

15th March 2024

Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we celebrated International Women's Day last week, I was filled with immense pride and joy to acknowledge the remarkable achievements and contributions of women around the globe. As a school, we took a moment to think about the resilience, strength, and unwavering spirit of women who have played pivotal roles in shaping our world.

International Women's Day serves as a reminder of the progress we have made towards gender equity and the work which still lies ahead. At Hall Mead, we recognise the importance of gender equity and empowerment. We are committed to providing our students with an inclusive and supportive environment where everyone is afforded equitable opportunities to thrive and succeed.

As a school community, we recognise it is crucial to instil in our students the values of respect, equality, and empathy from a young age. By educating our students about the accomplishments of women throughout history and inspiring them to break gender stereotypes, we empower them to become compassionate and responsible global citizens.

Throughout last week, Ms Hallett, Assistant Headteacher, organised a number of workshops and seminars which celebrated the achievements of women from our local community, some of whom attended Hall Mead themselves, in various fields, including science, literature, politics, sports, and the arts.

We honoured them as trailblazers who have shattered glass ceilings and paved the way for future generations.

We also acknowledge the countless unsung heroines whose contributions have made a significant impact on their communities and the world at large.

As educators, I believe it is our responsibility to cultivate an inclusive learning environment that encourages students to challenge stereotypes and embrace diversity. By fostering open dialogue and promoting mutual respect, we can create a more equitable society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive regardless of gender.

I encourage all members of our school community to take this opportunity to reflect on the achievements of women and to pledge our continued commitment to gender equity. Let us work together to create a future where every individual, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to fulfil their potential and make a positive difference in the world.

Thanks again.

Miss Ducker Headteacher



Important Dates

Just a reminder of the upcoming events for next week:

- Monday 18th March—Year 9 Holocaust Survivor Talk
- Monday 18th March—Years 7 and 11 Panoramic Photographs
- Monday 18th March—Thursday 28th March—Year 10 PPEs
- Thursday 21st March—Year 11 Art exam
- Thursday 21st March We are taking part in an initiative involving Havering secondary schools, the Metropolitan Police and a Drugs Dog unit working together to demonstrate our collaborative and ongoing work to keep our students and community safe. The units will be on site as students leave school at the end of the day.





Ms Hallett, Assistant Headteacher

A special thank you must to go Ms Hallett for the hours she has spent organising a whole week's worth of events for our female students to empower, inspire and motivate them as part of our International Women's' Day celebrations! Thank you for everything you did to make this such a special week.









Becca Brown: Social Media Manager at Ketchum







Clare Nissen: Mott Macdonald (Construction Company)
Business Management Systems Manager Vice Chair of
Hall Mead Governors







Jayne Elston: Vet at Wylies Upminster Ex Head Girl 2006





Julia West:
Julia & You
Wedding
Photography
Business Owner



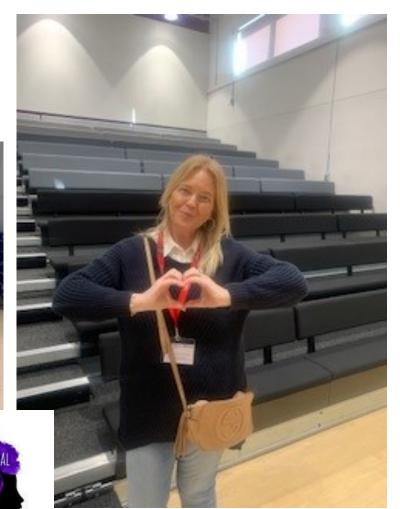




Keeley Hawtree:
Business Owner
Lottie and Ollie's
Children's Nursery



Louise Tam: MacFarlane Chard,
Literary & Talent Agent & Company Director











Dr Nicola Deamer:
Associate Medical Director,
Cambridge and
Peterborough
NHS Foundation Trust;
NHS GP; CQC Specialist
Advisor

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Claire O'Dwyer Vocal



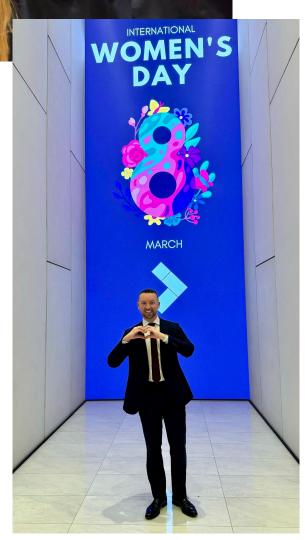
























IWD—Girls' Football

Mr Mor and Mr Cobos

A huge thank you must go to Mr Mor and Mr Cobos for arranging a football session at lunchtime for girls on IWD Day! It was the biggest turnout of female footballers!

