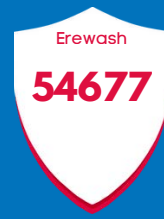


Hall Park Academy

NEWSLETTER

END OF YEAR EDITION - 2025

Read our Summer 2025 newsletter which includes all the amazing things our students have been doing this term.





A MESSAGE FROM

Mr Crossley

As the academic year draws to a close, Hall Park Academy celebrates a vibrant and successful term filled with student achievements across subjects, sports and performing arts. The newsletter showcases some standout moments and achievements including Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, STEM trips to Aston University, and a record-breaking cookery lesson with Jamie Oliver.

The school's comprehensive co-curricular offer has engaged students from all year groups. The Gardening Club flourished with eco-projects and vegetable planting, and the Trust Robotics Competition empowered young female innovators. The Drama and Dance Showcase, Art Exhibition, and Inter-House Piano Competition highlighted the school's creative spirit.

Sporting events have been in full swing with Sports Day, Broxtowe Athletics and the Trust Summer Games celebrating teamwork and resilience. Students have performed wonderfully at school, Trust and county events. There have been some huge successes outside of school such as Theo's remarkable swimming success at county and regional levels, and Skye's triumph as East Midlands Gymnastics Champion.

For some students, this will be their final term at Hall Park. We bid a heartfelt farewell to Year 11 and 13 students at their Proms and Year 11 Commendation Evening. We wish them luck on their respective results days and for the bright futures they have ahead of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support and to wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer.

Mr Crossley



SPLASH OF SUCCESS

Earlier this year, Theo swam in all 17 of the events in the county championships, and came home with 15 medals. He won gold in 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1500 freestyle, 50 and 100 breaststroke, and 200 IM and 400IM. He was also county junior champion in 6 of those events, and finished the championships with the number 1 ranking in his age group.

He qualified for 12 events at the East Midlands regional championships in April and May too. He made finals and got P.B.s in all 12 of those events, coming home with 5 medals, including gold and regional junior champion in 50 breaststroke.

He has also qualified in 3 events for the English Nationals at the end of July, and will swim in 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke and 400IM.

Logan has also joined the county swim squad this season and swam in his first county championships this year





FISH DONATION

Hall Park Academy would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Fastnet Fish, part of the Fish Heroes initiative, for their generous donation of 50 fresh hake fillets. This incredible contribution has given our students a fantastic opportunity to develop their culinary skills and confidence in working with high-quality, sustainable seafood.

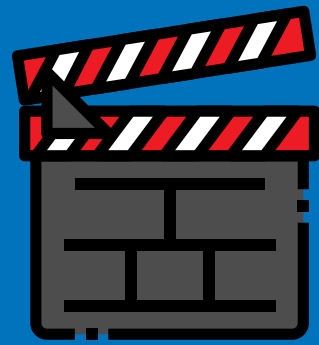
We're also very grateful to Brinsley Fish Bar for their support in receiving and storing the fish on our behalf. Going above and beyond, they even provided us with some of their signature batter, allowing our students to experience cooking with authentic, professional ingredients.

Our food students used these hake fillets to create a range of delicious and imaginative dishes, bringing the fish from sea to plate through hands-on, real-world learning.

Initiatives like this not only enrich our curriculum but also inspire young people to explore careers in food and hospitality, while learning about sustainability in the seafood industry.



YEAR 10 DRAMA PERFORMANCES



On 26th June, our Year 10 GCSE Drama students took to the stage to perform their devised pieces as part of their drama exam, and what an incredible evening it was.

The performances were among the strongest we've seen at Hall Park, with students tackling powerful and thought-provoking topics. The audience was presented with original plays exploring the lives and legacies of Princess Diana and Florence Nightingale, as well as the wider theme of women's rights.

While most students took on acting roles, others contributed their creative talents behind the scenes, designing costumes and lighting that added depth and atmosphere to each performance.

From the structure and storytelling to the acting and technical design, every aspect of the evening reflected the hard work, creativity, and commitment of our students. It was a truly impressive showcase of emerging talent and a proud moment for the Drama department.



