



9th February 2024

Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

After half term, Year 9 students begin an exciting stage of their educational journey at Hall Mead.

They will be attending a series of assemblies, designed specifically about the Key Stage 4/GCSE Options process, to prepare them for their Years 10–11 part of their studies.

In these assemblies, students will learn about the different courses that are on offer and the subject specifications.

Students will also be invited to attend an 'Options Q&A' with current KS4 students and teachers on **Thursday 7th March**, where they will be given the opportunity to talk in more detail about the different courses. This will be after school, between 3.15-3.45. This is a student only event.

A presentation will also be provided to parents/carers which outlines the entire process and timeline.

Our 'Hall Mead Options Booklet', detailing the KS4 curriculum, will be available after half-term and will be published on our website; the exact date for this will be confirmed after the break.

Parents/carers will also have an opportunity to speak in person to subject teachers at our Year 9 PTC on the 14th March.

Meanwhile, if you do have any queries, then please get in touch with Mrs Brighty-Glover, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have: **abrighty@elatschools.co.uk**.

Thank you for your support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Thanks again.

Miss Ducker
Headteacher

Year 9



Important Dates

Just a reminder of the upcoming events for next week:

- Week 2 of PPE3 for Year 11
- Monday 12th—15th February—School Production!
- Saturday 17th February—Senior Ski Trip departs—**wishing everyone going an amazing time!**



Good luck to our Year 11 students as they continue another round of PPEs!





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‘The Hall Mead Way’ - Student Winner

I was delighted to award Kieran McW the student ‘Hall Mead Way’ award last week in the Lower School Awards ceremony.

Here is a copy of my speech from that evening:

“This student is someone you would describe as an all-rounder and one of life’s good guys. He is liked by his peers, liked by his teachers and really liked by his form tutor Mr Cashman.

He is himself a likeable young man, full of charisma and kindness. An excellent role model to others. Music Teacher Mr Wells describes him as a talented musician, someone who is proactive, supportive of others and bright.

He is part of a school band, playing the guitar, and has entertained hundreds of students in our assemblies.

Last year, this student played the lead role of Mr Potts in our production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. He proved himself to be extremely professional in his approach and attended all rehearsals. He was also polite and courteous to all around him, encouraged younger members of the school to put on their best performance and was a real team player.

Having just watched him this afternoon play as goal-keeper for our talented Year 10 football team in the Essex Cup, I saw for myself his outstanding teamwork.

His leadership and ability to communicate with his team were fantastic and, I am also pleased to note, that he didn’t let one goal in!

There are always some students who pass through our corridors who you instantly know are destined for great things and this student is one of those people.

So it is with great delight that I would like to present Kieran McW the only ‘Hall Mead Way’ award at this evening’s Lower School Awards ceremony.”



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‘The Hall Mead Way’ - Staff Winner!

Charlotte Griffin

“In every school, there are individuals who go above and beyond, whose dedication and passion leave an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of those around them.

Today, I have the privilege of highlighting such an individual.

This member of staff has worked at Hall Mead from 2018.

Our Hall Mead values, kindness, valuing difference, beating your best and burning brightly, are engrained in her work which she does on a daily basis with some of our most vulnerable students.

She is a great advocate for these students, having high expectations of them and pushing them to achieve their full potential. She is also a great example of strong female leadership and if it can be better, she will tell you, and it’s this approach and her determination which has pushed us to do better in what we do.

It is her work with our students, particularly those in the PLC or SEN, in developing their language and communication skills that she is mostly known for as students proudly announcing they have a SALT session as they make their way up to her room.

Her work in this area has been invaluable and I can confidently say, that she has changed the lives of the children in her care.

Throughout her time at Hall Mead, she has been committed to her own professional development, drawing upon the experience of her colleagues and being recently and well-deservedly promoted to the new role of Higher-Level Teaching Assistant.

As we celebrate this member of staff today, I would like us also take a moment to reflect on the impact that strong, dedicated individuals like her have on shaping the future of the children in our care.

To us, she is not just a member of staff; she is a role model, a mentor, and a guiding light for the next generation.