Thank you to both teachers for giving up their precious lunchbreak to make this happen!









Miss James, Director of English Faculty

On 6th March 2024, we welcomed the 'Quantum Theatre Company' to perform a production of the English Literature GCSE text 'Jekyll and Hyde' to top set Year 11 pupils.

The play was fantastic and the pupils were an excellent audience.

Some feedback from our pupils:

"It helped me remember quotations that I didn't already have in my repertoire"

"The acting was good and I loved the dark setting of the play and the background music which added to the mysteriousness"

"It was an engaging way to revise the novel"

"10/10! Amazing! Loved the way the actors were able to portray the multiple characters"







Worried About County Lines? Need to know more about this?



What's County Lines?

County Lines

County Lines is where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries (although not exclusively), usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into it by gangs. The 'County Line' is the mobile phone line used to take the orders of drugs. Importing areas (areas where the drugs are taken to) are reporting increased levels of violence and weapons-related crimes as a result of this trend.

Webinar:

Please see below a link for a County Lines parent/carer webinar session taking place on Monday 25th March 2024 from 5-6.30pm.

This session will be for <u>parents/carers only</u> who would like to know more about County Lines and Criminal Exploitation and the support offered.

Catch 22 Parent/Carer County Lines Webinar Tickets, Mon, Mar 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite

Tickets are limited however another date has been **scheduled for**:

Friday 26th April from 5pm-6.30pm Catch 22 Parent/Carer County Lines Webinar Tickets, Fri, Apr 2026, 2024 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite (on Sale 5th April 2024)





Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Week 29	S	Sparx Maths Superstars		Top 3 XP from each year group for this week	
Year 7				Year 8	
Max S	7WJ			Szofia B	8TB
Samuel B	7WL			Dhaval N	8DM
Amara I	7DC			Sami U	8WB
		Year 9			
		Mikhail GT	9CL		
		Hannah S	9CN		
		Hari P	9WT		
Year 10				Year 11	
Arishnan A	10CS			Scarlett C	11CC
Darrell O	10DG			Adam B	11TJ
Maria CM	10TE			Taylan D	11TMH

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

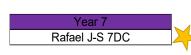
Achievement Point Totals



	Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
1	7	28368	765	27603	26864	739
7	8	25093	1531	23562	22806	756
	9	19342	1871	17471	16904	567
	10	15547	1330	14217	13848	369
	11	9315	1422	7893	7642	251
	Overal	l Conduct Sc	ore	90746	88064	2682

House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	24657	1792	22865	22113	752
Dickens	25785	1586	24199	23555	644
Talbot	22107	1593	20514	19945	569
Waltham	22239	1916	20323	19738	585



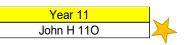


Well Done to our Weekly Winners

	Year 8
M	Lewis M 8CBC

	Year 9
M	Ella P 9CN
	Het P 9WH

Year 10
Zaki C 10OB







Good luck m Tutor 7WL

Mrs Lovelock, Head of Art / Form Tutor 7WL It's Gift Time!

A huge thank you to Year 7 student Lily-Anne W for delivering a yummy box of chocolates to Mrs Lovelock to share amongst Lily-Anne's teachers for all their hard work and dedication to teaching.



These include the following staff:

- ⇒ Mr Enoch
- ⇒ Mrs Lopez
- ⇒ Miss Eleto
- ⇒ Miss McFadden
- ⇒ Mrs Sherwin
- ⇒ Mrs Carr
- ⇒ Mrs Hellyar
- ⇒ Mr Swan
- ⇒ Mr Newall
- ⇒ Mr Smith

to our Year 10 students who begin their PPE1s!















Mrs Fanning's Golden moments

This week we are delighted to celebrate some truly outstanding - and upstanding - members of our student community.

Golden wristband awards

We want to congratulate two Year 7 students on some phenomenal work!

Katie S in 7DC and Ronnie P in 7DR have each amassed more than 215 achievement points already this year. They have also not picked up a single behaviour point.

Well done Katie and Ronnie - you are both shining examples of 'The Hall Mead Way' and we can't wait to see what you have achieved by the end of the year!







Golden Time!

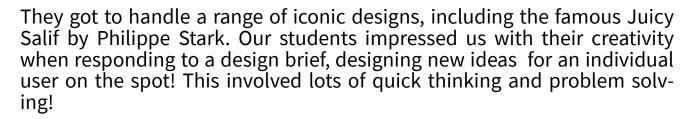
We also were able to celebrate the collective achievements of 7DC by awarding them Golden Time on Monday. They have amassed well over 4000 achievement points as a form so far this year, storming ahead of the totals of other forms. We are very proud of your ability to work together so effectively and support one other so kindly. Well done!



