



**Headteacher Message – 13.10.23**

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*This week has been a very busy week at school! We have had our Year 11 Geographers on their field trip with ‘Team Geography’, lots of sport fixtures/practices and a Year 8 History / RS trip to Canterbury!*

*Our enrichment programme is really important to us, so please check out the clubs which are on offer: **Extracurricular – Hall Mead School.***

*Miss Ducker*

**It is Scarecrow Time!**

DT Teacher Mrs Lloyd will be creating, with the help of Years 7 and 8 students, our first **EVER** Hall Mead Scarecrow to support Engayne School with their 2023 Scarecrow Trail.

Watch out for some spooky additions to the front of our school! To get involved and participate in the trail, further information can be found at:



**Hall Mead ‘Wish List’ - #1**

Just a reminder of this wish list! We have had some seeds donated and wood but could certainly do with some more:

- Any perennial plants (we are hoping to create some raised bedding planted areas)

- Meadow flower seeds
- Wood, which could be used to create the raised bedding areas (we will get students/staff to build these in DT)

### **Mrs Fanning's Golden Time and Golden Wristbands**

Mrs Fanning, Senior Assistant Headteacher, launched her Golden Time this week! 8DM were awarded with an early VIP lunch and early access to the canteen this week in recognition of their amazing number of Achievement Points! Which form will be next?



In Year 8, Joshua L and Victoria Z have been awarded this week's 'Golden Wristband' for having the highest APs in their year. Congratulations!

### **Mr Cashman's Special Student Nomination**

Mr Cashman would like to recognise the determination and fortitude of Year 9 Poppy G this week. He shared with me:

***"...Poppy is currently wearing a boot on her right leg as she has fractures, ligament, muscle and tendon damage. Poppy lives for dancing and PE but cannot do either, without risking permanent damage and a life without either, if she doesn't follow medical advice.***

***When I say Poppy lives for dancing, I truly mean it. It is at the core of her life. Due to her injuries, Poppy has to watch and listen to her friends talking about dancing and PE, and yet, she comes in every day.***

***I cannot think of someone who is a better example of our school value 'burning brightly' right now."***



## Sustainability and Recycling

Senior Prefects Luca and Ellie had an important meeting with ELAT's Chief Operating Officer Andrew Frater on sustainability and recycling at Hall Mead.



We were delighted to learn the following:

- Hall Mead has solar panels installed on the roof in A Block. This creates 20% of the energy we use!



- 84% of everything we throw in our bins is recycled and the other 16% is made into fuel pellets. Our rubbish is sorted by a robot at an off-site specialised recycling plant. Check this video out to see it actually happening: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tulyOAq1PGk>
- All our lightbulbs are LED, meaning that they are, at least, 75% cheaper to run and more energy efficient
- So far, we have produced 23.5Mwh of power from the panels, the equivalent of 20% of our usage and saving 12,312.2kg of carbon dioxide emissions, equal to planting 754 trees!

## Parental Kindness

We continue to receive sweet treats from parents! Thank you, this time, to Year 11 student Jacob's mum for her kind gifts. We definitely have enjoyed them!



### Miss Kennett – Head of Year 7

Miss Kennett, Head of Year 7 / Teacher of PE, is delighted to celebrate the following sporting successes from her year group this week:

- Noah dived in a regional comp (ESSA East Regionals) and came second overall. The Borough of London have chosen him for their team, so he will be representing Hall Mead School and the London region in December at Manchester!



- Sienna and Bella trialled and made it in to the County team for netball!

### The Essex Fire Museum | Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

The Essex Fire Museum has two Halloween open days at the Essex Fire Museum on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023. These are **free events** and there will be some exciting opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in the fire safety room, partake in craft activities and even sit in a fire-engine. If visitors are brave enough, we have been told that they can also venture into the haunted house.

Suggested last admission is 2.30pm so that visitors have enough time to experience everything on site. If you are interested in attending, please email us at: [museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk). **All visits to the museum must be pre-booked as it is on the site of an operational fire station.**

### Mrs Morgan's (Head of PE) Sporting Successes

The Year 10 boys' football team are off to a fantastic start to the season beating William Edward's in the Essex Cup, St Cleres and The Hundred of Hoo Academy in the National Cup.

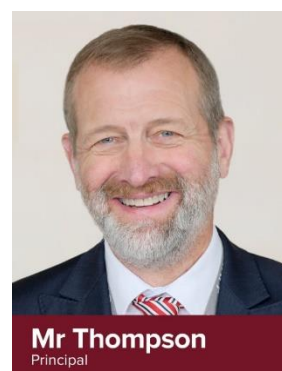
The team faces St Martin's in the next round of the Essex Cup on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and we will be hoping for another strong performance.

Mr Bamber, Deputy Headteacher, supported this week's fixture with his 93-year-old dad and Mr Ken Bamber Senior selected Eric P as his 'Man of the Match' for his stability and strength in defence.

Well done Eric! Thank you, Mr Bamber Senior, for your feedback and for attending the fixture! **#hallmeadfamily**



As well as this, our Year 9 football team beat Eastbury 4-0 in the Essex Cup and beat our ELAT team Brittons 4-0 in the Havering Cup with 21 B team players playing. Mr Thompson, Headteacher at Brittons, commended Hall Mead for its sportsmanship and inclusivity in this fixture.



### **Mr Sammons, Sports Leaders**

The Year 10 sports leaders did an amazing job of marshalling at the Havering Primary School Cross Country at Stubbers this week.

A special mention must go to Freddie R who ran 10km as he led all of the races. He certainly looks like he enjoyed himself!



### **Miss Casey, Head of Year 10 / English Teacher**

Miss Casey would like to celebrate Teddy W from her Year 11 English class!

She shared with me:

***“Teddy is displaying a very mature approach to his PPE preparation. He has been very perceptive in his understanding of the key themes in lessons and revision and strives to have an even better understanding by continuously discussing and developing interpretations of the text.”***

Well done Teddy – you have made an impressive start to Year 11!

### **Adult Support with Reading!**

We would like to invite parents, carers and grandparents to be part of our interactive reading experience at school.

We know that 121 reading improves student skills, offers social and emotional advantages and the value of listening to students read out loud is hugely beneficial.

It would be wonderful if you are able to give an hour of your time, either weekly or fortnightly, to listen to our students read in our library lessons.

There will be a short training session to support you in this role.

If this is something you feel able to support, please email: [\*\*vhallett@elatschools.co.uk\*\*](mailto:vhallett@elatschools.co.uk)