off their applications for university places for courses as diverse as biomedical science, international management, illustration, operating department practice, music, law, nursing, physics and many more. We were thrilled that four of our students have received offers from Oxford and Cambridge universities for courses in medicine, maths, theology and geography. Two students have received offers for degree apprenticeships where they will be paid a salary while also earning a degree. All of the students are working very hard now towards their A level exams and we wish them every success.

## Year 11: planning for the future

Applications for Hartismere Sixth Form are still being received. Applications may be made online or using an application form from the sixth form office. Questions about applications and future plans can be sent to [sixthform@hartismere.com](mailto:sixthform@hartismere.com).



## 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. 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 Officers are Mrs Debbie Corbyn or Mrs Claire Jones.



Any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of the pupils should be taken directly to either Mr Luxton, Mrs Jones or Mrs Corbyn 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.



# SISTER ACT

**Save the Date!**  
**Sister Act is coming to**  
**Hartismere**

**March 6th - March 9th**  
**2024**

**More information to follow**  
**Tickets available after half term**



**March 6th - 9th 2024**

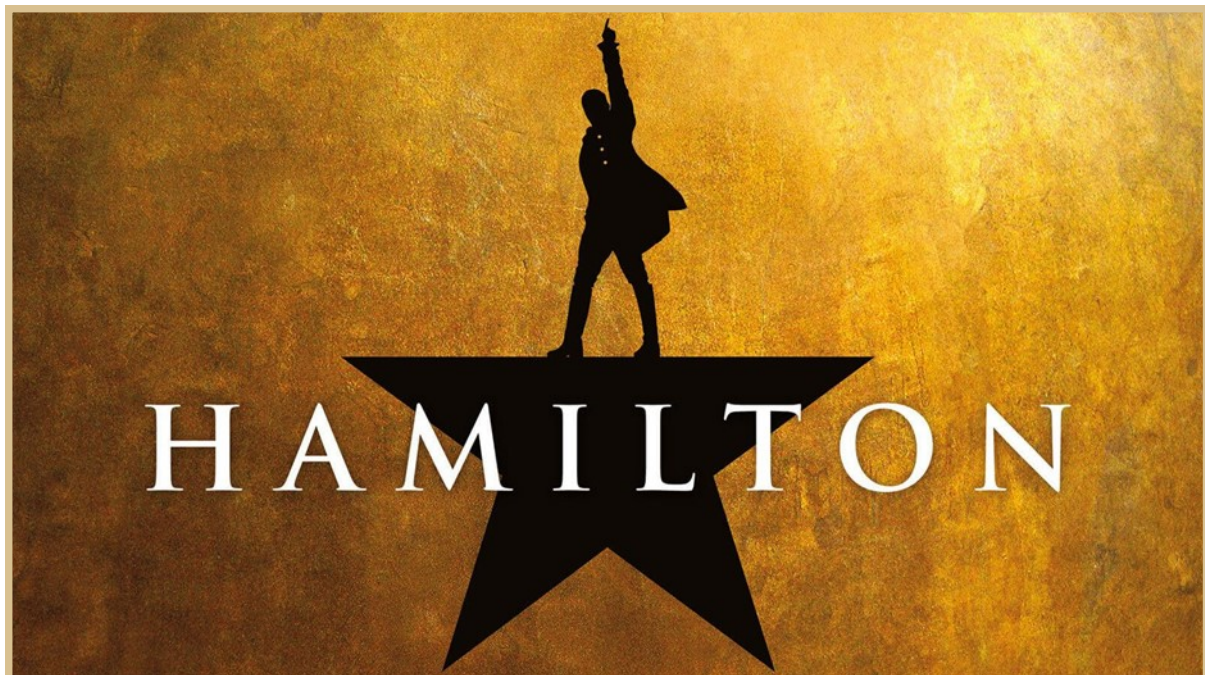
# **SISTER ACT**

**is coming to Hartismere**

**Any business  
who would like to  
support the production  
by donating a raffle prize  
or putting an advert  
in our programme  
(for a donation)  
are welcome!**

**[marketingteam@hartismere.com](mailto:marketingteam@hartismere.com)**

## Hartismere School trip to see 'HAMILTON' Victoria Palace Theatre, London 11th January



On Thursday 11 January, we took 92 pupils to London to see the smash hit West-End show, Hamilton. Inspired by Ron Chernow's biography about one of America's founding fathers, Alexander Hamilton, the sung-and-rapped-through biographical musical follows Hamilton from his early life as a poor orphan in the Caribbean, to his ascendancy as the right-hand man of George Washington, to his death in an infamous duel with Aaron Burr.





