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Headteacher's Newsletter

6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



I hope this letter finds you well and that you enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we eagerly embark on a new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome back to all our returning families and a heartfelt welcome to those joining us for the first time.

The summer has been a time of great celebration for our school. I am thrilled to share that our ex-Year 11 students achieved some outstanding GCSE results. Their exceptional performance not only reflects their hard work and dedication but also sets a remarkable standard for future cohorts. Their success has left a lasting legacy that will continue to inspire and motivate our students and staff alike. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and wish them every success in their future endeavours. Please check out the photographs in this Headteacher Newsletter showcasing lots of very happy students with beaming smiles!

It has also been a pleasure to meet our new Year 7 students and to see them begin their journey with us. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to become part of our school community have been truly heartening. We look forward to supporting them as they grow, learn, and flourish in the coming years. Our dedicated team is committed to ensuring that every student feels welcomed, supported, and inspired to achieve their very best.

As we start this new academic year, we are excited about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead. Our school continues to strive for excellence in all that we do, and we are grateful for your ongoing support and partnership in our mission to provide the best possible education for your children.

Thank you for your continued trust in our school. We are confident that this year will be filled with achievements, growth, and memorable moments for all our students.

Miss Ducker

Headteacher



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Sad News—Garry Parsons

I received the sad news over the summer holidays about the passing of an ex-member of staff from Hall Mead School.

Mr Alan Wunderly, previous Headteacher at Hall Mead School, shared with me that Garry was appointed to Hall Mead as a young teacher of PE by the school's first Headteacher, Ethel Dickens, in the late 1960s. By the time Mr Wunderly had arrived as Deputy Headteacher in 1977, Garry was Head of PE and Head of Year.

Garry then became a Senior House Tutor for Chapman House before moving to The Albany School (now Hornchurch High School) in 1982 as Deputy Headteacher.

He retired in 2002 being remembered and respected by students, parents and colleagues as making a great impact on both schools.

A huge thank you to Garry for his service to our school. His family is in all of our thoughts.





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Don't Forget to Follow Us on X / Twitter

@hallmead

The screenshot shows the Twitter profile for Hall Mead School (@hallmead). The profile picture is the school's logo, a white dog on a purple background. The header includes the school's name, handle, location (London), website (hallmeadschool.co.uk), and join date (April 2010). It shows 164 following and 3.2K followers. The main content area displays two tweets. The first tweet, posted 15 hours ago, says "Ah thank you" with a purple heart emoji. A reply from Lesley Dunn (@joesnanLesley) says "I agree". The second tweet, posted 16 hours ago, says "Wow! What an amazing first day back. Our Year 7s made a fantastic first impression and our GCSE year groups are ready for the challenge of this important stage of their schooling. Well done everyone" with purple hearts and a yellow star emoji. It tags @HallMeadPastor1, @elatrust, and @MattDronfield. At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with icons for home, search, post, profile, notifications (with a '2' badge), and messages.

Hall Mead School
@hallmead

London hallmeadschool.co.uk Joined April 2010

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Posts Replies Highlights Articles Media Likes

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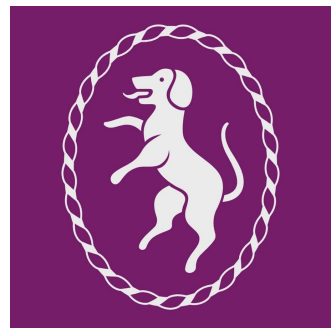
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[@HallMeadPastor1](#) and 2 others
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Meet Our Chair of Governors—Matt Dronfield





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Meet Hall Mead's Senior Leadership Team and Chair of Governors



Hall Mead's Senior Leadership Team

Miss Ducker—Headteacher

Mrs Afteni—Deputy Headteacher

Mr Bamber—Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Fanning—Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Brighty-Glover—Assistant
Headteacher

Mr Hooper—Assistant Headteacher

Mr Leslie—Assistant Headteacher

Mr O'Neill—Assistant Headteacher /
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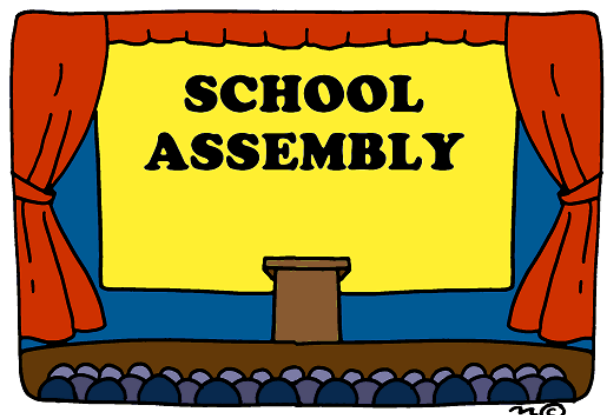


Assembly Focus—Headteacher Assembly

This week, I had the pleasure of delivering assemblies to each individual year group celebrating the successes of our previous Year 11 cohort and linking into their own year group journey for this academic year.

