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27th September 2024

Headteacher's Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well as we begin another exciting school year. I am writing to you today to share some important information regarding the school budget and how your continued support can truly make a difference.

As you may be aware, school budgets are under increasing pressure due to rising costs but, despite these challenges, we are committed to providing your children with the highest quality education and enriching opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. However, to continue doing so, we rely on the generous contributions of parents/carers to enhance what we can offer beyond the standard curriculum.

A suggested voluntary donation of £60 per family (you will find this on your **Scopay** account) can help us maintain and improve the experiences available to our students.

These funds are used for a range of important purposes, including:

- The maintenance and replacement of pupil lockers, ensuring students have a safe and secure space for their belongings.
- The running costs of our school minibus, allowing us to transport students to sporting events, field trips, and other enriching activities.
- The annual licence fee for running the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, which provides invaluable opportunities for personal growth and development.
- Supporting other school activities that enrich our pupils' experiences and open doors to learning beyond the traditional classroom setting.

We understand that families have different financial situations, and the £60 contribution is entirely voluntary. **For your convenience, donations can be made either in one payment or spread out over regular instalments using our secure online payment system, Scopay.**

Your generous support truly adds 'colour' to the opportunities we can offer, and we are deeply grateful for any contribution you are able to make. If you have any questions about how to donate or how the funds will be used, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our school community.

Together, we can continue to provide a rich and rewarding educational experience for all our students.

Miss Ducker

Headteacher



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It's Open Evening Time!

Come and Visit Us! For more information:

[Open Evening – Hall Mead School](#)

**Open
Evening**

**for prospective
students and
their parents**

3rd

October





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Duke of Edinburgh Celebrations

Message from Mr Stephens

Last Wednesday, we hosted our first Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening, where lots of students received their certificate and badge for completing their Bronze Award. We had students from current Year 10 up to current Year 13 all in attendance and it was fantastic to see so many of our fantastic students get rewarded for their hard work.

DoE is a particularly gruelling programme, which consists of volunteering, physical and skills sections, rounded off with an expedition, so it is testament to all students who persevered to obtain their award. A huge thank you must go to those who have recently left Hall Mead who returned to collect their award, it was so lovely to see you all and I hope that you move on to Silver and Gold in your next venture!

We were very lucky to have Daisy C-A and Aedan D who spoke of their experiences this year so eloquently. It is daunting speaking in front of peers at such a young age, let alone staff and parents too! Well done to you both!

Many thanks to those staff who attended the evening, particularly Mr Dronfield and Miss Ducker for their kind words. Thanks also to staff who kindly donated raffle prizes, which helped us raise over £120 for the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme at Hall Mead.

For those that are still in the process of completing their Bronze award – you have time! As and when you finish, I will be in contact to arrange the next steps for you. For those that have passed and are moving on to Silver, a reminder that the deadline for signing up is fast approaching on the 3rd October. For current Year 9s interested, DofE will be launched in the usual assembly slot on the 16th October and letters will be sent to Year 9 parents at some stage during the end of that week.



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Duke of Edinburgh Celebrations





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: First time, every time



Something we have focused on for several years now is the idea that we follow instructions and do as we are asked, the first time, every time. This means you should be:

- ✓ Acting on the first instruction given
- ✓ Complying with staff requests immediately
- ✓ Getting going or started straight away, or stopping any negative behaviours or correcting your uniform straight away
- ✓ It also means doing so without arguing back, making excuses, defending what you are doing or implying you will do it in a minute or later.



First time...every time...



Achievement Points

Here are this week's results! Achievement Points are awarded for one of our school values:

⇒ **Being Kind**

⇒ **Burning Brightly**

⇒ **Beating Your Best**

⇒ **Valuing Kindness**

Excellence

Equality

Respect

Challenge



Achievement Point Totals

Year Group Totals					
Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
7	4277	17	4260	2713	1547
8	4834	110	4724	3075	1649
9	4221	149	4072	2812	1260
10	4098	164	3934	2605	1329
11	2008	241	1767	1266	501
Overall Conduct Score			18757	12471	6286

House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	4164	156	4008	2723	1285
Dickens	3735	135	3600	2343	1257
Talbot	3760	139	3621	2404	1217
Waltham	3787	165	3622	2459	1163

Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 7

Danni S 7TR

Year 9

Sophia C 9CBC

Year 10

Charlie S 10DL

Mikhail G-T 10CL

Year 8

Ayo O 8WJ

Caedon M 8WJ

Eadi F 8TM

Leo D 8WJ

Year 11

Phillip S 11DH



Sparx! Maths and English!

