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Headteacher's Newsletter

13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,



I hope this letter finds you well. It has been another fantastic week here at school and I am delighted to share some exciting highlights from the past few days.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with energy as students immerse themselves in our specially designed 'Lighting Fires' lessons. These lessons are aimed at reigniting our learners' passion for education after the long summer break, and I'm pleased to report that they are having the desired effect. Teachers have worked hard to make sure that the lessons are both inspiring and motivating, and it's been wonderful to see our students so engaged.

Since school reopened, we have had the pleasure of welcoming several new teachers into our school community. They've quickly settled in and have already been impressed by the positive atmosphere in our school. Many of them have shared glowing remarks about how focused and motivated our students are, as well as how kind and supportive they've been to one another. It's a testament to the values we uphold at Hall Mead School and I couldn't be prouder.

Our new Year 7 students continue to settle in exceptionally well. They've made a strong and positive first impression, not only in their studies but also in how they've integrated into the wider school community. It's always a joy to see our youngest learners find their feet and build friendships as they begin their journey with us. We seem to have lots of talented football players in the year group so I am looking forward to follow their football fixtures.

As we move forward into the term, I am confident that this momentum will continue, and I look forward to sharing more successes with you in the weeks to come. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Miss Ducker

Headteacher



Pastoral Focus

Each week, we challenge our school community to consider our pastoral focus in light of their own behaviour.

During form time, your child's form tutor will discuss the pastoral focus, what it means to achieve it and how they can do so.

Through this important weekly messaging, we ensure that our community is working together as a team and adhering to our school values. This week our focus is:



Pastoral Focus: Every lesson counts



We heard in Miss Ducker's assemblies last week about the amazing successes of the Year 11s who just got their results, and what it takes from you to be equally successful! Every lesson counts is our key message for this year, and within that, every minute counts! So:

- ✓ Follow the Door in Four and arrive so you catch all those important instructions from your teacher and complete all starter activities
- ✓ Being 'Ready to Learn' not only means being unpacked and settled quickly, but being fully involved in the lesson: joining in verbally, growing your vocabulary, having a go, not giving up, asking for help!
- ✓ Maintain your focus all the way through the lesson and take full part in any final tasks or 'exit ticket' activities





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Please Keep Our Students Safe!

Despite the fact that the UK has some of the safest roads in the world, thousands of children are injured on our roads every year, making road traffic accidents a significant cause of premature child death.

Child pedestrian road risk increases as children become more independent (from aged 10 upwards), with most child casualties occurring between the school run hours, namely 8-9am and 3-4pm.

This is due to this age group being more likely to move around unaccompanied by adults, and also having cognitive and physical limitations that make them more vulnerable in road traffic than adults.

At the start of each day and the end, a number of staff are on duty to welcome our students into school and wish them farewell at the end. This 'meeting and greeting' is also designed to oversee the safety of students on the road directly outside our school.

Since we have returned, I have observed a number of parents/carers dropping their child off for school directly outside the school gate on the yellow lines where there is a **no stopping and parking** area due to the close vicinity to our school gate.

**Please can I ask that you adhere to these parking/
stopping regulations to help keep our school community
safe.**



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Please Keep Our Students Safe!



1 IN 3

of all child pedestrians that are killed or seriously injured (KSI) are aged 10–11 years old.



12 TO 15 YEAR-OLD BOYS

are nine times more likely to be in an accident when riding a bike than a girl of the same age.



A QUARTER of road traffic casualties are 13 to 15 year-olds.



ALMOST HALF

of all accidents that happen on the road occur between 15:00 and 18:00.



EVERY MONTH

1,200 children are injured in traffic related collisions that happen within 500m of a school.



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Boxing Success

I was delighted to hear that Year 11 student Jayden boxed Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Barum Box Cup, and won Gold! What an achievement!

He was also awarded best boxer and won the belt!

We are so proud of him! Well done Jayden!



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done



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Boxing Success- Jayden



Congratulations!

well done



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Boxing Success—Jayden

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Congratulations!





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It's Photograph Time!

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on 18th of September 2024, to take our Years 7, 9 & 11 individual photographs.

All parents/carers are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code : **JRKWBE8MDM**
3. Include your child's full school register name.

Parents who pre-register will receive an exclusive 10% discount code for digital prints! This will be sent via email by Carmel Jane Photography once the photos are ready.