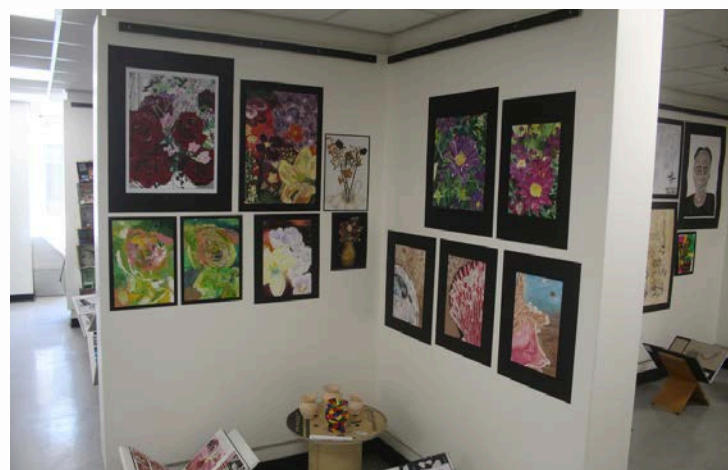
ART EXHIBITION 2025



On 7th July, the Art Department proudly hosted the 2025 Art Exhibition, an inspiring evening dedicated to celebrating the creativity, skill, and dedication of our GCSE and A Level Art students.

The exhibition showcased an impressive and diverse collection of work, with students exploring a wide range of themes, ideas, and artistic techniques. From detailed pencil drawings to expressive paintings

Visitors had the opportunity to walk through a thoughtfully curated space, taking in work that ranged from deeply personal reflections to bold, conceptual statements. Many projects demonstrated exceptional technical ability, but what stood out most was the originality and creative thinking evident throughout.





EPA CELEBRATION EVENING 2025

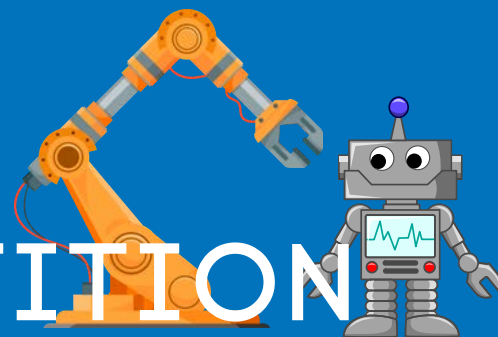
On 7th July the EPA (Excellence in Drama, Music and Art) Celebration Evening and Art Exhibition brought our school to life with an inspiring display of creativity and achievement.

The evening began with an impressive Art Exhibition, where transformed studios showcased our students' diverse and imaginative work—from detailed paintings to conceptual pieces—highlighting their talent and dedication.

The celebration continued in the auditorium with a warm welcome from Mr Crossley, who praised students' passion and effort



ROBOTICS COMPETITION

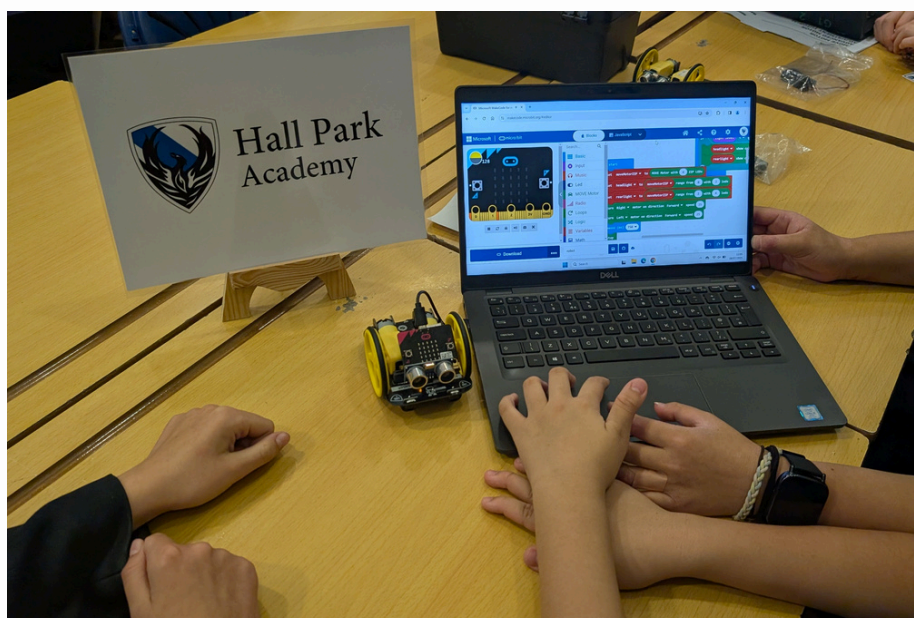


On 8th July, a group of our talented Year 7 and 8 girls are representing our school in a special Trust Robotics Competition which is a fantastic opportunity to showcase their creativity, problem-solving skills, and teamwork.