It therefore, gives me great delight in awarding Charlotte Griffin the staff ‘Hall Mead Way’ Award for 2024.”



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Safer Internet Day

Mr Lucas, Director of Faculty

This week's assemblies were focused on staying safe online.

Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 6th February 2024. The 2024 edition of Safer Internet Day, aims to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people.

As part of the celebration, we encourage everyone - including children and young people, parents and caregivers, teachers and educators, policymakers, industry and others - to join "Together for a better internet".

If you would like to find out more information about this, please visit:

[Home \(lgfl.net\)](https://www.lgfl.net)

[A Comprehensive Cyberbullying Guide for Parents \(wizcase.com\)](https://www.wizcase.com)



Safer Internet Day takes place every February





Year 10 Football, Mr Morritt

A Team

A huge congratulations to our Year 10 A team for an excellent victory against King Solomon on Thursday 1st February 2024. The boys secured a place in the next round of the Essex Cup with an impressive 2-0 victory.

A special well done must go to Felix C, a new student in Year 10, who played his debut for Hall Mead.



The boys are heading off for the next round of the National Cup today in Chrystal Palace! We wish them the best of luck.





Celebrating Sport...

Year 7 Rugby

The Year 7 rugby team put in a great performance in their first competitive game of the season. A bit more work to do on the training field to get that first win.



Year 10 Cricket

Our Year 10s participated in an indoor cricket competition. Unfortunately, we didn't make it through to the next round but all the boys had a lot of fun and a lot laughs!





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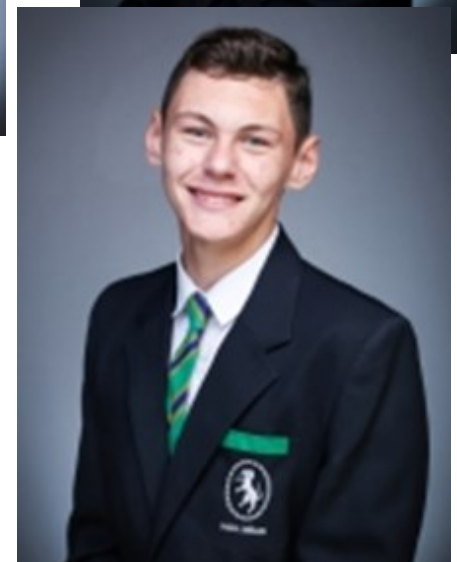
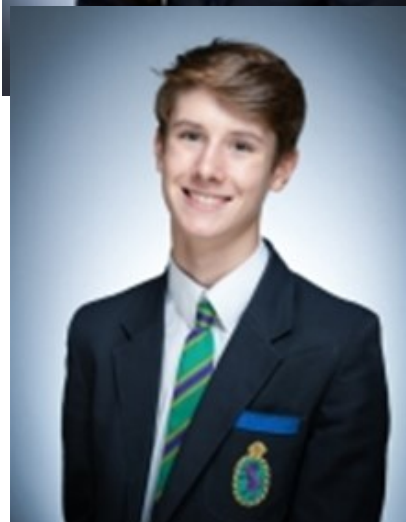
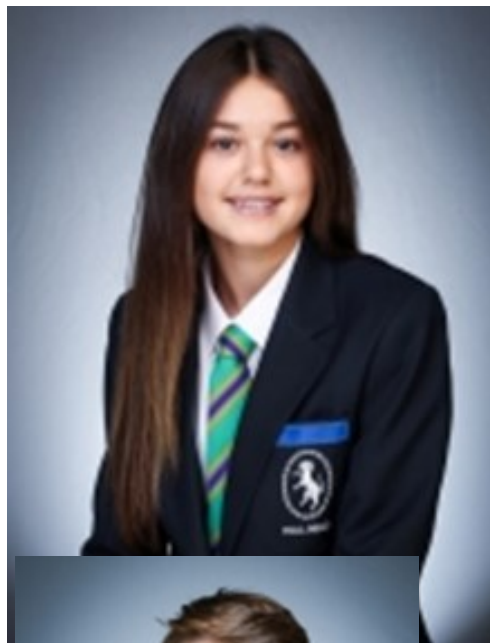
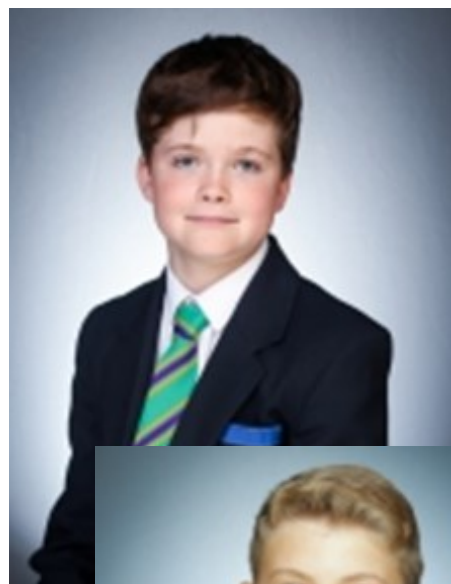


