

Headteacher's Newsletter



2nd May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am thrilled to share the exhilarating news that our Year 11 Football Team has clinched the prestigious Havering Cup this year! This triumph is not just a win in terms of the score but a testament to the hard work, dedication, and spirit of teamwork displayed by our students throughout the season.

Under the guidance of their coach Mr Leslie, and the relentless commitment of each team member, our boys have demonstrated exemplary sportsmanship and skill. It is such a fantastic way for them to end their time in Year 11.

I couldn't be more proud of them.

The final, which was held last Tuesday 30th April at Barking Football Club, was a spectacle of their sheer determination and talent, ending in a well-deserved victory that brought the trophy home. They battled from the moment the whistle was blown.

Our goalkeeper Daniel S was darting around his goal line saving a Coopers' penalty and a number of other attacks on goal! What a superstar goalkeeper he is! Please check out our Twitter page to watch a short video of him in

action: @hallmead

We understand that such accomplishments are not achieved in isolation. It is the support from you, the parents, which fuels the passion of these young athletes. Your encouragement at every game and your belief in their potential play a pivotal role in boosting their confidence and performance. It was so lovely seeing so many of you there, alongside ex-students, staff and students! It really did feel like a family event.

Once again, congratulations to the players, Mr Leslie, and all who contributed to this momentous achievement!

I wish the boys every success in the future, both on the football pitch and off of it. Well done.

Thanks again.

Miss Ducker

Headteacher





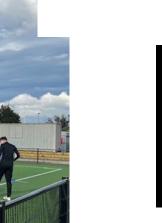
Important Dates

- ⇒ Wednesday 8th May—Year 7 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm— 6.45pm
- ⇒ Thursday 9th May—Year 11 GCSEs start. Good to our amazing Year 11 students!
- ⇒ Thursday 9th May—Year 10 Havering Cup Final, Barking Football club, Mayesbrook Park, RM8 2JR. Kick off: 7pm









































Hall Mead School

Football Season Results!

Year 7	Havering Cup Finalists
Year 8	Havering Cup Finalists
Year 10	Havering Cup Final—Playing on Thursday 9th May
Year 11	Havering Cup Winners

Special Staff Mention—Mr Sammons

I was delighted to receive an email this week from Year 8 student William McK's mum this week about Mr Sammons.

Mum shared:

"I just wanted to email and say a massive thank you to Mr Sammons for always being there for the Year 8 football team and leading them so well in all the games leading up to and including the final.

I have been lucky enough to be able to watch all the games and the way Mr Sammons allows the boys to play the game they want to and encourages them to communicate while playing is a credit to him.

This afternoon, at the final, was no exception, the boys all battled for each other and never gave up.

Mr Sammons gave the boys such confidence and you could see how much they all wanted to be there playing for him, each other and the school. They were a pleasure to watch and it's was such a shame they didn't come away with the win, they definitely deserved it.

Mr Sammons is a real credit to the school, he gives so much of his time to the students and I know my son has the upmost respect for him and really enjoys his PE lessons as well as the after school spots activities he does with him."





Mr Sammons—Year 7 Footballers

After an amazing football season, the Year 7 team played in the Havering Cup Final on Monday 29th April against Emerson Park school.

Although it was not the result we were looking for, the boys should be so proud of their performances over the year and should not lose sight of what a great achievement it is to make it into a final.

Mr Sammons said:

"I am very proud of their achievements and can't wait to manage the side gain next year."







Mr Sammons—Year 8 Footballers

The Year 8 football team made it into their 2nd final in 2 years, this time playing Redden court school on Tuesday 30th April.

Sadly, they weren't able to get their hands on the trophy but Mr Sammons has shared that he thinks many of the spectators would agree that they played some excellent football. Some have even suggested that we were the better team on the day but just wasn't able to get the ball in the net!

Through the season, the boys' performances have been exceptional and they have demonstrated the values Hall Mead holds at its core.

Mr Sammons has said:

"I know they will continue to work hard and wear the Hall Mead shirt with pride. Keep your heads up boys and let's make it third time lucky."

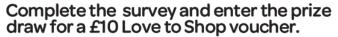




Have Your Say!

Our catering provider Aspens has asked for your feedback regarding the catering services provided at school. Please scan the QR code to provide your feedback:





We wish to get your views on the catering services we provide at your school. Your view is invaluable to us, whether you use the food services or not.

