



**10th May 2024**

## *Headteacher's Newsletter*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share news about the Year 10 football team and their recent match.

As many of you will be aware, our Year 10 team made it to the final, a tremendous achievement that speaks volumes about their dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship. However, I must share the bittersweet news that, despite their efforts, they were not victorious in the final match this week.

The team played with great spirit and determination, giving their best. The match was intense and exciting, showcasing the incredible skills and resilience of our students.

While the loss is disappointing for the team and for all of us who have supported them, it is important to recognise the hard work and commitment that brought them to this point. Reaching the final is a significant accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of each and every player for their contributions and efforts throughout the season.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr Morrith, their coach, and Mr Bamber whose guidance and encouragement have been instrumental in the team's development and success. Additionally, thank you to all the parents/carers for your unwavering support, whether it was through attending matches, providing transportation, or cheering from the side-lines. It was also great to see so many staff, even ex members of staff such as Mr Seager who was a Form Tutor for this year group, supporting the boys at this important match!

We believe that every experience, including this loss, offers valuable lessons and opportunities for growth. Our players have demonstrated exceptional character and sportsmanship, and we are confident that they will carry these qualities with them in all their future endeavours, both on and off the field.

I would like to close by congratulating the Year 10 football team for their hard work and achievements this season. We look forward to many more successes and memorable moments in the future.

Thanks again.

**Miss Ducker**

**Headteacher**



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## Hall Mead School

## Football Season Results!

Year 7	Havering Cup Finalists
Year 8	Havering Cup Finalists
Year 10	Havering Cup Finalists
Year 11	Havering Cup <b>Winners</b>





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### Headteacher—Purple Pin Award

I was delighted to receive an email from Miss Casey, Head of Year 10 / English Teacher, last week asking to nominate River Green for the Headteacher Purple Pin Award.

As you will be aware from previous Headteacher Newsletters, there are only 50 of these pins, and so receiving one is an extra special award!

Miss Casey shared the following about River:

**River always goes above and beyond in her studies, hence why she is making so much progress. She is an incredible role model to others exemplifying our Hall Mead values on a daily basis.**

I hope that River wears her pin with pride carrying with her how proud with are all of her.





## Important Dates

⇒ Year 11 GCSE Exam Period—starts Thursday 9th May







## English Faculty Mr Hart

Last week, Mr Hart took Chloe in Year 10 to Frances Bardsley to compete in the Borough final of this year's Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge. Chloe was whittled down from 25 students in her year over the course of the school year, and has been working hard on her speech for months.

18 schools competed, with speeches ranging from a love of acting to, of all things, gel pens!

Competition was fierce but Chloe smashed it out of the park with her speech 'Her Game Too' focusing on her love of football, coming out in third place! We're all incredibly proud of her! Well done Chloe!





## Junior Maths Challenge

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, we had a selection of 69 students from Year 7 and 8 take part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. This is a national competition that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think.

To achieve a bronze award, students need to be in the top 50% of the country; to achieve a silver award, pupils will need to be in the top 16.7%; then finally to achieve a gold award, they are in the top 8.3% of students in the country.

34 out of the 69 students who participated achieved a medal. 11 Gold awards, 13 Silver, 14 Bronze with 4 students qualifying for the next round.  
**Our best results EVER!**

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Zain H (Y7) <b>BEST IN Y7</b>	Lexi B (Y7)	Aamnah A (Y7)
Joshua H (Y7)	Lewis K (Y7)	Mason C (Y7)
Mark L (Y7)	Vilius A (Y8)	Samuel J (Y7)
Emily M (Y7)	Jason B (Y8)	Ted R (Y7)
Bonnie T (Y7)	Gabriel C (Y8)	Karas S (Y7)
Nathan F (Y8)	Andriana E (Y8)	Austin W (Y7)
River G (Y8)	Theo J-E (Y8)	Millie C (Y8)
Fedor I (Y8)	Devan M (Y8)	Kyra C (Y8)
Ollie J (Y8) <b>BEST IN SCHOOL</b>	Tayeb M (Y8)	Ted C (Y8)
Chloe S (Y8)	Jake P (Y8)	Kamal M (Y8)
Victoria Z (Y8)	Andrew S (Y8)	Dimitris M (Y8)
	Antonio S (Y8)	Nethumi P (Y8)
	Taylor T (Y8)	George S (Y8)
		Mia W (Y8)



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## Junior Kangaroo Qualifiers!

