

22nd March 2024

Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Approximately, 3 years' ago, we made the decision to refresh our school values and to select four values which would encapsulate and embody the work we do with our community. This was a really important endeavour for us to undertake, as we recognised that the values we selected would become part of the identity of our school. From this process, we identified four values:



Today's newsletter focuses specifically on our value of 'burning brightly' and is in response to our visit this week from Susie, a Holocaust Survivor.

Susie delivered a powerful presentation to Year 9 students detailing her difficult experience and sharing personal stories about her family and history. To say, I personally felt inspired by her visit would be an understatement.

Through special experiences such as these, which take place outside of the classroom, our students are challenged to be better versions of themselves. A huge thank you to the history team for organising this moving and thought provoking event.

In a world where academics are so important, we rightly strive to ignite a passion for learning within our students. However, we also understand that academic achievement is just one aspect of a well-rounded education. Equally important is the development of strong personal values and character traits which will guide our students in their interactions with others and their contributions to society.

Susie's story has reminded me of the possibility and potential of 'burning brightly' in all that we do, the power of human relationships and the importance of kindness.

Thank you Susie for reminding us all to do better, be better and try and make the world, a better place.

Thanks again.

Miss Ducker Headteacher



Important Dates

Just a reminder of the upcoming events for next week:

- Wednesday 27th March—Year 11 Reports—published
- Thursday 28th March—End of term, full school day
- Thursday 28th March—Year 11 Drama Exam, Component 2
- Friday 29th March—School is closed, Good Friday



Good luck to our Year 10 students who continue their PPE1s!





Team History

The History Department and Hall Mead were very grateful and privileged to welcome Susie Barnett BEM, and her husband David, to our school to speak to Year 9 this week. Thank you Susie for your wonderful visit, and we look forward to welcoming you again soon!

Year 9 have been reflecting on the talk since Monday...

'On the 18th March 2024, Year 9 were very lucky to have the opportunity to have Susie, a Holocaust survivor, come to Hall Mead and speak to us about her experiences of her time during and after World War 2. We are extremely fortunate to have this experience and we are very grateful to Susie for talking to us about her life, as we know it is very difficult for her to talk about something so personal. Susie spoke to us about her and her family's life and experiences growing up as a Jewish person in Germany and later England in the 1930's and 40's. It was an extremely harrowing but touching experience to listen to the challenges she faced and the way they were treated. For example, I was extremely moved when she articulated the story of how her father was sent to a camp where he was forced to work and march to the point of exhaustion each and every day. She also spoke of prisoners being selected as living human targets for Nazi snipers and occasionally some prisoners would hope they were selected as they had been worked so mentally and physically hard. I found this incredibly difficult to comprehend that fellow humans would treat each other this way and that millions of people suffered this same morbidly terrifying fate. Despite being very upsetting to hear, it was very insightful and truly put into perspective what these people suffered through. Overall I found the experience very beneficial and we thank Susie for taking the time to share her experiences with us.' Ethan B, 9DS

'Although she was in care for the majority of her childhood and faced some extremely difficult times, she became a French teacher, and met her lovely husband. She told us that after years of unhappiness, she found true happiness in her adult life. Thank you for sharing your story with us Susie.' Poppy M, 9DS





'From Susie's talk I learnt about how hard things were for her and her family because of events in Germany, and what she had to go through and overcome during her very hard childhood. I enjoyed listening to her a lot and she was a very good speaker.' Sarina U, 9CL

'It truly is incredible how moving her speech was to all of us, especially after all these years it's still such a tough subject for Susie. She's a true survivor and I'm sure that everyone in that assembly left with a new view of the Holocaust.' Charley S, 9CL

'Her talk was very interesting. I'm happy she came because it gave me an insight of everything that happened.' Amelia C, 9CL

