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## *Headteacher's Newsletter*

**10th November 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As mentioned in last week's Headteacher Newsletter, we were very excited about an article which was due to be published in 'The Romford Recorder'.

Last Friday, the article went live online and we understand that it will be in print today and can be purchased.

Here is a link to the online edition of the article: [Hall Mead School in Upminster keeps highest Ofsted rating | Romford Recorder.](#)

Thank you to their reporter Riddhi Kachhela for writing this article about our school.

I wanted to give a special mention to Year 9 students Ellen C and Poppy G for helping me this week support a younger student. They overheard my conversation with the Year 7 student and immediately, and unprompted by me, offered their help and assistance. They are shining examples of what true kindness looks like.

Thank you to both of them for their act of kindness.

Thanks again.

**Miss Ducker**  
**Headteacher**



**Year 9—Ellen**



**Year 9—Poppy**





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# We Need Your Help



After the recent stormy weather, we have discovered we have a leak in our roof in B Block.

We would like to support a local business and wondered if any parents/carers work for, or own, a fully insured roofing company, and would be prepared to give us a quote for the work and, if agreed, then complete the repair for us.

At a time, when school budgets are tight, and there is a cost of living crisis, we felt that using a local business and even better if it were a parent/carer, would be great for everyone involved!

Please get in touch with us, if you think you could come in and give us a quote, on [kcarter@elatschools.co.uk](mailto:kcarter@elatschools.co.uk)





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## **ELAT — Collaboration and Support**

### **Mr John Morris**

We were delighted to welcome ex-Ardleigh Green Headteacher John Morris to Hall Mead on Friday 3rd November 2023. Mr Morris hosted our Year 7 assembly which included teaching the students a song and getting them to sing it!

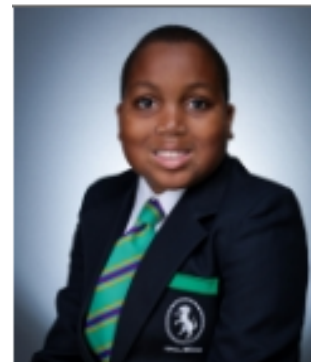
Head of Year 7 Miss Kennett was so impressed with the Year 7s and their positive attitude in this assembly!

One Year 7 student called Folu even wanted the song singing again!

Thank you to Mr Morris for making this such a special start to our school day.

Mr Morris will be visiting again the week beginning 4th December to visit lessons and speak to students about their experience of being a student at Hall Mead School.

We hope that he will consider including some more singing too!



*Year 7—Folu*

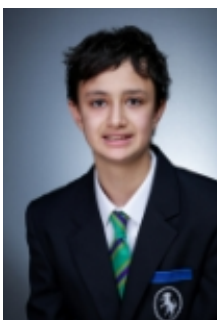
## **Visit from Mr London! Wednesday 8th November 2023**

Thank you to Mr London for paying us a special visit on Wednesday 8th November.

Mr London visited a number of lessons and shared the following observations:

- **How polite and friendly our students are**
- **What fantastic work students were completing**
- **How focused students were on their learning**
- **What positive relationships staff and students have**

Mr London has been invited to this year's Award Evening so we will be looking forward to seeing him again next week.



Thank you for the visit!

Mr London, our students really enjoyed seeing you again—especially Niall F in Year 9!

*Year 9—Niall*





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## Mrs Fanning—Golden Celebrations



We are very proud to announce 9TL as this week's recipients of Golden Time at Hall Mead for jumping ahead and topping the achievement point chart!

Your Form Tutor Mr Lucas is very proud of you all!



Last week, we celebrated 9DS for smashing their Year 9 competition in securing the highest number of Achievement Points!

They enjoyed their early lunch and delicious golden treats!