Zain H (Y7), Ollie J (Y8), Nathan F (Y8) and Victoria Z (Y8) have qualified for the next round of the competition, which is the Junior Kangaroo on 11th June 2024.

A massive well done to all that took part. We are incredibly proud of all your effort and dedication to prepare for the challenge.

We wish Zain, Ollie, Nathan and Victoria the best of luck for the next round!



Zain H



Ollie J



Nathan F



Victoria Z



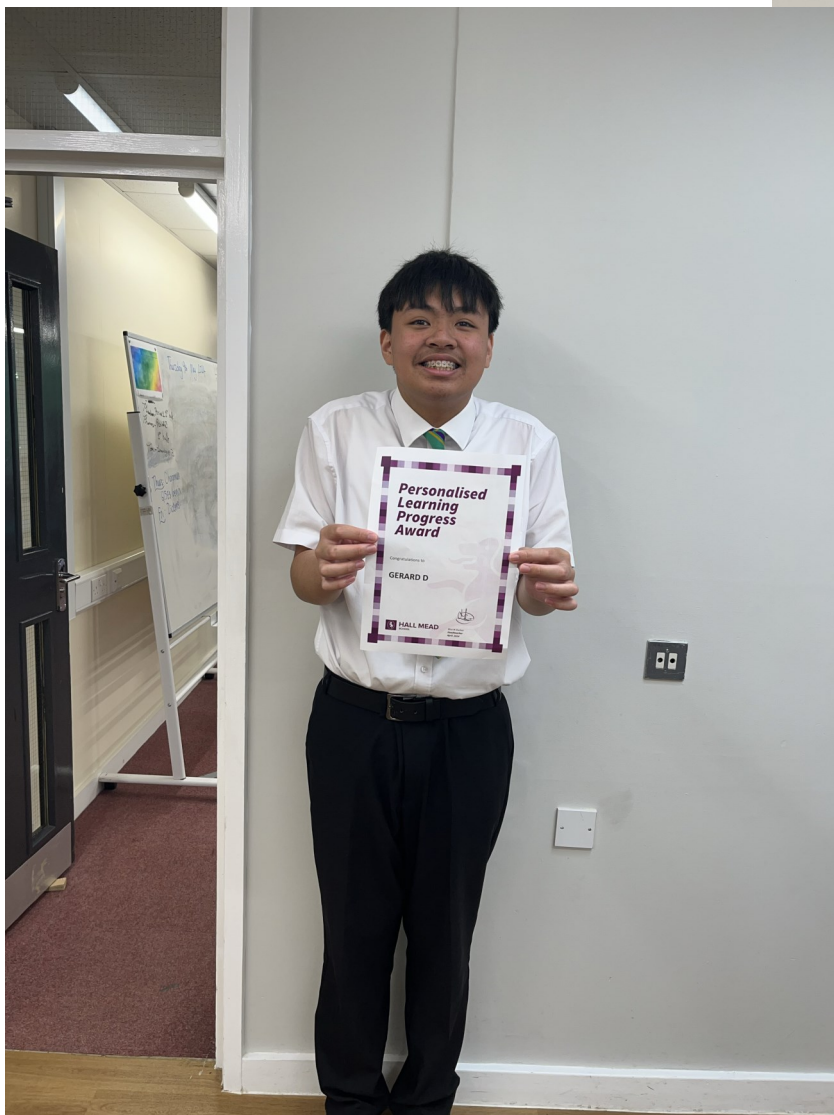
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### Personalised Learning Award

This week's 'Personalised Learning Award' goes to Gerard who always has a positive attitude towards his learning and has been excellent in working towards his speech and language targets. Keep up the good work!

Secondly, we have two achievement point weekly winners, Ronnie 100 and Marcus in 110. Well done to both!





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## **Year 9 First Give Project**

### **Mr Newall**

At the moment in RS, Year 9 are planning social action projects as part of the First Give programme, aiming to win £1000 for a charity they have chosen that addresses local issues within our community.

