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## *Headteacher's Newsletter*

**1st December 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I was delighted to receive a letter this week from Trevor Cook (Assistant Director of Education) and Tara Geere (Director of Starting Well) from the London Borough of Havering. Here is a copy of that letter:

***...on behalf of Havering Council, we are writing to congratulate you on the outcome of your recent Ofsted inspection. Having now read the final report, we were delighted to see that the quality of your educational provision was fully recognised by inspectors and that all the hard work from so many people associated with the school has paid dividends.***

***We hope that you feel that the report accurately reflects the quality of provision at your school and that you are now well-placed to continue progressing in the future. We fully appreciate the hard work and commitment required to achieve this judgement. You can all be very proud of the work you are doing for the young people at Hall Mead.***

***On behalf of everyone in Education Services, congratulations to you for your ambitious leadership. Please also pass on our congratulations to all staff, who 'know their pupils well', and 'are experts in their subject', governors and, of course, the pupils – who 'are exceptionally proud to be part of the Hall Mead community', who 'produce high quality work in a broad range of subjects', and 'enjoy their lessons and show consistently positive attitudes to their learning'. They are clearly very proud of their school and we are sure that you too are very proud of them.***

It is always a very proud moment to have our hard work and success noted, especially from the leadership team at Havering. Once again, I feel truly lucky to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school.

Thanks again.  
**Miss Ducker**  
**Headteacher**





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Hall Mead Charity Work—Royal British Legion

**An impressive  
£147.12  
has been raised!**





**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**

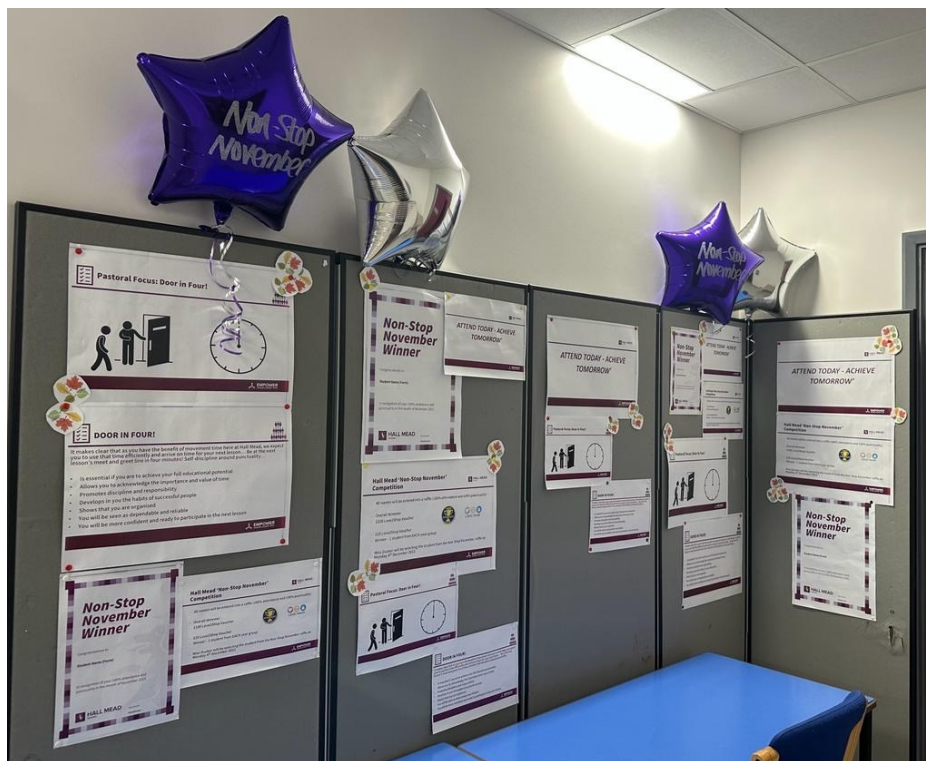
**Bower Park  
Academy**

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attendance

**40%**

**41%**

**20%**



**Come on Team Hall Mead!**





**It's Christmas Time at Hall Mead!**  
**Mrs Hallett—Assistant Headteacher**  
**a.k.a Mrs Christmas!**

Mrs Hallett has been working hard behind the scenes to organise a plethora of Christmas themed events for the month of December! You will soon be receiving more information about these.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Upminster lights	23.11.23
Methodist Church Tree Festival	30.11.23
Avon Road Tree Decoration	TBC
Year 7 St Luke's Carol Service	11.12.23, p4 and p5
Christmas Concert	13.12.2023
Christmas Jumper Day or equivalent	15.12.2023
Christmas Dinner	15.12.2023
Write a letter to an elderly person at the local residential home. Year 7	Various dates
1000 Acts of Kindness: Harold Hill and Thurrock Foodbanks	Delivery — 14.12.2023