Design and Technology Faculty

On Wednesday 28th February, our Year 10 Design and Technology students had the opportunity to visit the Design Museum in London. Whilst we were there,

students were involved in a hands on design workshop on the theme 'Stranger by Design.'



Whilst at the Design Museum, students also had time to explore the permanent collection ranging from architecture, fashion, textiles and many iconic designs.

A particular favourite was the advancements in technology over time with products ranging from the classic Walkman to today's Apple products. All of our students made us proud with their exemplary behaviour and curiosity of the exhibits. They all came back with a range of studies and real life links to upcoming examination topics such as planned obsolescence and metal casting!

A special thanks must go to Miss Read, Miss Stubbings, Mr Bamber and Mr Ducker (our chief navigator!) for all of their support in making the day one to remember!

























Noah B—7TM Sporting Success

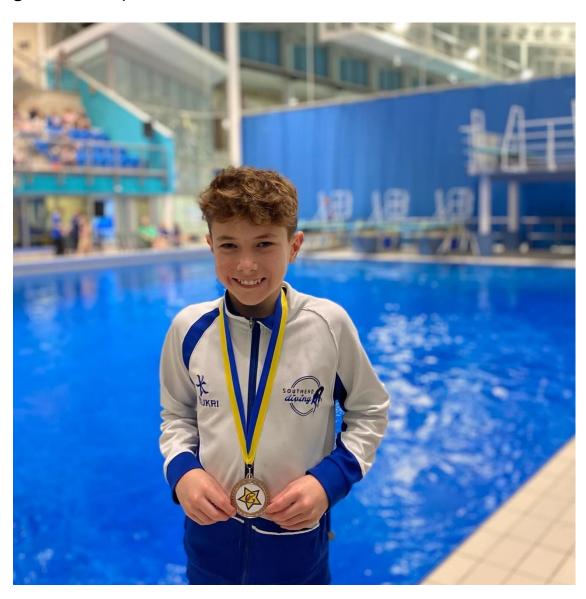


At the weekend, Noah went to Leeds to compete in an elite competition!

He managed to get 4th in the prelims on platform and got through to the final where he came 6th overall!

In the 1 metre he came 6th in the prelims and managed to get bronze in the finals.

In the 3 metre he missed out on getting through to the finals by 3 points putting him in 7th place over all.











Year 11 PLC Citizenship Class

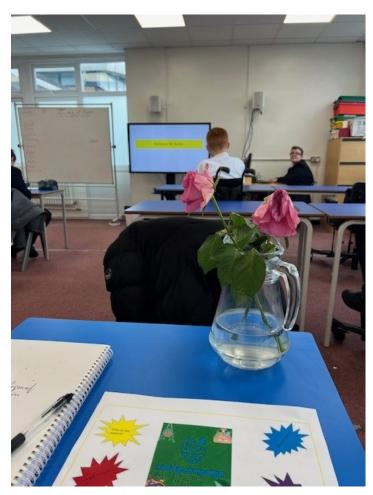
On Thursday 13th March, I was invited to attend a Year 11 Citizenship lesson in the PLC. I was welcomed in the kindest way by Omar offering me a cup of tea and some biscuits.

When I arrived at the classroom, I was shown my seat where some flowers and a pamphlet was ready for me.

The class then pitched to me their idea for Hall Mead School to participate in the 'Great British Spring Clean'. If you haven't heard about what this is, please check out this webpage: **Great British Spring Clean | Keep Britain Tidy**.

The class would like to organise a special event in which students help to remove any litter from the school site and join the army of amazing #LitterHeroes. I thought that their presentation was thoughtful, professional and well-thought out and I would definitely like to support their project.

Watch out for what happens next!











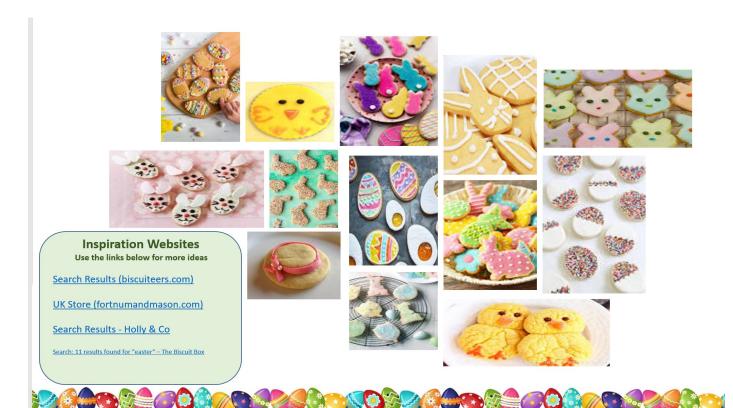
Easter Biscuits Competition

Years 7-9
Make and decorate your shortbread biscuits
with an Easter Theme

All entries to be photographed and emailed to : Miss Carr - kcarr@elatschools.co.uk

Deadline Date: Monday 25th March 2024







GCSE MATHS

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JOIN US!

