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## *Headteacher's Newsletter*

**20th September 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,



I hope this letter finds you well.

This week, our year group assemblies, delivered by Assistant Headteacher Mr Hooper, have been particularly poignant and thought-provoking.

In light of the tragic events over the weekend, where eight migrants sadly lost their lives while attempting to cross the English Channel, Mr Hooper challenged our students to reflect on the importance of compassion and understanding in times of hardship.

As a school, we are incredibly fortunate to be part of such a kind and thoughtful community, and it is in moments like these that we are reminded to appreciate one another even more.

We are proud of the empathy and sensitivity our students have shown as they listened and reflected on these difficult issues. Their ability to think about others, especially during times of tragedy, is a testament to the strength of our school community.

On a different note, we would like to wish Teacher of Science, Mrs Barnes, a valued member of our Hall Mead family, all the best as she leaves for maternity leave. We are excited for her as she prepares to welcome the newest addition to her family, and we look forward to her return in the future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in fostering a compassionate and reflective environment at our school.

***Miss Ducker***  
***Headteacher***



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**It's Open Evening Time!**

**Come and Visit Us!**

# Open Evening

for prospective  
students and  
their parents

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**October**





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## It's Open Evening Time!

We're looking forward to seeing you in school for our Open Evening on Thursday 3rd October, 4.30pm-7pm. To manage demand, our Headteacher Talks and School Tours are ticketed events.

Tickets admitting visitors to one of the talks will be issued via the Eventbrite system from Monday 23rd September at 5 pm. To ensure fair and comfortable seating, tickets are limited to 3 per-family. The Headteacher's talk will be available later to view on our school website.

### Headteacher Talks

## Booking is available from Monday 23rd September at 5pm

- Headteacher Talk 1 – 4.45 pm
- Headteacher Talk 2 – 5.30 pm
- Headteacher Talk 3 – 6.15 pm

### School In Action Tours

We are also providing tours of our school starting on Monday 7th October through to Friday 11th October.

## Booking is available from Monday 23rd September at 5pm

- ⇒ Monday 7th October – 9.15 am
- ⇒ Monday 7th October – 1.15 pm
- ⇒ Tuesday 8th October – 9.15 am
- ⇒ Tuesday 8th October – 1.15 pm
- ⇒ Wednesday 9th October – 9.15 am
- ⇒ Wednesday 9th October – 1.15 pm
- ⇒ Thursday 10th October – 9.15 am
- ⇒ Thursday 10th October – 1.15 pm
- ⇒ Friday 11th October – 9.15 am

**For further information  
and to book visit:**

**Open Evening – Hall  
Mead School**



## 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: Proud to be Hall Mead



You will often hear and us say we are 'Proud to be Hall Mead': staff are proud to work here and students are proud to attend here. What makes us proud and how should we uphold this?



- ✓ We are a community, a family, and that means supporting each other, being kind, accepting each other's differences and strengths and weaknesses, and standing up for each other
- ✓ Being an upstander, not a bystander. Doing the right thing, even when no one's looking – so working hard, doing our best, pushing ourselves to be the best we can – aiming high!



- ✓ Protecting our reputation and our community by representing it well in our local community: walking locally, using the local shops, boarding and travelling on the buses and trains.



## 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	2716	3	2713	1053	1660
8	3119	44	3075	1097	1978
9	2879	67	2812	1189	1623
10	2683	78	2605	1067	1538
11	1397	131	1266	673	593
<b>Overall Conduct Score</b>			12471	5079	7392

House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	2795	72	2723	1106	1617
Dickens	2452	109	2343	997	1346
Talbot	2460	56	2404	980	1424
Waltham	2542	83	2459	994	1465

## Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 7
Bella C 7TR
Hollie A 7TR
Millie P 7TR
Harvey C 7TR

Year 9
Sophia C 9CBC

Year 10
Olivia C 10WH

Year 8
Rosina D 8CG

Year 11
Fiona T 11F
Jack H 11TC



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

Mrs Fanning is delighted to award the very first Golden Wristbands of the year to John and Emily, both in 9TB.