Following completion of the survey you will be in with the chance to win a £10 Love to Shop voucher.

https://ci.litmuspartnership.co.uk/form-6315211/elat-2024



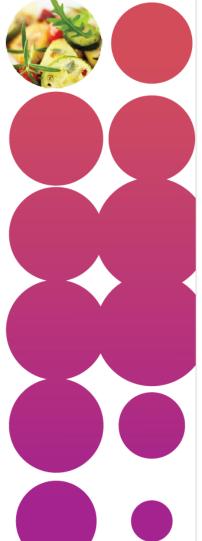
Your views are important to us and your time taken to participate would be much appreciated.

Start Date Tuesday 7th May 2024

End Date Monday 20th May 2024









Break and Lunch

		Week One Breaktime		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breaded chicken burger	Cheese & tomato twist	Pizza bagel	Pizza bread	Pizza bagel
Hash browns	Sausage in a roll	Nuggets	Sausage & cheese muffin	Nuggets
Breakfast muffins	Sausage roll	Breakfast wrap	Breaded chicken burger	Hash browns
Pizza bagels	Wings	Hash browns	Wings	Sausage in a roll
			Hash browns	
Available everyday: Frui	it pots, pancakes, pain au cho	colate, crisps and cold drinks		
	Weel	one Lunchtime Main	Meals	
(Ma	in meals are served on a three	e-week rotation and are availd	able with a selection of side di	shes)
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Curried coconut chick-	Homemade spicy falafel	Glazed gammon roast	Low salt and chilli chick-	Battered fish, sausage,
en /Jamaican black-eyed	flatbread / Plant based	dinner / Roast vegetable	en / Japanese Yakisoba	veggie sausage, pizza o
stew or	pea and spinach pasta or	and bean stew or Spicy	noodles or Meatballs /	nuggets with chips and
Spicy chicken dansak /	Tex-Mex burrito bar /	red onion sausages /	Cumin chickpea vegeta-	gravy or curry sauce
Vada Pav Bhaji <i>or</i>	Crispy topped mac n	Veggie bangers and or	ble bake or Chicken cur-	
NY Deli open chicken	cheese <i>or</i> Spicy Thai	Chicken and leak pie /	ry / Chana Masala	
bagel / Tex-Mex chipotle	pork / Veggie Thai style	lentil and onion pie. All		
sweet potato & lime taco	noodles	served with a selection of		
		potatoes and veg.		
	W	eek One Lunchtime Ext	ras	
Burrito	Chicken naan	Chicken thigh burger	Burrito	Chicken naan
Wings	Meatball sub	Calzone	Large sausage in a roll	Breaded chicken burge
	Round pizza	Panini		

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Pizza bagels	French bread pizza	Cheese and tomato twist	Pizza bread	Pizza bagel
Hash browns	Breaded chicken burger	Text me burger	Wings	Nuggets
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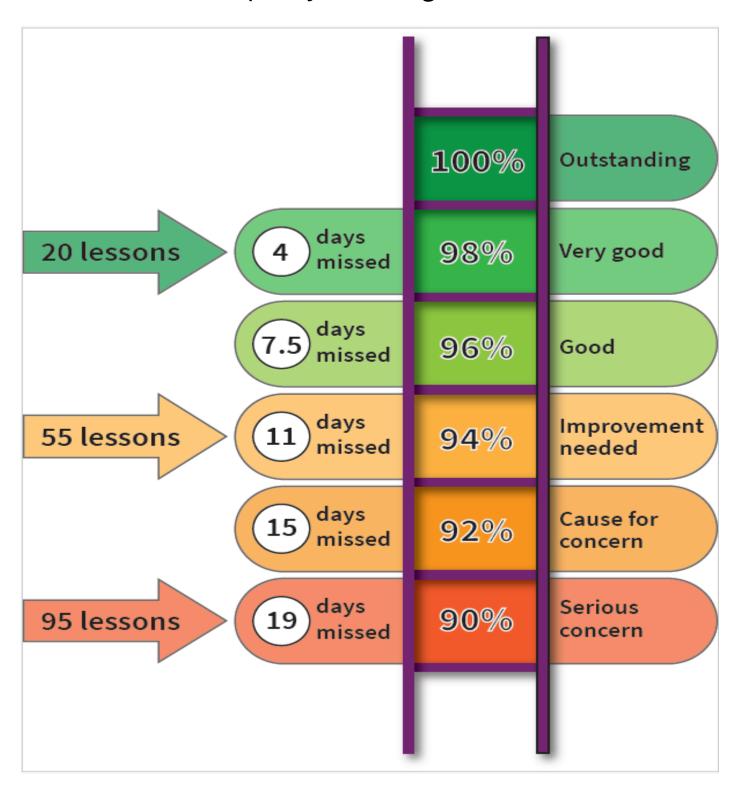




Attendance Matters

Have you ever considered how many lessons are missed if your child misses a day or two or three at school?

