



26th April 2024

Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I had the pleasure of delivering assemblies to Years 8, 9 and 11 year groups. In all the assemblies, I spoke to students, not only about the importance of the exams that they have to sit at the end of Year 11, but also about the importance of their own personal development. I posed questions to them such as '**who do you want to be?**' and '**what values do you have?**'. I also shared with students how making **1% changes** can make such a difference over time and that we all must invest as much in what type of person we are, as which qualifications we are able to put on our C.V.

In terms of our Year 11s, this has been an incredibly important week! Our Head of Food Technology Department, Mrs Robertson, has been busy hosting the Year 11 Food Practical exams. She has worked so hard to support her class in securing the best grades possible for the practical element of their course. I have been blown away with the sophistication, technical precision and quality of the dishes which have been prepared. I enjoyed receiving a Tupperware dish of food from Year 11 student Michael P on Monday at the end of school. I certainly enjoyed it for my dinner! I did want to say how very fortunate we are to have such a dedicated new member of staff as Mrs Robertson who has encouraged, motivated and inspired the students to all to **beat their best**. Mrs Robertson only joined us in September and is already such a special part of our Hall Mead family.

A big thank you must go to the Spanish Department who hosted all the Year 11 speaking exams last week. It is a huge undertaking and one which requires an enormous amount of energy, time and preparation. I am sure that the students are relieved to have completed this part of the course. Only the reading, writing and listening elements to go!

And finally, we welcomed our external PE moderator into school on Wednesday who observed our Year 11 GCSE PE students as they showcased some of their sports and then moderated our grades. I am always so impressed with how **talented our students** are and, my hope is that the marks awarded reflect their aptitude and efforts. Again, thank you to Mrs Morgan and the PE Department for their organisation and leadership of this day.

Next week, is a very important week for Year 10 as they undertake their 'Spoken Language' assessments in English. They will be reflecting upon their work experience placements and exploring relevant questions around this. Speaking in front of a group can sometimes be a daunting task, so I would like to **wish them all the best of luck** for this. Parents/carers can support this process by listening to their child rehearse their speech at home and ensuring that they have prepared their cue card (they are permitted to bring one cue card with notes on it) fully for the assessment. Good luck to all the students and thank you to the English Faculty for their hard work on this!

Thanks again.

Miss Ducker

Headteacher



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Year 10 Assembly

Student Leadership Opportunity

Miss Casey, Head of Year 10, was delighted to welcome back her year group from their work experience placements this week.

She wanted to hit the ground running by inviting Assistant Headteacher Miss Hallett to her assembly to launch our prefect programme!

If your child is interested in becoming a prefect, they should complete the application form, which can be found via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/RxinvLx1g9>

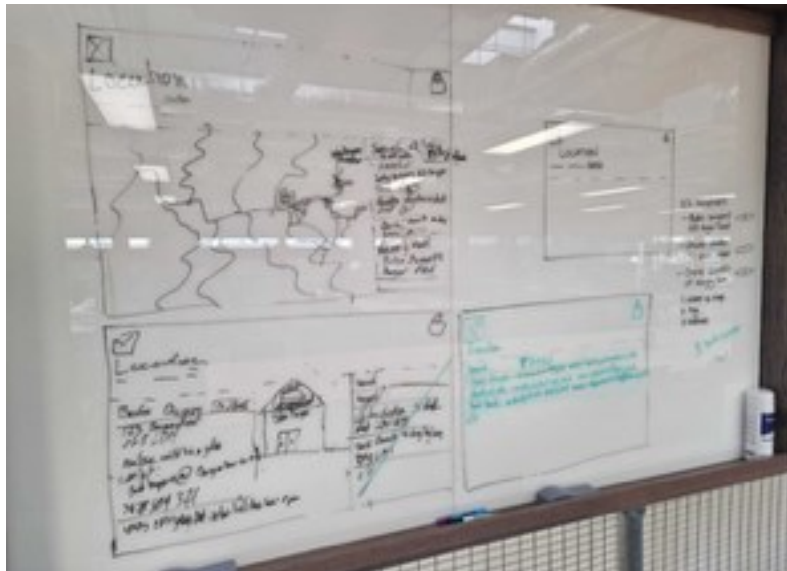
All applications must be submitted by 7th May 2024.