Week 5		Sparx Maths Superstars		Top 3 XP from each year group for this week	
Year 7		Year 8		Year 8	
Cillian EM	7WS	Mason B	8CS	Mason B	8CS
Rhys S	7WJC	Sam J	8CS	Sam J	8CS
Zoe B	7TJ	Valentine O	8DC	Valentine O	8DC
Year 9		Year 10		Year 11	
Nethumi P	9CBC	Elson D	10CN	Oliver S	11CS
Szofia B	9TB	Mikhail GT	10CL	Kingsley A	11CC
Olivia M	9DM	Dylan E	10TL	Joseph P	11TE



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Most Improved	Love of Reading
Charlie C	Reggie D	Faith J-E	Harry R	Oliver V

Sparx Reader STARS



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Mrs Fanning's Golden Wristbands—They're Back!

Mrs Fanning is very proud to make Millie P and Daniel K the very first Year 7 students to be awarded a Golden Wristband!

Their very impressive haul of achievement points place them right at the top of the year group.

Well done to both of them and keep up the good work; you really are burning brightly and beating your best!

Mrs Ruschova is very proud to be their form tutor.





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Exciting Opportunity!

Next week, Mr Morrith will be launching the Senior Ski Trip 2026 to our Years 9 and 10 pupils during their year group assemblies.

The date for our next trip is:

February Half Term: Friday 14th February 2026 to Friday 21st February 2026

Location: Kitzbuhel, Austria

What your price includes:

- ⇒ Return coach travel from Hall Mead School (air travel would be significantly more expensive and would still leave a transfer to the resort). We will then have the benefit of coach transport whilst in resort
- ⇒ Full board accommodation for six nights
- ⇒ 5 x 5 hours of skiing lessons
- ⇒ 5 days of ski hire; skis, poles, boots and helmet
- ⇒ 5-day lift pass
- ⇒ Full insurance cover
- ⇒ 3 evening entertainments; typically bowling, pizza night and ice skating

Letters will be sent via Edulink to all families in Yr 9 and 10. Please keep an eye out for it if you're interested!

Kitzbuhel, Austria



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PE News

Mr Sammons, Head of Department

The Year 11 boys' badminton team competed in the Havering Badminton Competition at Emerson Park School on Monday evening. They played some excellent badminton beating 4 out of the 5 schools and finishing in 2nd place.

This week has seen the return of the famous Avon Road run at Hall Mead.

All students will participate in the run over the next 2 weeks and compete for a place in their House Team for the House Cross Country event on Wednesday 8th October.

The school's best Cross Country runners will then go on to represent the school at the Havering cross country championships in late October.

Watch this space!





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Year 8—Boys' Football

The Year 8 football team started the season with an excellent performance against Great Baddow last Friday in the National Cup competition.

They came away 3-1 winners! Albie L took Man of the Match!

The Year 8 team then followed this up with another good performance against Ormiston Academy in the Essex Cup, winning 8-0.

Man of the Match this time was Taylor G with a hattrick and special mention must go to Noah M for making his first appearance on pitch—he is normally a goalkeeper!





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Year 9—Boys' Rugby

The Year 9 Boys' Rugby team had their first fixture of the season on Tuesday against a strong Royal Liberty side. In a very physical match up, our Hall Mead boys came out with a 27-22 win, thanks to a last minute winning try from Isaque A.

Mr Stephens is so proud of every single players' performance. A few of the boys have only ever played one or two games of rugby before, so to see the maturity of play on the pitch was brilliant. Special mentions must go to Kye T and Gabriel C as new players who had outstanding games. Captain Robert A had a standout performance, making some very dominant tackles, turnovers and even scoring.

In the first 15 a side game they have ever played, it was refreshing to see 20 boys turn up to play on Tuesday, with a few more unable to make it. Having a large squad will serve this team well as we move into the busiest season of their Hall Mead rugby career to date. With games coming up against Emerson Park and Hornchurch High before half term, the hard work doesn't stop here!

Thank you to Mr Leslie and Mr Buller for their support at the game, fortunately Mr Leslie even managed to capture the winning try on camera!





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Year 9—Rugby





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Success in Science!

**Mrs Deacon—Director of Science
Faculty**

Congratulations to the Year 10 Triple Science class on their recent Biology exam results.

**95% of students gained a grade 7 or better,
with 60% gaining a grade 9!**

Big shout out the Hanelle, who scored an impressive 100%!