'It was an experience like no other. The next generation will never have the opportunity to talk to someone like Susie from a first-hand perspective. She was born in 1938 in Hamburg Germany, soon after the war started. Susie's siblings went on the Kinder-transport and they were sent to different foster or care homes. Her father was sent to a concentration camp where he was imprisoned until he escaped and made it to Shanghai, China. This heart-breaking talk Susie gave us about her life story shows how brave she really is. Watching Susie tell this to us was very sensitive since it's horrible to think about the trauma that was inflicted on so many people just because they were part of a minority group. During the Second World War, sadly, millions of innocent people were persecuted just because of what they believed in or who they were and they need justice and their voices heard and that's why Susie Barnett tells her story. Thank you.' Lucie L, 9DS

'...No one should have gone through that...' Victoria R, 9CL

























Mrs Hallett, Assistant Headteacher

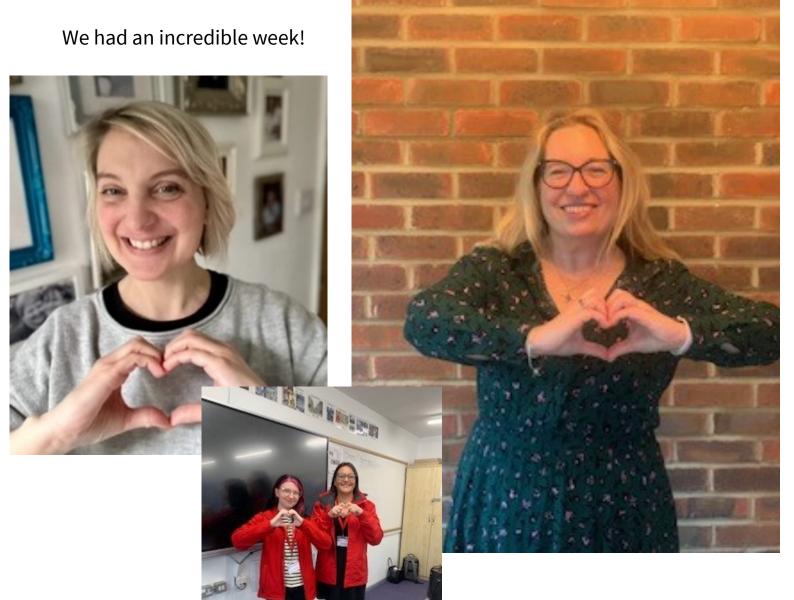
International Women's Day

Here is an article written by Emily Kidner, an ex-student, who spoke to our girls last Friday:

https://business.itn.co.uk/itn-business-emily-kidner-gives-talk-at-former-school-for-international-womens-day/

Thank you everyone for supporting and contributing to our IWD events, it

is much appreciated.





Sporting Successes



Tuesday 5th March 2024

The Year 8 football team put in a great performance to come away 9 – 0 winners against Abbs Cross School.

Mr Sammons' man of the match goes to Archie. P for his excellent hat-trick.

A special mention to Isaque. A, Joshua. H and William. M who made their A team debuts.

Wednesday 6th March 2024

The Year 7 football team travelled to Hornchurch High and won 5-2.

Mr Sammons' man of the match goes to Taylor. G for his hat-trick, which included some excellent goals.

Thursday 8th March 2024

The Year 7 sports leaders attended the Havering Primary indoor athletics event at Hornchurch.

The leaders once again were praised for their excellent support and organisation at the event.





Sporting Successes



Monday 11th March 2024

The Year 7 football team took on Harris in another Havering cup fixture.

An excellent performance saw them come away 5-2 winners. They are still unbeaten in the groups stage with 2 games to play.

Henry B was given Mr Sammons' MOM for his solid display at the back!

Well done to Henry!

Wednesday 13th March 2024

The Year 7 B team played in their first ever game for the school away at Royal Liberty.

It was a close game but finished 1 – 0 to Hall Mead with Lee H getting the goal.

It was amazing to give these boys a opportunity to play as they have been turning up regularly throughout the year to football training.

