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4th October 2024

Headteacher's Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to say a huge thank you to those parents/carers who made a Scopay donation on the back of last week's newsletter. I really do not take this for granted, especially at a time when families are experiencing their own financial constraints.

Last night, we had our 2024 Open Evening which was a fantastic opportunity for prospective families to visit our wonderful school, meet our staff, and get a glimpse of our vibrant school community. We are incredibly proud of everything we have to offer, and this event gives us the perfect chance to showcase it all. We have estimated that we had over 2000 visitors to our school which is simply amazing!

A special thank you must go to Deputy Headteacher Mrs Afteni who organised this mammoth event and ensured that everything ran like military precision. She really is an exceptional member of staff who we are lucky to have at Hall Mead.

Last year, we saw a record-breaking number of Year 6 to Year 7 applications, the highest in our school's history—and this was even before the publication of our 'Outstanding' Ofsted judgment! This year, the demand has been equally phenomenal, with the Headteacher Talk tickets selling out faster than the Oasis concerts—a positive sign of the excitement surrounding our school!

Events like these allow us to show off not just our amazing staff and stunning facilities, but, most importantly, our students. They are our best ambassadors and, without a doubt, our greatest 'salespeople.' Their enthusiasm and pride in their school speak volumes about the experience we offer here.

Thank you for all your support in allowing your children to attend this event. I know it meant a late finish for lots of students. I hope the lie-in this morning helped. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Ducker

Headteacher



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Welcome
to the
Family

Family for Life

I am delighted to announce that our Hall Mead family expanded this week with the arrival of Baby Jack.

Mr Smith, Teacher of History, became the proud dad to Baby Jack who arrived slightly early than expected but is healthy and happy!