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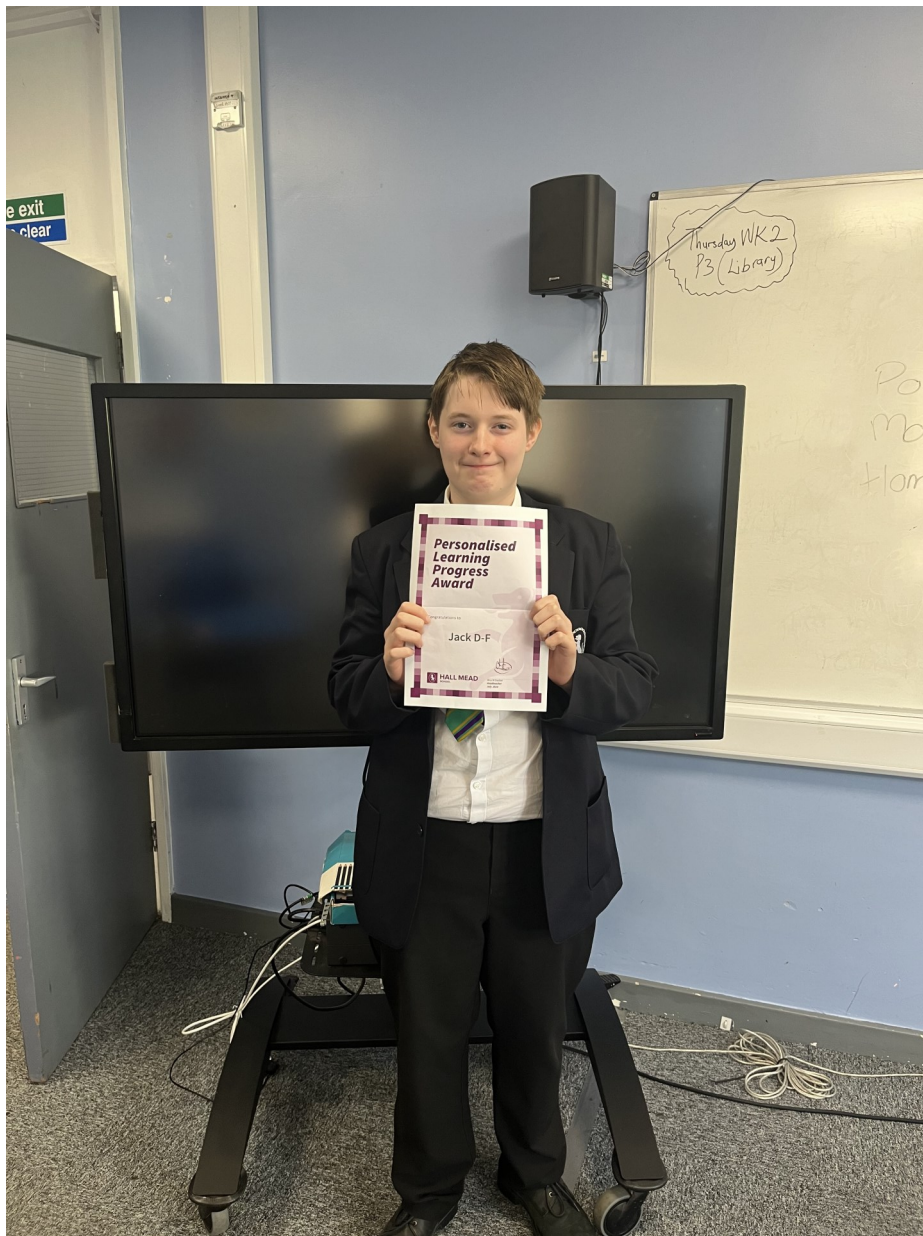


Personalised Learning Award

This week's, Personalised Learning Award goes to Jack who just keeps impressing all his teachers in the PLC by burning brightly and completing all his task.

It's been a great start to the year for Jack!

Keep up the good work!





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Year 7 Freshers' Faye—Friday 27th September

Periods 4-5

Extra-curricular is such an important part of school life and the skills gained by students that regularly participate are clearly evident including social development, increased confidence, heightened initiative and overall well-being.

Your child will attend the Freshers' Fayre for part of the period 5 lesson on Friday 27th September.

It gives students the opportunity to find out what extra curricular clubs and sporting activities are on offer and what they entail.

We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to sign up to at least one club, their participation will definitely enrich the Hall Mead experience.

FRESHERS'
FAYRE



Want to Join a Club?