**Non-Stop November Update**  
**Mrs Afteni—Senior Assistant Headteacher**

Here are the Non-Stop November results for last week for our ELAT secondary schools:

**Hall Mead  
School**

**Brittons  
Academy**

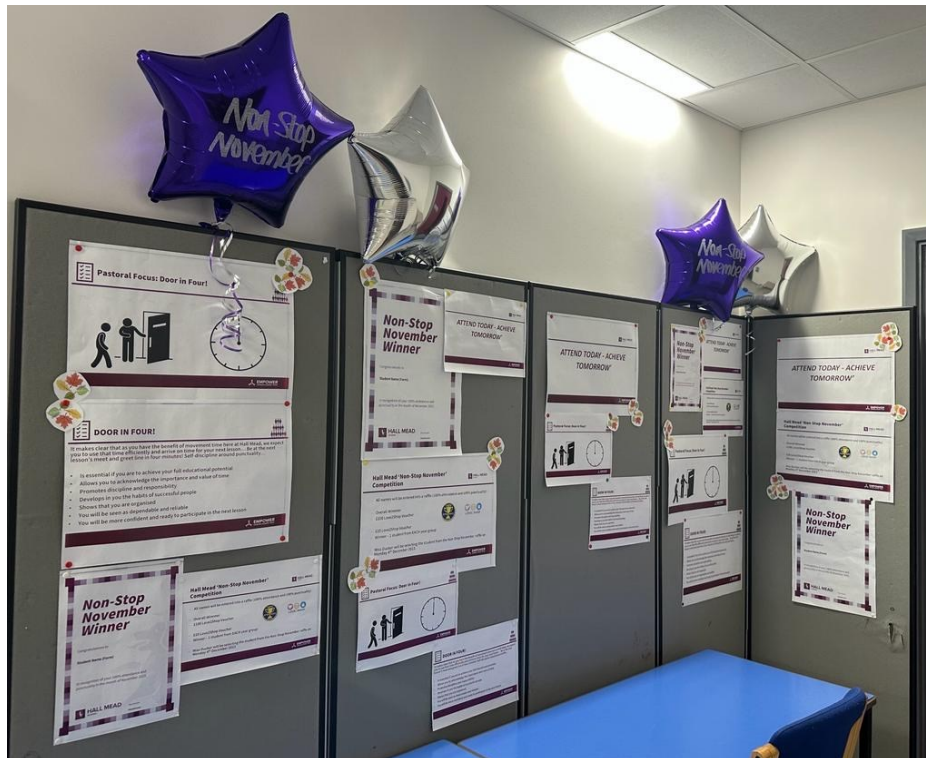
**Bower Park  
Academy**

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attendance

**79%**

**73%**

**52%**



**Come on Team Hall Mead!**



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**Mrs Brighty-Glover, Assistant Headteacher**

**Mr Smith, History Enrichment Lead**

Mrs Brighty-Glover has hosted our Remembrance assemblies this week for Years 7-10. This year's 2023 theme is remembering service. Thank you to Mrs Brighty-Glover for delivering such a thought-provoking assembly to our students.

'Team History' have also been reminding our school community this week, that we need to pass the Beacon of Remembrance onto the new generation. We have been encouraged to:

## **Pause-Reflect-Remember**

With this in mind, we are looking forward to holding our own Hall Mead School Remembrance Service today from 10.50am—11.10am by our special Remembrance Peace Tree.

This year's service will also remember our dear friend and colleague, Elaine Evans, and ex-student Amy Hawkins, who sadly passed away in September 2023.

The History Department have invited all staff to attend the service if they are available and wish to do so, and staff teaching at this time, will observe a two-minute Academy-wide silence during P2 with their classes at **11am**.



**Hall Mead's  
Remembrance  
Peace Tree**





# Mr Morritt's Achievement Point Celebrations

Year Group Totals			
Year	AP	BP	Total
7	9080	164	8916
8	7822	458	7364
9	7376	533	6843
10	6434	324	6110
11	4027	518	3509
<b>Overall Conduct Score</b>			<b>32742</b>

House Totals			
House	AP	BP	Total
Chapman	8213	520	7693
Dickens	9619	433	9186
Talbot	8404	491	7913
Waltham	7543	544	6999

Year 7
Sienna W
Bonnie T

**Well Done to our Weekly Winners**

Year 8
Harry W

Year 9
Kianna K
Lily W

Year 10
Maria CM

Year 11
Evie B
George R



**Miss Towey—Director of Maths**



Here are this week's Sparx winners!