The Golden Wristbands are only awarded to students who have shown exemplary effort, achievement or kindness and recipients have the privilege of 'Jumping the Queue' at break at lunchtimes and being served first.

She was very proud to hand these over to John and Emily for receiving the most achievement points in Year 9!

Mrs Babington-Smith is very proud of her tutees too.





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## **Mrs Fanning's Child Development Superstars!**

Mrs Fanning would like to say a special congratulations to two members of her GCSE Child Development class.

Aimee and Emily have both been awarded a Golden Wristband in recognition of their outstanding effort in their first piece of coursework (NEA).

Their perseverance, attention to detail and desire to improve their work meant that they both smashed their own targets and achieved very high marks from the moderator.

Well done and keep up the excellent work for your second piece!





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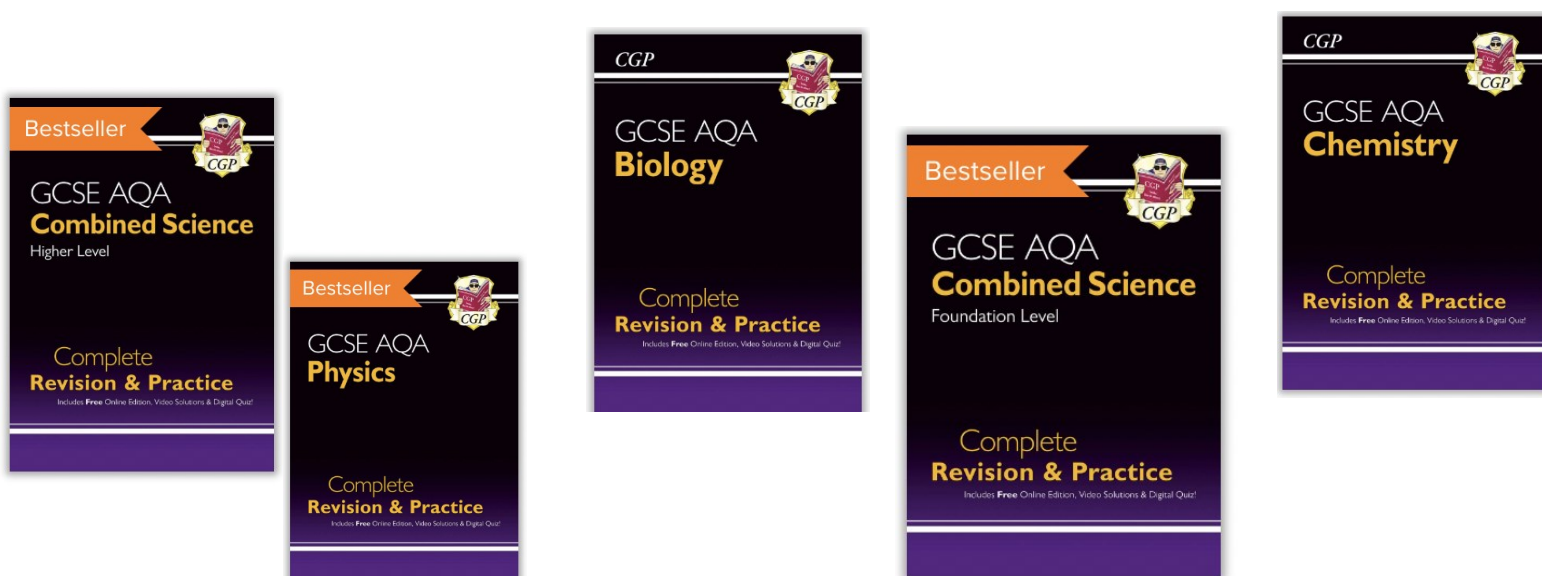
**Is Your Child in Year 10 or 11?**  
**Science Revision Support Materials**  
**Mrs Deacon (Director of Science Faculty)**

These all-in-one books are bursting with top-notch study notes and practice questions for the Grade 9-1 AQA Science course! It also covers the required practical activities, maths skills and Working Scientifically — everything a GCSE Science student could wish for.