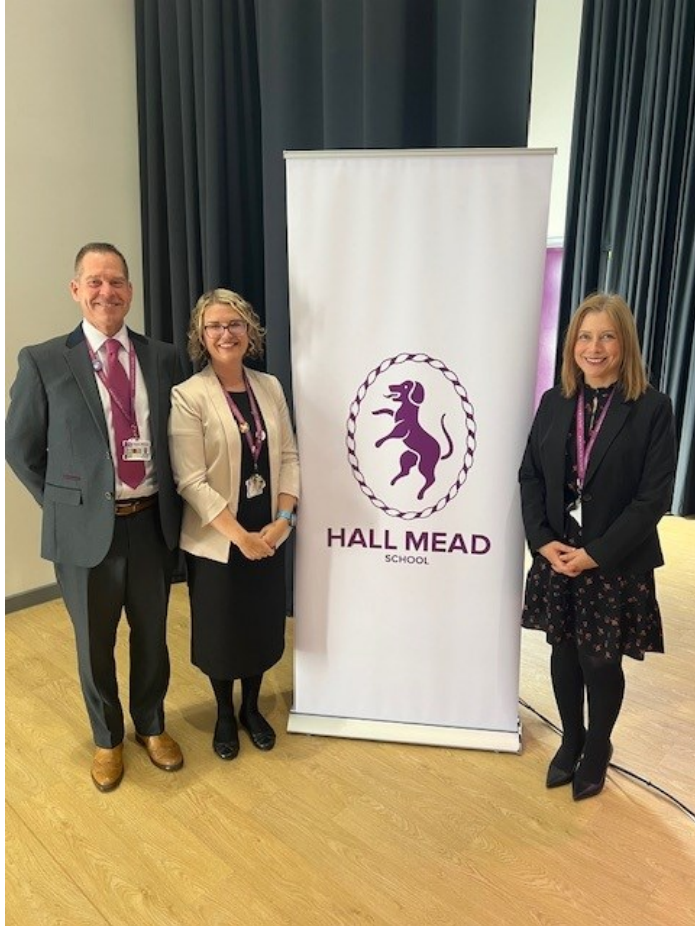


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2024 Open Evening





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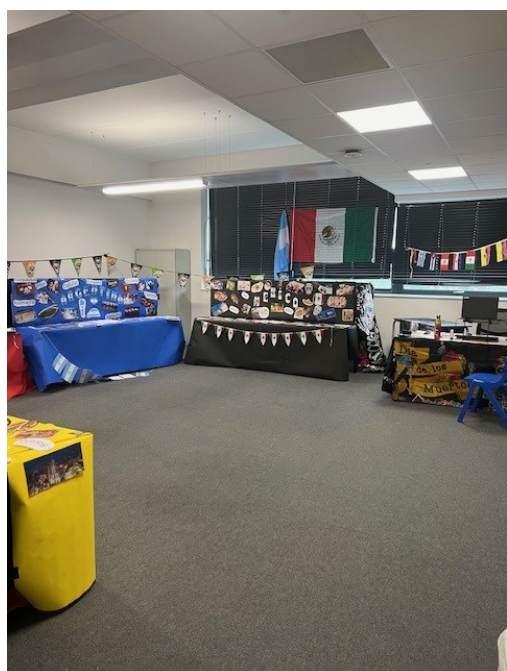




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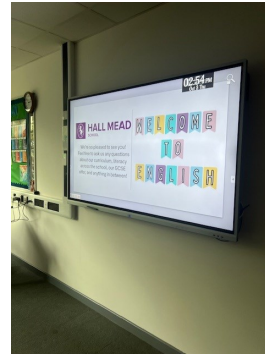


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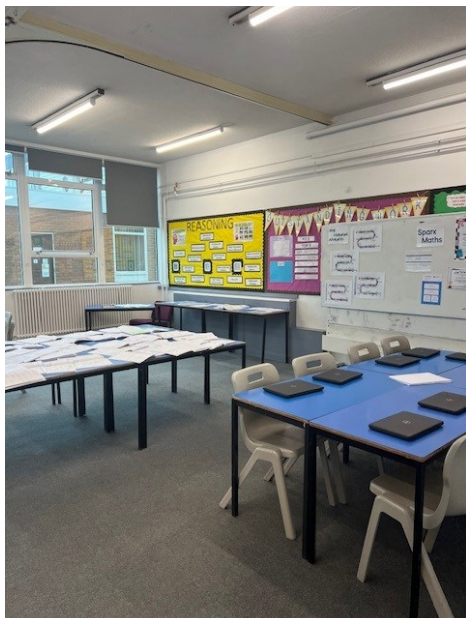




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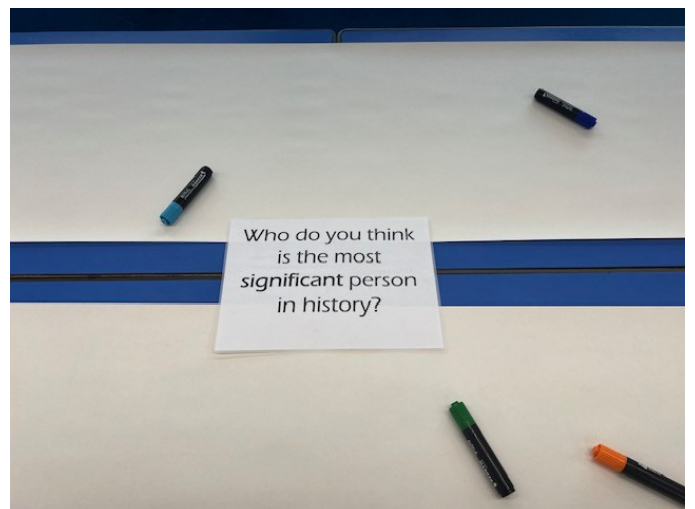




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PLC Prefects—Special Mention

I was delighted to receive an email from Mr Rooke this morning which included the following:

'I just wanted to drop you a quick email in letting you know that Courtney, Theodore and Ronnie were amazing last night, and the parents had nothing but praise for these three.'

All three showed great qualities when interacting with the parents and their children and really demonstrated the values of the school and the philosophy of the PLC.'

A special well done to Courtney, Theodore and Ronnie!