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Year 10 Work Experience





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Hornchurch FC Ticket! Mr Sammons, 2 i/c PE

Mr Sammons has awarded our Hornchurch FC reward ticket to Ronnie and Finley for their dedication to school sport.

Well done boys!





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Student Stories—Joshua F Year 8

I always enjoy hearing stories from our students about what they get up to outside of school and especially after a school holiday as they seem to fit so much in!

I was particularly interested to hear from Joshua F this week! He told me all about a recent flying experience he had! He shared some great photographs with me!

There is even one of him flying over Queen's Hospital—check out his photographs below!





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Going Above and Beyond



I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Moore for driving the school mini-bus to Thorpe Park last week so our SEN students could enjoy a quieter mode of transportation rather than one of the double decker buses.

She also offered additional support throughout the day to ensure that the students had a great experience!

Thank you Mrs Moore! Staff like you make Hall Mead an extra special place!

Personalised Learning Award

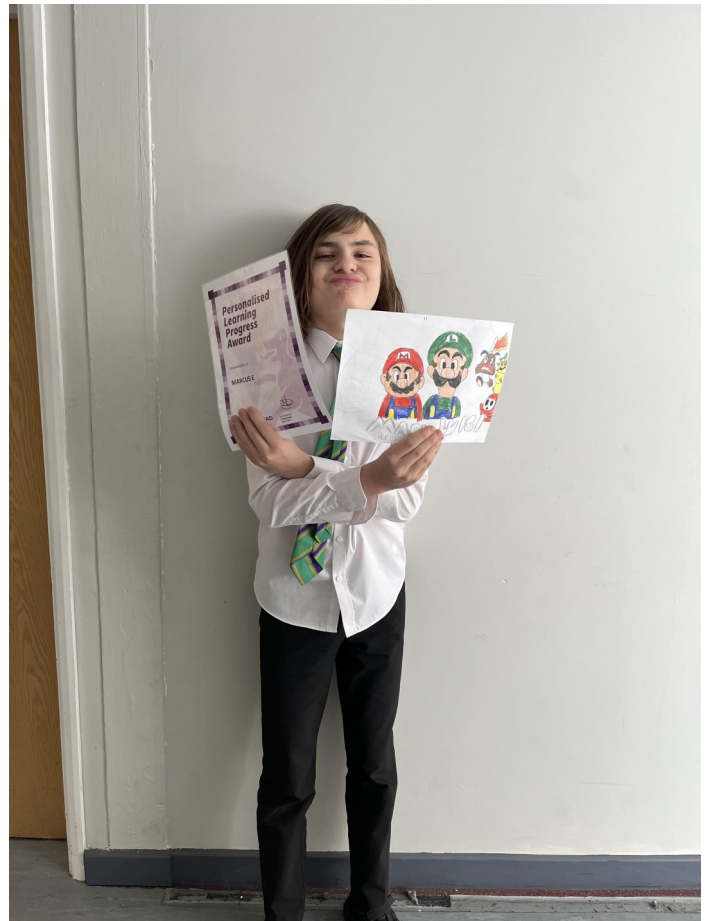
This week our 'Personalised Learning Award' goes to Marcus.

Marcus has been working outstanding this week, working extremely hard in all his lessons being polite and showing kindness to others.

In his spare time, Marcus loves showing his creative skills.

Here is a drawing of Mario and Luigi!

Keep up the good work Marcus!





