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Headteacher's Newsletter



24th May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well. As we close out this halfterm, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate the work of our dedicated staff and emphasise the importance of gratitude within our school community.

It has been such a busy half-term with the start of the Year 11 GCSE exams, whilst we also maintain 'business as normal' for all our other year groups. Our teachers and support staff have gone above and beyond to provide a nurturing and enriching environment for our students. Their commitment, creativity, and passion are the cornerstones of the education your children receive. From early mornings to late nights, to additional revision sessions offered at a weekend or during a school holiday, our staff works tirelessly to ensure that our child is supported, challenged, and inspired to reach their full potential.

As we reflect on the efforts of our staff, I believe it is essential to reinforce the value of expressing gratitude. A simple 'thank you' can have a profound impact, boosting morale and fostering a positive atmosphere. Gratitude encourages a sense of community and mutual respect, and it reminds us all of the importance of recognising and appreciating the hard work of others. Over the next few pages, you will see the anonymous 'thank you' messages staff have sent me where they have celebrated one another—I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I have.

I encourage you to join us in celebrating our wonderful staff. Whether it's a note of thanks, a kind word in passing, or a gesture of appreciation, your acknowledgment can make a significant difference. Additionally, I urge you to encourage your children to show gratitude, not only towards their teachers but in their daily lives. Teaching our students to recognise and express gratitude helps them develop into empathetic, compassionate individuals.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a place of learning, respect, and gratitude.

Happy half-term.

Miss Ducker

Headteacher



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A huge thank you to Mr Sammons for his commitment to offering such a great range of extra-curricular opportunities.

A huge thank you to Mrs Haberlin for ensuring that the Year 11 GCSEs run perfectly!
Thank you!

A big thank you to Mr Hooper for giving up his Saturdays to offer extra revision sessions to Year 11 students!

A huge thank you to Mrs Sherwin for organising such a great Reading High 5 programme for the library!

A huge thank you to Mr Cole and Mrs Seager for their care of the students, for going above and beyond to advocate for the students and ensure they get the best possible

A huge thank you to Mr Cashman for organising excellent tutor periods!



A huge thank you to Mr Mitchell for his excellent leadership of the Science Faculty.

A huge thank you to Mr Stephens for his excellent management and leadership of our Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

A huge thank you to Ms Read for everything she does behind the scenes to make cover and room changes run as smoothly as possible.

A huge thank you to Miss Hampton for all her help with the Year 11 Geography class in the lead up to their exams. Her support has been invaluable in helping them feel confident and prepared.



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A huge thank you to Mr O'Neill for being a great manager, including his emotional support to staff, inspiring dedication to supporting SEND pupils and quick decision making for many changes and challenges.

A huge thank you to Ms Lloyd for her incredible work with Engayne Primary School making their mud kitchen! Also, for making Hall Mead an extra special place for students.

A huge thank you to Mrs Carr for doing such a brilliant job teaching Food Technology this year. She has been a fantastic addition to the DT Faculty! Well done.

A real shout out for the Year 11 staff who make themselves not only available for revision sessions but are there from early morning to care and support pupils before they go into the exams.

Never underestimate the kind, encouraging words spoken before these big moments, which can make all the difference to pupils wellbeing!

Thank you!

A huge thank you to Anne, from our Site Team, for always going above and beyond to keep the school site looking great and supporting staff to get things done!



A huge thank you to Terry, from our Site Team, for opening the school site each weekend and during the holidays so Year 11 could have their extra revision sessions.

A huge thank you to our IT technicians Mr O'Neill and Mr McCoy for their outstanding work in maintaining our IT systems. Thank you for always being around to help.

A huge thank you to Miss Miller for giving up her time every week to run such a successful 'Dungeons and Dragons' Club ever week! It is such a popular club for our students!

A huge thank you to Mrs Carter for offering help and support to any member of staff who shows up at her office!



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A huge thank you to the Spanish Department for being such a cohesive and supportive team!



A big thank you to Mrs Brighty-Glover, Miss Towey, Miss Carpenter, Mr Newall, Mrs Lopez and Mr Bravo!

Thank you for supporting the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition in April. On a damp, cold weekend, they all kept spirits high and made the experience far more enjoyable for the students in such horrendous conditions.