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# **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**VISIT OUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December until**  
**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
**ON SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2023**  
**10-3pm**

**CHARITY STALLS,**  
**CHRISTMAS GIFTS, CRAFTS**  
**AND REFRESHMENTS**

## **FESTIVAL OPENING TIMES**

**Weekdays 2pm-6pm**

**Saturdays 10am-4pm**

**Sundays 12pm-4pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

**DONATIONS FOR ST FRANCIS HOSPICE**

**UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH**

**HALL LANE, RM14 1AE**





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## Year 7—Well Done Dylan M!

Well done to Dylan M for spending some of his weekend and own time creating his Christmas Tree decoration!



Dylan also has been awarded an incredible 92 Achievement Points since he started at Hall Mead so is obviously set to achieve great things! Keep up the amazing work Dylan—we are so proud







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## Mr Wells' Hall Mead's Christmas Carol Concert 2023

Everyone is warmly invited to attend Hall Mead's Christmas Carol Concert on Wednesday 13th December from 6-7pm.

Come and join us to sing a carol or two, listen to a Christmas reading and watch our wonderful students sing and play an instrument.

The concert is free but to book your place, please email: [rwells@elatschools.co.uk](mailto:rwells@elatschools.co.uk) with your name and how many seats you require.

This will be a great way to start your Christmas celebrations!







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**Want to be a teacher?**

# Thinking about teaching as a career?

To find out about training to teach in a secondary school in Havering, visit our website and sign up for our online information evening:

Wednesday  
13th December 2023  
18.30-20.00



Havering  
Teacher Training  
Partnership



[www.haveringteachertraining.co.uk](http://www.haveringteachertraining.co.uk)

## **Mr Cole—Miss Annie Cole Family for Life**

We were delighted to welcome a number of primary school teacher trainees to visit Hall Mead School this week and one of these trainees was Mr Cole's daughter Annie.

Annie is currently training at Engayne Primary School.

We wish Annie the very best of luck for her training year and her journey into education.



**Mr Cole**



## **‘SHOUT about the money’ - consulting children and young people on Havering’s budget**

The Council has recently launched a consultation on its budget for the financial year 2024/25.

As they have outlined in that consultation, they are facing a £31.2 million budget gap (before council tax) in the next year and must find significant savings in order to set a balanced budget, which they must do by law each year.

### **Havering’s core grant is the third lowest in London which is why their financial position is so challenging.**

The funding formula used to determine the grant from Central Government has not changed in the past decade, while Havering’s population and the levels of need within it have grown significantly. As well as having one of the oldest populations in London, Havering has the fourth fastest growing child population in the country, and these two factors together create huge demand and pressure.

As Havering moves towards setting the budget for next year, they want to understand the views of our residents and that includes the children and young people of Havering.

As a local authority, Havering values the feedback and views of children and young people in the borough and want to ensure that those views are considered in the difficult decisions that they know they will have to take, now and in the future.

The survey is being delivered with our established engagement partner Mind Of My Own and it is called ‘SHOUT about the money’.

It includes the same set of savings proposals that are outlined in our main consultation and we have worked with a group of young people to ensure that this weighty topic is covered in a way that we hope will be accessible and meaningful to children.

The survey can be accessed on the main [consultation platform](#) or directly using this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SHOUTaboutthemoney/>





## Achievement Point Update

Mr Morritt, Head of Waltham/Head of Year 11, has responsibility for our school Achievement Point system.

This week's highest student AP winners are:

## Achievement Point Totals

Year Group Totals			
Year	AP	BP	Total
7	14025	279	13746
8	12603	737	11866
9	10909	958	9951
10	9104	529	8575
11	5320	704	4616
<b>Overall Conduct Score</b>			<b>48754</b>

House Totals			
House	AP	BP	Total
Chapman	12632	860	11772
Dickens	14327	714	13613
Talbot	12128	746	11382
Waltham	11509	870	10639

Year 7
Gersa U 7CCB

**Well Done to our Weekly Winners**

Year 8
Dolcie M 8DM
Edward P 8DM

Year 9
Mia L 9DS
Millie P S 9DS

Year 10
Mia S 10TE

Year 11
Dominic W 11CC







## Sporting Successes

A huge well done to Year 7 Ethan L who won the U12 Premier League Powerplay futsal tournament last weekend playing for Crystal Palace FC.