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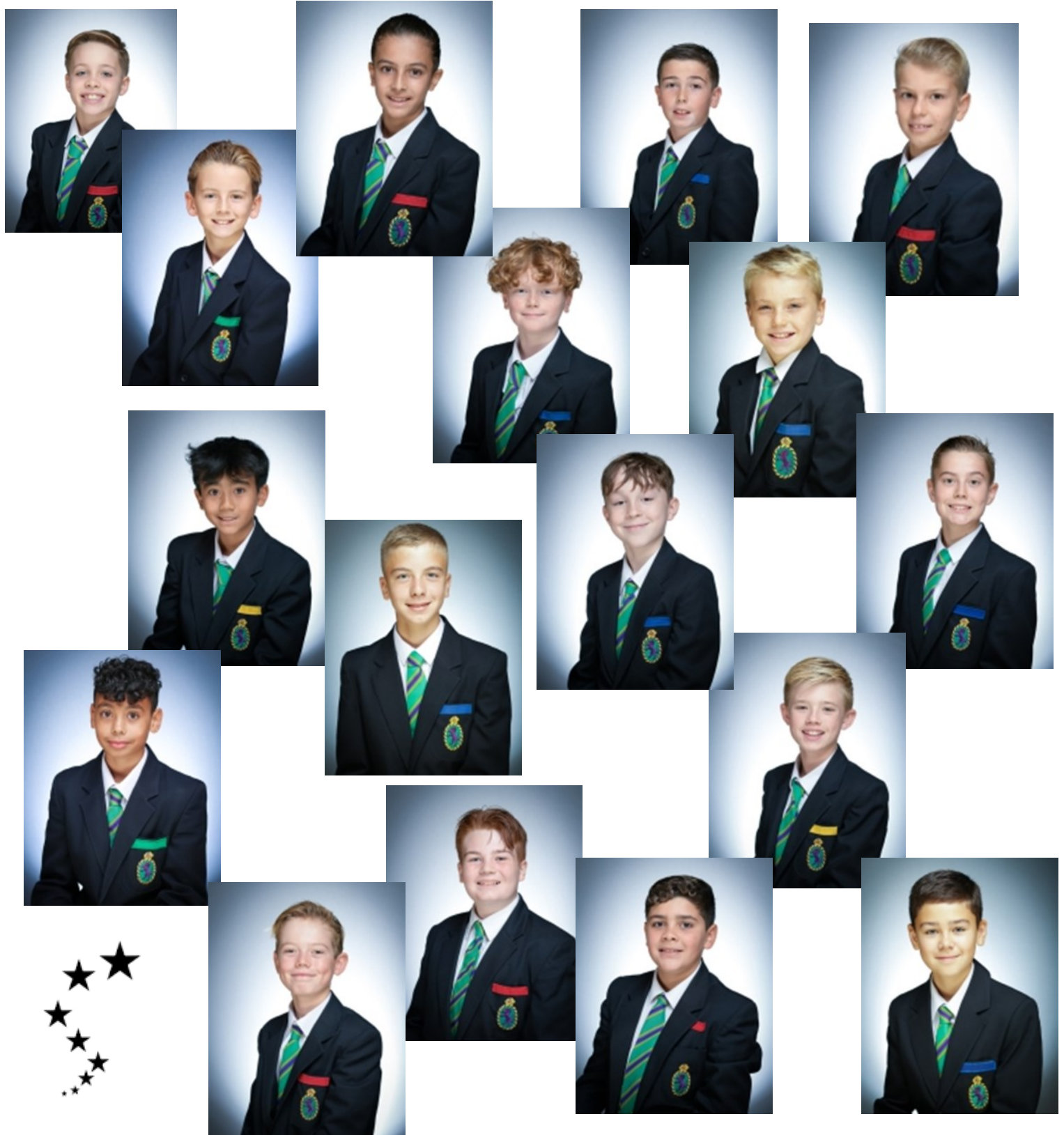


Sporting Successes

Year 8 Football Team



Good luck to Mr Sammons' Year 8 football team who have qualified for the Havering Cup final and will be playing their match on Tuesday 30th April!





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Mr Leslie's Year 11 Football Team

Our Year 11 football team did us proud on Friday night as we recorded a 2-1 victory against St Edward's to reach the final of the Havering Schools' Cup!

Despite missing our influential captain, James S (who was on Colchester United duty) the boys stuck together to come out victorious through a last gasp 30 yard free-kick from Connor J.

Caleb L scored the first after 10 seconds (may even have been 5). The boys have worked incredibly hard this year and have shown great commitment to reach this stage despite all of the other commitments that they have going on in and outside of school. Mr Leslie is so proud of them!

The final will take place on **Tuesday 30th April at Barking Football Club, Mayesbrook Park, RM8 2JR.** The kick-off time is **7pm.**

Entry to the ground is priced at £3 for individual spectators or £5 if you bring someone with you. The more support the merrier!





