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Headteacher's Newsletter

17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I feel so lucky to work within in a school community which is so dedicated to celebrating the kindness of others.

Mr Smith and Miss Savage contacted me this week to ask which special awards are available that can be awarded to students for going above and beyond what is expected of them. They told me about a situation which they felt deserved such an award.

It was only a few weeks' ago when Year 11 student Lucy provided assistance to her friend who was experiencing a medical emergency. She reacted in that difficult moment with such maturity and confidence, offering support to her fellow student and to the staff who were also present.

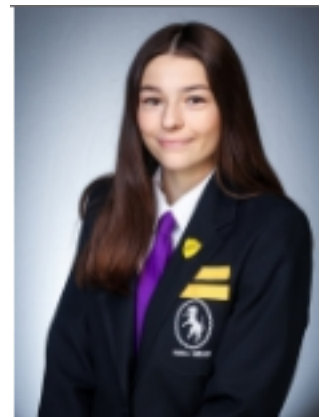
For this, we would like to award Lucy one of only 50 purple pins.

A purple pin can **only** be awarded by myself as Headteacher and is in recognition for an **extra special act**.

On this day, Lucy's selfless response to help her friend is exactly what we stand for as a community. When one of us needs help, we should all be there, in any way that we can, to provide that assistance. Well done Lucy.

Thanks again.

Miss Ducker



Year 11—Lucy

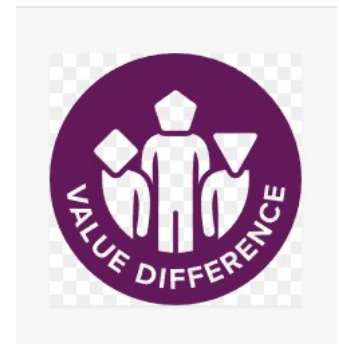


Anti-Bullying Assemblies
Head of PCSHE—Mr Cashman

A big thank you must go to Mr Cashman this week for delivering assemblies to all year groups this week with a strong anti-bullying message.

As part of his powerful assembly, he told students a story about a badger who lived in the woods and who wanted everyone to be just like himself. At the end of the story, the badger realises that the world would be a pretty boring place if everyone was the same, and if those who were different, were excluded from his space.

Mr Cashman challenged our students to not be like the badger and to promote the idea that **'EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE'**.





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Mrs Fanning—Golden Wristbands

A number of students have received a golden wristband from Mrs Fanning!

This special wristband gives the winner the right to jump the queue in the canteen! Well done to all those students who received one!



Year 7—Rafael



Head Boy—Year 11—Luca



Year 8—Chloe



Year 10—Jess



Head Girl—Year 11 Diya



Year 11—Summer



Year 11—Georgia



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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

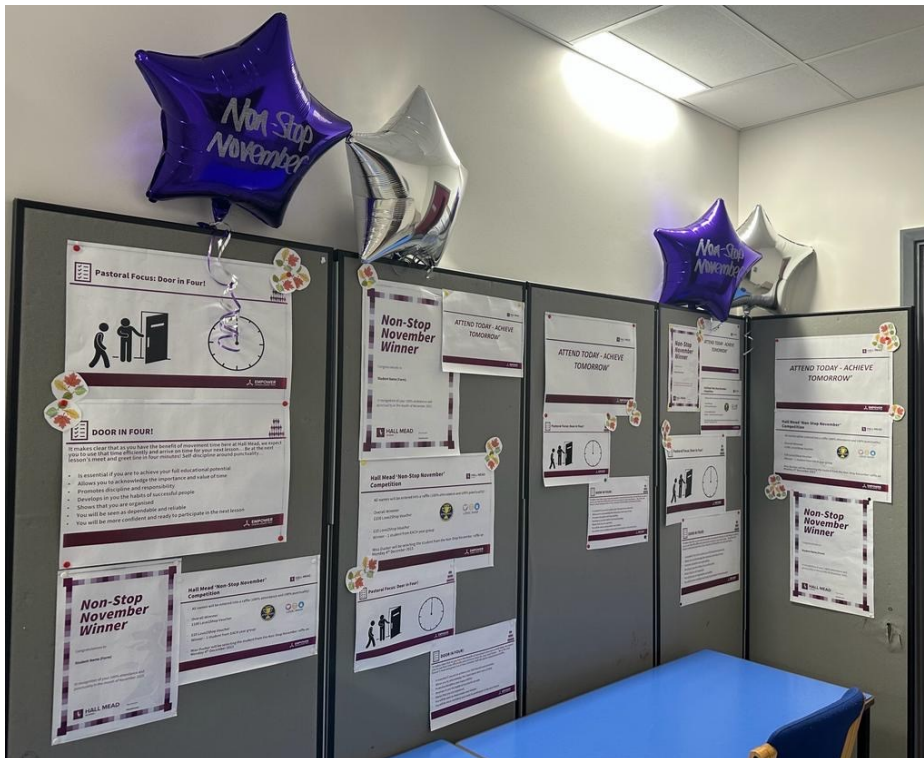
Bower Park
Academy

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attendance

66%

60%

38%



Come on Team Hall Mead!



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Mr Smith, History Enrichment Lead

Thank you to Mr Smith for hosting a beautiful Remembrance Service on Friday 10th November. As part of the service, staff and students also remembered Elaine Evans, a much loved member of staff, and Amy Hawkins, an ex-student who sadly passed away.

