



Hartsdown  
Academy

# Hartsdown News

15 December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy two weeks with plenty going on in the life of the school. Highlights include visits from Cliftonville Primary School to make pizzas in our food tech areas, our year 7 Indoor Athletics teams competing and medaling in the county competition and some of our year 11 students taking part in a Future Chef competition during which they were praised for the quality of the food and their conduct. On a musical note, our school choir has performed at the turning on of the Christmas lights in both Margate and Westgate, bringing their musical talents to the festive events. On Friday, all of our year 7 students attended our annual Carol Concert at All Saints Church, we also have our KS3 Winter Dance to look forward to next week, rumours of Santa's appearance abound!

A mention also to our 6th form students who organised a charity football match against a staff team, a capacity crowd witnessed performances on a par with the World Cup and a win for the staff team, most importantly, plenty of money was raised for good causes.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the school during this calendar year and to wish you and your families a very happy festive period.

## Top tips / Reminders

**Hartsdown is consulting on a change to admissions arrangements. Specifically a reduction to its published admissions numbers for 2024. Please see the letter for further details.**

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EU39DF35wYaS5txaXBGE6F9wkCY6TfJdcjirXcCpdEw/edit?usp=sharing>



Dynamic Progress Reporting (DPR) - further information can be found [here](#)

Our Curriculum - [Curriculum Overview - Hartsdown Academy](#)

## Key Contacts

**Heads of House**  
Marine - Mrs Wilson  
Dalby - Mr Knight  
Trinity - Mr Gina  
Hawley - Mrs Alcock

**Head of KS4 - Mr Ryan**  
**Head of Behaviour - Mr Humphrey**  
**SEN - Mrs Clayson**

## Dates for the diary

- **New Term Start - 4th Jan**
- **Year 10 Parents Evening - 4th Jan**
- **Flu & HPV Vaccs (Yr7-9) - 18th & 19th Jan**
- **Year 10 PPEs - 23rd - 27th Jan**
- **6th Form Parents Evening - 25th Jan**
- **Year 9 Options Evening - 8th Feb**
- **INSET 10th Feb**
- **Half Term - 13th - 17th Feb**

## Celebrations



Sixth Form challenged staff to a football match to raise money for charity. It was a fantastic event and was great to see students and staff coming together, a real sense of community and team spirit.

Students have raised £160 (so far) which will be going directly to Porchlight. Well done to Ted in 6th form for organising the event and the staff and 6th formers who took part.

If you would like to donate, you can do so here: <https://gofund.me/2a05fefd>



Logan and Robert wowed judges at the FutureChef South East Local Finals.

They showed passion, resilience, Leadership and compassion. The executive chefs were blown away by the maturity, sense of teamwork and leadership qualities the boys demonstrated.



Our choir have performed several times over this festive period. They have been a real credit to the school and have shown amazing teamwork and integrity.



Hartsdown students took part in an indoor athletics tournament alongside year 6 students. The focus of the day was to use sport to help year 6 students with the transition into year 7. Our year 7s teamed up with students from St Gregory's Primary and supported them throughout the event. They represented the school with such pride and were a real credit to Hartsdown. They were extremely supportive of their year 6 counterparts and did everything they could to make them feel comfortable, welcome and included in their teams. A huge well done to the students involved.

## Farewells

At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Mrs Richardson, Mr Welsh, Mr Jones, Mrs Potter, Mrs Jay and Mrs Bing. We wish you all the very best for the future.

## Reminders

All students recent progress data is now available through DPR. Please see the link on the page above to access this.

Yr I I will be making their final applications to 6th form or college in the first weeks of January. If you have any questions please contact [knightn@hartsdown.org](mailto:knightn@hartsdown.org)

## Local Events:

RAF Manston Santa's Grotto (17-21 Dec) £5 per child to visit Santa's Grotto (Booking isn't necessary, but to secure your little one's place for a present and visit with Santa, this is available by contacting: [events@rafmanston.co.uk](mailto:events@rafmanston.co.uk))

Father Christmas at Margate Caves £10 per child, up to 2 adults free. Pre-booking essential, via their website: <https://www.margatecaves.co.uk/>

Christmas World - Under One Roof Thanet. 18th - 23rd December 10pm-6pm Entry to the Christmas Village is FREE and all activities and experiences are optional pay per go. You do not need to book tickets to enter Christmas World Christmas Village. <https://u1rthanet.com/>