As part of this, they are working in groups to create fundraising and awareness opportunities across a variety of events running on multiple days and times.

This could be through sponsorship, or through taking part in events that they are organising and preparing. It would be great if we could encourage them as much as possible.

We would be hugely grateful of any support you could offer to your child or this project in general!



# **First Give**



## Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Year 7		Year 8	
Sarjan C	7CS	Dhaval N	8DM
Joel L	7TW	Elijah C	8DS
Jake F	7CS	Sophia E	8DM

Year 9		Year 11	
Elson D	9CN	Alessandria O	11CC
Mikhail GT	9CL	Claudia R	11TJ
Harrison C	9CN	Jack O	11TMH

Year 10	
Sodeeq Y	10DH
Mariella O	10DG
Nikhil P	10TC

## 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	34615	1133	33482	32349	1133
8	31184	2125	29059	27744	1315
9	23890	2408	21482	20588	894
10	17008	1633	15375	15056	319
11	10581	1719	8862	8666	196
<b>Overall Conduct Score</b>			108260	104403	3857

House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	29742	2215	27527	26504	1023
Dickens	31008	2121	28887	27858	1029
Talbot	26557	2098	24459	23561	898
Waltham	26578	2551	24027	23166	861

Year 7	
Isabella G	7DC
Katie S	7DC
Luca H	7DC
Romeo M	7CS

Year 9	
Ethan B	9DS
Poppy M	9DS

### Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 10	
Bianka U	10TC
George C	10TC
Hope F	10CW
Layla F	10WT
Maja G	10TE

Year 8	
Archie P	8CBC
Max M	8CBC
Sophia C	8CBC

Year 11	
Marcus E	11O



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## **Need Support Supporting your Child with Social Media?**

As we know, social media can affect the mental health of our young people.

Discover how social media can actually benefit your young people and the ways we can manage social media habits so it doesn't negatively impact mental health.

Come along and join the conversation about how we can use social media whilst taking care of our mental health.

[Kooth](#) will be delivering a webinar all about social media, to register for this event using the link below:

**[Kooth Talks for Parents/Carers: Let's Talk Social Media Tickets, Wed 22 May 2024 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)**

**kooth**












## Engayne Primary School Need our Help!

Dear parents and carers,

### SENSORY CIRCUITS

We are currently trying to build up some resources to provide sensory circuits in school for children who need them.

If you have any of the equipment below at home and no longer have a use for it, we would be very grateful if you would donate it to us at school.

PEANUT BALL		PLAY TUNNEL	
SPACE HOPPER		WEIGHTED BLANKETS	
SIT AND SPIN		BALANCE BOARDS	
SKIPPING ROPE			
GYM BALL			

Please send it in to the school office for my attention.

If you have any other equipment that you feel may be helpful, please let me know via [contact@engayne.co.uk](mailto:contact@engayne.co.uk).

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Liz Birchall





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## 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:

# Tell us your views

**Complete the survey and enter the prize draw for a £10 Love to Shop voucher.**

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>

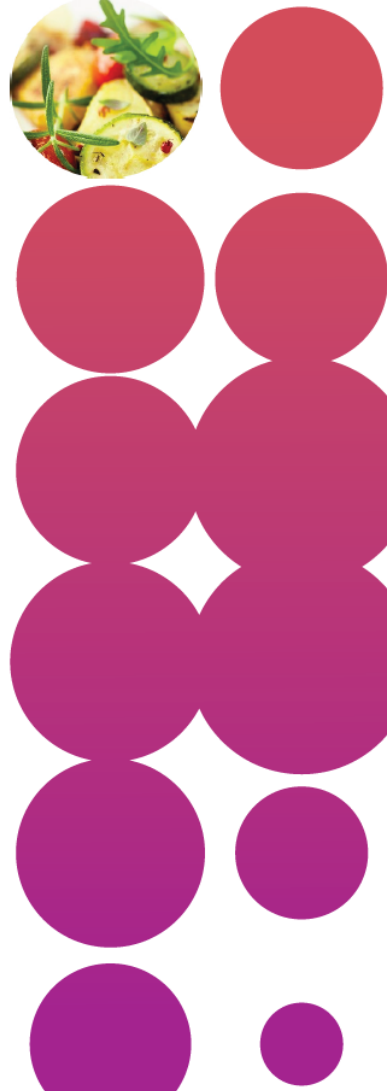


Your views are important to us and your time taken to participate would be much appreciated.

