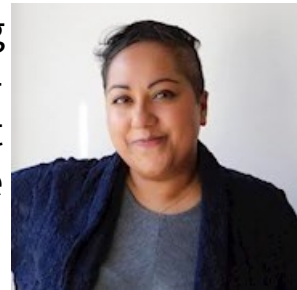




26th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today, all the secondary school staff from across Hall Mead School, Brittons and Bower Park will be enjoying a shared ELAT INSET Day. The theme of the day is **'Empowering Voice, Delivering Change'** and we will be hosting **Bennie Kara**, from Diverse Educators, who will be offering training on diversity in the curriculum. Whilst we enjoy this important day of training and professional development, I hope that all of our students have a great long weekend and make good use of their Friday away from school.



I wanted to let you know that next week, we are relaunching our **'Confiscation Week'** (we have utilised this whole school approach previously) in response to an increase in the number of students wearing items of jewellery to school.

Just to confirm, students are only permitted to wear a **single stud earring** in the lobe and a watch. This expectation is clear in our student planner on page 8. We have this approach, as when students are taking part in lessons such as DT, Science, Food Technology and PE, it is dangerous to be wearing bracelets, necklaces and hoop earrings.

Any confiscated items will be placed in named envelopes and taken to the office for storage in our safe.

Please help encourage your child to leave all their jewellery at home, where it is safest, and attend school in line with our expectations and rules.

Thank you for your support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Thanks again.





Important Dates

Just a reminder of the upcoming events for next week:

- Tuesday 30th January—House Swimming Gala (Years 8 and 9)
- Wednesday 31st January—Years 09 and 10 reports published
- Wednesday 31st January—Intermediate Maths Challenge
- Wednesday 31st January—House Swimming Gala (Years 7, 10 and 11)
- Thursday 1st February—Lower School Awards





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Mrs Hellyar, Teacher of Art / Form Tutor—8WH

Well done to Charlie P in 8CH!

Charlie has received a 'Blue Peter Badge' for the amount of reading he has completed.

If your child is also interested in applying for the Blue Peter Book Badge, please visit: [Blue Peter Book badge | Find out how to earn the Book BP badge - CBBC - BBC](#)





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VR History Workshops **Mr Smith, Teacher of History**

Our Historians were transported back to the Western Front this week courtesy of their VR headsets whilst learning about WWI medicine in the trenches!

Thank you to Mr Smith for arranging such an interactive and engaging experience for our students! The teachers really enjoyed attending too—I know that I did! Thank you for inviting me.





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A huge THANK YOU to Richard & Nicholas from [@TimeTravelEdu](#) for providing our VR Workshops [@elatrust](#) this week!

The students and staff have throughly enjoyed them!
[@hallmead](#) [@bower](#)

WWI VR Workshops



Post your reply





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Mrs Fanning—Golden Wristbands

A number of students have received a golden wristband from Mrs Fanning this week.

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

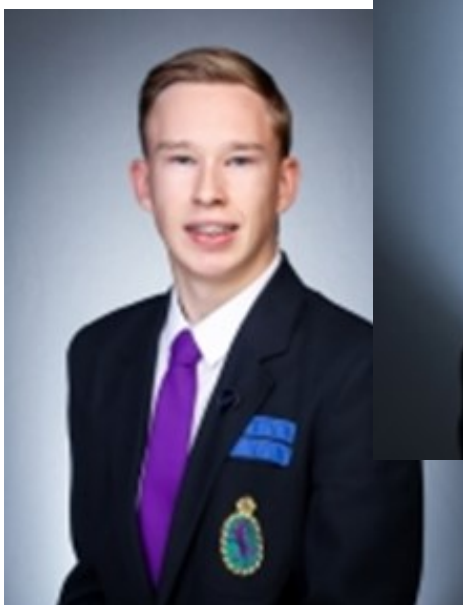
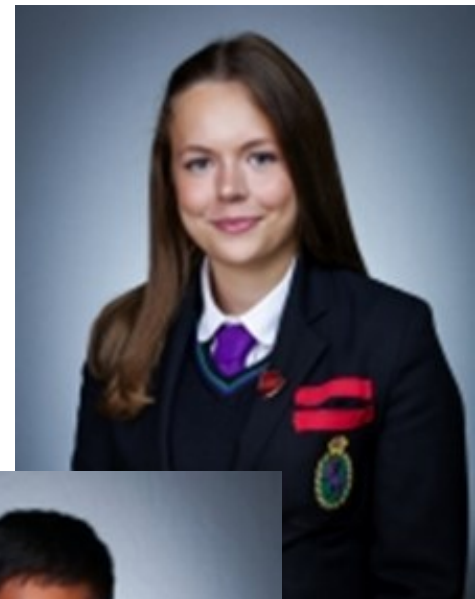
Year 11 Top Achievement Point Winners:

Maggie A and George R

Mrs Fanning and Mr Morritt are so proud of their commitment and effort to all their studies, day in, day out.