Their support pre and post expedition has also been invaluable and it would not be able to run without the fantastic staff that supported the trip. Looking forward to the qualifying expedition in June!

A thank you to Miss Ducker for supporting our projects and listening to our ideas!

A thank you to our Chair of Governors Matt Dronfield and Vice Chair of Governors Clare Nissen for all the time that they give voluntarily to our school!

WORDS TO SAY



A thank you to Mrs Outram for brightening up my days with her positivity, good mood and strong support.

A thank you to Ms Lloyd for her motivation which keeps her team motivated and inspires those around her!

A thank you to Mr Bamber for despite his busy job as Deputy Headteacher, always has time to support and help staff.

A thank you to Mr Shaheed as someone who is always very busy but able to make time when it is needed!



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Golden Ticket Time

Mrs Hallett has been busy working away on our Golden Ticket Reward Programme.

On the next page, please check out the HUGE list of students who have been lucky enough to receive a Golden Ticket!

What a fantastic way to end the half-term.

A huge thank you to Aspens for supporting this programme and offering the food rewards free of charge! We really appreciate this.

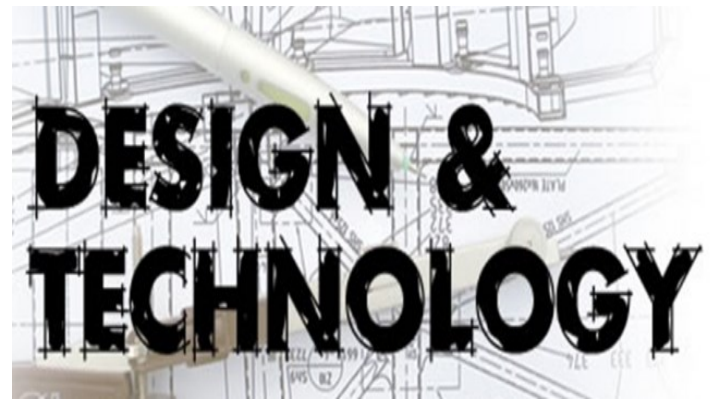




Student	Subject	Burn Bright-er	Value Differ-ence	Be Kind	Beat Your Best
Luke N	History	x			
Giovanna T	Spanish	☒			
River G	Music	x			
Ayodeji O	PE			X	
Georgie O'S	Geography				
River G	DT	x			
Domantas K	Learning Support/literacy	x			
George T	English/Library lesson	x			
Elliot C	Spanish			x	☒
Claudia R	Art				
Freddie F	Science				x
Maisie C	Science				
Zak T	RS				x
Maggie A	RS				x
Rafael J-S	Music	x		x	
Ronnie P	Maths	☒			
Roxie W	Reception Runner	x			
Omer A	Maths				x
Kieron D	Spanish	X			
Zaki C	Science	X			
Aiden D	Spanish	x			
Theodore F	Prince's Trust		x	☒	
John H	English/Revision focus	x			
Sidney H	History	☒			
Joe R	Maths	X			
Aedan D	PE				X
Kara S	DT			☒	
Harry W	RS	x		☒	
Olivia C	RS				X
Stefan R	English	☒			
Caedon M	Office	☒			
David V	Office			☒	
Kitti B	Office	X			
Aila M	Office	☒			
Hannah S	LS				☒
Holly B	English/Library lesson	X			
Roxie W	Site Staff	☒			
Isabelle M	Science		X	☒	
Thomas S	English	☒			
Luca H	English	☒			
Charlie W	MATHS				☒
William L	English	X			
Kristiana V	Geography			☒	
Chloe P	Literacy	☒			
Jake F	Literacy	☒			
Drew W	Literacy	☒			
David E	Literacy				
Thomas F	Nurture base				



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Can You Help?

We are always looking for real life design situations for students to work with in DT.

Do you work for, or own a business that could provide us with that opportunity? Would you be willing to make a short video that could be shown to the students to explain what that design opportunity entails? Would you have time to look at student responses to the design problem and give some real-life feedback to students?

Examples could be coming up ideas for a logo or corporate identity for a new businesses, upcycling of old unwanted materials or coming up with ideas for a gift shop.

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, we would to love hear from you! If you can't help us with a real-life design situation, do you work in the design, manufacturing or engineering industries?