The day began with an inspiring talk from Tech She Can, an organisation dedicated to encouraging more young women to pursue careers in technology and innovation. Their message about the power of diversity in tech and the exciting possibilities within the STEM industries set a motivating tone for the day.

Following the keynote, the girls have been taking part in a series of hands-on coding and robotics challenges, going head-to-head with teams from other schools across our Trust. These challenges are designed to test not only technical coding abilities, but also collaboration, communication, and innovative thinking.

We are incredibly proud of our students for taking part in this enriching experience. Opportunities like this help build confidence, develop key digital skills, and inspire the next generation of female leaders in technology.



WORK EXPERIENCE YEAR 12



From 7th to 11th July, our sixth form students participated in a valuable work experience week, exploring a wide range of careers. Opportunities included placements in law, local government, education, childcare, and healthcare. Students gained first-hand insight into professional environments observing court proceedings, assisting in classrooms, supporting nursery staff, and seeing how councils operate. These experiences allowed them to step outside the classroom and understand their career aspirations more deeply.

Others explored technical and hands-on fields such as veterinary care, engineering, and IT. One student helped care for a young kitten at a veterinary clinic, while others observed product development in engineering firms or supported digital work in tech companies. Throughout the week, students developed key workplace skills and a clearer understanding of their future goals. These experiences will enrich future university and training applications. Next year's Year 10 students will undertake their work experience in early 2026, with details shared in September.



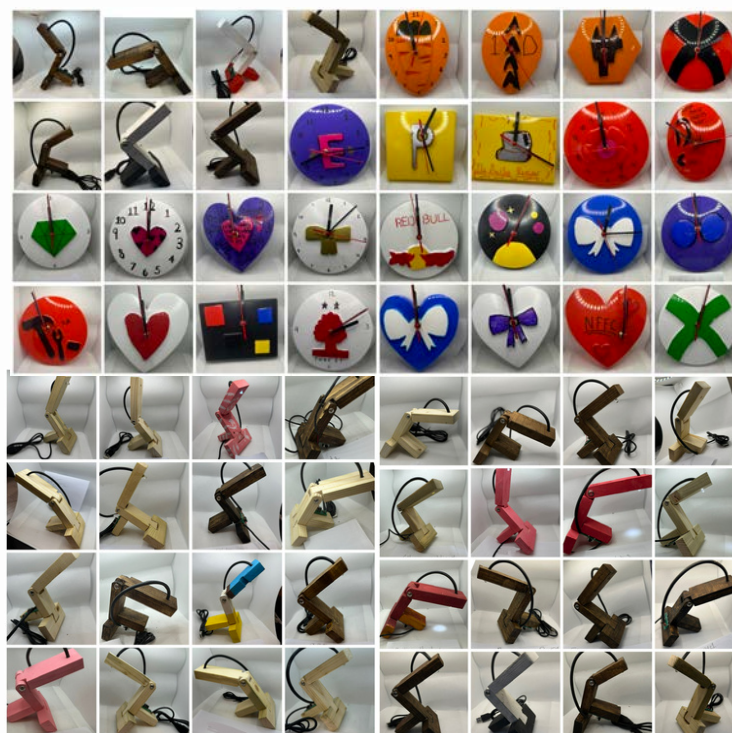


PROJECTS IN PRACTICE

Over the course of this year, our talented Design and Technology students have been hard at work completing their practical projects - and the results are truly impressive!

Year 9 students have designed and built their own USB lamps using pine. Throughout the process, they demonstrated their technical skills by crafting a variety of wood joints, including dovetail, bridle, and dowel joints, using a combination of hand tools and machinery. Each lamp was finished with either paint or polish, allowing students to add a personal touch to their creations.

Meanwhile, Year 8 students have been busy designing and making their own clocks using High Impact Polystyrene (HIPS). After sketching their initial design ideas, they created paper templates, cut their designs from wood, and used vacuum forming to shape the plastic background. Final details were added using vinyl stickers and permanent markers, resulting in a wide variety of vibrant and creative timepieces.