I spoke to students about the importance of demanding high standards to ensure that they all reach their full potential.

Our school systems are structured in a way to help them to achieve high standards by being 'Ready to Learn', at the next classroom door in 'Door in Four' and embodying 'The Hall Mead Way' in all that they do. We are all looking forward to this school year!





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Ex-Year 11 Successes

Head Boy and Ex Head Boy / Chair of Governors, Matt Dronfield

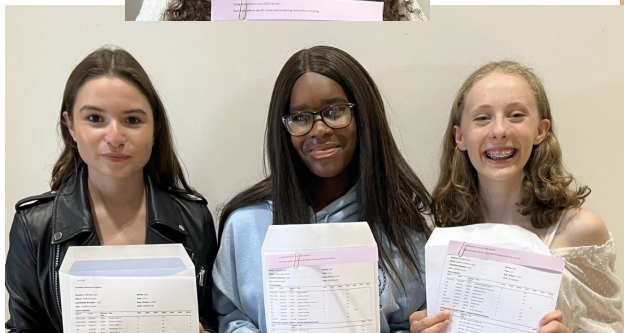
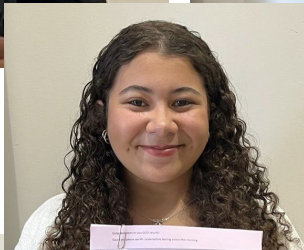
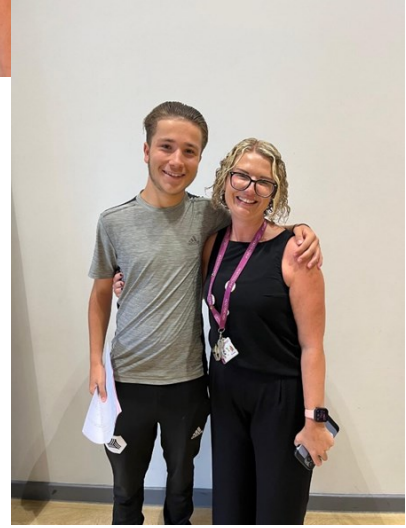
Ex Year 11 student Luca is off to Aviation College with dreams of being a pilot. I know he will make them come true!

Fly high, Luca!



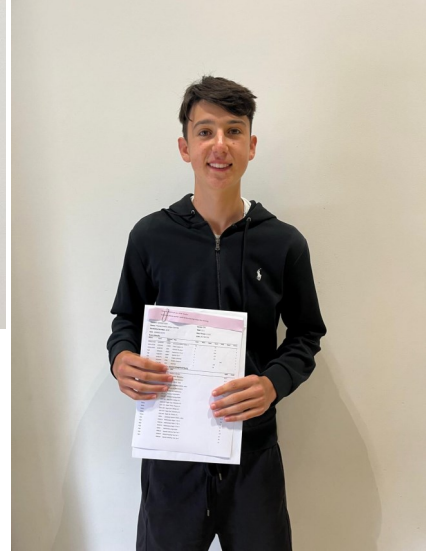
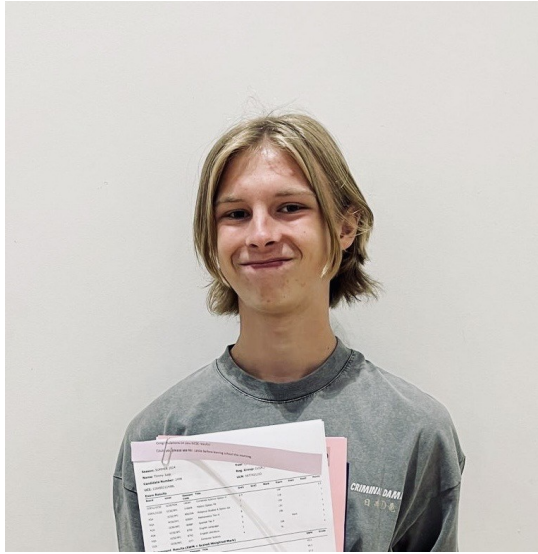


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Year 10 into 11 GCSE Success!