**More Sporting Successes!**  
**Year 10—Football**

On Thursday 23rd November, Mr Morrith and Mr Bamber took the Year 10 football for a fixture against Thurstable.

The boys were successful in the match beating their opponent by a HUGE 7-1! They are now into the next round of the National Cup! Well done boys!





## Sporting Successes

A huge well done to those boys who competed at Chelmsford's Cricket Ground last week. They were lucky enough to meet some England players too!



Well done boys!



## County Netball Selection!

Year 7 students Bella M and Sienna W have been chosen for County netball.

They played in a tournament last Sunday in Colchester and Essex came 5th out of 8 counties.

What an achievement!

Well done girls!







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## Community Work—Food Bank Collection

- For the next 3 weeks, we are collecting for Harold Hill and Thurrock Food-banks
- We are asking students to please bring in any store cupboard items
- ANY contributions will really make a difference.
- Let's help our community to not go hungry this Christmas!
- The House with the highest number of items will have points added towards the House Cup.
- **The winning form will be rewarded with an early entry to lunch on Friday 15th December**

Let's beat our Harvest collection and show kindness to our local community!




**1000 ACTS OF KINDNESS**

**WE NEED YOUR CUPBOARD ITEMS**

**27th Nov - 14th Dec**



*We believe we share the responsibility to support one another in our community*




**HAROLD HILL  
FOODBANK  
HELPING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN  
CRISIS**

*We are collecting!*

**Thank you to Grosvenor Lawn Tennis Club for supporting our collection too!**



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## It's Golden Ticket Time

Mrs Hallett has launched our termly 'Golden Ticket Time'. Every member of staff has been given just ONE Golden Ticket!

They are able to gift their 'Golden Ticket's to any student of their choice for embodying our school values.

During form time this week, students have been told:

- **Golden tickets will be awarded over the next three weeks .**
- **They will be given to students who demonstrate one of our four core values.**
- **The ticket can be exchanged for certain items of food in the canteen.**
- **The food items available will change most days. Just ask the canteen staff for what is on offer.**





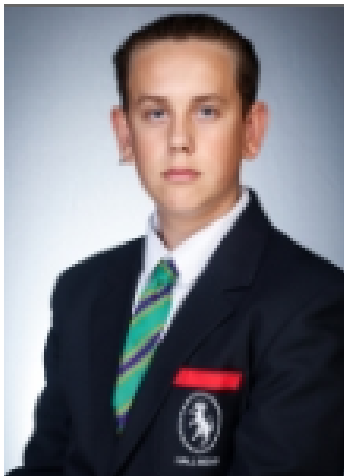
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## Mrs Fanning—Golden Wristbands

A number of students have received a golden wristband from Senior Assistant Headteacher 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 9—George T—  
Weekly Winner Highest  
Achievement Points**