SPORTS CELEBRATION EVENING



On 10th July, the PE department held its 2025 Sports Celebration Evening, recognising the achievements of over 50 students. Awards were presented for sporting excellence and sportsmanship across KS3, KS4, and GCSE PE.

Guest speaker Taylor Brown, a former student and two-time World Boxing Champion, shared his inspiring journey, encouraging students to aim high and work hard. Attendees had the chance to see his championship belts and hear more about his success.

Further awards celebrated students' commitment to sport both in and out of school, including leadership and refereeing. The evening ended with Ella Parkes winning Sports Personality of the Year for her dedication to football and academic excellence. The PE team would like to thank parents for their ongoing support throughout the year.





NIC HAMILTON XCEEDX JR AWARD

At our recent Year 11 Commendation Evening, Mr Crossley was delighted to present Remy with the Nic Hamilton Xceedx JR Award in recognition of outstanding achievement.

Over his five years at the school, Remy has demonstrated all the characteristics of a Hall Park Learner. From staying late to litter pick every Friday to performing in school plays and revising hard for his GCSEs during Power Hour sessions, Remy has shown exceptional commitment and pride in our community.

Remy was always passionate about making Hall Park the best it could be. He consistently encouraged others to do the same, whether through his positive attitude, his willingness to support peers, or by presenting awards during Erewash celebration assemblies.

His leadership, kindness, and drive to contribute have left a lasting impact on the school, and he will be remembered as a role model for younger students. We are incredibly proud of everything Remy has achieved and look forward to seeing what he does next.



BUG HOTELS



Since the start of term, members of the school's Gardening Club have been busy getting creative with a new eco-friendly project – building bug hotels to support biodiversity in the Hall Park Academy garden. These mini wildlife havens are designed to offer shelter and nesting space for a variety of insects and other tiny garden visitors, such as ladybirds, solitary bees, and beetles.

The fantastic designs pictured were crafted by some of our talented Year 8 and Year 10 students, who are also working towards their King's Trust Award. As part of their community and environmental engagement project, they've shown great teamwork and care in designing unique habitats using natural and recycled materials.

These new additions to the garden will play a small but important role in encouraging a healthy ecosystem, and we think the "guests" at our bug hotels will be snug as a bug in no time!

The Gardening Club meets every Wednesday after school, led by our very own Mrs Bradley. Everyone is welcome, no green thumb required! Come along, pick up a trowel, and be part of growing something great.





HPA GARDENING

Our Gardening Club at Hall Park Academy is blossoming quite literally! This week, our budding horticulturists rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in, planting a variety of seeds including carrots, tomatoes, beans, pumpkins, and lettuce. It's been a real team effort, with students taking the lead on everything from weeding and digging the raised beds to breaking down fallen branches and giving the whole garden a good tidy-up. It wasn't always easy, but the results are already starting to show.

In true creative spirit, students have been building sturdy structures for climbing plants and even constructed a brand new herb garden using old wooden sleepers. The sunny weather has helped our plants along, but we've definitely been kept on our toes making sure everything stays watered and thriving.

And let's not forget our wildlife, our pond is now alive with frogs, and we're doing our best to keep it topped up so they can continue to grow.

Watch this space, and thank you for supporting our green-fingered journey!





DUKE OF EDINBURGH LEGEND

Year 10 student, Harrison Wood, has completed his Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award through school.

As part of his physical section, he set himself the challenge of walking the equivalent distance of 314 miles that separates London and Paris. Whilst challenging himself physically and mentally, Harrison chose to put others before himself, raising vital sponsorship for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme here at Hall Park Academy.

We are so incredibly proud of Harrison's achievement and dedication. Mrs Kelly and the Duke of Edinburgh staff team, are really grateful to Harrison for his commitment to supporting the award, with the sponsorship money being used for expedition kit maintenance and upgrades, allowing future students to benefit.



BRONZE EXPEDITION

At the beginning of term, over 60 Year 9 students began their Duke of Edinburgh's Award journey with a two-day practice expedition, navigating routes between East Leake and Cotgrave. After a night of camping at Hollygate Scout Campsite, all teams returned successfully, tired but proud, and ready for the next challenge.