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Community Outreach

Big Help Out Day

Communi-Tea Circle is a local based charity operating in the Upminster and Hornchurch area dedicated to combating loneliness among the elderly. They organise regular tea gatherings and pub dinners to create a warm and welcoming environment for members to foster connections and reduce social isolation.

They rely on volunteer hosts and drivers to open their homes as meeting places and to transport individuals to and from each event.

Loneliness is a prevalent issue affecting many elderly individuals in our community. The absence of social interaction can have detrimental effects on their mental and physical well-being.

Communi-Tea Circle recognises the importance of human connection and believes that a simple cup of tea can make a significant difference in someone's life.

Communi-Tea will be hosting a tea gathering at the school on our Big Help Out Day. We will be inviting elderly residents to attend this to connect with one another and our school community. Further details to follow.





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Communi-Tea Circle

Communi-Tea are hosting a charity pub quiz on Monday 29th April 2024.

Tickets for the charity quiz are now on sale! They sold out last year and so please purchase your tickets asap.

Teams consist of 4, 5 or 6 and tickets included a pub meal and quiz entry for £20 per person. There will be some fantastic prizes to be won!

The quiz will start at 7pm, and there is the option of dining at 6.30pm or in the interval at 8.30pm. Once all tickets are sold, we'll be in touch to take your preference.

To [purchase tickets](#), please click the link to be directed to their website and follow the quiz link at the bottom of the page. Please don't forget to add gift aid!



If you can purchase for your whole team that would help with admin, but we can accept individual ticket purchases too.

It will be a night of fun and food and all while supporting your local community.





World Book Day Competition Winners

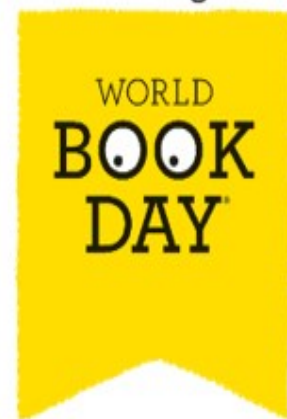
The winners of our recent World Book Day Competitions organised by the library were announced this week.

We had a fantastic response with over 100 entries received for competitions which included matching a childhood photograph of our English Teachers/Librarians to their favourite childhood book, a book quiz and a prize for reading and reviewing one of our World Book Day mystery books.

Congratulations to **Leonie L 10WMc** who received a £20 book token for having the most correct guesses in the Match the Teacher competition and to **Jessica T 9TL** as our runner up, who received a £10 book token.

9CL provided the winners for the book quiz. Well done to **Jack F** who received a £20 book token & **Charley S** who received £10 book token.

Celebrating with



The prize for the Mystery Book review

competition went to **Thomas N 8TB** for his review of the spooky book We Played With Fire by Catherine Barter.

All entries have been published on Reading Cloud and will really help other students choose whether they would like to read one of our, now revealed, Mystery Books.

Thank you to all our other competition entrants who made our World Book Day competitions and activities a success. If you were unlucky this year don't despair – enter again next year and perhaps you will be a winner!

Mrs Moore and Mrs O'Brien, Librarians.





Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Week 35		Sparx Maths Superstars		Top 3 XP from each year group for this week	
Year 7		Year 8		Year 9	
Joel L	7TW	Dhaval N	8DM	Dylan E	9TL
Yusuf D	7TW	Freddie F	8CBC	Kiera S	9DL
Oliver C	7TW	Sami U	8WB	David T	9CL
Year 10		Year 11			
Darrell O	10DG	Niamh G	11DEM		
Zaki C	10O	George F	11TJ		
James K	10TE	Claudia R	11TJ		

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

Achievement Point Totals



Year Group Totals					
Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
7	32392	1024	31368	30273	1095
8	28811	1945	26866	26215	651
9	22177	2201	19976	19353	623
10	16286	1452	14834	14818	16
11	10096	1641	8455	8345	110
Overall Conduct Score			101499	99004	2495

House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	27793	2062	25731	25023	708
Dickens	28982	1910	27072	26271	801
Talbot	24823	1917	22906	22373	533
Waltham	24903	2341	22562	22158	404

Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 7
Romeo M 7CS

Year 8
Nethumi P 8CBC

Year 9
Charlie B 9WT

Year 10
Tani T 10O

Year 11
Connie A 11DEM



NEED EXAM SUPPORT? PREDICTED GCSE MATHS PAPERS



JOIN US!

