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Headteacher's Newsletter



17th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

This week, I wanted to take a moment to share my appreciation and admiration for the incredible staff here. Their unwavering dedication, kind and compassionate approach are at the heart of our thriving school community. Our teachers and support staff consistently go above and beyond in their efforts to support our students, ensuring that every child feels valued, understood, and empowered to achieve their best. Whether it's offering extra help with subjects, providing emotional support during difficult times, or simply taking the time to listen, our staff are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of our students. The kindness and care that our staff bring to their roles create a nurturing environment where students can flourish both academically and personally. Their efforts do not go unnoticed, and I am continually inspired by their passion and commitment.

I wanted to give a mention this week to my PA Mrs Carter for organising a special fruit breakfast each morning for our Year 11s for them to enjoy before they sit their actual GCSE exam. Also, I would like to mention our Exams Manager Mrs Haberlin for overseeing an outstanding start to the exam period. Her attention to detail and leadership has meant that the students have had a smooth and efficient experience. And finally, I would like to celebrate Mr Cole for always going above and beyond to support our students and make everyone smile. He really is such a wonderful member of staff offering support and guidance to our students. He is never 'off duty' either and is someone that I always rely upon to know the 'right' thing to do, even in a tricky situation. I know that Hall Mead School is a better place for having him in it. He also has a cracking sense of humour which helps as demonstrated by this picture and him wearing our school tie!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Thanks again.

Miss Ducker, Headteacher



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Golden Ticket

Mrs Hallett has relaunched her Golden Ticket Reward programme!

Here are the students who have already been lucky to have been awarded a ticket:

Student	Year	Date	Subject	Burn Brighter	Value Difference	Be Kind	Beat Your Best
Luke N	10	13.5	History	x			
Giovanna T	10	13.5	Spanish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
River G	8	13/5/24	Music	x			
Ayodeji O	7	13.5.24	PE			x	
Georgie O'S	9	13.05.24	Geography				
River G	8	14.05.24	dt	x			
Domantas K	9	14.5.24	Learning Support/ literacy	x			
George T	9	15.5.24	English/ Library lesson	x			
Elliot C	9	15.5.24	Spanish			x	
Claudia R	11	16.5.24	Art				
Freddie F	8	16.5.24	Science				x
Maisie C	9	16.5.24	Science				
Zak T	11	16.5.24	RS				x
Maggie A	11	16.5.24	RS				x





Community Work

Ms Lloyd, Teacher of DT

Ms Lloyd is proud to reveal the final outcome for the Engayne Mud Kitchens!

These mud kitchens were built by our talented Year 10 Design and Technology students, and as you can see from the photographs, they showed incredible craftsmanship and made something they can all be very proud off.

On Thursday, it was time for us to say goodbye to these amazing mud kitchens and deliver them to their Junior playground.

We were all really excited to see Engayne's reaction to all of the hard work and she can safely say that they were amazed by what our students had achieved.





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Ms Lloyd and the eleven students installed the mud kitchens in the playground and set them up ready to play with for their lunch hour. They were able to see first-hand how much fun the students will have over the coming years. They were digging for mud, making pies, crumpets, birthday cakes and playing with water. Their imagination was endless.

They were asked to stay for lunch at Engayne where they got to see the children having lots of fun with the mud kitchen and the wider facilities they have in their playground.

Engayne have OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) running during their lunchtimes and our students got involved with tug of war, bull dog and lots of other fun games! Ms Lloyd said it was great to see them joining in and the Engayne children loved trying to beat the Year 10 students at tug of war!

After an hour of play, our mud kitchen looked well used and part of the Engayne playground! We really hope the Engayne students have lots of fun with our build and if there's a next time – we might just beat them at tug of war!





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Year 10 Results' Assembly

Miss Casey, Head of Year 10

On Tuesday this week, our Year 10 cohort received their PPE results from their recent round of exams. Students were given time to reflect on their results in the canteen before going to their period 1 lesson and were also encouraged to speak to their parent/carer and share their grades.

This was a very important moment for our Year 10s as it gives them a flavour of what to expect when they receive their actual GCSE results in the Summer 2025.

We would encourage parents/carers to review your child's results and if you need any additional information regarding any of the grades, to reach out to the school via our Main Reception.