Their qualifying expedition took place in June, starting in Shipley and finishing at Drumhill Campsite in Morley. Drawing on the navigation, teamwork, and cooking skills developed in their practice, students completed the expedition section with confidence and determination.

This achievement sits alongside the volunteering, physical, and skills sections of the award, which students continue to complete independently. We're proud of all who took part and look forward to seeing many progress to the Silver Award next year.



SILVER EXPEDITION

After the Easter break, 50 Year 10 students took on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition, building on their Bronze experience. Setting off from Baslow, they tackled a three-day route through the Peak District, including Bakewell and two nights of self-sufficient camping.

With heavier packs and tougher terrain, the step up to Silver was clear—but so was the sense of achievement. The qualifying expedition began in Dovedale with a symbolic crossing of the iconic stepping stones, setting the tone for a rewarding journey.

Students demonstrated impressive resilience, teamwork, and independence throughout, navigating safely and respecting the environment. We're incredibly proud of their efforts and the personal growth they've shown.



ASTON UNIVERSITY TRIP



On 24th June, eight Year 10 students from Hall Park Academy visited Aston University for an exciting and immersive experience designed to showcase the real-world applications of chemistry and the diverse career paths it can lead to.

As part of the day, students had the opportunity to step into the role of university science undergraduates. Donning lab coats and working in the university's state-of-the-art laboratories, they took part in a practical workshop where they synthesised aspirin – a process that introduced them to key chemical techniques and the relevance of chemistry in medicine and healthcare.

The visit was more than just a chance to experiment in the lab; it was an inspiring glimpse into life at university and a chance to consider future options in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths). Throughout the day, students engaged with university staff and current students, gaining valuable insights into studying science beyond school.

This trip forms part of Hall Park Academy's wider commitment to enriching the curriculum and encouraging students to explore their interests beyond the classroom.





INTER HOUSE PIANO

On 24th June, the Expressive and Performing Arts department was proud to host the 3rd Hall Park Academy Inter-House Piano Competition, an evening that celebrated the dedication, talent, and musical growth of our students.

The hall was filled with a warm and supportive audience of parents, classmates, and staff, all there to encourage and celebrate the performers. It was clear that students had invested significant time and effort into their preparation, with a noticeable improvement in playing standards across the board.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Talkes-Nichols as our adjudicator for the evening. With her extensive experience in music education and performance, she provided insightful and constructive feedback on each piece, helping students reflect on their progress and potential. A strong showing from Astle House, who contributed to the majority of the evening's performers, set up a high bar.

Events like this not only highlight the musical talent within our school but also reinforce the Hall Park values of perseverance, creativity, and community. We are incredibly proud of all who took part and look forward to seeing how our students continue to grow as musicians.





YEAR 13 PROM

on 26th June, our Year 13 students celebrated the end of their school journey with an unforgettable evening at their annual prom. Held at the beautiful Eastwood Hall, the event brought together students and staff for a night filled with laughter, celebration, and reflection.

The evening began with a warm welcome and a delicious hot buffet, followed by a lively disco that kept the dance floor full well into the night. Students made the most of the occasion, enjoying each other's company, capturing memories in photos, and celebrating their achievements in style.

The atmosphere was electric, and the joy was contagious, so much so that many students were reluctant for the night to end. It was a truly special event that marked the perfect send-off for our Year 13 leavers.

A huge thank you to the staff, organisers, and venue team who helped make the evening such a success. A wonderful night was had by all!





WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

On 2nd July, Hall Park Academy was delighted to take part in a unique and exciting opportunity as we joined Jamie Oliver's Guinness World Record attempt for the largest ever live cookery lesson.

On the day of the event, 16 students from Years 7 to 10, gathered in our Food Technology room to participate in the live-streamed session.

Jamie Oliver himself opened the session with an inspiring introduction, encouraging students across the country to embrace the joy of cooking and to be proud of learning new skills in the kitchen. Students at Hall Park had a fantastic time learning how to make fresh pasta from scratch and a tasty no-cook tomato sauce, using simple ingredients and healthy methods.

Furthermore, we are proud to announce that Miss Marriott and the students are proud World Record holders.





DRAMA & DANCE

SHOWCASE

On 2nd July, we were proud to host our Drama and Dance Showcase. An evening dedicated to celebrating the creativity and talent of our Key Stage 3 students.