Well done to everyone who played!



Table Tennis Competition

On Wednesday a group Year 7,8 and 10 students travelled to Royal Liberty School to participate in the Havering Table Tennis competition.

It was great to see them in a competitive environment after attending table tennis club most lunch times since Christmas.

All students performed well and contributed to their over team score.

The KS4 A team consisting of Henry C, Luke S, Joe G and Fenton E achieved our best position of 3rd overall.

Mr Sammons is now looking to set up some table tennis fixture for

the summer









This week's 'Personalised Learning Award' goes to Year 7 student Charlie!

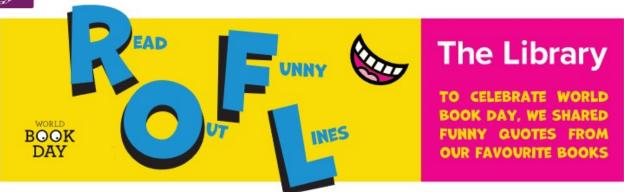
Charlie has been working extremely hard in all his lessons, beating his best and showing great resilience.

Charlie has represented the school playing in the Year 7 rugby team and comes to afterschool football training on a Tuesday.

Well done to Charlie!







In the library, we celebrated World Book Day, 7th March, with an entertaining lunchtime reading event.

The event began with Mrs Moore reading a short chapter on Vogon poetry from The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams, followed by a reading by Katie H in year 7 from Grace Dent and the Incredible Germs by Gwen Lowe, about a virus that makes the sufferer giggle!





Next up was Mrs Barrett with the shocking, but hilarious poem The Lesson, by Roger McGough and, by contrast, Ms Garred expertly read a hilarious extract from Gangsta Granny by David Walliams, in which Granny attempts to avert the attention of a nosy neighbour away from the stolen jewels by practising yoga in her underwear!









Joshua P in year 8 then shared his rendition of the Ballad of the Ninja Snails from <u>The</u> 52-Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Mr Hart wrapped up the session with a selection of his favourite jokes from The Ha-Ha Bonk Book by Janet and Allen Arlberg.





We hope that the students who attended enjoyed themselves and want to say a big thank you to those who took part. We are still collecting quotes for our Read Out Funny Lines collaborative display in the library and will be announcing the winners of our World Book Day quiz and Match the Staff to their childhood photo/favourite book competition after the Easter break.





Design and Technology Faculty

Our Year 8 students have been focussing on a textile based project this term.

We have been learning how to create our own sublimation prints with a focus on mindfulness, create a pattern and use a sewing machine to make a finished product.

Across the DT curriculum we look at the importance of using sustainable materials and how the choices we make as designers can reduce our negative impact on the environment.

In this textile project we upcycled old shirts to make a personalised cushion and the final prototypes have been amazing!

As you can see, it has given us the opportunity to make use of the girls house shirts, thanks to lots of donations by parents.

We are really excited to share some of our final outcomes with you and we hope they have found a special place in your homes!

If you have any shirts at home, that are no longer needed, we would always be grateful to receive donations for future projects.

Miss Lloyd











































Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Week 30	Sparx Math Superstars			Top 3 XP from each year group for this week	
Year 7				Year 8	
Eadi F	7TM			Dhaval N	8DM
Рорру Ј	7WL			Lexi P	8WB
Bella M	7DC			Jun Xi L	8TB
		Year 9			
		Elson D	9CN		
		Mikhail GT	9CL		
		Dylan E	9TL		
Year 10				Year 11	
Kingsley A	10CW			Lewis A	11TJ
Lacey T	10CS			Harry M	11TJ
Scarlett P	10WMc			Liam N	11DC

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

Achievement Point Totals



Year Group Totals					
 Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
7	29379	860	28519	27603	916
8	26039	1678	24361	23562	799
9	20131	2005	18126	17471	655
10	16040	1408	14632	14217	415
11	9529	1484	8045	7893	152
Overall Conduct Score			93683	90746	2937