**Start Date Tuesday 7th May 2024**

**End Date Monday 20th May 2024**

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# Essex Megafinal 2024

A Gigafinal Qualifying Event



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Sunday 19th May

**Colchester County High School for Girls, CO3 3US**

An official UK Chess Challenge qualifying Event  
for the Gigafinals

## **Time control**

Six rounds of rapid games with 15 minutes for each player and 10 seconds increment for each move.

## **Eligibility**

Open to all juniors born after 31-Aug-2005.

There are five main age sections: U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18. Ages are calculated as of 31-Aug-2023. Please visit the page below for detailed "Age Categories" calculations.

<https://bit.ly/UKCC-2024>

## **Prizes and Qualification for Gigafinals**

The top boy and top girl in each section will receive trophies with medals for second and third-placed boys and girls. These players will qualify for the Gigafinals. Please note that ties for third place will all qualify, but tiebreak rules will be used to determine trophies and medals. All players scoring a minimum of 3.5 points will qualify for the Gigafinal.

The top 3 U7s, U9s and U11s will also qualify automatically (boy and girl) – assuming they haven't done so already using the criteria above.

## **Registration**

Please register on the UKCC website using the link below or Scan this QR code:

<https://bit.ly/Essex-MF-2024>

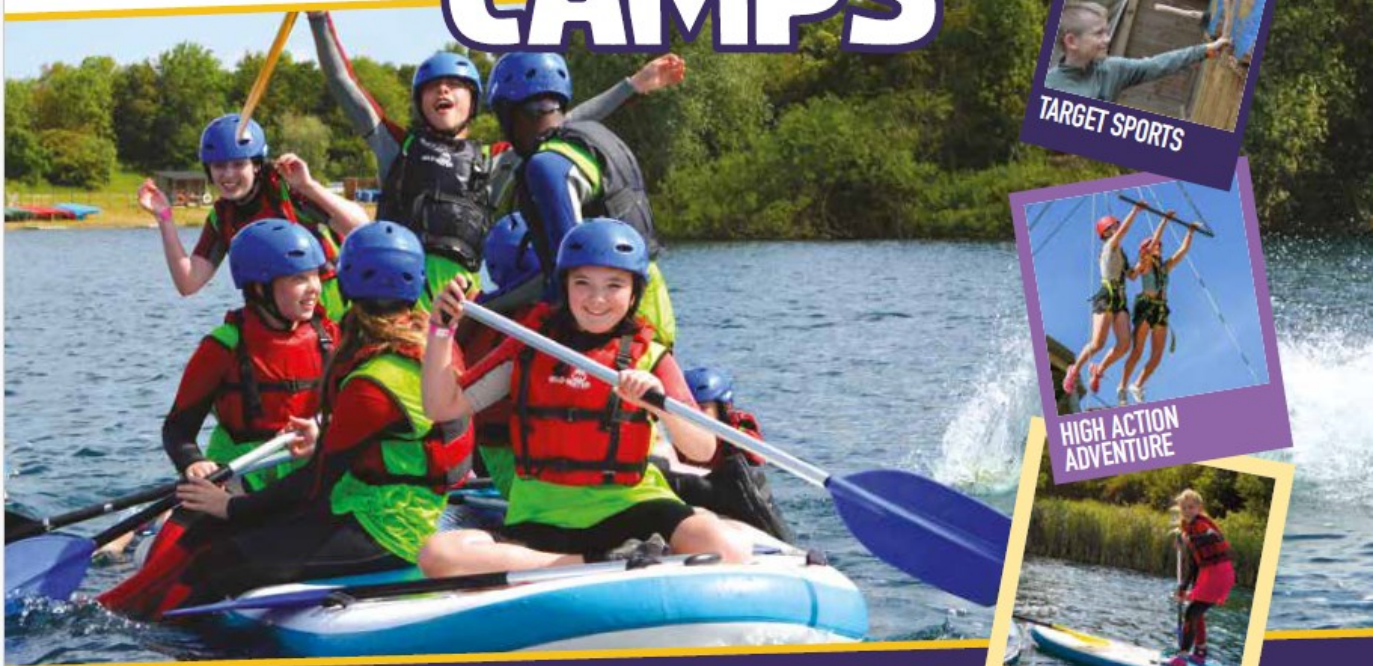


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## DISCOVERERS

AGES  
5½-8

- Grass Sledging
- Team Challenge
- Caving
- Open Canoeing
- Double Kayaks
- Bushcraft
- Climbing
- Hand Pedalos
- Bell Boating
- Archery
- XL Paddleboards
- Powerboat Rides\*
- Raft Building

*\*(week groups only)*



## ADVENTURERS

AGES  
9-11

- Laser Combat
- Raft Building
- Paddleboards
- XL Paddleboards
- Axe Throwing
- Climbing
- Kayaking
- Caving
- Crate Stack
- Banana Rides\*
- Jet Ski Rides\*
- Open Canoeing
- Vertical Obstacle Course
- Leap of Faith

*\*(week groups only)*



## SENIORS

AGES  
12-16

- Rifle Shooting
- Laser Combat
- Raft Building
- Paddleboards
- High Ropes
- Axe Throwing
- Climbing
- Kayaking
- Crate Stack
- Banana Rides\*
- Jet Ski Rides\*
- Inflatable Sofa\*
- Open Canoeing
- Vertical Obstacle Course
- Leap of Faith

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STAFF HAVE AN

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CHILDCARE  
VOUCHERS

WE ACCEPT  
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## Schedule

Arrival	09:30	Lunch break	13:30
Playing hall meeting	09:45	<b>Round-4</b>	<b>14:00</b>
<b>Round-1</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Round-5</b>	<b>15:00</b>
<b>Round-2</b>	<b>11:30</b>	<b>Round-6</b>	<b>16:00</b>