The Drama Club delivered an entertaining selection of performances inspired by the stories of Roald Dahl, including Matilda, The Witches, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Their enthusiasm and characterisation brought these classic tales to life on stage.

In addition, three Year 7 drama groups performed powerful scenes exploring Hansel and Gretel and the topic of Cyberbullying, demonstrating impressive confidence, creativity, and understanding developed through their drama lessons.

The evening also featured two dynamic group dance pieces, set to Aladdin and Wake Me Up, performed by our talented Dance Group. These were complemented by a number of outstanding solo and duet performances, showcasing both technical skill and expressive choreography.





HPA'S GOT TALENT

On 3rd July, Hall Park Academy's HPA's Got Talent event returned with a full audience of students and staff showing strong support for the performers. The hall was filled with energy as the school community came together to watch a range of acts and celebrate the creativity of our students.

Hosted by Mr Cardwell, the event featured a range of talented singers, pianists and dancers. Each act demonstrated dedication and skill, with many students performing original pieces or putting their own spin on well-known works. The high standard of performance reflected the hard work that had gone into rehearsals.

Judging the event were Mr Freeman and Mrs Birkett, taking on the roles of Simon Cowell and Amanda Holden. Their feedback balanced praise with constructive comments, and they had the difficult task of choosing standout performances from such a strong field. It was an enjoyable evening that highlighted the value of performance and creativity at Hall Park.



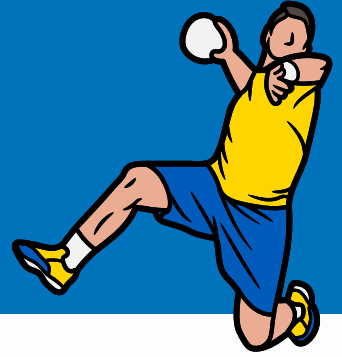


At the end of June, a fantastic WWI battlefields trip saw 31 Year 9 students visit key sites, based once again at the excellent Peace Village in Messines, near Ypres. They began on Saturday at the Goose's Foot, exploring the war's origins, and spent Sunday visiting places around Ypres, including Essex Farm cemetery (where Dr John McCrae wrote In Flanders Fields), the Flanders Fields Museum, Talbot House, and the moving Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate.

Monday was spent on the Somme, tracing the devastating first day of battle, and they concluded on Tuesday with a visit to a German cemetery, reflecting on the war's shared losses. Students also enjoyed shopping and dining in Ypres, Belgian chocolates, and games at the Peace Village.

Huge thanks to Miss Birkett, Mr Crossley, and our guide Neil. The students showed great resilience through a heatwave and a coach breakdown and rewarded with a luxury coach home!





HANDBALL HEROES

At the beginning of term, our Year 7 boys travelled to Sutton Bonington to represent Hall Park in the regional round of the England Handball Cup being a fantastic achievement in itself. Despite being the youngest team there, and up against squads made entirely of Year 8 players, our boys showed real resilience, determination, and quality.

They played two intense group stage matches, holding their own and pushing their opponents all the way. Unfortunately, they just missed out on a top-two finish that would have secured a place in the national finals, ending the group stage in a very respectable 3rd place.

But the story didn't end there. In the play-off round, the boys found their rhythm and put on a dominant display to beat a strong Loughborough side 5-1. The game was a showcase of their speed, teamwork, and tactical awareness, with every player stepping up and making a contribution.

They finished 5th overall in the region which is an outstanding result for a young team in their first taste of high-level competition. Most importantly, they gained invaluable experience and have already set their sights on coming back even stronger next year.



STAFF VS. STUDENTS NETBALL



On May 2nd, our annual Year 11 GCSE PE vs Staff netball match returned—and it didn't disappoint! This much-loved event is a fantastic way to celebrate the Year 11s as they near the end of their practical GCSE PE course, while giving them a chance to test their skills (and nerves!) against their teachers.

The game was played in great spirit, with both sides showing real determination, teamwork, and plenty of tactical flair. The Year 11s brought speed and agility, while the staff countered with experience, communication, and a few sneaky set plays.

Despite some excellent passages of play and sharp shooting from the students, the staff team managed to hold their own and secure the win. This result brings the overall series score to 4-1 in favour of the staff.

A huge well done to all the students who took part - you represented yourselves brilliantly both on and off the court. We're already looking forward to next year's match... could the Class of 2026 be the ones to stop the staff streak?

Game on!