We then made our way to the Victoria Palace Theatre to watch the matinee performance of Hamilton. Set during the late 1700s, this telling of Alexander Hamilton's life is inspiring and heartbreaking. Its beautifully explored themes of love, loss, forgiveness, and ambition make the story timeless and engaging. Love is a central theme in Hamilton. The musical is great for history buffs and fans of modern music alike. It is a one-of-a-kind experience that will stay with you long after the show is over.



As part of the day, pupils took part in a 2-hour theatre workshop at Danceworks in Balderton Street, followed by a walk taking in some of the famous London landmarks to Green Park where they had a picnic.





Theatre trips promote the love of theatre for pupils and highlights the potential for careers in the performing arts industry, proving an inspiration for many of our talented students, who loved the show.



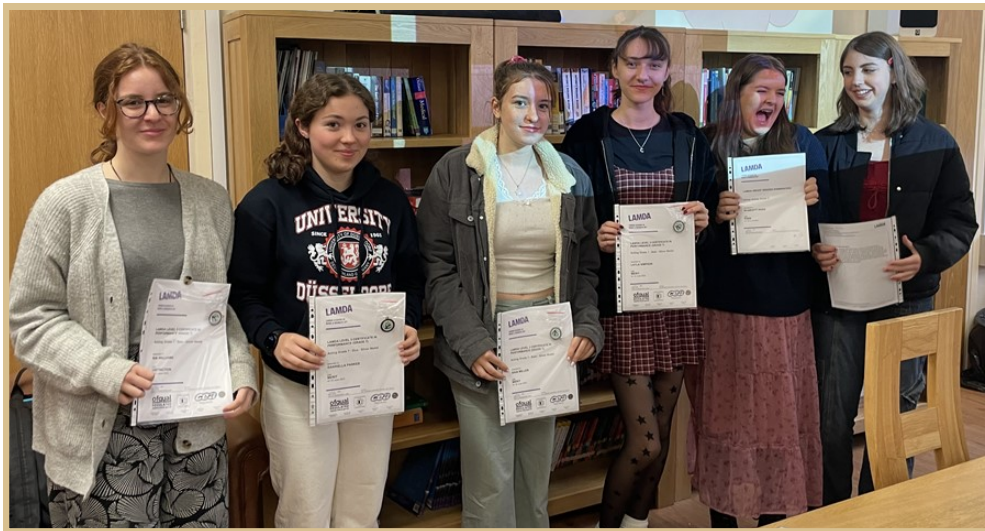
Mrs Davy  
Coordinator of Drama & Theatre Studies



## LAMDA PERFORMANCE EXAMINATION RESULTS 2024

Hartismere School is a private centre for the LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) examinations. This year 130 pupils from Hartismere took part in performance exams over 4 days in June 2023. They all worked very hard and deserve the fantastic results that they achieved.

*(The school would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Davy for the enormous amount of work she puts into making these fabulous exams happen for so many of our young people.)*



Some of last years year 11

Year 10



Year 9





Year 8



Year 7

<b>Pass</b>	<b>Merit</b>	<b>Distinction</b>
7%	31%	60%

**UCAS POINTS awarded for examinations for Level 3 examinations:**

<b>Attainment Level</b>	<b>LAMDA Grade 6</b>	<b>LAMDA Grade 7</b>	<b>LAMDA Grade 8</b>
<b>Distinction</b>	12 points	16 points	30 points
<b>Merit</b>	10 points	14 points	27 points
<b>Pass</b>	8 points	12 points	24 points

**LAMDA examinations 2024 are confirmed for:**  
**Dress/Tech 13 to 17 June**  
**Acting Examinations 18 to 21 June**  
**Miss Bennetts will also be running LAMDA Public speaking examinations: 20 to 21 June.**  
**Rehearsals will begin in March, after the school production.**

Mrs J Davy  
 Coordinator of Drama & Theatre Studies  
 LAMDA Coordinator



## SEVERE WEATHER

If there has been severe weather overnight a decision will be made by 7:45am whether the school is to close. You can find out if the school **is closed** by:

Checking the school website - [www.hartismere.com](http://www.hartismere.com)

Receiving an SMS text alert ( more info at [www.hartismere.com/sms](http://www.hartismere.com/sms) )

Telephoning (01379) 870315. A message stating that the school is closed will be heard before any further options.