Would you be willing to talk to students about what you do in your role?





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Sporting Success!

Congratulations to our U13 girls' Cricket team who are the Essex Tier 2 Champions!

The girls played fantastic cricket during the group stage, securing the top spot. This took them to the final against Gosfield, who chose to bat first.

Felicity opened the bowling with 3 wickets within the first over! This set the tone for the game with wickets coming from Amelia, Lily, Darcie, Poppy and Eadi.

Molly was lightening in the field, stopping everything that came her way.

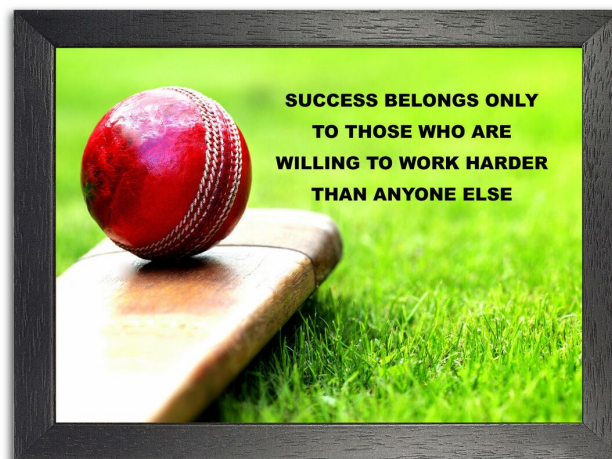
We held them at 28 for 7 as Hall Mead went in to bat.

Our first two pairs put on a respectable 27 between them, but then Poppy and Maisie came in to bat...

Maisie played some exceptional shots, hitting 5, 4s during the powerplay! The girls went onto score 101 for 3.

A truly breath-taking game of cricket, the girls should be super proud of themselves.

Mrs Morgan cannot wait to see what the summer brings for this talented group of girls!