Please be aware that by the time students complete their Year 10 studies, they will have completed 60% of their GCSE course and so the importance of Year 10 must never be underestimated or downplayed in comparison to Year 11. The majority of the subject content and knowledge is taught in Year 10 and so it is crucial that students commit themselves fully to both Year 10 and 11.





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Echo League Cup Final!

We are over the moon to share that the UTU Blues won the Echo League Cup Final on Sunday at Aveley Football Club .

We are all so proud of their hard work and dedication.

The match went to full-time at 3-3, then an extra 20 minutes and then to penalties. It was Finley L who scored the winning penalty!

The boys in the team from Hall Mead are:

Finley
Jensen
Leo
Olly
Owen
Archie





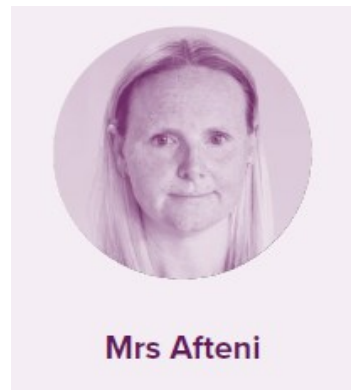
Year 7—Ethan L

We are delighted to share that Ethan L has won the Essex Cup playing for Havering!

They beat Chelmsford & Mid Essex in the final!

Well done Ethan for your participation and representation at such a high level of football!





Mrs Afteni

Arcadia and Mental Health Week

As part of 'Mental Health Awareness' week, students created mobile phone charms at Arcadia. The students who attended enjoyed relaxing and listening to mindfulness music whilst taking part in the craft activity.

The focus of Mrs Afteni's assemblies this week has been mental health awareness.

The theme set by Mental Health UK is 'Movement - moving for mental health'.

Being physically active is great for our body and our minds. Exercise has proven to reduce anxiety and depression and it can help to prevent physical illnesses. Typically, we only think about high-intensity workouts such as running or going to the gym. However, it is important to think about exercise to encompass other forms of movement, especially small changes that can have a real benefit for your health and wellbeing. Studies show that movement and physical activity help by:

- Managing stress
- Improving our self-esteem
- Improving our sleep
- Encouraging us to set goals
- Meeting new people and spending time with others

Students have been encouraged to think about the way in which they can incorporate movement into their everyday lives.



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Kooth Talks for Parents & Carers:

Let's Talk Social Media

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 7.00 to 8.00pm

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

Join us on Zoom <https://kooth.zoom.us/j/84886205586>



Mental Health Week—Want More Information?

We have KoothTalks collaboration with **Mind Havering, Barking and Dagenham** called **Parents & Carers: Let's Talk Social Media** on Wed, 22 May 2024 19:00 - 20:00 BST. [Sign up through our Eventbrite link here](#)

Other Upcoming KoothTalks Webinars

Below are free webinars which you can sign up to. Please pass these links on to any one you might who would be interested.

Parent & Carer Sessions:

[KoothTalks Parents & Carers Kooth Information Session in London](#)

10:00-10:40 & 16: 30-17:10 Sunday 2 June 2024

18:30-19:10 Tuesday 4 June 2024

18:30-19:10 Thursday 6 June 2024

[\[Sign up here\]](#)

Children & Young People Sessions:

[Kooth Year 6 Transition Session:](#)

Various dates from 12th to 24th June from 10:00 - 10:40 [\[Sign up here\]](#)

[Student webinar: Social media, online safety - your wellbeing matters:](#)

Various Dates from 20th to 24th May at 10:00-10:30 am or 2 - 2:30pm

[\[Sign up here\]](#)

Parents and carers are welcome to access the webinars that are provided free of charge.

Parents and carers are welcome to contact the school if they have any **concerns about their child's mental health and wellbeing** - nafteni@elatschools.co.uk



Head of House Update!





Last week, we hosted our Head of House assemblies.

Year 10 have been invited to apply for some extra responsibility in school as either a Sports Captain or a House Captain.

Both roles require a letter of application to Mr Shaheed explaining why they are suitable for the role.

In other House news, as we start to look towards the end of the academic year, we are nearly at crunch time for the house points awarded, who will the trophy go to this year?