TUES 9TH APRIL

(NON-CALC/PAPER 1)

WED 10TH APRIL

(CALC/PAPERS 2 & 3)

FOUNDATION SESSIONS:

5.00-6.15PM

HIGHER SESSIONS:

6.30-7.45PM

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FOCUSING ON:

- MULTI-MARK QUESTIONS
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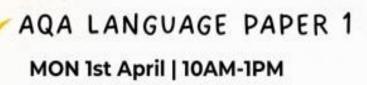
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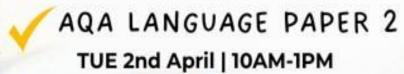
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Wed 3rd April | 10am-1pm

GCSE SHAKESPEARE
'MACBETH'

Sun 7th April | 12pm-3pm

GCSE 'DR JEKYLL & HYDE'

> Fri 12th April | 10am-1pm GCSE 'UNSEEN POETRY'



£50 PER SESSION Thurs 4th April | 10am-1pm

GCSE 'ROMEO & JULIET'

Mon 8th April | 10am-1pm

GCSE 'POETRY ANTHOLOGY' Fri 5th April | 10am-1pm

GCSE 'CHRISTMAS CAROL'

> Tue 9th April | 10am-1pm

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Havering Live Well with Dementia

Have you been diagnosed with dementia?

The Live Well with Dementia Programme is a series of <u>face to face</u> sessions for people who have had a recent diagnosis of dementia or are in the early stages of their diagnosis. You will gain the understanding, knowledge and skills to live better with dementia. The sessions will increase your confidence in managing day-to-day and help you to better plan for the future.

Havering Carers Information & Support Programme

Do you care for someone with dementia?

With the Carers Information and Support Programme you will gain increased knowledge of dementia. The sessions will help you feel better informed and empower you to access support services and financial benefits and entitlements. These sessions are available both face to face and online.

Booking for these programmes is essential.

One session per week for 4 weeks

Each session is around 2 hours long including a refreshment break

Venues: Across Havering please contact us to enquire when our next programmes are taking place.

Email: havering.groups@alzheimers.org.uk

call Nyree Evers 07759 119 516 / Anisa Hoque 07720 144 231 or scan the QR code above to book your place.

Our trained facilitators will be on hand to guide the sessions, provide information on other support services and direct you to further help and advice.

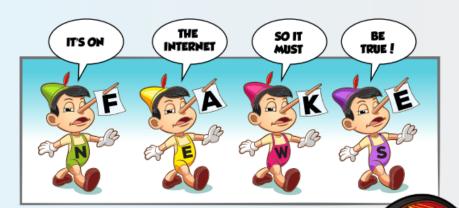
COME ALONG TO A FRIENDLY PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SPEAK TO AND LEARN FROM OTHERS IN A SIMILAR SITUATION TO YOU

Alzheimer's Society operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, registered charity no. 296645



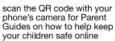
Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Fake News

















Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

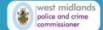
Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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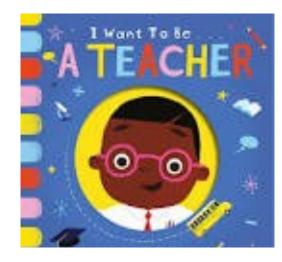


Thinking of becoming a teacher?

Are you a graduate who is passionate about making a difference locally? If you think you have the determination and creativity to inspire the next generation of children, we would like to hear from you.

Our teacher training programme is run over a one-year period within local Havering schools in partnership with the tes institute.

We offer Primary General, Primary with Maths courses apprenticeships, to gain QTS with the option of a PGI aualification

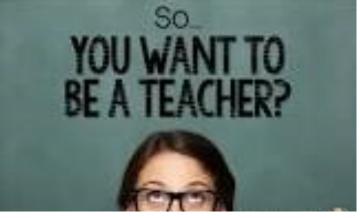












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You will experience two contrasting school placements and gain insight into all phases and sectors that the education sector has to offer.