2024 Open Evening

English Special Mention—Mr Hart, Teacher of English



On the way into school this morning, Mr Hart popped into my office to share how amazing Daisy J from Year 9 was last night at the Open Evening. He said that the entire English Faculty were impressed with her interactions with the visitors and what an incredible ambassador for the school she was! Well done Daisy!



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Home Learning Platforms

Mrs Brighty-Glover, Assistant Headteacher

Support for Parents – Online Home Learning Platforms

Sparx: Maths, Reader (English) and Science

Sparx provides personalised homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable and tailored to their learning needs.

The majority of each week's home learning will be based on recently learnt topics but it can also include questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.

For Maths and Science, every question has a support video attached so that your child can get help independently.

Sparx Reader helps students to practise reading regularly, with questions that check they're been reading carefully.

Troubleshooting Login:

Go to: <https://sparxmaths.com/> or [Sparx Science - Home](#) or <https://sparxreader.com/>

Student Login and then search for the correct school

If this is the first time your child has logged in, they will need to choose New User in the bottom left corner of the login window then enter their name and their date of birth to get a password - they will need to remember their password!

Passwords are of the form word##word, where ## corresponds to two digits. Both words are lower case.

If your child has forgotten their password, they should contact their teacher who will be able to reset it for them

How can I support my child at home?

Sparx Reader: [A parent's guide to Sparx Reader - How can I support my child with their reading at home? \(youtube.com\)](#)

Sparx Maths: [A parent's guide to Sparx Maths - How can I help my child with their Sparx Maths Homework? - YouTube](#)



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Home Learning Platforms

Mrs Brighty-Glover, Assistant Headteacher

Seneca Learning

Seneca's online platform is an engaging and interactive learning and revision guide. Summaries, notes and videos compliment practice questions. Teachers can set up individual classes to track progress, set assignments and get real-time data about any gaps in their learning. Not all subjects will use this – mainly **Geography and Science**.

Troubleshooting Login

Students will need to log in using their Hall Mead email and create their own password

Students will be given a code, or link, so that they can join a particular class if a teacher sets one up

Students and parents are free to use Seneca learning for all subjects – just search for the exam board and subject!

Student accounts can connect with parents accounts to let parents see their child's study data and progress – watch this video to see how - <https://www.loom.com/share/3aa01666227d43578e062f568ab29bc1?sid=af21c21e-2468-473a-8c3d-c3c0b9296ce2>

Quizlet

Mainly used by Spanish, Quizlet is an easy way to feel more confident with vocabulary and key terms. Quizlet is a learning platform that provides tools for revising, including flashcards, games, practice tests and live questions.

Troubleshooting Login

Students can sign up for a free Quizlet account to study any subject of their choice Each account is individual and **cannot be created or managed by teachers/school** Students can use their Hall Mead email to sign up, entering their birthday and password.

If your child is under 13, they will need to use a parent's email during sign up



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School Clubs

If your child plans to attend an after-school club and you would like your child to remain in school until you collect them from the school site, please inform the school reception.

We are aware that the majority of our students make their own way to and from school independently.

We will communicate with parents / carers if there are changes to their arrangements for after school activities.

If you have any concerns about your child's ability to travel safely to and from school independently, please notify the main school office.

Please use the following contact details - HMS-office@elatschools.co.uk





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: Showcasing Hall Mead



The next couple of weeks are important, busy and exciting as we open ourselves up to the local community.



On Thursday evening we hold our Open Evening, where over 1000 families will tour our school, meet our students and hear from our leadership team. We want them to see it and love it as much as we do!

This also includes follow up tours to see the 'school in action' over the next couple of weeks. This means large groups of parents and children being taken around the school and into lessons at many different points during the day.



So how can you help with this?



