**Open Evening – Thursday 3rd October 2024**

All departments are open this evening to give you a glimpse into the amazing work which takes place at Hall Mead School.

You are invited to visit any or all of them and our staff and students will be delighted to meet you.

We have placed arrows around the Academy to help you to find your way but, if you need assistance, please just ask.

**Art**

The excellent work produced by our students is displayed in AF25, one of the two Art rooms. Sketchbooks, final pieces and work in progress demonstrate the range of opportunities available to our students and the kinds of projects covered throughout Key Stages 3 and 4.

**Business Studies**

Business Studies is a popular GCSE option! We explore the world of business and the power of enterprise. Our Business Education Department is situated on the top of Block B in the Computing Suite. Come and see some of the work of students taking GCSE Business Studies.

**Drama**

Halloween has arrived early in the Drama Studio! Hall Mead teachers from 100 years ago, Mrs F Rightening, and Mr S Keleton, will be joining current students, for some spooky story telling.

**English**

Come back in time with us and experience J.B. Priestley’s ‘An Inspector Calls.’ Year 9 students will be performing scenes from the play so please come along to see them in action. In the Library, Key Stage 3 students will be demonstrating Sparx Reader which is an online platform to develop and support literacy.

**Food**

Help! A major health and safety incident has taken place in AG12! We need your expertise to work out what has gone so wrong. Students will be popping corn ready for you to make with your own choice of flavour and there will also be fruit kebabs for you to sample!

**Geography**

The Geography Department welcome you to see and experience geography in action. Our department ethos is the creation of ’Geographers of the future’ who are aware of the complexities of the world around them. The Geography Department, and some of our best geographers, will be on hand to talk you through our exciting topics of work!

**History**

The History Department, and some of our young historians, will be available to explain which the topics taught at Key Stage 3 and GCSE. In BF5, there will be textbooks and samples of work, as well as artefacts and materials used in lessons. Students will be happy to talk to you about their work and may also persuade you to diagnose some medieval maladies, solve our historical murder on the Humanities corridor or debate the most significant historical figures of the past!

**Computing**

Students will be demonstrating their skills in the Computing Suite on the top floor of the Block B.  Parents and prospective students are welcome to view the work of the Department and interact with a variety of software and hardware. Students are on hand to show you the Key Stage 3 Computing course and the Computing options in Key Stage 4.

**Maths**

The Mathematics Department will be welcoming you into two of our classrooms: BG2 and BG3. In BG2, we will be displaying our Key Stage 3 work, with the additional help of some of our top Years 7 and 8 students. Following on from this, in BG3, you will get to see the work we cover at Key Stage 4, with the help from students in Years 9 and 10.

In both rooms, we will have a plethora of resources used in lessons, examples of students’ books, as well as some samples of the opportunities for our students to stretch and challenge themselves. In addition to this, the Mathematics Department will be hosting some fun mathematical puzzles and competitions. Come and test your maths skills!

**Spanish**

¡Hola amigos!  Take a whistle-stop tour around a few of the many Spanish speaking countries. Grab your passport and enjoy the distinctive culture of Mexico, Argentina, Colombia and Spanish festivals whilst learning some fun facts. Sounds like a ***fiesta***!

The lively Spanish Department will be demonstrating how the Spanish language is spoken in more than 20 countries by showing you some of the most characteristic and unique features of Hispanic culture. ¡Vamos!

**Music**

The Music Department invites you to join us where there will be music demonstrations. You may even get the chance to test out your own musical skills under the tutorage of our younger students. Staff will be present throughout the evening to answer your questions.

**Physical Education**

The PE Department will be showcasing different sports in the Sports Hall, including table tennis, basketball, rowing and several fitness tests for the students to take part in. In the Activity Studio, students will also be demonstrating trampolining all evening. PE staff will be pleased to answer questions regarding the wide selection of PE and sport that is available at Hall Mead School.

**Religious Studies and Personal, Social, Citizenship and Health Education**

In WG1, you will be able to find out about both Religious Studies and PSCHE. For Religious Studies, you will find students ready to play some games based upon morals and ethics, show you the artefacts and objects, or answer any questions you would like to ask them on what they do in their lessons!

For PSCHE, you can have a look at the various teaching resources we are able to draw on to educate about drugs, health and relationships education. Why not come and practise your CPR skills, just as the students do in health education! There will also be displays of work, textbooks and other resources. ​

**Science**

In Darwin Laboratory (AS9), a wide range of teaching materials are displayed including textbooks and our students’ booklets.

We also invite our special visitors to try to ‘find the forger’ by participating in our chromatography experiment – a popular practical our students love!

In Einstein Laboratory (AS10) and Franklin Laboratory (AS15), students will be conducting experiments demonstrating just a snapshot of the practical work we offer in Key Stage 3 and 4. Staff will be available to answer any questions, parents/carers may have regarding science at Hall Mead School.

**Technology**

Please come to AG16 for a warm welcome to Design and Technology at Hall Mead. A range of practical outcomes and design work will be on display to showcase our students’ achievements in GCSE Design and Technology.

Students from Key Stage 3 will be on hand to demonstrate our Computer Aided Manufacturing opportunities and why not enter our design competition whilst you are here!

**Pastoral (Students Support and the House System)**

Come and hear about how our year and house system works. Meet our Heads of Year and discover what opportunities are available for students to participate in a wide range of inter-house activities and clubs.

There will also be students available to answer any questions about peer support, mentoring, our students’ wellbeing club (Arcadia) and reward systems here at Hall Mead.

Our Educational Mental Health Practitioners will be available to speak to you about the support that they offer our students and families, and our School’s Police Liaison Officer will be available for you to meet.

**Personal Learning Centre**

The PLC is where specialist small group lessons take place for students who have an Education and Health Care Plan and who are not yet able to work in mainstream lessons. This learning space is where students, who have a high level of support, due to their special educational needs, are based.

Our PLC is an adapted learning environment which follows a bespoke curriculum supported by a high level of staffing as a stepping stone to full engagement and independence.