**Week 9**

## Sparx Maths Superstars

Top 3 XP from each year group

Year 7	
Sam J	7CS
Dalia V	7CS
Amara I	7DL

Year 8	
Szofia B	8TB
Rayyan I	8DM
Jun Xi L	8TB

Year 9	
William L	9WH
Hari P	9WTw
Het P	9WH

Year 10	
Mia S	10TE
Yasmin R	10WMc
Isabella D	10TC

Year 11	
Rares D	11WS
Evie D	11WS
Violet C	11CS



**Mrs Hallett, Assistant Headteacher**  
**Funky Vibes Dance School**



Funky Vibes Dance School performed two shows on Sunday afternoon and evening at the Kenneth Moor Theatre, Ilford.

The girls were amazing and had clearly worked very hard with an additional rehearsal Sunday morning.

It was wonderful to see them enjoy their dancing. They are clearly a very talented young people!

Well done girls!







## Miss Kennett and Mr Shaheed's Year Group Competitions!

This half-term, to link in with the theme for our 1000 Acts of Kindness, Years 7 and 8 will be participating in a new competition.

The focus will be on being kind and Miss Kennett and Mr Shaheed will be monitoring the achievement points awarded under the value of 'being kind'. The form will the most APs under this value by Christmas will get a prize!

### Which form will win?



## Hornchurch FC Ticket! Mr Sammons, 2 i/c PE

Mr Sammons has awarded our second Hornchurch FC reward ticket to Fenton E f or his levels of performance in football, cricket and his PE lessons.

Mr Sammons has described his work rate and standard as 'OUTSTANDING'.

Well done Fenton! And, thank you again to Hornchurch FC for their generosity in providing these free tickets.



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## **Havering Council—Feedback Required**

Havering Council has launched a consultation on their 2025/26 Home to School Transport Policy – see link below and attached QR code.

<https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/education/home-to-school-transport-consultation>



If you would like to provide feedback, please complete the following survey:

[Home to School Transport Consultation - Page 1 of 8 - London Borough of Havering Council - Citizen Space](#)

## **New Member of Staff—Mr Newall**

Mr Newall is already proving to be an amazing addition to the Hall Mead family, both for his subject teaching and his pastoral care.



He has really got to know his new form well and gives a lot of extra time and space over to them to support them and help them thrive.

As he is a keen sportsman himself and really believes in the power of sport, he is also giving up even more time to some of the school sports teams to help coaching and leading them through fixtures.

Mr Newall demonstrates all of our school values day in, day out and we are so pleased to have him at Hall Mead!

## **Personal Resilience and Strength**

I would like to recognise Frankie DF this week for demonstrating resilience and strength this week.

Starting secondary school is never easy, but we are proud of her for being resilient and attending her lessons, despite, at times, that feeling more difficult for her to do.