**Please note** we will only post messages if the **school is closed** or **partially closed**. We will **not post any messages** if the **school is open**.

Occasionally a bus may be delayed, and this can happen for a variety of reasons. Pupils will know the approximate time when their bus usually arrives at the pick-up point.

Sometimes it may take up to 30mins for the bus company to be notified of the delay and, if appropriate, arrange for a replacement bus and driver. The normal instruction to pupils therefore is to wait at the pick-up point for this length of time. However if there is bad weather it is a matter of judgement of pupils and parents whether this time is too long. Clearly in very cold, snowy conditions children should not be waiting this length of time.

Parents should discuss this with their son or daughter and make arrangements so they know what to do if they have to return home when a bus fails to appear, particularly in severe conditions or if the school has to close early during the school day. It is important to make sure they have a house key or there is a relative or neighbour they can go to if parents are out at work.

In the unlikely event that the weather deteriorates **during the day** and would make the journey home from school hazardous, then school buses may be called early. We suggest that parents, particularly those who are likely to be at work, discuss the matter carefully with their son or daughter and have a plan in place so that pupils can return safely home, or to a near neighbour, until parents arrive home.

## 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.

## HARTISMERE THEATRE WORKHOP 2023: *TREASURE ISLAND PANTO*

Each year, year 10 GCSE drama pupils take part in a Theatre-in-education style project called the Hartismere Theatre Workshops. The project's aim is to introduce year 10 GCSE drama pupils, some of whom have never performed to an audience before, to the workings of a professional Theatre-in-Education Company, under the management of the pupils themselves. This year the cast performed to over 380 Hartismere pupils from year 7 and 8 and to over 300 pupils from our primary feeder-schools, as well as 2 evening performances to friends and families, all in 8 days.

The cast also put together most of the costumes and props and were in control of the drama workshops for the primary school audiences. Pupils were also responsible for the lighting and sound design; photography students were busily snapping pictures of the cast during rehearsals and performances and Mrs Smith and her food tech pupils kindly provided refreshments including delicious treasure cupcakes.

This year, audiences enjoyed the magic of Mrs Ladd's fisherman pies being pushed into Bodmin's face, the Squire and his cronies being pelted by coconuts, characters walking the plank, dancing the Macarena, a giant crimson parrot called Captain Haddock and a whole-audience conga! (You had to be there!) We were also delighted to receive some fantastic theatre reviews from the primary schools.

The performance of '*Treasure Island the panto*' was put together in just 11 drama lessons during the autumn term. The pupils succeeded in formulating a cross curricular bond between all involved, providing entertainment and a shared learning experience to others, and proving that by working as a team, together they can achieve good and worthwhile things.

Mrs Davy  
Coordinator of Drama & Theatre Studies





Dear Mrs Dargy and the year 6 crew

Thank you for inviting us to watch your performance, it was great, considering we I like pirates in general it was my type of play. The drama workshop was also very fun, I got to act like a lady! apparently it was funny. The games we played at the workshop were enjoyable we played late to school & I was the teacher, I think we were I was very strict, we also played with marbles and Splats. I can't wait to see you next performance.

From Noah Girdlingham Primary School



Dear Mrs Dargy and the year 6 crew

Thank you for inviting the year 6 to watch the best play I was so good it blew my socks away. I liked all the characters the main one I liked in the past. She stood out the most and was funny. The workshop after the play was really fun and creating a little scene Mrs. Ladd was so funny. He was not afraid of being a different gender our character. You could really hear them and understand what they were saying. All the characters did so good, thank you so much.

From Charlotte G.  
Girdlingham Primary School



Dear Hartismere,

Thank you for inviting us to your performance. It was a real pleasure seeing the year 10's Treasure Island. I loved all the characters and I thought they were their acting skills were amazing. My favourite scene was the coconut scene, when the Spanish girl threw coconuts at the pirates. My favourite part though was at the end when we got up and did the conga and foam fell on our heads. The cakes in the interval were really good. I can't wait to join Hartismere and possibly join your productions. Overall, I loved the play and would absolutely want to see it again.

Summer,  
Girdlingham Primary



Dear Hartismere Performers and Directors

Thank you so much for inviting us to your brilliant performance. It was an amazing experience to see and was worrying me up for high school. I would like to also say well done to Mrs Dargy for teaching your class very well. And I loved the pie scene. It was brilliant performance and I am so excited for Hartismere!

Charlotte D  
Girdlingham  
Primary  
School!



## **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**