The numbers are pretty alarming. Check this out:







Sporting Successes

Well done to Lewis. M, Ollie. J and Max. M who represented Essex in the County Championship this weekend!





Sporting Successes



Well done to Tom G in 7DR who attended the 'BASK Karate Tournament' in Surrey at the weekend.

He came away with a Gold Medal in 'Individual Fighting' winning 3 out of 3 fights and a bronze medal in 'Team Fighting'!





Sporting Success

Year 8 Teddie fought in the London Finals in Feltham this weekend and won gold for boxing.



He is now fighting in the national stages to be the best in England!

Teddie will be fighting again in Feltham Saturday, then fighting in Newcastle the week after.

Huge congratulations to Teddie! We wish him all the luck for the national stages.





Celebrating our Students!

Oliver competed in the UKTMA (United Kingdom Twirling & Majorette Association) National Finals last weekend and he performed extremely well.

Not only did he place in all 5 events that he entered (1x1st, 2x2nds and 2x3rd places).

He was also awarded 3rd place Overall Twirler of the Year for his age group which is a huge achievement as it also included all the points he attained in the regional competitions throughout the year.

He has been competing since he was 4 years old and this year was his most successful year ever. Well done Oliver!

We are so proud of you!









Pupil Premium

At Hall Mead, we are appreciative of how the cost of living crisis continues to impact people on a daily basis. A persons financial position can change, for the worse, overnight and it is becoming increasingly common for people to seek the support they rightly deserve.

One way this can be done is for you to check if your son/daughter is eligible for a Free School Meal (FSM). This will help, not only with a much needed daily boost to their food accounts, but also by providing the school with extra funding (known as pupil premium) that can be used to help your son/daughter with some of their day to day needs at school. There is further information on this spending on our website: Pupil Premium - Hall Mead School

It is quick and easy to check if you are eligible for the FSM benefit. Visit the London Borough of Havering website (below) and hit the 'apply for free meals' button. You will get an immediate response. If you would like to talk to someone at the borough then please feel free to contact Sarah Causton in pupil services on 01708-433929.

<u>Free school meals | School support | The London Borough Of Havering</u>





English Faculty

The English Faculty have introduced Sparx Reader to Hall Mead School.

Sparx Reader makes reading visible, and helps empower schools to build a culture of regular independent reading.

Since the start of the Summer Term, students have been completing their Sparx Reader test which will generate a 'reading age' for them and allow us to target our extra support and intervention.

When Year 11 students leave, staff will be supporting those students who have a low reading age when they would normally be teaching Year 11. We feel that it is really important to give all students the gift of reading as it makes learning and accessing the world, a lot easier.

Here are this week's Sparx Reader STARS!









Year 10 Design and Technology The Big Community Project!



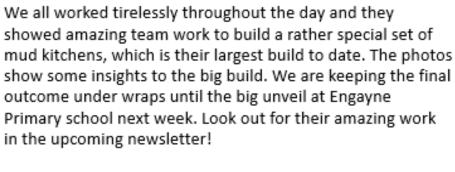






On Wednesday 24th April a selection of our Year 10 Design and Technology pupils had an exciting opportunity to take part in a community project. They were given the challenge of designing and building a mud kitchen for Engayne Primary school which would be donated to their Junior playground.

The students were able to work from a detailed list of user needs from Mr Manifold at Engayne, these needs included a space to hold water, enough space for 8 children to play, weatherproof and strong enough for someone to stand on!





I would like to make a special thanks to Aintree Lofts who made a generous donation of timber to us to make this build possible. We were blown away by their generosity and it enabled us to build something very special! Thank you Aintree Lofts.

I would also like to thank Mr Clark for all of his support on the day.







Personalised Learning Award

This week our 'Personalised Learning Award' goes to Tomas!

His teachers have shared the following with me:

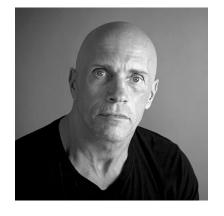
"A massive congratulations to Tomas F for all his hard work. He is always willing to try his hardest and beat his best in all lessons.

Tomas has a brilliant attitude when it comes to his learning, keep up the good work!





