



19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we were happy to host our Governors to school for their annual visit.

This included: Matt Dronfield, Chair of Governors; Clare Nissen, Vice-Chair of Governors and parent of a Hall Mead Year 9 student; Kirsty Stanley, new Governor and Indy Sohl, an ELAT Trustee.

Governors visited lessons, welcomed students as they arrived in the morning, supervised students at lunchtime, enjoyed lunch in the canteen, visited our SEN provision, met with students and attended a series of meetings with different staff.

I was delighted to receive the following email from our Chair of Governors Matt about the visit:

I just wanted to send a quick note to say a big thank you for the fantastic Governor Visit Day we experienced at Hall Mead. Yesterday was both enlightening and thoroughly enjoyable.

The sessions with the senior team colleagues were incredibly insightful, showcasing the thoughtful and effective approach you all take in guiding the school's focus areas. It's always impressive to see the strategies and planning come to life in such a positive way.

One of the highlights of our visit was the opportunity to observe the classes and interact with the students. The pupils were not only engaging but also, as ever, spoke very positively about their experiences at school. It's always heartening to see their enthusiasm and hear first-hand about the supportive environment they learn in every day.

Please do pass on our thanks to all the staff and pupils who made our visit so special. Their warmth and openness really underscore what makes Hall Mead a unique and thriving community.

As always, we are incredibly grateful to all our Governors for giving up their time during their own busy working schedules to support and guide us in our school improvement. I am sure you are aware, but I feel it is important to mention, that this is an unpaid position and one which really requires a unwavering commitment to us as a school community. A big thank you therefore must go to Matt, Clare, Kirsty and Indy for coming—the students really enjoyed having you here for the day and showing you their school.

Thanks again.

Miss Ducker



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Hall Mead Christmas Tree 2023 Winner!
Mrs Stubbing, DT and Mrs Lovelock, Art



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

VISIT OUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
Saturday 2nd December until
Sunday 10th December 2023

CHRISTMAS MARKET
ON SATURDAY 2nd 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

Before Christmas, Mrs Stubbings and Mrs Lovelock combined their DT and Art forces to create decorations for a Hall Mead Willy Wonka themed Christmas Tree to be entered into the Upminster Methodist Church Christmas Tree Competition.

We have been patiently waiting for the winner to be announced and this was shared with the local community on Sunday 14th January 2024.

We are delighted to announce that Hall Mead is officially the winner of this competition and has contributed to raising £5000 for St Francis' Hospice.

A huge thank you must go out to Mrs Stubbings, Mrs Lovelock and all those students who were involved in creating and then decorating the tree!





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Knife Crime and Awareness Workshop

Mrs Fanning, Senior Assistant Headteacher

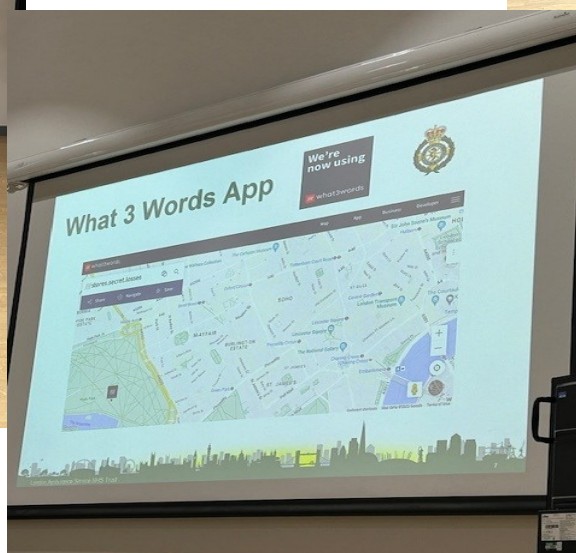


On Wednesday, 17th January, Year 9 took part in a special day of workshops related to Knife Crime run by the Metropolitan Police and emergency services, and funded by the London Borough of Havering for its secondary schools.

Students heard from a paramedic about how an instant, coherent 999 call with a precise location can save a life in many instances, how to apply pressure to a wound and also that there is NO safe part of the body in which someone can be stabbed.

From the Police, they heard about laws surrounding carrying weapons and the penalties for doing so and the effects on future life if having a conviction. It was hard-hitting and impactful and some students found the real life cases difficult to see and hear about, but all the facilitators praised our students for their engagement, respectful questioning and listening.