The service was punctuated by a number of poems and different laying of wreaths. It was a special moment in which we were encouraged to:

Pause-Reflect-Remember

Thank you Mr Smith for organising such a contemplative service.



**Hall Mead's
Remembrance
Peace Tree**





Special Staff Mentions

Mrs Butler and Mrs Lammin

This week, I would like to recognise Mrs Butler, Deputy SENCO, and Mrs Lammin, LSA Manager for their excellent work and commitment to the school.

On Monday, they met with my Senior Leadership Team to discuss how teaching and learning is adapted by teachers to meet the needs of our SEN students.

Their dedication to the SEN students in their care is outstanding and for that, I would like to give them both a very special mention this week.

Miss Towey—Director of Maths



Here are this week's Sparx winners!

Week 10		Sparx Maths Superstars		Top 3 XP from each year group	
Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
Sam J	7CS	Szofia B	8TB	William L	9WH
Dalia V	7CS	Rayyan I	8DM	Hari P	9WTw
Aamnah A	7WJ	Jun Xi L	8TB	Het P	9WH
Year 10		Year 11			
Yasmin R	10WMc	Rares D	11WS		
Mia S	10TE	Evie D	11WS		
Isabella D	10TC	Violet C	11CS		



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Personalised Learning Progress Award

Mr Rooke, SEN PE Teacher

This week, Mr Rooke would like to award Ronnie McN the 'Personalised Progress Award' for his dedication to his work and positive attitude.

Well done Ronnie, we are all very proud of you!



Dedicated Dads

HEST and CAMHS would like to invite you to come along and have a chat with other Dads and our teams.

When - Wednesday 6th December 6-7pm

Where - Hornchurch Fire Station, Community Room, 42, North Street, Hornchurch RM11 1SH

Please register your interest

MHSThav@nelft.nhs.uk



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House Cross Country

Well done to everyone who took part in the House Cross Country this week!

Here are the podium winners:

Girls

Year 7/8

- 1st - Megan L (Dickens)
- 2nd - Jessica L (Dickens)
- 3rd - Isabel C (Talbot)



Year 9/10/11

- 1st - Ruby B (Talbot)
- 2nd - Jessica T (Talbot)
- 3rd - Olivia B (Waltham)

Boys

Year 7/8

- 1st - Ollie J (Waltham)
- 2nd - Rhys C (Talbot)
- 3rd - Leo K (Dickens)

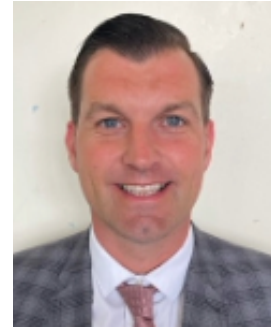
Year 9/10/11

- 1st - Freddie R (Chapman)
- 2nd - Freddie G (Chapman)
- 3rd - Harry S (Talbot)





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Year 11—Football

Mr Leslie, Assistant Headteacher

Mr Leslie is delighted to announce a 6-4 victory against Champion! Goal scorers included: Favour, Caleb, Micky and James! Well done



Year 10 Visit

Mr Leslie, Assistant Headteacher / Mrs Kirsten Witchalls, ELAT Careers Advisor

Mr Leslie and Mrs Witchalls took a wonderful group of Year 10 students to visit Queen's College and Selwyn College in Cambridge on Friday. Mrs Witchalls said that the students 'were a pleasure to be with' and that she 'hoped that they enjoyed their day'.

A huge thank you must go to Cambridge University for hosting this special day!





Community Outreach Work

Mrs Hallett, Assistant Headteacher

Upminster Library is participating in the 'Warm Coats Initiative'. This programme allows for warm coats can be picked up by anyone for free. Donations welcome.

The 'Warm Coats' initiative will be happening at most libraries this Autumn and Winter.

If you would like to donate a coat, the libraries are asking for donations of warm, good quality, undamaged and clean adult or children's coats .

As the libraries are unsure of how many coats they will receive, please contact the relevant library before bringing in your donations.

Winter Weather

This week we experienced some torrential downpours making it very wet for students when they moved from A to B Block.

We would recommend you sending your child into school with a suitable coat, and preferably one which is waterproof. This will help them manage the school day if it does rain and they are welcome to store it in their locker.



Thank you for your support with this.

Adios to Mrs Chartinier

A huge thank you to Mrs Chartinier for her support since September to both the Spanish Department and all the students in her classes. We wish you every success for the future.

We are excited to announce that Mr Garcia has returned to Hall Mead to continue his teaching of Spanish.





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London Borough of Havering—Vaping

Please see a link below to the online government survey and further information around youth vaping.

This consultation seeks feedback from young people, parents, carers and teachers on the proposed measures, to inform future legislation.

On youth vaping, there are a number of options proposed, to ensure the UK Government and devolved administrations take the most appropriate and impactful steps, building on existing evidence.

[Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping: your views - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The consultation closes on 6 December 2023 at 11:59pm and you can respond via the online survey.

Keeping Our Students Safe

Parking directly outside the school, especially at the end of the school day, continues to pose a risk to the safety of our students when they cross the road.

With the position of our school main entrance being on a bend, any cars which park in the immediate vicinity of our entrance, make crossing the road safely more difficult.

Please can we ask for your support in parking just a few more metres away from the entrance so we can help our children safely cross the road.

Thank you for your help with this.