Here is the current state of play:

House	Total
	27527
	28887
	24459
	24027



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English Sparx Readers

Mrs Capon, Teacher of English



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Sparx Reader

Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



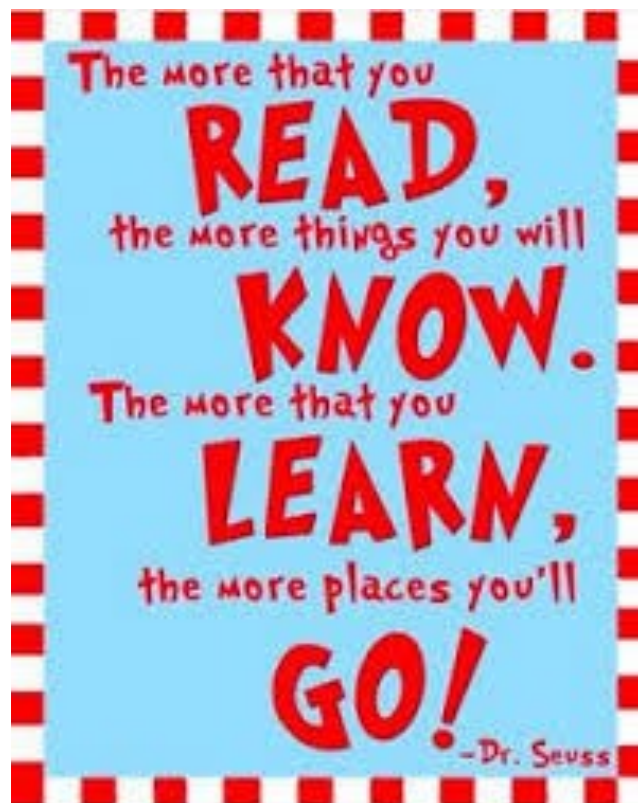
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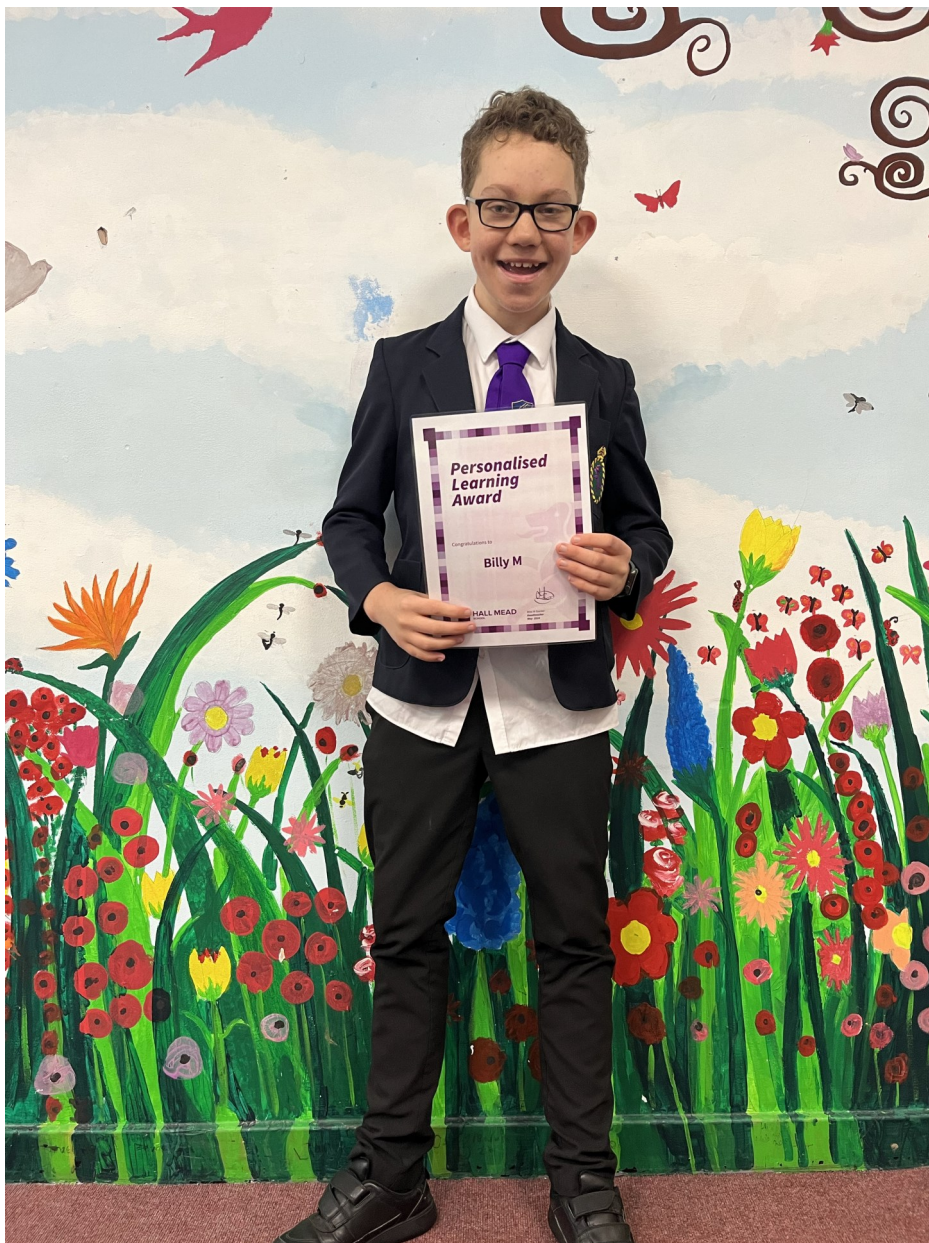
Personalised Learning Award