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Mandarin Club—Mr Garcia

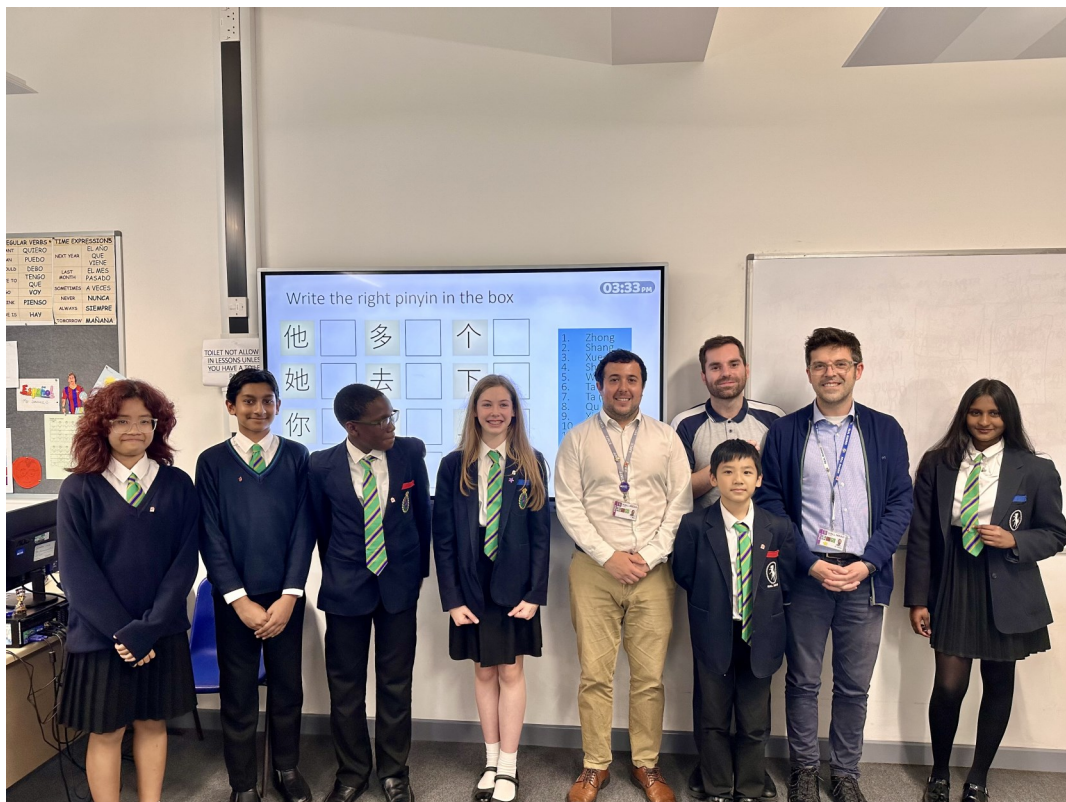
你 好 ！

On Wednesday, our Mandarin students were awarded their Mandarin badge (中文), which they now wear proudly as part of their uniform. According to research, Mandarin is one of the most difficult languages for native English speakers to learn due to its tonal nature and complex characters. In this learning journey, which started in December, our pupils have demonstrated important values such as resilience, commitment, strength, valuing difference, discipline, and patience.

Therefore, they have been rewarded today. Learning Mandarin not only teaches you one of the most important languages in the world today but also important life lessons where our students have learnt that both motivation and discipline are really important.

Our students have nearly completed all the content required for the official HSK1 certificate and will soon be ready to sit for the exam if they choose to.

Garcia 老师.





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English Sparx Readers

Mrs Capon, Teacher of English



Sparx Reader



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Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



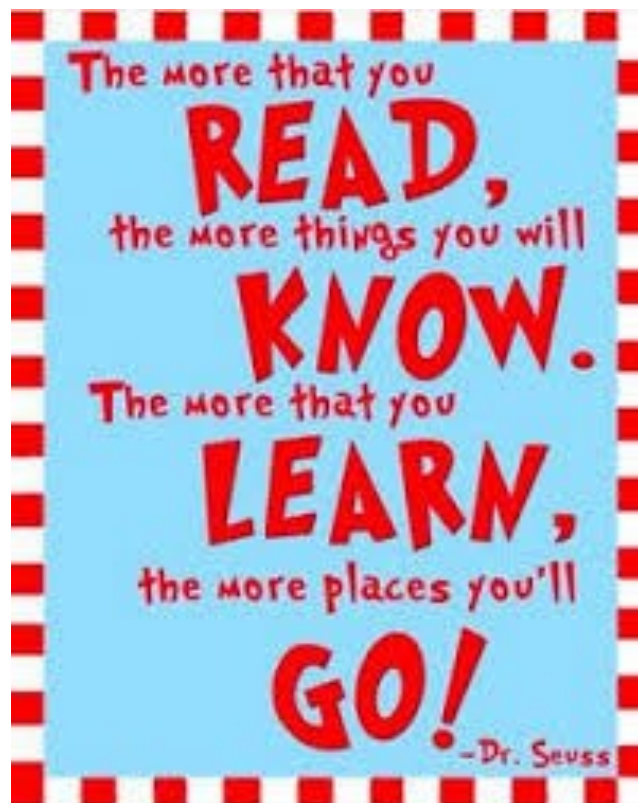
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Love of Reading



Sparx Reader **STARS**

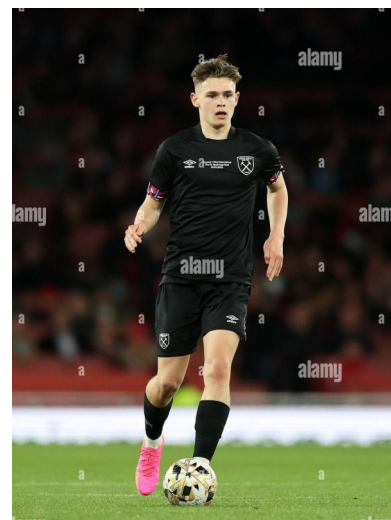




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Celebrating Ex-Student Lewis Orford





Personalised Learning Award

Here is this week's winner, Year 10 student Courtney!

Staff in the PLC have said:

"Courtney always works hard in all of her lessons, shows kindness to others and values the difference in others!"

In the new academic year, we will look forward to seeing Courtney continuing her work as a PLC Prefect.



Keep up the hard work Courtney!