In the afternoon they then heard from Nathan about another perspective of knife crime: the effects on the family of losing a young person to knife crime and the ongoing impact on family life. Nathan shared the story of losing his youngest brother, after he was stabbed near their home on his way home from sixth form. Though over ten years' ago, the pain and loss was evident but Nathan wanted to show them how he has used his experience to save others and to influence young people to have better, safer lives. A memorable day and one which we are glad our students had the opportunity to take part in.





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Important Dates

Just a reminder of the upcoming events for next week:

- 23rd—25th January 2024—Years 9—10 Virtual Reality Workshops—History
- 26th January 2024—INSET Day - school is closed for all students

Time to Talk—Mrs Afteni, Senior Assistant Headteacher

Time to Talk Day is run by Mind and Rethink Mental Illness.

The theme this year focuses on why talking is important. Sometimes it's easier to tell people we're fine than it is to say how we really feel.

During the week beginning the 29th January, Mrs Afteni will be delivering assemblies to students to help raise awareness of mental health and why it is important for students to talk about their feelings.

The information provided in assemblies will be complemented during registration with additional information to support student understanding of positive mental wellbeing and the support options available at Hall Mead.

Parents and carers may find the links below useful:

[How to support 11-18 year olds with mental their health - Mind](#)

[Parents Mental Health Support | Advice for Your Child | YoungMinds](#)

Mrs Afteni would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that we have support from our Education Mental Health Practitioners.

If you would like to find out more information about the support that they can provide your child you are welcome to contact me to discuss. Our Education Mental Health Practitioners will be providing a drop-in service at lunchtime on Tuesday 6th February 2024.

Please feel free to contact Mrs Afteni if you have any further questions on 01708 225684 or email, nafteni@elatschools.co.uk





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Library - Art and Library Competition

Back in September, the Library and Art department launched a new 'Make Your Bookmark' competition for years 7,8 and 9 with the theme of either Reading High 5 or the book being read in form time - The Goldfish Boy, The Breadwinner and When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit.

Reading High 5 is a scheme of 5 techniques which can be employed to make reading more efficient and effective (for more detailed information please see page 108 of the Year 7,8 and 9 school planner) and we explore each of these techniques during Library lessons.

The standard of work was incredibly high and it was very difficult to choose a winner and runner up in each year group, but we are pleased to reveal the designs that were selected.

Congratulations and well done to the following students:

Year 7:

Nya R (Winner)
Sam J (Runner Up)



Year 8:
Millie C (Winner)
Leela (Runner Up)



Year 9:

Ava K (Winner)
James K (Runner Up)



Their artwork has been prepared for printing and we look forward to handing them out



Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Week 20		Sparx Maths Superstars		Top 3 XP from each year group for this week	
Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
Jelsey L	7TM	Ellie S	8WH	Aleks G	9TL
Aamnah A	7WL	Andriana E	8CH	Francesca N	9WH
Amara I	7DC	Jovita DS	8TS	Oli T	9CL
Year 10		Year 11			
Joseph P	10TE	Katie G	11TMH		
Yasmin R	10WMc	Lyla E	11WS		
Esther J	10WMc	Finley L	11WBR		

Achievement Points—Mr Morritt, Head of Year 11 / Head of Waltham House

Achievement Point Totals



Year Group Totals			
Year	AP	BP	Total
7	16860	350	16510
8	14965	869	14096
9	12402	1093	11309
10	10224	654	9570
11	6213	876	5337
Overall Conduct Score			56822

House Totals			
House	AP	BP	Total
Chapman	14904	1028	13876
Dickens	16675	863	15812
Talbot	13949	881	13068
Waltham	13495	1049	12446

Year 7
Alfie M 7TW
Bonnie T 7DR

Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 8
Victoria Z 8TS

Year 9
Billy D 9TV

Year 10
Aila M 10TE
Oliver J 10TC

Year 11
Maggie A 11TMH



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HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1

Holocaust Memorial Day 2024 Jewish Star

Havering's annual **Holocaust Memorial Day Service** will take place at **2pm on Sunday 21 January 2024** in Coronation Gardens, Main Road, Romford, ahead of the actual **Holocaust Memorial Day** on Saturday 27 January.

This important event gives us the opportunity to stop and remember the millions of people who have been murdered, or whose lives were changed beyond recognition during the Holocaust, Nazi persecution and in subsequent genocides including those in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

The theme for this year's Holocaust Memorial Day is Fragility of Freedom, and marks the 30th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. 49 years after the Holocaust ended, 19 years after the genocide in Cambodia, the world stood by as Hutu extremists shattered the fragile freedom in Rwanda, following decades of tension and violence, culminating in the murder of over one million Tutsis in just one hundred days.