There's a vast range of practice questions and exam-style questions in every section (with a realistic practice paper at the end of the book), plus plenty of useful advice for scoring top marks in the final exams.

**QR codes** throughout give quick and easy access to **worked video solutions** from our in-house experts, plus an unbeatable online **Knowledge Retrieval quiz** — designed to be played again and again to make all those facts stick. Try some [sample questions here!](#) We've even thrown in a heap of info on "What to Expect in the Exams" available to view online.

Redeem the code inside the book for a **free Online Edition** to read on your PC, Mac or tablet — you'll have temporary access via 'Your Online Products' on the CGP website from the moment you place your order. When the book arrives, just use the unique code printed inside the cover to gain full access.







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## House Football Competition

### Mr Sammons (Head of PE)

Last week, we saw the start of our House competition in the PE Department. Over 200 boys took part in the House football competition throughout the week.

After some fierce competition, it was the following houses in each year group which were triumphant.

- ⇒ Year 7 – Chapman & Talbot
- ⇒ Year 8 - Dickens
- ⇒ Year 9 - Talbot
- ⇒ Year 10/11 – Dickens

The overall winner after adding up all of the finishing positions was:

**Talbot!**





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## Prefects PLC

This week, we would like to celebrate Theodore, Courtney and Ronnie who demonstrate the school values to our younger year groups within the PLC.





## What an achievement!

I was delighted to hear this week about Year 7 Mair L's from recent achievement.

She came 1st place in the Thames Chase Art Competition, in the 11-16 year old category with her painting of a kingfisher winning an art set.

We are so proud of her and her talent—as are her family! Well done!





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## **Athletic Superstars!**

Boys have been featured in 'The Romford Recorder' as Havering Athletics Team have placed 3rd in the Eastern Young Athletes League (EYAL).

Tobi came 1st in 100m and long jump and Timi came 1st in 200m and 2nd in long jump.

Timi, Tobi, Nathan (Royal Liberty) and Jack (Emerson Park) came 1st in U13 boys' relay race.

Euan C, who just started year 7 at Hall Mead, is also a member of Havering Athletics Club and also had come second in javelin!

Well done to everyone who competed.

What a fantastic achievement for Timi, Tobi and Euan.



# Havering AC take fine third in EYAL decider

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Havering AC Under-13 boys team celebrate their win

Image: Jo Day

Havering AC's young athletes ended their season with finished third in the Eastern Young Athletes League Top 6 Final on Sunday.

Chelmsford added the Final Shield to their league title and hosts Shaftesbury claimed second, but there were age group wins for Havering's Under-13 and Under-17 boys.

The U13s had five wins, four from twins Tobi and Timi Oluborode Olu-eye, with Tobi winning the 100m and long jump and Timi the 200m and B 100m and coming second in the B long jump.

Nathan Hathaway won the B sprint hurdles in a PB and was second in the B 800m, while Jack Rossington was third in the B 200m and second in the B discus, both with PBs.

Rossington, Timi, Hathaway and Tobi had a big win in the sprint relay in a season's best and third fastest time by a UK club U13 team this summer.

Reuben McDermott's javelin PB placed him third with Euan Cheeswright second in the B string and Derin Okubanjo was second in the A

sprint hurdles in a PB, with second places for Callum Millard Jennings (1500m) and Max Sillett (B shot) as George Bangs took third in the 800m.

The U17s edged out on Shaftesbury by a single point with Chelmsford not far behind.

They were aided by five wins as Zak Williams improved his best to win the javelin and added third places in the sprint hurdles and pole vault, with Sam Burdett winning the B javelin and Emmanuel Asirifi-Otchere the 200m.

Findlay McLaren won a competitive 800m and Shea Sweeney's PB placed him third in the B string.