Don't miss out - **pre-register today!**

 Carmel Jane



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Duke of Edinburgh—Celebration Evening

A reminder of our Duke of Edinburgh Award Presentation Evening next week on Wednesday 18th September at 5pm in the main hall.

This event is for those who have recently been emailed by Mr Stephens with an invitation to the evening to celebrate completing their Bronze Award at Hall Mead.

There will be a number of students from current Year 10 to 13. We look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces!

There will also be a small raffle with tickets costing £1 each to raise funds to further develop the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme at the school.

No parking is available on site and the event should be finished by 6pm.

For DofE this academic year, direct contact will be made regarding the Silver award to those eligible and this year's Bronze Award launch for Year 9 is on the 16th October in their usual assembly slot.

Many thanks,
Mr Stephens





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Thank You!

At a time, when school budgets are so stretched, I must say a huge thank you to Aintree Lofts, Upminster, who have donated a huge amount of timber to the DT department, which is really very kind. This will help us so much! Thank you for your kindness and generosity.





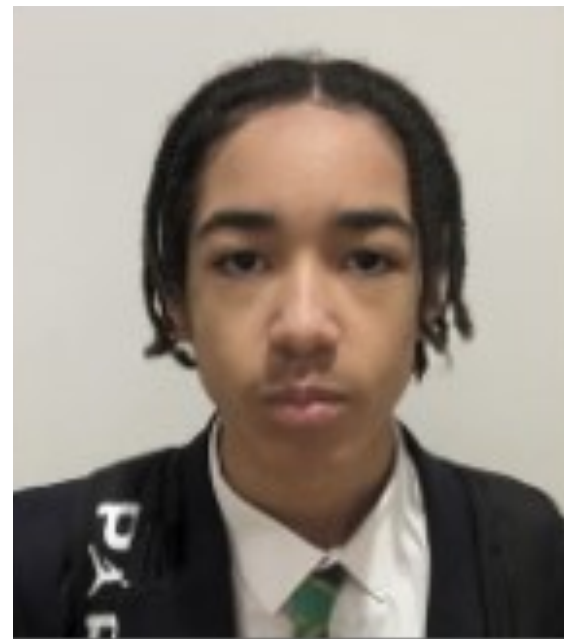
Gabriel C

9TS Silver Medal Achievement at the British National Championships

On Saturday 31st August 2024, Gabriel is proud to have won a Silver medal in the continuous fighting category at the British Ju-Jitsu National Championships at Wolverhampton University sports centre.

Well done Gabriel!

We are so proud of you!



Congratulations! ✨



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>

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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

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



STAY SAFE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

We want children to be as safe as possible on the school journey.

- Stay aware of your surroundings when walking.
- Try not to walk along with your phone or valuables out on show.
- Plan your route and use forms of transport others are using.
- Avoid shortcuts in isolated places.
- Don't confront a thief or risk your own safety.

Robbery is a serious crime that should be reported, this includes any attempts to rob victims of their property.

**IF YOU SEE A ROBBERY TAKING PLACE OR HAVE JUST BEEN ROBBED CALL 999.
OR REPORT IS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON 101 OR AT MET.POLICE.UK**



ROBBERY IS A SERIOUS CRIME THAT SHOULD BE REPORTED

If your child is robbed, calling 999 on a friend or trusted adult's phone is their best chance of an immediate response.

This gives police the opportunity to catch the suspects, recover stolen items and make sure they're safe.





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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 'Posts' tab is selected, showing two recent tweets. The first tweet is a reply to a post from 15 hours ago, saying 'Ah thank you' with a purple heart. The second tweet, also from 15 hours ago, celebrates the first day back, mentioning Year 7s and GCSE year groups, and tagging @HallMeadPastor1, @elatrust, and @MattDronfield. The bottom of the screen shows the Twitter navigation bar with icons for home, search, post, profile, notifications (2), and messages.

Hall Mead School
@hallmead

London hallmeadschool.co.uk Joined April 2010

164 Following 3.2K Followers

Posts Replies Highlights Articles Media Likes

Hall Mead School @hallmead · 15h
Ah thank you 💜

Lesley Dunn @joesnanLesley · 15h
Replying to @hallmead
[@HallMeadPastor1](#) and 2 others
I agree

Hall Mead School @hallmead · 16h
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 💜🌟
[@HallMeadPastor1](#) [@elatrust](#)
[@MattDronfield](#)

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