Mrs Hallett will be attending this event on behalf of the school with some of our students.

Personalised Learning Award Mr Rooke

A huge congratulations must go to Esa O for this week's PLC Personalised Learning Award.

Esa has started attending mainstream P.E and has been trying really hard in this lesson.

Well done Esa keep up the hard work!






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Reaching for the Mathematical Stars! 2024 Further Maths Year 10 Cohort

After a successful application, the following 18 students (including three Year 9s) have been selected to study the AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Maths.

This is an extra qualification, equivalent to a GCSE, and ex-students have found it a helpful stepping stone into A Level Maths.



Keira S (Year 9)
William L (Year 9)
Aadhavan N (Year 9)
Luke S (Year 10)
Luca R (Year 10)



Stanley P (Year 10)
Callum B (Year 10)
Max F (Year 10)



Alex C-S (Year 10)
Rohan F (Year 10)
Harry McL (Year 10)

Congratulations to all these students on being selected!



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Calling Year 10 Parents / Carers
Mr Leslie, Assistant Headteacher

Year 10 Work Experience is scheduled for Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April 2024.

Students need to apply by **the end of February.**

Please can all parents/students upload placements using the ConnectEd application so Mr Leslie can sign them off.

The App looks like this:



Need a Holiday? Don't forget to checkout Shirley Tours!

Visit: [Shirley Tours](#)



Current trips



MAY 2024; WED 8 TH TO SUN 12 TH MAY – BOURNEMOUTH SHORT BREAK Half Board break by coach, local pick ups with entertainment/trips out, possibly Poole Harbour circular tour, Salisbury on Market Day, New Forest drive, Swanage Steam railway. £330 sharing, 5 days. Half Board with coach included for 2 day trips, additional entry charge for day trips. SINGLE ROOMS SOLD OUT!



THURSDAY, 31 ST OCT 2024; TREASURES OF BURGUNDY + PROVENCE RIVER CRUISE; Sail on rivers Rhone + Saone, South of France. 7 Nights, includes 5 excursions, free wine, beer, soft drinks at meals, WIFI, gratuities. Fly from Heathrow, coach/minibus optional extra to airport. Ship holds 140 passengers. Now booking. Leaflet/cabin prices on request.



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Miss Garred

'Annie' Production

Our school production of Annie, takes place at the following times:

- ⇒ Tuesday 13th February at 4.00pm
- ⇒ Wednesday 14th February at 7.00pm
- ⇒ Thursday 15th February at 7.00pm



To purchase your tickets, please visit: [Hall Mead School event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Need Support? Not sure where to go?



Check out these services...

Any member of staff at school, including your form tutor, HOY and anyone on the safeguarding poster in classrooms.

childline
ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME
childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

Other people that can offer support include your parents/carer, doctor, a nurse, www.nhs.uk

St John Ambulance

kooth
kooth.com

Kooth- your online mental wellbeing community. Have you downloaded the app?

just like us
THE LGBT+ YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHARITY

0808 1000 900
THE LUCY FAITHFULL FOUNDATION
Working to protect children

GamCare
Gambling Support Starts Here

Where can you go for support?

PAPYRUS
PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE
HOPELINEUK
0800 068 41 41

HEAD STRONG

Headstrong is a new online space aimed exclusively at young people with a focus on promoting positive mental wellbeing. It is a section of the Youthscape charity. Within Youthscape they also offer support for young people who are risk of self harm - Alumina

If you need support relating to Careers and your future after HM, these websites may also be helpful

- <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>
- <https://vinspired.com> - young peoples volunteering charity
- <https://www.ncsyas.co.uk> 15-17 Year olds National Citizen Service
- <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/> - research careers your interested in.
- <https://www.startprofile.com/> - Explore your dream Job!

Wize-up
Thurrock
Wize-up are a free and confidential drug and alcohol service for young people under 18

mind
for better mental health

Beat
Eating disorders

"It's alright to ask for help"
SAMARITANS
116 123





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Need School Holiday Childcare?

We appreciate how many children from local schools attend Barracudas' holiday activity camps and wanted to remind parents/carers of our special discount code.

Parents/carers just need to add **SCHOOL10** in the promotion box to receive an **extra £10 off** a full week booking.

Not only that, but the lowest rates are available for bookings made by 31st January, **saving up to £79 a week**.

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