Mrs Fanning—Senior Assistant Headteacher Educational Workshop



On Friday, 26th April 2024, we were delighted to welcome back awardwinning drugs educator Paul Hannaford to Hall Mead for our Year 7 and 8 students.

Paul has been visiting us for many years to deliver his impactful and relatable talks to our students about the dangers of drugs, crime, gangs and the effects of these on his life and health.

Paul was brought up in Havering, went to a Havering school and really makes the point that he was just like them at one point and as a promising footballer, never thought he would touch drugs, much less become an addict.

In the 15 years since he beat his addiction, he has worked to give young people the kind of education about drugs and their impact that he wishes he and his peers had received. Although he now works nationally, and has gone beyond schools to cover prisons, football clubs and the armed forces, he has never forgotten his Havering roots and returns to cover our schools and our young people.

Student comments on the session included:

'I can't believe all that happened to him when he started out playing football just like me'

'Best assembly we've had ever had! I will remember what he says and always say no.'

'I felt really sorry for him and can't believe that drugs cost him his family, even now.'

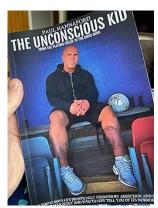




Please visit Paul's website for more information and links that you can use to discuss these issues with your young person.

Some of our students have enjoyed reading his book too:

https://
www.paulhannaford.com/







Mrs Fanning's Golden Time

Two classes have received some Golden Time from Mrs Fanning over the last week in recognition of their superb achievements and improvements.



9WT were recognised for having the most achievement points of any Year 9 form over the whole Spring Term! Well done - Mrs Fanning and Miss Towey are so proud of you!

8DS were recognised for having the biggest reduction in behaviour points over the Spring Term - 28% down on the Autumn so a true recognition of them beating their best! Mr Shaheed, Mr Stephens and Mrs Fanning are very proud.

Golden Wristbands:

Poppy Grix in 9CN and Charlie Watson in 9CL were this week's winners of Mrs Fanning's coveted Golden Wristband for having accumulated the most achievement points in Year 9 over the Spring Term! We are proud of your consistently high effort and conduct - well done!







<u>Community Support</u> <u>Mrs Hallett, Senior Assistant Headteacher</u>

On Tuesday 30th April, Mrs Hallett and Mr O'Neill met with the charity HAD.

They are an amazing local charity which we are more than happy to support.

Our help will be on a practical level perhaps providing music at their events or small scale cooking for their supper club.

This will also provide another layer to our mission to support The Big Help Out and also amazing volunteer opportunity for our future Community Prefects.

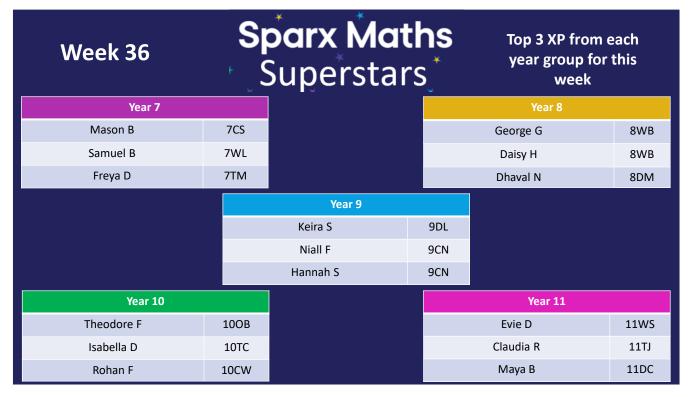
To find out more information about this charity and the work they do, please visit: Havering | 1A Woodhall Crescent, Hornchurch, UK (hadhavering.co.uk)







Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths



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

Achievement Point Totals

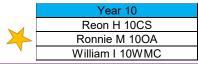


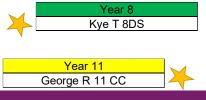
	Year Group Totals					
\checkmark	Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
4	7	33440	1091	32349	31368	981
•	8	29789	2045	27744	26866	878
	9	22915	2327	20588	19976	612
	10	16625	1569	15056	14834	222
	11	10356	1690	8666	8455	211
	Overall Conduct Score			104403	101499	2904

House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	28661	2157	26504	25731	773
Dickens	29884	2026	27858	27072	786
Talbot	25597	2036	23561	22906	655
Waltham	25636	2470	23166	22562	604













Amazing Residential Camps

Barracudas are delighted to announce that they have residential camps, in partnership with PGL, now available to book for 8-16 year olds. This is a great opportunity for children to grow in confidence and independence during the school holidays.