PE Clubs

Extra-Curricular Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School 7:45-8:30		Year 8 and 9 Girls' and Boys' Badminton Squad (Mr Hales)			Year 7 Trampoline (Mrs Hand) Activity Studio
Lunch 12:25-1pm	Year 10/11 Trampoline (Mrs Morgan) Year 7/8/9 Girls' Badminton (Miss Kennett)	Year 7/8/9 Boy's Badminton (Mr Morrill) All Years Table Tennis (Mr Sammons) Activity Studio	Sports Hall Year 10 and 11 Squad Badminton (Mr Swan)	All Girls' Cricket (Mrs Morgan) Year 9 Trampoline (Miss Kennett) Activity Studio	Year 10/11 GCSE Trampoline & Table Tennis (Mrs Hand/Mr Sammons) Activity Studio Year 10/11 GCSE Badminton (Mr Swan) Sports Hall
After School 3:15- 4:15pm	Year 7/ 8 / 9 Rugby (Mr Morrill/ Mr Newall/ Mr Stephens) Field Year 10 Boys' Football (Mr Swan) Year 7 Netball (Mrs Morgan) MUGA - Until Half Term.	Year 7 Girls' Football (Mr Rooke) Year 8/9 Girls' Football (Mr Mor/Mr Cobos) Year 9 Boys' Football (Mr Sammons)	Year 7 Boys' Football (Mr Swan)Field Year 8 Boys' Football (Mr Sammons/Mr Rooke) Field Year 8/9/11 Netball (Mrs Morgan/Miss Kennett) MUGA Year 7 Netball (Mrs Morgan) MUGA - After Half Term.	Year 10 Girls' Football (Mr Hart/Miss Lloyd) Year 8 & 10 Netball Squad (Miss Kennett) MUGA	Year 8 Trampoline (Mrs Hand) Activity Studio Year 11 Boys' Football (Mr Morrill) Field

Other clubs and events

Extra-Curricular Timetable

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:45-8:30am			Yr11 – Further Maths (RCA)		
LUNCH 12:30-1pm	Year 8 Music Group	Music Extra GCSE AF7 Journalism Club AF10 (HAT) Arcadia AG1 (AFT/SEA) – Wk 2	KS3 Vocal Group AF7 Debate Club AF14 (CAP)	Creative Writing AF11 (MIL)	
AFTER SCHOOL 3:15- 4:30pm	School Production (until 5.00pm)	Music Chamber Group AF7 Yr 7/8 - Dance and Wellbeing Club (Ext.)	Mandarin club (GAR) – AS1 Music GCSE Y11 intervention Maths Extra		Music One2One GCSE recording Dungeons and Dragons (AF11) MIL

Additional

Christmas Cookery Masterclass AG12 – December 2
Valentines Cake Competition AG12 – Autumn term
Music Practice Rooms can be booked through students' TEAM.
Speak Out Challenge (HAT) – TBC
Film club (CAS) – ad hoc (Monthly – linked to events)

PLC – 'Habit Factory' Arts club (KIT) - TBC
PLC – Drama Club (KIT) – TBC
JMC/IMC Maths Challenge (RCA) – Spring term
Yr 10 Further Maths (RCA) – Spring term
BSL Club (KIT) – Spring term
Science week club – Spring term



Monday

Lunch: Sensory play and messy play– (PLC, PG2)

Lunch: Outdoor gym and free play (PLC playground)

Lunch: ICT, chill out zone (PLC PG3)

Lunch: Football (Sports field)

Tuesday

Lunch: Sensory play – (PLC, PG2)

Lunch: Outdoor gym and free play (PLC playground)

Lunch: ICT, chill out zone (PLC PG3)

Lunch: Football (Sports field)

Wednesday

Lunch: Outdoor gym, Ball games and free play (PLC playground)

Lunch: ICT, chill out zone (PLC PG3)

Lunch: Football (Sports field)

Thursday

Lunch: Sensory play – (PLC, PG2)

Lunch: Outdoor gym, free play (PLC playground)

Lunch: ICT, chill out zone (PLC PG3)

Lunch: Football (Sports field)

Friday

Lunch: Sensory play – (PLC, PG2)

Lunch: Ball games and free play (PLC playground)

Lunch: Football (Sports field)

YR 11 Science Intervention

Date	Topic	Staff	Room
26/09/24	Atomic structure and periodic table	DEA 15:25-16.25	AS15
03/10/24	Conservation of energy	HAD 12:30-1:30	AS8
10/10/24	Keeping Healthy	AFT 15:25-16.25	AS17
17/10/24	Chemicals in the natural environment	SHD 15:25-16.25	AS14
24/10/24	Waves and the EM spec	OKA 15:25-16.25	AS10
07/11/24	Cells and Control	KUR 15:25-16.25	AS15
14/11/24	Extracting metals	HAD 15:25-16.25	AS8
21/11/24	Motion and Forces	STH 15:25-16.25	AS17



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(Inclusive of Outer London Weighting)

Job type: Part Time, Permanent

Start date: as soon as possible

Apply by: 4 October 2024

Job overview

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(Inclusive of Outer London Weighting)

12.5 hours per week

Monday to Friday

4am/5am Start (start time negotiable)

Permanent contract



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Havering Libraries **National Poetry Day Competition 2024**

Write a poem for the 30th Anniversary of National Poetry Day
3rd October 2024 on the theme of

Counting

Put your name, age and library card number on your entry
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haveringlibrariescompetitions@havering.gov.uk
Winners will receive book prizes and their poems
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Closing date Saturday 9th November 2024

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11 October 2024

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The screenshot shows the Twitter profile for Hall Mead School (@hallmead). The profile picture is a circular logo with 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.

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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 💜🌟
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