The fifth victory came from Simeon Barker in the B triple jump, after placing third in the sprint hurdles, and Ugo Godwin was third in the triple jump and shot (PB).

Freddie Rowe had to settle for second in a tactical 1500m and Maxwell Adeosun was second in the 100m and B 200m, with Tobias Samuel second in the long jump and third in the B 100m and Ryan Alexander third in the high

jump.

A solid team performance saw the Under-15 girls finish second as Jess Page's javelin PB won the javelin, with the third longest throw ever by a club U-15.

Page was second in the B 800, while Ayla Baker's javelin PB win in the B string and took her into the club all-time Top 10, and she was second in the B discus (PB), and third in the shot.

Jasmine Asmal was 800m runner-up, as was Orla Frie on the B 1500m, and Emmie Lole's PB earned A string third.

Cleo Drake was third in the B 100m and B long jump, as sister Bel Drake's hurdles PB placed her third and Lila Chapelhow was third in the hammer and discus.

Jayden Wilkinson stood out for the Under-15 boys, winning the long jump with a PB and close to his best when second in the 300m.

Harrison Rabess won the B shot in a PB and improved his discus best for second to rank sixth on the club all-time list.

More top-three places in throwing came from Sam Johnson, second in the hammer and third in the shot, and Ethan Johnson whose PB placed third in the B javelin.

Bode Thompson was second in the high jump and third in the 200m, while training partner Emanuel Ikuchukwu matching those in the B strings to add to his hurdles third place, as Oliver Cambridge took third in the B hurdles.

Oba Samuel (B 100m) and Aidan Doherty (long jump) were also third and joined Thompson and Ikuchukwu in a third-placed sprint relay squad.

National long jump medallist Alicia Fairman was the only winner for the Under-17 girls and also came third in the 100m.

Sophia Willson equalled her best for second in the high jump and Maggie Smith was second in the B string, with Eboni Roach second in the shot, third in the discus and throwing a hammer PB for sixth on the Under-17 all-time list.

Oma Nwapa was second in the B hurdles, as was Scarlet Woods in the pole vault, with Daisy Leech (B long jump) and Ruby Price (B discus) taking third.

The Under-13 girls saw Zeni Williams win the javelin with a PB, to add to her second places in the A discus and B 800m.

Millie Cook was the only other winner (800m), as Abigail Adegite smashed her high jump PB to place second, as did Charlene Bangne (B 100m) and Brooke Lavey (hurdles B), as Lucy Tregidgo took third in the B discus.

The summer season ends for most club athletes as Havering host their annual end of season club championships and open meeting at Hornchurch Stadium on Sunday with over 150 club athletes among the 250-plus entries.



Havering's under-17 boys won their age group

Image: Jo Day



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## Year 7 Girls' Football—Mr Rooke

The first year 7 football training took place on Tuesday night!

It was great to see our Year 7 girls playing with great passion and enthusiasm!

Training is on every Tuesday after school until 4:30 and it's a club for all abilities. Come and give it a try!





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## Noah B—Year 8

Noah was granted special permission to miss school on Tuesday to participate in some filming for National Fitness Day.

He got to meet Emily Campbell the Olympic power lifter. What an amazing experience!

Well done Noah!





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## Post 16 Destinations?

Is your child in Year 11? Here are the details for the Open Evening for lots of different providers:

### **Tuesday 24th September**

BRIT School Croydon - 1:30 - 6:30pm booking required

[The BRIT School Post 16 Open Event Tickets | From Free | Sep 24 @ The Brit School, London | DICE](#)

### **Thursday 26th September**

Anglo-European School - 4:30 - 8:00pm Headteachers talk: 6:00pm

[Open Evening and Tours - Anglo European School \(aessex.co.uk\)](#)

The Brentwood School - 4:30 - 6:30pm Booking required

[Open Events & Visits | Brentwood School](#)

### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

London College of Beauty Therapy 6:15pm

[Open Evenings - LCBT](#)