Sporting Successes

Here are the swimming results!

Overall, both the boys and girls teams came 6th overall in the borough. Some standout performances were from:

- ⇒ **Year 7 – Sam J 3rd in freestyle, Noah B 3rd in breast stroke.**
- ⇒ **Year 8 – Andrew S 3rd in breast stroke.**
- ⇒ **Year 9 – Daisy CA 3rd in backstroke, Ethan B 1st place in back stroke, this made him Borough champion for the 3rd year in a row**
- ⇒ **Year 10 – Stanley P 1st place in freestyle, this made him Borough champion for the 4th year in a row**





Celebrating Hall Mead Sport

The Year 8 B team were invited to a friendly tournament at St Martin's School. They put in a number of good performances and great fun was had by all. Well done boys!



Want to improve your table tennis skills?





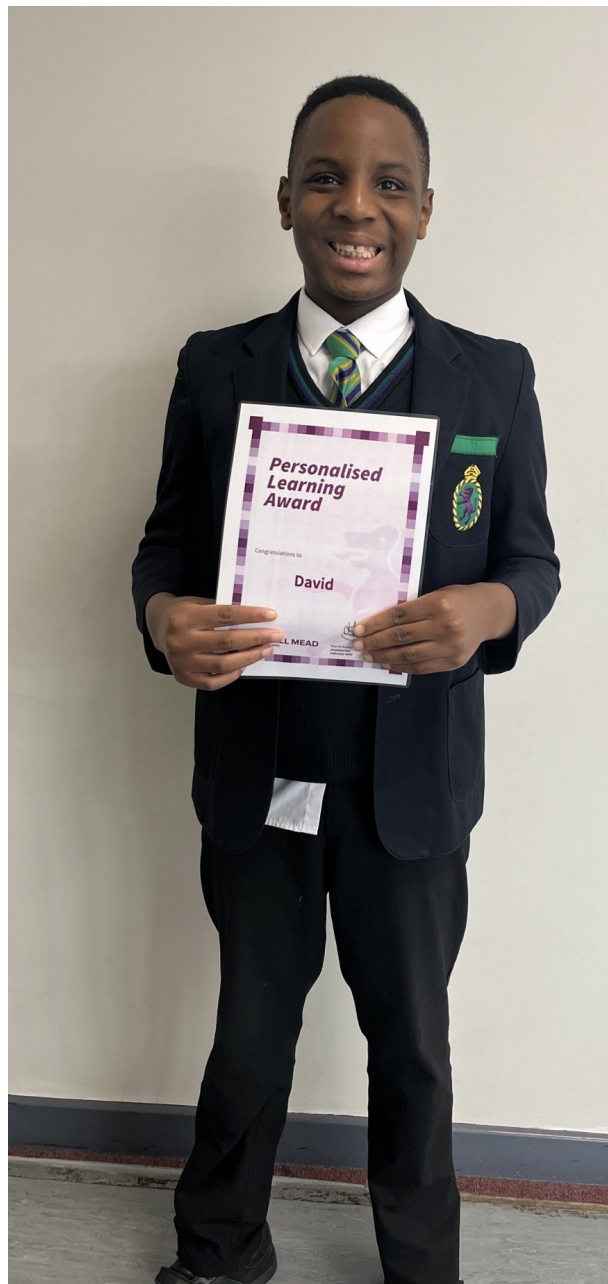
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Student Successes

This week's 'Personalised Learning Award' goes to David!