SUN 12TH MAY (before exam on 16th May)

4PM - 5:30PM (FOUNDATION TIER)

6PM - 7:30PM (HIGHER TIER)

SUN 2ND JUNE (before exam on 3rd May)

4PM - 5:30PM (FOUNDATION TIER)

6PM - 7:30PM (HIGHER TIER)

SUN 9TH JUNE (before exam on 10th May)

4PM - 5:30PM (FOUNDATION TIER)

6PM - 7:30PM (HIGHER TIER)

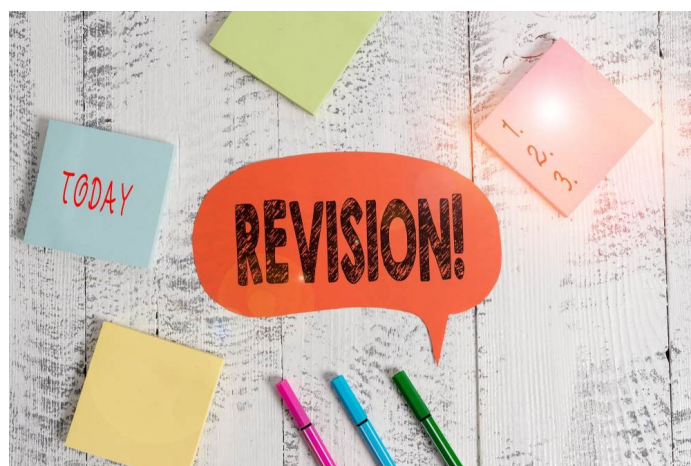
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PRE-EXAM REVISION

Sunday 19th May

6PM - 9PM

AQA LANGUAGE PAPER 1

Saturday 11th May

6PM - 9PM

GCSE SHAKESPEARE 'MACBETH'

Saturday 18th May

6PM - 9PM

GCSE 'AQA' POWER AND CONFLICT POWER

Saturday 1st June

6PM - 9PM

AQA LANGUAGE PAPER 2

Sunday 12th May

6PM - 9PM

GCSE 'INSPECTOR CALLS'



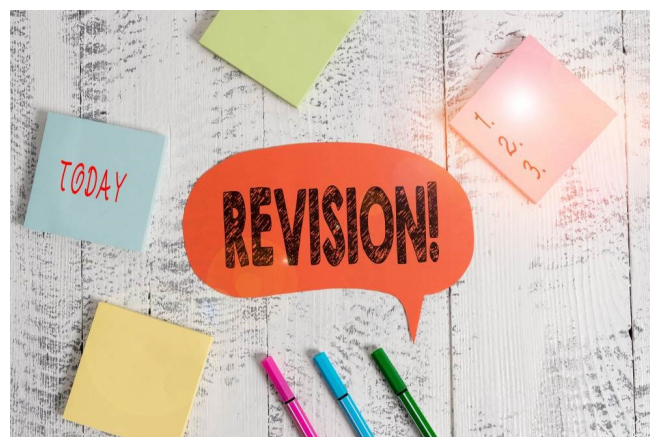
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Don't forget we have a Dance Club!

Miss Hallett is delighted to announce that we have a new **free** club starting next week at Hall Mead School.

It will be every Tuesday, running from 3.25pm—4.15pm.

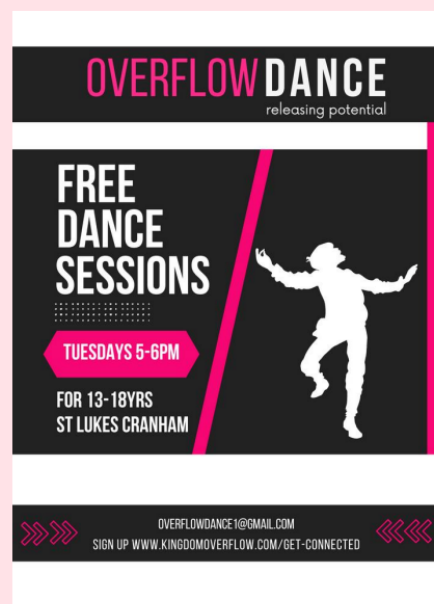
Intro

What is it?