Sparx Winners—Miss Towey, Director of Maths

Week 39

Sparx Maths Superstars

Top 3 XP from each year group for this week

Year 7		Year 8	
Louise B	7CCB	Jessica L	8DS
Jake F	7CS	Jun Xi L	8TB
Niamh K	7WL	Alexandria O	8CH

Year 9		Year 11	
Elson D	9CN	Oliver S	11DEM
Isher C	9TV	Isabelle C	11CS
Kianna K	9DL	Niamh S	11WBR

Year 10	
Mariella O	10DG
Amy B	10TE
Phillip S	10DH

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

Achievement Point Totals



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Year Group Totals					
Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
7	35603	1220	36872	34423	2449
8	33120	2264	30856	29711	1145
9	25380	2522	22858	21968	890
10	17738	1811	15927	15702	225
11	10746	1735	9011	8953	58
Overall Conduct Score			115524	110757	4767

House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	30506	2284	31337	28253	3084
Dickens	31669	2266	32719	29482	3237
Talbot	27253	2215	28055	25106	2949
Waltham	27137	2753	28190	24510	3680

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Year 7
Isabella G 7DC
Rae F 7DC

Well Done to our Weekly Winners

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Year 8
Alexandria O 8CH
Finley T 8WB
Joseph L 8DM
Thomas A 8DM
Vilius A 8DM

★

Year 9
Maksimas P 9O

★

Year 10
Oscar H 10OA
Ronnie M 10OA

★

Year 11
John H 11O
Omer A 11O



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Year 9 to Year 11: **Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio ; Meningitis ACWY**

If your child is outstanding their MMR vaccination, please email vaccination.havering@nhs.net to book an appointment.

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday 28 th May	10am – 1pm	Fairkytes
Wednesday 29 th May	10am – 1pm	My Place
Wednesday 3 rd July	3:30 – 5:30pm	Fairkytes
Tuesday 16 th July	3:30 – 5:30pm	My Place

If you would like to attend, follow the link to book

HPV: <https://london.schoolvaccination.uk/hpv/2023/book>

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Phone number: 0203 343 2400 OPT 2

Email: vaccination.havering@nhs.net

**Fairkytes Art Centre
Billet Lane
Hornchurch
RM11 1AX**

**My Place
343 Dagnam Park
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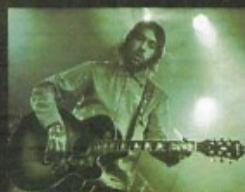
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Tuesday 28th May 6-8pm
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**Darren (U13 coach)
07947801370**





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Invitation for young people aged 11 to 18 years to come along with their families to discover new and exciting opportunities.

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Tuesday 28th May

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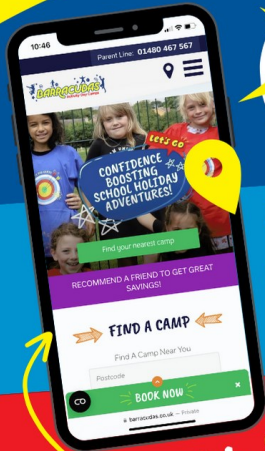
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<input type="checkbox"/> Flowerpot	<input type="checkbox"/> Stone
<input type="checkbox"/> Watering Can	<input type="checkbox"/> Worm

Garden Wordsearch!

SUN GARDEN BEANS SOW PEAS SOIL SEEDS CLIMB GROW WATER HARVEST

S U N W G C P U A
 U G B A R L P L H
 N S A T O I E S A
 B D N R W M A L R
 L E W R D B S I V
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Find The Letters

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O, P, Q, S, T, U, V, W, Z

ANSWERS

S U N W G C P U A
 U G B A R L P L H
 N S A T O I E S A
 B D N R W M A L R
 L E W R D B S I V
 W E N B O E S O E
 O S M B E A N S S
 S U W A T E R C T

How Many Ants: 15
 Word Scramble: 1 BLACKBIRD
 2 CROW
 4 SPARROW
 5 ROBIN
 6 PIGEON

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6PM - 7:30PM (HIGHER TIER)

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(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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Dedicated Dads

HEST would like to invite you to come along and have a chat with other Dads and our team.

When - Wednesday 5th June 6-7pm

Where - Hornchurch Fire Station, Community Room, 42, North Street, Hornchurch RM11 1SH

Theme - Social Media

Please email us if you will be attending
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