**Keep up the good work Frankie!**

**Frankie DF and her friend Lyriah**

# Need some advice and support on keeping your child safe online?

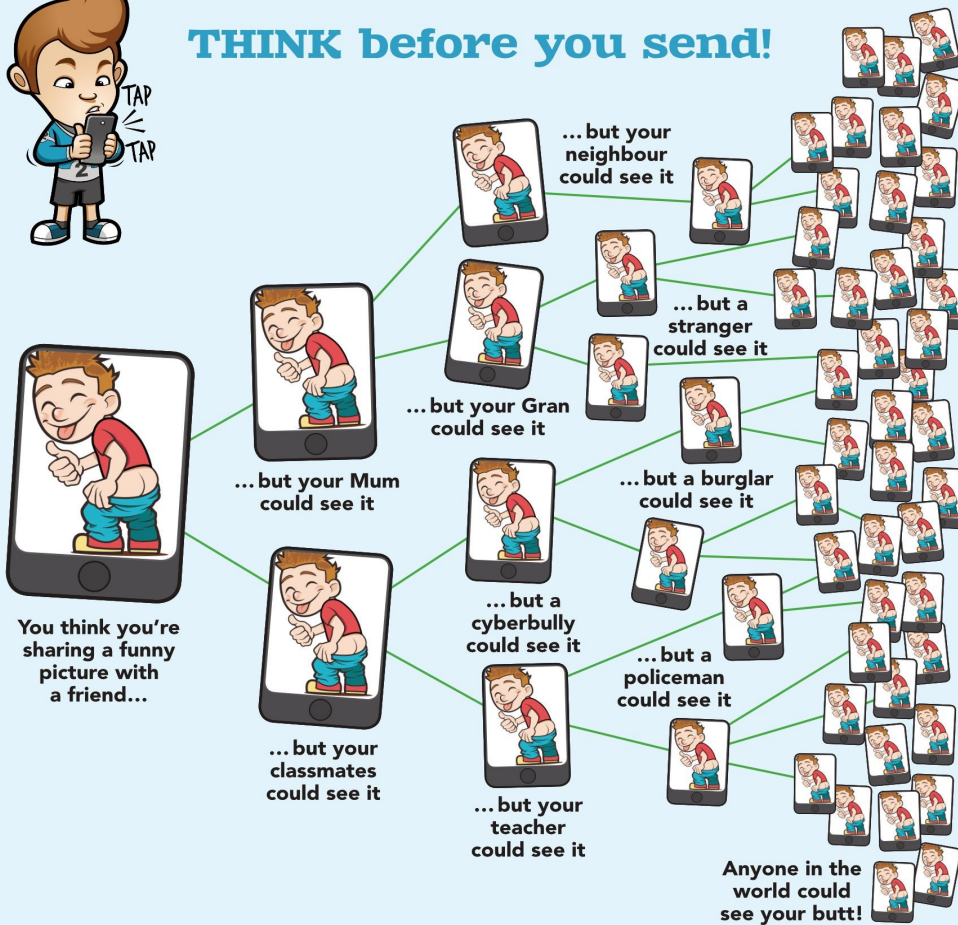


Keeping children safe online

## Parent Guides to Online Safety



**THINK before you send!**



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



### If you share it, you are involved

**If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

**Skips Educational** Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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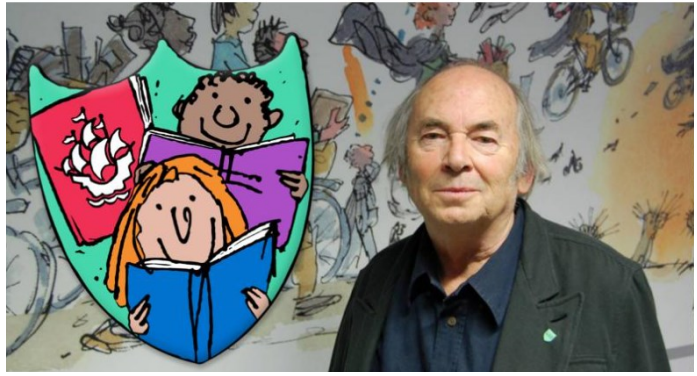


[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)



## Blue Peter Book Badge

CBBC has introduced the exciting new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who students might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!



To earn their badge, students just need to share their love of books by answering some questions They can apply using the online form or by post.

The badge is really worth having especially as students can access so many attractions either free or at a reduced rate.

To find out more information, please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



## Mr O'Neill, Assistant Headteacher Special Educational Needs School Bus

Our SEN School Bus arrives at the end of each school day to transport our students back home.

Unfortunately, the drivers of the different buses are struggling to gain access to Marlborough Gardens due to parents / carers parking directly outside the school.



To allow this service to operate in a safe way, we would ask our parents / carers to not park in the area, directly outside the school.

Thank you, in advance, for your support with this.