"Billy has always demonstrated the school values and is on hand to always help his fellow peers and teachers.

Billy was one of the first PLC student who was chosen to be a prefect which he took in his stride!

Billy will be leaving Hall Mead this summer and will be greatly missed around the school. He is one of the politest students we have ever met.

Well done, Billy for all your hard work"





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PLC Drama Club

Mrs Kitt, PLC Teacher of English/Drama

Thank you to Year 7 participants of the PLC Drama Club – they have all been working so well honing their drama skills this term, and having lots of fun in the process!





Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Week 38

Sparx Maths Superstars

Top 3 XP from each year group for this week

Year 7		Year 8	
Karas S	7CCB	Lexi P	8WB
Daisy B	7DR	Maisie B	8DS
Mason B	7CS	Kye T	8DS

Year 9	
Niall F	9CN
Kianna K	9DL
Kai JM	9DS

Year 10		Year 11	
Deana B	10TE	Katie G	11TMH
Joe W	10CS	Harnick M	11CS
Francesca H	10CW	Summer L	11DC

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

Achievement Point Totals



Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase	House Totals					
						House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
7	35603	1180	34423	33482	941	Chapman	30506	2253	28253	27527	726
8	31888	2177	29711	29059	652	Dickens	31669	2187	29482	28887	595
9	24427	2459	21968	21482	486	Talbot	27253	2147	25106	24459	647
10	17406	1704	15702	15375	327	Waltham	27137	2627	24510	24027	483
11	10680	1727	8953	8862	91						
Overall Conduct Score			110757	108260	2497						

Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 7
Oliver C 7TW

Year 8
Charlie W 8CBC

Year 9
Yuki R 9CN

Year 10
Holly N 10WMC
Ray N 10WMC

Year 11
Marcus E 11O
Augusta D 11O



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Ben Kinsella Trust—Knife Crime

Ben Kinsella was just 16 years old when he was stabbed to death in a horrific act of senseless violence on 29th June 2008.

Ben had been out at a local pub to celebrate the end of his GCSEs with his friends. On their way home, he and his friends realised they were being followed by three older teenagers. Scared and worried, they decided to run home.

But the older teenagers chased after them. They were seeking revenge for an altercation in the club that had taken place earlier that evening. Ben and his friends had absolutely nothing to do with the altercations, but when the older boys caught up with Ben, in an entirely unprovoked attack, they stabbed him to death.

Ben was the 17th teenager to be killed in London that year.

If you would like to get more information about this issue, please use the following links:

The Ben Kinsella Trust

<https://www.knifecrimeawarenessweek.org.uk/>

Additionally, there is a free parents/carers workshop that the Ben Kinsella Trust are running as this is an issue that concerns so many.

The link below provides more details and the opportunity to sign up.