**Year 9—Sophie C—Top  
APs in Year 9**



**Year 9—Oliver B—Top  
APs in Year 9**

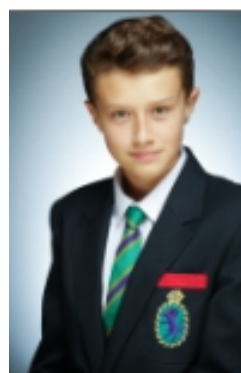


**Year 11 —Katie G—Top  
APs in Year  
11**

**Year 11 —  
Lauren A—  
Top APs in  
Year  
11**



**Year 9—Georgie—  
Outstanding Increase in  
APs**



**Year 10—Stanley F—  
Highest APs in Year 10**

**Year 8—Albert B—  
Highest APs in Year 8**



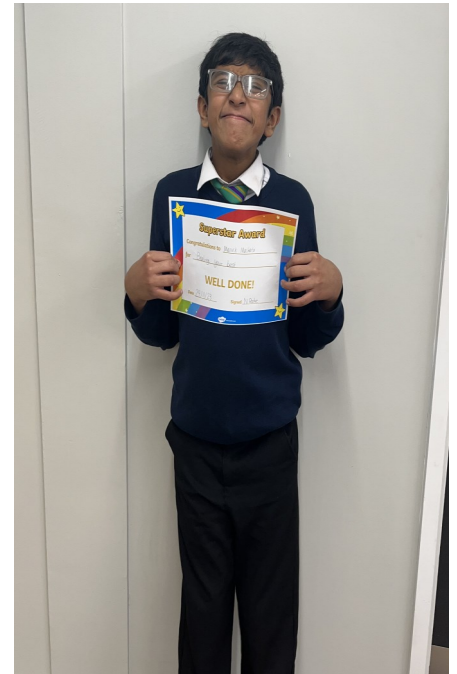


## Personalised Learning Progress Award

Mr Rooke, PLC Teacher, is delighted to announce that this week's winner of the 'Personalised Learning Progress Award' goes to Year 7 student Manvik.

Manvik has really beaten his best this week and has thrived in all his lessons working extremely hard and being polite to his peers and staff.

Well done, Manvik!



## Miss Towey—Director of Maths

Here are this week's Sparx winners!



Week 12

### Sparx Maths Superstars

Top 3 XP from each year group

#### Year 7

Sam J	7CS
Dalia V	7CS
Aamnah A	7WJ

#### Year 8

Monique-Rose B	8DS
Jovita DS	8TS
Rayyan I	8DM

#### Year 9

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

#### Year 10

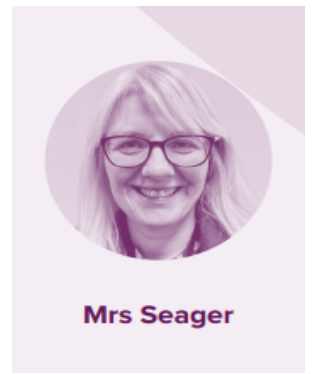
Mia S	10TE
Yasmin R	10WMc
Isabella D	10TC

#### Year 11

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

**Big well done to Sam J for his consistently high results on Sparx**





## Mrs Seager's Reward Trip

On Thursday 23rd November, Mrs Seager took 30 students, from a variety of different year groups, to watch 'A Christmas Carol' at 'The Old Vic' in London.

The students who were chosen, and offered a fully paid ticket, were selected for a number of different reasons by Mrs Seager such as:

- \* Positive attitude to school
- \* Hard work and commitment in English lessons
- \* Being a supportive friend

Despite being a very chilly wintry evening, the students had a fantastic night and thoroughly enjoyed the show.

Dickens' message of looking after one another, especially those who are less fortunate than us, is something we all took away from the performance.

I had the pleasure of attending the trip, as did Mrs Carter, Mr Cashman, Mr Cole, Mrs Hallett and Mrs Witchalls. Thank you Mrs Seager for organising a great experience for everyone.







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## Supporting Other Local Schools!

Thank you to Mr Wells and Mr Enoch for taking a group of students to sing at Upminster Junior School last week!

Here are our students with the Mayor! Well done everyone!

You made this an extra special event with your beautiful singing.







## Year 7— Design and Technology

### Mrs Stubbings, Director of Faculty

In their Design and Technology lessons, Year 7 students have started learning about polymer based materials; looking at the science behind this versatile material group but are also a brief history of their evolution.

Polymers, derived from the Greek words "poly" (meaning many) and "meros" (meaning parts), have played a pivotal role in shaping our modern world. Dating back to the early 20th century, polymers have undergone a remarkable development, transitioning from early discoveries like 'Parkesine' to technologically advanced 'Kevlar'. Year 7 are discovering the many benefits that polymer-based materials bring to our society.

From the durability of plastic packaging to the flexibility of synthetic fibres in clothing, these materials have revolutionized industries and enhanced the quality of our daily experiences. However, this exploration also encourages a critical examination of the unintended consequences associated with the use of polymers.

As environmentally conscious citizens, it's crucial for our students to recognize the challenges posed by plastic pollution and the impact of non-biodegradable polymers on ecosystems. This awareness fosters a sense of responsibility and prompts discussions about sustainable alternatives and waste reduction strategies.

Students have studied the work of designers and makers who have taken action to make the world a slightly better place and then used them for inspiration to create their own product. Repurposing plastic waste to create beautiful handmade cards that also spread a message of goodwill, hope and care for the planet we live in.