House Totals						
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase	
Chapman	25520	1903	23617	22865	752	
Dickens	26649	1703	24946	24199	747	
Talbot	22885	1718	21167	20514	653	
Waltham	23089	2079	21010	20323	687	

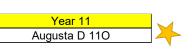
Year 7
Bonnie T 7DR
Emily M 7CCB
Jasmine K 7CCB

Well Done to our Weekly Winners

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*	Year 9
	Oliver B 9TL
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	Year 10
	Alex L 10WMC
1	Holly N 10WMC
	Scarlett P 10WMC
	William I 10WMC





Nathan F 8WH





Celebrating Neurodiversity!

As part of neurodiversity celebration week, the Art and SEND departments have ran a competition to design an Neurodiversity Umbrella installation.

Neurodiversity is a term for a range of conditions including dyslexia, ADHD, autism that acknowledge that brains work differently.

We had 4 winners—Ella M, Lila WS, Mia W and Victoria Z that have resulted in 3 amazing installations being placed on the school site with the help of our Site Team.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved!















London's Violence Reduction Unit 3,555 followers 1d • •

We are proud to celebrate #NeurodiversityCelebrationWeek through our Thinking Differently partnership with ADHD Foundation in 20 London schools.

...see more

















Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Sunday 31st March 2024 Tuesday 9th April 2024 Sunday 28th April 2024 10.30am to 4.00pm



(Last suggested entry time: 2.30pm)



Visits must be pre-booked via: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Address: Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire station, Hogg Lane, Grays, RM17 5QS



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The course costs £35 for 6 sessions of coaching, as well as a T-shirt, tennis racket and tennis balls, so they can keep practising at home and on our local courts.

Contact raphaeljuniortennis@gmail.com

Held at Raphael Park tennis courts Parkway, Romford RM2 5PA







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TUES 9TH APRIL

(NON-CALC/PAPER 1)

WED 10TH APRIL

(CALC/PAPERS 2 & 3)

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5.00-6.15PM

HIGHER SESSIONS:

6.30-7.45PM

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FOCUSING ON:

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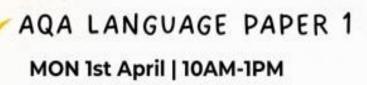
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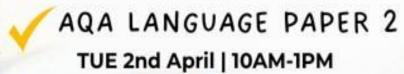
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Sun 7th April | 12pm-3pm

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



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

GCSE 'ROMEO & JULIET'

Mon 8th April | 10am-1pm

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GCSE 'CHRISTMAS CAROL'

> Tue 9th April | 10am-1pm

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Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying







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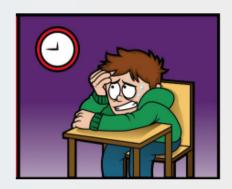
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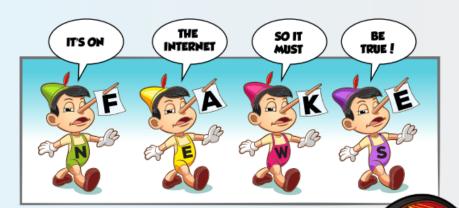


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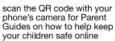
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A Parent's Guide to Fake News

















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

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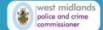
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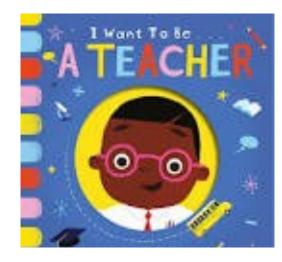


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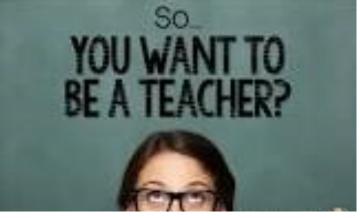












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If you, or someone you know, would like to speak with one of the Parents' Team, please get in touch.

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

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- 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
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