<b>Round-3</b>	<b>12:30</b>	Prize giving	17:15

## Venue

The games will take place in the main Hall and Gymnasium. There will be sufficient waiting spaces in the Dining Area and Extension. Children will have access to the playing fields as well.

Colchester Country High School has wonder facilities for both players and accompanied persons. We hope you will have great experience.

## Travel

### 1. Car

The school has a large carpark (on both side of Norman Way) which is free for the guests. If it overflows, parking on the nearby streets are also free to park on Sunday.

### 2. Bus Travel

Essex has wonderful bus service network. Details are available on <https://www.travelessex.co.uk/>

### 3. Train

The Colchester Town station is about 1.5 miles from the venue. A short bus travel will be necessary from the Colchester North station. Please check <https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/> for up to date service status.

## Refreshments

Though the school is not far from Colchester Town Center where all popular food chains are available, we advise to bring packed lunches. We hope to arrange a self-serving point for free tea/coffee. Final arrangements will be notified by email to the participants prior to the event.

## Notes

Photographs will be taken throughout the day which may be published on chess websites or in chess-related articles. If you do not wish your child to be photographed, inform the organisers in the "Requirements" box of the registration form.

Please note that the organisers take no responsibility for looking after the children outside the playing hall. The organisers also cannot take responsibility for any theft or accident during the event.

We are very grateful that Colchester County High School for Girls is helping us to organise the event. We request all players and accompanying guests to be respectful to the facilities.

The organiser reserves the right to change the above on the day if required.



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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](mailto:shirley@shirleytours.co.uk)

Website: [www.shirleytours.co.uk](http://www.shirleytours.co.uk)

**Fundraising for :**

**Hall Mead School ~ Engayne School ~ James Oglethorpe School ~ “All Saints Church, “All Saints (1<sup>st</sup> 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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# SUMMER VOLUNTEERS

Havering Library Service needs volunteers aged 13+ to listen to children talk about books they have read for this year's Summer Reading Challenge

You will be volunteering for two hour sessions. You can do as many sessions as you wish. For information and to apply [www.havering.gov.uk/volunteer](http://www.havering.gov.uk/volunteer)



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