- “Free To Move” is a dance wellbeing programme aimed at exploring wellbeing topics such as anxiety, courage, self-confidence and joy.
- We use a range of dance styles such as street, hip hop, contemporary and musical theatre.
- Each session we learn new dance moves and hear inspirational stories
- We learn useful strategies to manage our mental health

Who are we?

This programme is also linked to a community-based project – Overflow Dance. We want to see all young people fulfilling their potential. We aim to ensure that young people have access to the belonging, opportunity, and support that they need, when and where they need it.





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OVERFLOW DANCE

releasing potential

DANCE AND WELLBEING

TUESDAY 15:25-16:15
VENUE SCHOOL HALL
ALL AGES
ACTIVE WEAR



“FREE TO MOVE” IS A DANCE WELLBEING PROGRAMME
AIMED TO EXPLORE DANCE STYLES & WELLBEING THEMES





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Pickups:

JOBBER 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 BLEND AND COAST, 2 CENTRE HOLIDAY. Please register your interest, please send names, tel nos , VIA EMAIL. BY AIR.



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Thames Chase Fun Run



Sunday, 12 May 2024

10am – 3pm

Arrive from 10am - Fun Run begins at 11am - Distance 1.8miles

Walk, run, jog or dance your way around! Come and take part in the Thames Chase Community Forest Fun Run. Walk around Thames Chase and help raise money for the charity. Enjoy the beautiful landscape, dress up in your best fancy dress costume and receive a medal at the end of the event.

Entries are a £4 donation each

Please book via the Thames Chase Visitor Centre: 01708 642970 or via Ticket Tailor
We will also have a variety of stalls to enjoy, as well as the Forest Centre Tearoom being open for refreshments.

This event is suitable for all ages and abilities and is taking place on the accessible Forestry England paths suitable for buggies and wheelchairs, dogs on leads are welcome.



For more information call 01708 642970 or visit the Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane, Upminster RM14 3NS.
Email: enquiries@thameschase.org.uk
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**FREE Badminton Session
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Brentwood**

**Sunday 19th May
10-11am Ages 7-10
11-12pm Ages 11-14
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Taster triathlon delivered by professional athletes from Tri Sport Essex

- £10.00 Triathlon Juniors (aged 6-15) 50m Swim >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on Field
- £10.00 Duathlon Juniors (aged 6-15) 1k Run >>> 5k Bike on Field >>> 1k Run on Field
- £20.00 Triathlon Adults (aged 16+) 200m Swim >>> 10k Bike >>> 3k Run
- £20.00 Duathlon Adults (aged 16+) 3k Run >>> 10k Bike >>> 1k Run

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Back again for 2024! If you and your family are looking for a new sporting challenge to tackle together then Try-a-Tri Brentwood is perfect. For schools, it's a great achievement goal for your pupils.

With entertainment and refreshments available on the day too for spectators then there is something for everyone!



Bike rental available from Trailnet

Trailnet is a Brentwood based Community Interest Company dedicated to helping people overcome barriers to cycling. They campaign and fundraise for improved local cycling opportunities. **They are offering discounted cycle hire for people that would like to take part in the Try-a-Tri but currently don't have a bike (see prices left). Trailnet also provide bike checks for participants.**

Adult 2-day - £15.00
Adult event only - £7.50
Child 2-day - £10.00
Child event only - £4.00

Visit www.trisportessex.org for more information.

Week pass
Free swims

7 day Brentwood Centre activity pass

Everyone active are offering Try-a-Tri participants a free 7 day



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ARE YOU LOOKING AFTER SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILD/CHILDREN ??

IF YOU HAVE BEEN CARING FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S CHILD OR CHILDREN FOR OVER 28 DAYS, AND YOU ARE NOT A CLOSE RELATIVE (SUCH AS A GRANDPARENT, UNCLE OR AUNT, BROTHER OR SISTER, OR STEP-PARENT BY MARRIAGE) THIS IS CALLED '**PRIVATE FOSTERING**'.

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY (9AM TO 5PM) – 01708 433222

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