David has been working extremely hard on his speech & language targets and his reading targets.

We are extremely proud of David. Well done!





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Honesty Award—Year 10 Felix

A special mention must go this week to Felix in Year 10 for finding a mobile phone outside the school and handing it into the school office. We are pleased to say that the phone has been reunited with its Year 8 owner.

This selfless act is an excellent example of doing the right thing at all times.

Well done Felix! We are so proud of you and your honest conduct.





Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Week 23		Sparx Maths Superstars		Top 3 XP from each year group for this week	
Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
Samuel B	7WL	Sami U	8WB	Mikhail GT	9CL
Rae F	7DC	Monique-Rose B	8DS	Elson D	9CN
Poppy J	7WL	Daniel L	8CBC	Kishan	9CL
Year 10		Year 11			
Brooke G	10WT	Owen L	11TMH		
Joe W	10CS	Jasmine L	11TMH		
Darrell O	10DG	Omer A	11O		

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

Achievement Point Totals



Year Group Totals			
Year	AP	BP	Total
7	23412	531	22881
8	21281	1152	20129
9	16246	1505	14741
10	13348	1006	12342
11	8521	1271	7250
Overall Conduct Score			77343

House Totals			
House	AP	BP	Total
Chapman	20935	1431	19504
Dickens	22327	1239	21088
Talbot	18742	1258	17484
Waltham	18442	1511	16931

Year 7
Elise K 7WJ

Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 8
Jason B 8TS
Nethumi P 8CBC

Year 9
Lila WS 9TL

Year 10
Zaki C 10OB

Year 11
Luca S 11DC



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Mrs Fanning—Golden Wristbands

Aila M 10TE and George C 10TC are this week's recipients of Mrs Fanning's Golden Wristband, for topping the Achievement Points totals in January. Both students show huge commitment to their learning and uphold and model our school values.

Mr Cashman and Mrs Edwards are extremely proud to have these outstanding students in their forms.



Special Staff Mention

I would like to give a special mention to Mrs Harradine this week for going above and beyond in her duties. She has supported a number of staff this week in their pastoral roles and has done so in a proactive and purposeful way.

Thank you for helping things to run smoothly and efficiently.

We appreciate all your extra help and support!





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Miss Garred, Head of Drama **'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.



Yuki is Annie!





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The Role of the Members of Youth Parliament

During their term of office, Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) work with their MPs, decision-makers, councillors and local youth groups on the issues of greatest concern to their constituents.

Nationally, the views of young people are represented in the UK Youth Parliament manifesto, which contains statements on the issues Members of Youth Parliament think are most important.

Members of Youth Parliament across the UK work to give young people a voice – listening to marginalised groups, organising events, making films, meeting MPs, lobbying for change, organising campaigns and appearing in the media, all to amplify the views of their peers.


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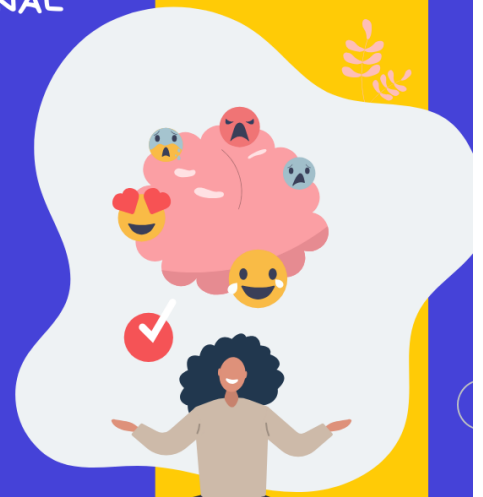
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Visits must be pre-booked via:
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