What's more, they are happy to offer exclusive discounts for our school community!

Parents just need to add **SCHOOL20** in the promotion box to receive an **extra £20 off** their booking. Please find the coded flyer below and attached.

There are 4 night and 7 night options at 2 great locations in Suffolk or Surrey to choose from, they'll enjoy beautiful surroundings, modern accommodation, dining facilities and high adrenaline activities!





Are you worried about how they are feeling? DECREASING DEPRESSION FREE TALK

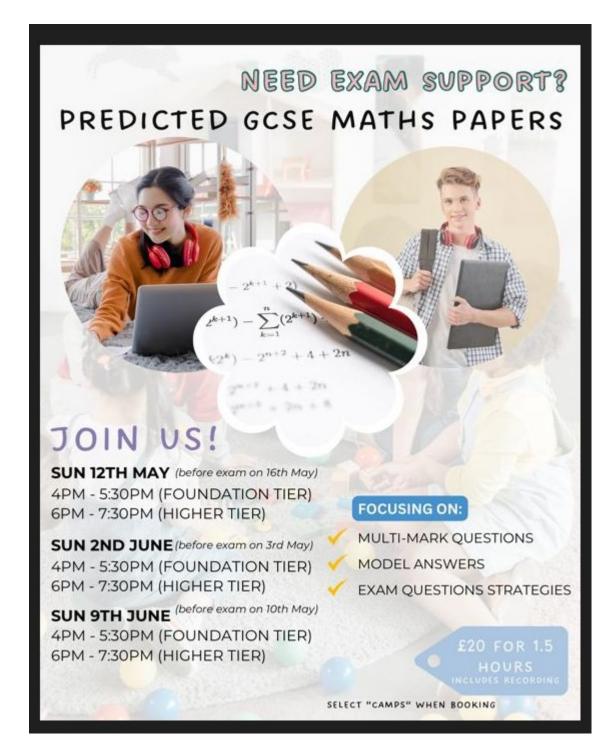


May 14th 7-8pm

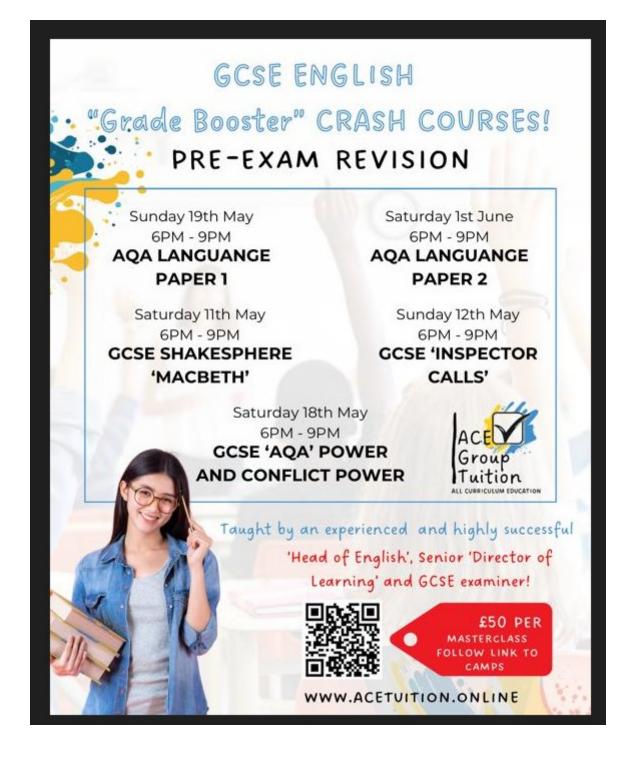
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE gives a one hour online talk explaining what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk go to PARENT page













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.



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
Website: www.thameschase.org.uk
Thames Chase: Charity no. 1115627 Company no. 5687558.











Sunday 7th July from 8.00am Brentwood Centre, CM15 9NN

Fun local multi-sport challenge for both children and adults! School groups and junior sports organisations welcomed

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

Register using the QR code or visit www.trisportessex.org
For queries please contact trisportessex@outlook.com

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Raising funds for











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

Child event only - £4.00

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.

Visit www.trisportessex.org for more information.

Week pass Free swims 7 day Brentwood Centre activity pass

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



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'.

HERE AT THE HAVERING MASH, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW ABOUT THESE ARRANGEMENTS. WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU AND ANY CHILDREN YOU'RE LOOKING AFTER.

PLEASE PHONE:

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

OUT OF HOURS/WEEKENDS — 01708 433999

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