We will support you to become an excellent teacher, equipping you with the skills and resilience that you need for a successful career in teaching.

Whichever route you take we will support you on every step of the way

Please visit our website haveringtrain2teach.com

Or call Engagne Primary School on 01708 223492 and ask for Jill Mackintosh or Lindsey Moore

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Parents & Carers Drop-in Support Group



SUPPORT

Bringing together parents & carers affected by their children's drug or alcohol use to support each other through conversation and sharing experiences

SPACE

Would you like to talk to other parents and carers who understand and won't judge, and learn more about substance misuse?

WHEN

Last Thursday of Every Month 5:45pm-6:45pm

WHERE

36 High Street, Romford, RM1 1HR

CONTACT US

Please contact Hannah or Katie on katie.adams2@cgl.org.uk. 07884 996 917or hannah.douch@cgl.org.uk 07909 468 413 to book your space





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Parent Support Group

A six-week programme for parents/carers of young people (11-25 years) struggling with their mental health.

Like-minded parents/carers are listened to and reassured whilst receiving tips and techniques for supporting their young people.

This interactive online group comprises two-hour sessions on mental health signposting, effective two-way communication, dealing with anxiety, increasing resilience, parenting styles and self care.

We help parents/carers to empower each other through information and support. Sessions are delivered in an engaging way with lots of opportunities for small group discussions, all in a safe and non-judgemental space.

If you, or someone you know, would like to speak with one of the Parents' Team, please get in touch.

I know that I am not alone, having met some wonderful parents going through similar things

For more information:

01708 457040
parents@haveringmind.org.ul
www.haveringmind.org.uk



mind Havering, Barking and Dagenham





Pickups:

JOBBERS REST PUB ~ THE PLOUGH PUB ~ AVON ROAD, (both ends) + UPMINSTER STATION Phone: 07966 146956 (answerphone on here) or 01708 227884, Email: shirley@shirleytours.co.uk

Website: www.shirleytours.co.uk

Fundraising for:

Hall Mead School ~ Engayne School ~ James Oglethorpe School ~ "All Saints Church, "All Saints (1st Cranham) Scout Group"

Trips Available:

- Wednesday 10th July; HORSE DRAWN BOAT TRIP, Kennet + Avon canal, Berkshire. Enjoy a 2.5 hour horse drawn barge trip on Kennet + Avon Canal, with cream tea on board. £65.00, (£55 no cream tea)
- Friday 16th August: BROADSTAIRS, Folk Week. Morris Men, entertainment, craft fayre, etc plus Sandy Beach, Dickens Museum, quaint English Seaside. Adult £28.00.OAPS £27, Child £22. (under 16)
- Saturday 19th October: WINDSOR CASTLE; Includes audio guided tour of Castle View Queen Marys famous Dolls House, see State Apartments plus (Semi State apartments only open in Winter), St George's Chapel, Final resting place of 11 monarchs, incl Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip. £60.00
- Thursday 31st October: RIVER CRUISE, SOUTH OF FRANCE. Treasures of Burgundy and Provence. Sail on Rivers Rhone and Saone. Seven Nights, incl 5 excursions, free wine, beer, soft drinks with meals, Wi-Fi, Gratuities. Fly from Heathrow, Coach/minibus to airport (additional optional extra). Only 140 passengers. Leaflet/prices on request. Book direct/speak to Agent to choose your cabin!
- Wednesday 11th December: SANTA SPECIAL CRUISE, RUNNYMEDE: 3 hour round trip, with three course meal, .(Mulled wine, soup of day, Roast turkey/trimmings, Xmas pudding, brandy sauce, tea coffee with mince pie). Plus, seasonal music through afternoon as you cruise through Winter Wonderland, before a festive visit from Santa with gift for everyone system, £78.00.
- Saturday 15th February 2025: BRICK LANE MUSIC HALL, PINOCCHIO., Adult Panto. Incl Coach, 3 course hot meal, matinee show/converted church, Silvertown. £92.00. (Reduced price if 40 people plus).
- 6th-16th April 2025: FJORDS SPRINGTIME CRUISE. Sail from Tilbury on Ambassador Cruise Line. Includes Haugesund Bergen Flam, Eidfjord, Stavanger, Kristiansand, Oslo. Transport to Tilbury optional. Please register your interest.
- 2025: PROPOSED LIVERPOOL TRIP, please register your interest, please send names, Tel no. VIA EMAIL
- 6th—12th October 2025: SLOVENIA, LAKE BLED AND COAST, 2 CENTRE HOLIDAY. Please register your interest, please send names, tel nos, VIA EMAIL. BY AIR.