A number of Year 10 students sat their GCSEs early!

Yasmin achieved a Grade 9 in Maths, only missing 1 mark on the paper and Max also achieved a Grade 9 in Maths.

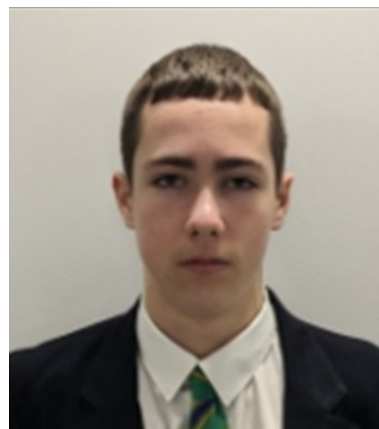
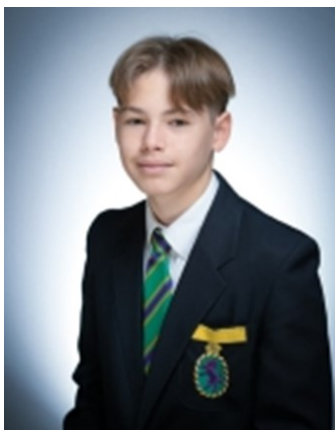
Across the whole of England, only 5% of children achieve this grade!



Home Languages

5 students also sat a GCSE in their home language in the summer and came out with brilliant results!

- ⇒ **Elis Grade 5 in Turkish**
- ⇒ **Gabriel Grade 9 in Russian**
- ⇒ **Maja - Grade 8 in Polish**
- ⇒ **Alex - Grade 7 in Greek**
- ⇒ **Isabella - Grade 9 in Italian**





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What have we been doing over the summer?

Installing a new PLC Playground!





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EMPOWER
LEARNING ACADEMY TRUST

What have we been doing over the summer?

Installing a new Sports Hall floor! Thank you to our ELAT Trust for paying for this!





COMBINED HARVEST APPEAL

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Cheques Payable To
Kingdom Storehouse Ltd.



SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Soup
Biscuits
UHT Milk
Tinned veg
Tinned Fish
Tinned Meat
Tinned Fruit
Tinned tomatoes
Instant Mash Potato
Long Life Fruit Juice

*Don't forget...
You can help transform
more lives with a financial
donation too.*

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?cid=183516&&wl=1&br=5>

Harold Hill Foodbank
haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk

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Kingdom Storehouse Ltd.





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

Parent Support Group is 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, parenting styles, self care and family connection.

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 ”

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For more information:

01708 457040

parents@haveringmind.org.uk

www.haveringmind.org.uk



HaveringMindCharity



Havering, Barking and Dagenham

Charity No: 1108470

Parenting Drop-in

Rolling 6 week programme for parents and carers to drop in and receive advice around the following topics:

- Positive Role-Models/Quality Time
- Communication/Active Listening
- Praise
- Identifying and Prioritising Problematic Behaviours
- De-escalation
- Self-Care



Tuesdays 6.00pm- 7.30pm virtually via Microsoft Teams

Join on your computer or mobile app
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Contact us to find out more and join the programme
Tel: 01708 432 636
Email: parenting@havering.gov.uk





Upminster Rugby Club



UNDER 15s OPEN DAY



Our under 15s (to be Year 10) are hosting an open day!
All abilities welcome, including those new to the sport.
Boots and gumshields welcomed but not essential.

8th September 10:30am - 1pm

Training on Wednesdays

6:30pm - 8.30pm

Games on

Sunday mornings

Hall Playing Fields, Hall Lane, Upminster RM14 1AU

Sign up at

URFC2019U10@gmail.com



Do you want to play Badminton?



Royal Liberty School

Always wanted to try badminton but didn't know where to start? Come and join Eagles Badminton Club. We have a wide range of sessions for all ages and abilities. Plus your first session is **FREE!**

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Ready to try the world's fastest racquet sport?

Royal Liberty School

Primary Session	Monday	6.00 - 7.00pm
Secondary Session	Monday	7.00 - 8.30pm
Adult Session	Monday	8.30 - 10.30pm
Secondary Session	Tuesday	6.00 - 8.00pm
Adult Session	Tuesday	8.00 - 10.00pm
Primary Session	Wednesday	6.00 - 7.00pm
Secondary Session	Wednesday	7.00 - 9.00pm
Secondary Session	Thursday	6.00 - 8.00pm

Other sessions are added throughout the year.
Contact us for new session availability.

Primary sessions are for pupils in school year 3-6

Secondary sessions are for pupils in school year 7-13



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