BROXTOWE ATHLETICS



On May 8th, over 50 of our students represented Hall Park Academy at the annual Broxtowe Athletics Championships, held at the iconic Harvey Hadden Stadium.

Our athletes competed across a wide range of events—from sprints and long-distance races to throwing events like javelin and discus, as well as jumping events including the high jump and triple jump.

We're proud to share that Hall Park Academy placed 4th overall, a fantastic achievement against strong competition.

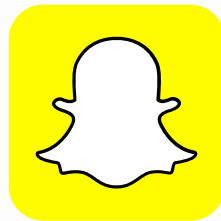
A special congratulations goes to the following students, whose performances have earned them a place at the County Schools Athletics Championships 2025, which took place at Harvey Hadden Stadium on Saturday 14th June:

- 100m – George Davis
- 200m – Eliyas Kassa
- Javelin – Oliver Borkowski
- Discus – Abbie Bicker, Olivia Hallam, Isaac Petts, and Michael Ohonba
- Long Jump – Elroy Tusso

Finally, a huge thank you to our brilliant Year 12 Sports Leaders, for helping run this event.



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Bullying is behaviour which is meant to hurt, frighten or upset another person several times on purpose.

How to report bullying in school and online:

Each company has their own blocking and reporting systems to combat bullying.

Tell a member of staff

Email: anti-bullying@hallparkacademy.org.uk

Use the anti-bullying box in House Support



NETBALL REVIEW EVENING

On 10th June, we were delighted to welcome a fantastic number of students to our annual Netball Academy Review Evening, held to reflect on a successful and rewarding year for our teams.

The evening began with a light-hearted netball shooting game, bringing some fun and friendly competition to kick things off. Afterwards, students gathered for a review of the season, celebrating the hard work, progress, and dedication shown by all players throughout the year.

Each student was awarded a certificate of participation, recognising their commitment to the team and their contributions both on and off the court.

We were also proud to present special awards to two outstanding players:

- Manager's Player of the Year: Naomi Jones
- Players' Player of the Year: Isla Askew

A huge well done to all our athletes for their determination, team spirit, and enthusiasm this season.



LONDON YOUTH ROWING



On June 16th, as a reward for their ongoing dedication to co-curricular clubs - particularly rowing - and their commitment to improving their technique, 12 enthusiastic students were given a fantastic opportunity to visit Holme Pierrepont National Watersports Centre. There, they had the chance to train with expert coaches from London Youth Rowing (LYR).

Throughout the day, the students took part in a variety of water-based activities designed to build their technical skills, teamwork, and overall confidence on the water. They had the experience of rowing in both quads and single sculls, giving them valuable exposure to different aspects of the sport. For many, it was a chance to challenge themselves, try something new, and push their limits in a supportive environment.

The students returned energized and inspired, already looking forward to future training sessions and competitions. A huge thank you to the coaches from London Youth Rowing for their time, encouragement, and expertise - it was a day to remember!





YOUTH SPORTS TRUST

On 24th June, our Year 9 students participated in Beyond the Baseline, a national initiative run by the Youth Sport Trust that uses tennis as a platform to develop leadership skills in young people.

Although tennis is not currently part of our PE curriculum, this programme offered students a valuable opportunity to try a new sport while building confidence and communication skills.

The session was led by Jade Windley, a former professional tennis player, who delivered expert coaching and engaging drills to introduce the fundamentals of the game.

The programme culminated in our Year 9 students planning and delivering a one-hour tennis session to a group of Year 7 students. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved, and our Year 9 leaders demonstrated enthusiasm, maturity, and impressive leadership throughout the day.





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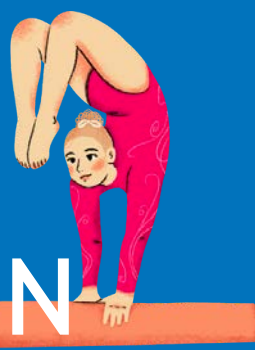
On 25th June, a team of Hall Park students travelled to Tupton Hall School to take part in the Trust Summer Games – a celebration of sport and teamwork across schools in the trust.

Our students took part in a range of events and delivered outstanding performances in each one. We're proud to share the following results:

- Rowing – 1st Place
- Quad Athletics – 1st Place
- Tug of War (Boys) – Joint 1st Place
- Tug of War (Girls) – Joint 1st Place
- Rounders – Joint 1st Place

The day was a fantastic opportunity for our students to demonstrate resilience, collaboration, and competitive spirit. Every student who participated showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, making the school proud.