Year 7 Top Achievement Point Winners:

Aveer S and Katie S



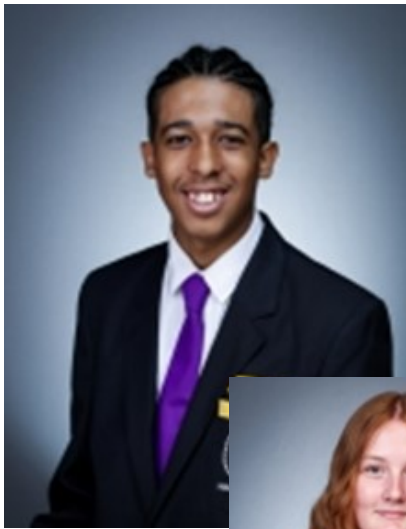


Celebrating Year 11 Success

Mr Leslie, Assistant Headteacher

Part of Mr Leslie's role as a senior leader, is to oversee the work we are doing with our Year 11 students. This means that he adds support and capacity to the work Mr Morrith, Head of Year 11, is doing on a daily basis to ensure our students are maximising all the opportunities available at school.

Mr Leslie would like to celebrate the following students for going the extra mile in putting additional time into their studies and revision. They are all regularly members of the independent study club too. Well done to these students!



Timmy J

Finley L

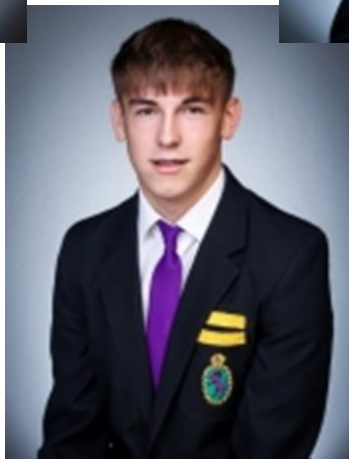
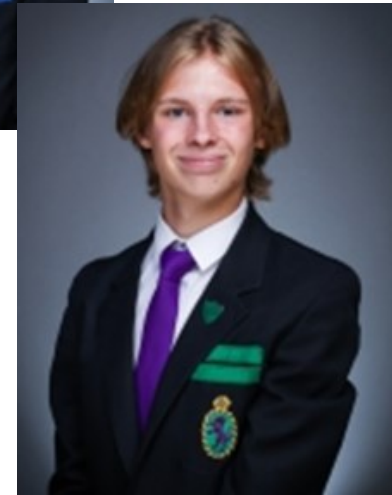
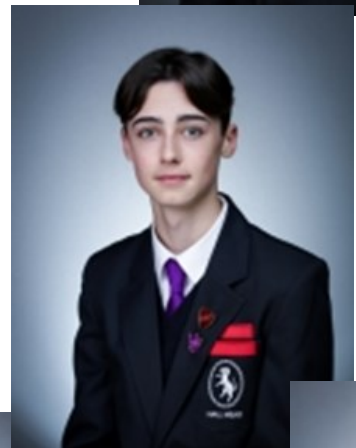
Violet C

Georgina H

Jack O

Ruby W

Phoebe J





Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Week 21		Sparx Maths Superstars		Top 3 XP from each year group for this week	
Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
Sam J	7CS	Sami U	8WB	Jack F	9CL
Jelsey L	7TM	Ellie S	8WH	Aleks G	9TL
Dalia V	7DC	Monique – Rose B	8DS	Mikhail GT	9CL
Year 10		Year 11			
Brooke G	10WT	Steven T	11WBR		
Yasmin R	10WMc	Shannon M	11DC		
Max F	10TE	Amelia F	11CS		

Achievement Points—Mr Morrirt, Head of Year 11 /

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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Calling Year 10 Parents / Carers
Mr Leslie, Assistant Headteacher

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

Just a reminder that 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:





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Dedicated Dads

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

When - Thursday 1st February 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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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.](#)