Online via Zoom, Wednesday 22nd May 2024, 18:30pm - 20:30pm

<https://benkinsella.org.uk/parents-carers-workshops/>



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When: Friday 26th April

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For any questions please contact
Bradley Donovan.

bradley.donovan@essexcricket.org.uk





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Raphael Park Junior Tennis



We are thrilled to announce our new Junior schedule, starting April 2024.

With a brand new coaching team licensed and qualified by the LTA, we offer a range of tennis coaching options for individuals and groups as well as tennis camps.

Our tennis coaching for 4 -16 year olds is packed full of fun games and dynamic training. We believe in encouraging kids to bring their energy to the court, so there's no need for a 'quiet please' here! Our programmes are open to boys and girls of all abilities.

Here is our Sunday schedule

- 9-10am Mini Tennis Red Ball (4-6 years old)*
- 10-11am Mini Tennis Red Ball (6-8 years old)*
- 11-12noon Junior Tennis Orange & Green Ball (9-10 years old)*
- 12-1pm Teenage Tennis (11-16 years old)*

*Please note that bookings are available for 6 week courses.

To secure your child's place, please email us at -
raphaeljuniortennis@gmail.com

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for a 6 week
course

Join us at Raphael Park Junior Tennis and let your child discover and enjoy tennis!



RPT Raphael Park Tennis



Junior and Adult tennis timetable

MONDAY	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Adult Ladies Doubles - beginners/intermediate
TUESDAY	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Adult Club Night - improvers to advanced
WEDNESDAY	10.30am - 12.30pm	Adult Club Social Doubles - improvers to advanced
THURSDAY	10.30am - 12.30pm 6.30pm - 7.30pm	Adult Dementia Tennis Group Adult Beginner Group
FRIDAY	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Adult Handicap Singles League
SATURDAY	1.00pm - 4.00pm 2.00pm - 3.00pm	Adult Social Doubles - improvers to advanced Junior Prime Girls LTA Course
SUNDAY JUNIOR & ADULT PROGRAMME	9.00am - 10.00am 10.00am - 11.00am 10.00am - 11.00am 11.00am - 12.00pm 12.00pm - 1.00pm 2.00pm - 4.00pm	4 - 6 years 6 - 8 years Adult Beginner Group 9 - 10 years 11 - 16 years Adult Competitive Doubles

For further information contact

JUNIOR TENNIS 07885 968237 raphaeljuniortennis@gmail.com

ADULT TENNIS 07787 536665 davidhamtennis@hotmail.com



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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>

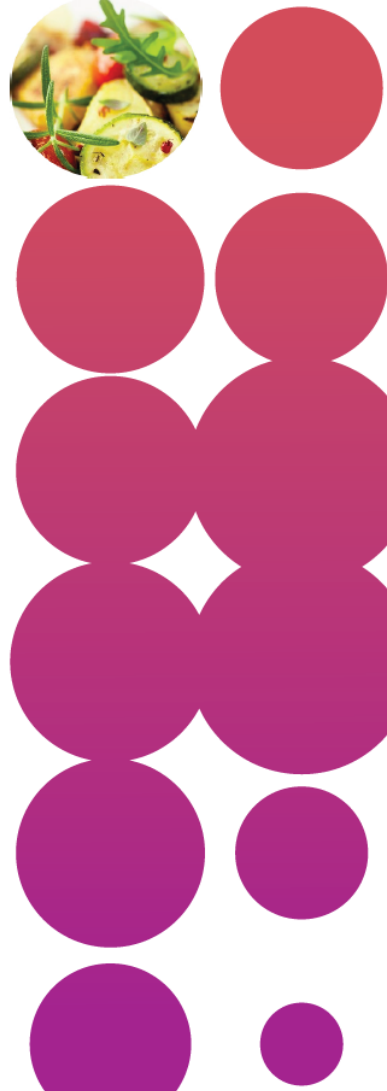


Your views are important to us and your time taken to participate would be much appreciated.

Start Date Tuesday 7th May 2024

End Date Monday 20th May 2024

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Parent Support Group

For parents/carers of young people (11-25 years) struggling with their mental health

“ A welcoming and safe space to share your story and connect with others ”

 **Mind**
Havering, Barking and Dagenham

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.uk

www.haveringmind.org.uk



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Essex Fire Museum Open Days

Sunday 26th May 2024

Tuesday 28th May 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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