GYMNASTICS CHAMPION

On 28th June, one of our students, Skye, who recently competed in the East Midlands Gymnastics Regional Championships and emerged as the East Midlands Champion at Diamond Level.

Skye demonstrated remarkable talent, focus, and determination throughout the competition. She delivered standout performances in every discipline, securing 1st place in Floor, Beam, and Overall All-Around, finishing with a total score of over 18 marks and winning the overall title by an impressive 1.85-point margin.

This is an exceptional accomplishment that places Skye among the top gymnasts in the region. Her dedication to training and pursuit of excellence is an inspiration to students across the academy.

We are incredibly proud of Skye's success and the way she represents the school with such pride and passion. We look forward to seeing her continue to thrive and achieve even more in the future.



SPORTS DAY



On 16th July was our annual Sports Day which saw a fantastic display of teamwork, effort, and school spirit. The morning began with rounders, where strong performances kept the scores tight. Erewash led with 152 points, just ahead of Collier (151) and Astle (148).

In the afternoon, students enjoyed a mix of events including tug of war, a new favourite, and our first-ever rowing challenge - won by Lawrence with 4,409m rowed.

On the track, highlights included Alfie Kirk Housley with a time of 14.38s, Year 7 and Ava Watson with 15.05s, Year 9 for their respective 100m races, and Eliyas Kassa breaking the Year 9 100m record in 11.46s. The 800m had brilliant participation, with students earning valuable points and GCSE PE evidence.

The staff 100m added great fun, with Mr Hoddle and Miss Greaves claiming victories in two packed races.

Congratulations to Erewash, who won the day with an incredible 2,000 points!



STAFF VS. STUDENTS BASKETBALL



Since September, our Basketball Academy students have trained with unwavering dedication every Monday, rain or shine, fixture or not. Even when limited to just 20 minutes due to other commitments, their passion for the game never wavered. They simply want to play.

To celebrate the end of the school year, the students challenged the teachers to a friendly match to see who would come out on top. The teachers took an early lead, dominating the first two quarters. But by the end of the third, the students had fought back to level the score at 13–13.

Then, in an exciting final quarter, the students delivered a series of incredible three-pointers, securing a well-earned 26–19 victory!

We'll be ready for a rematch next year...





EXPECTATIONS IN PE

As we are coming to the end of the school year, we would like to remind and update you of expectations in PE and the PE kit. We are excited to announce some of the PE kit has been updated.

- PE kit can be purchased from either of our school uniform suppliers, Just Schoolwear or Morleys Schoolwear.
- You can review the latest PE kit requirements on our website: Hall Park Academy - Appearance & Uniform
- Leggings must be our black HPA branded leggings. There is a newer version now available which has the school logo rather than letters.
- There is a new quarter zip jacket available to purchase as an option instead of the fleeces and rugby tops. These are optional.
- Black socks must be worn for all lessons except gymnastics and trampolining. In trampolining lessons, grips socks of any colour are allowed.
- We recommend that fashion trainers and footwear aren't worn as it increases the chance of injury due to the lack of support around the ankle and lack of grip e.g. Converse.
- Hair must be tied up. Please make sure your child brings hair bobble for PE.
- All students require shin pads and gum shields. These can be purchased from any high street supplier or via ParentPay and collected from reception.
- A reminder that all piercings must be removed for PE lessons. Plasters/tape etc. over piercings will not be allowed and refusal to remove piercings will result in a sanction as per the Behaviour Policy. If your child is planning on getting a piercing in summer, please do this straight away as they will need to be removed for their first PE lesson in September.



Pre-loved Uniform

Got any uniform that you no longer need?

If you have any good-condition uniform no longer needed, it can be donated to the school. Donated items are used to support students and items not needed are used to create a swap shop for later in the year. Please drop off any donations at the school reception.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

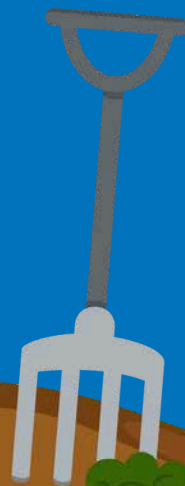


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