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Kings College Maths School 5:00pm (online via zoom)

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Chelmsford High School for Girls 5:00 - 8:00pm

[Sixth Form Open Evening - Chelmsford County High School for Girls \(cchs.co.uk\)](#)

USP College (Palmer's campus) 5:20 - 7:00pm

[Open Evening - Palmer's Campus | USP College, Seevic & Palmer's, Essex](#)

South Essex College (Southend campus) 5:00 - 8:00pm

[South Essex College](#)

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Barking & Dagenham College 10:00am

[Rush Green Campus Open Event \(5 October... — Barking & Dagenham College \(barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk\)](#)

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

Westminster Kingsway College (includes School of Culinary Arts) 4:30 - 7:00pm

[Open Day: Victoria Centre - Westminster Kingsway College 07/10/24 - Capital City College Group \(capitalccg.ac.uk\)](#)

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

ARU Writtle College (Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal related courses) 10:00 - 3:00pm

[Booking Form \(student-crm.com\)](#)





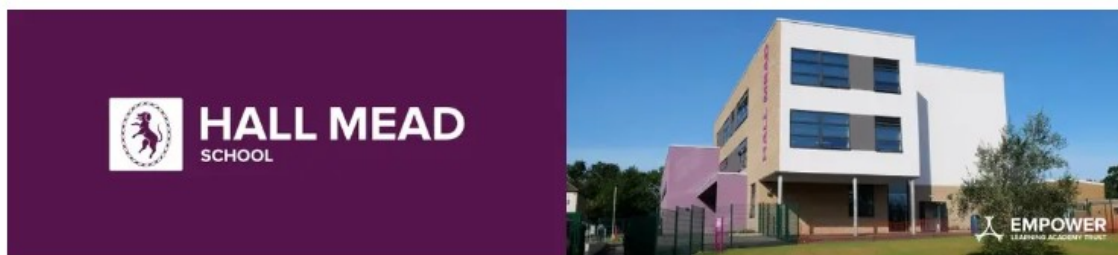
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**Interested in Working at Hall Mead School?**

**We need a cleaner...**

**For further details, please visit: [Cleaner, Havering - Tes Jobs](#)**



## Cleaner

£8,976 - £9,384 per year | New



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**Salary:** Salary £8,976 - £9,384 p/a Grade 1/2, Spinal Point 2-5 FTE £25,854-£27,030  
(Inclusive of Outer London Weighting)

**Job type:** Part Time, Permanent

**Start date:** as soon as possible

**Apply by:** 4 October 2024

### Job overview

Salary £8,976 - £9,384 p/a

Grade 1/2, Spinal Point 2-5

FTE £25,854-£27,030

(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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## Parents Experiencing Homelessness group

**Are you on the Havering Housing Pathway?**

**Are you currently living in temporary accommodation?**

**Would you like to meet people in a similar position?**

We are running a group for parents who are currently living in temporary accommodation.

The group aims to:

- Create a supportive group for people going through a difficult experience.
- Provide support and advice where possible.
- Link people with local support and professionals.





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**You and Me Counselling**  
Together we can find solutions



# PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

Hornchurch North  
Street Halls  
RM11 1QX

11:00am - 2:00pm  
**11 October 2024**

How the mental health of children can impact the family, and the support available.

FEATURING THE FOLLOWING  
SPEAKERS:



**CAMHS**  
Referral pathways and processes



**TRIPLE P**  
All about the Positive Parenting Programme



**BOLAJI OLAGUNJU**  
The impact of mental health on families

**REGISTER VIA EVENTBRITE**

<https://ymc-conference.eventbrite.co.uk>

01708 477663

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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 Lesley Dunn (@joesnanLesley) saying 'Ah thank you' with a purple heart. The second tweet is from Hall Mead School itself, celebrating the first day back of school, mentioning Year 7s and GCSE year groups, and tagging @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.

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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 💜🌟  
[@HallMeadPastor1](#) [@elatrust](#) [@MattDronfield](#)

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