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



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Year Group Totals					
Year	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
7	5472	49	5423	4260	1163
8	6488	190	6298	4724	1574
9	5282	238	5044	4072	972
10	5104	254	4850	3934	916
11	2580	328	2252	1767	485
Overall Conduct Score			23867	18757	5110



House Totals					
House	AP	BP	Total	Last Total	Increase
Chapman	5362	246	5116	4008	1108
Dickens	4739	279	4460	3600	860
Talbot	4843	243	4600	3621	979
Waltham	4869	246	4623	3622	1001



Well Done to our Weekly Winners

Year 7
Dylan J 7TJ
Ethan L 7CC
Florrie D 7DM
Scarlett S 7TJ



Year 9
Josh N 9DM



Year 10
Niall F 10CN



Year 8
Annabel W 8TW



Year 11
Phillip S 11DH
Hope F 11CC



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LEARNING ACADEMY TRUST



Sparx! Maths and English!

Week 6		Sparx Maths Superstars		Top 3 XP from each year group for this week	
Year 7		Year 9		Year 8	
Enoch A	70	Chloe S	9TS	Sam J	8CS
Amelia P	7CS	Theo JE	9WB	Joel L	8TW
Frazer P	70	Ava P	9DS	Lilly S	8WL
Year 10		Year 11			
Elson D	10CN	Tyrel C	11DG		
Hanelle S	10WT	Terry D	11DG		
Aleks G	10TL	Esther J	11WD		



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Most Improved	Love of Reading
Amy L	Katie H	Isabel O	William Mc K	Hope N

Sparx Reader STARS



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‘Nut-Free’ School

Just a reminder that we are a ‘nut free’ site so please could we have parent/carers support to ensure that packed lunches / snacks do not contain nuts.

Our “Nut-Free Policy” means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

Parents/carers must notify staff if their child has any known or suspected allergy to nuts and provide all medical and necessary information.

This will be added to your child’s care plan and if necessary, a meeting organised with the school nurse.





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PLC Student—Year 10 Chloe

Chloe has been training with Brock Whiston, the Paralympic swimmer, and has been accepted to train in the Paralympic pool from January with a view to being accepted for the LA Paralympics in 4 years' time.

Brock thinks Chloe has a very good chance of making the team!

This is an amazing achievement. Chloe we are so proud of you!
Good luck!





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PLC Student—Year 10 Chloe



WELL DONE!



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U16s Netball Team—Miss Kennett

A big congratulations to Miss Kennett and her U16s netball team for Wednesday night's superb win!

They travelled all the way to Hackney and played City Academy in the first round of the Essex Cup.

Miss Kennett told me that the girls played an outstanding match and were triumphant, winning 45-13!

As a result, they are through to the next round - well done to them all and thank you to Miss Kennett for entering them. It is the first time Hall Mead has entered this competition!





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Superstar Selena!

Selena performed her last show this weekend as Matilda! Her parents have shared how proud they are of her.

They commented on how hard she's worked and what she has accomplished!

Selena performed as Matilda at The Cambridge Theatre, London for the Royal Shakespeare Company from September 2023- March 2024 and was also invited back for this August/September, finishing on Sunday 29th September 2024.

Well done to Selena! We are looking forward to hearing about your next roles!

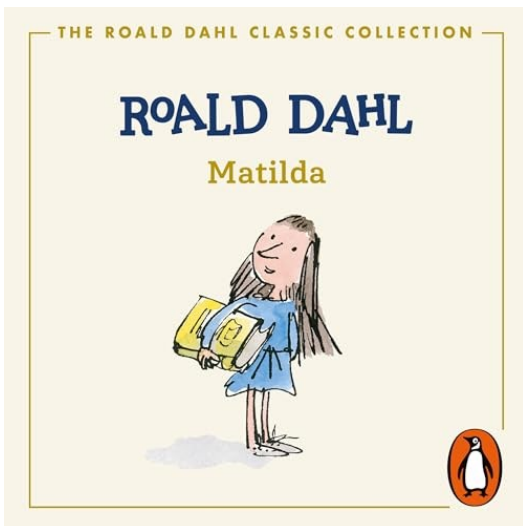




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Upcoming 6th Form Open Evenings

Barking and Dagenham College

Saturday 5th October 10am

[Book your place – Open Event - 5th October – Barking Dagenham College - Rush Green Campus \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

Westminster Kingsway College

Monday 7th October 4:30 - 7:00pm

(Victoria Centre including School of Culinary Arts)

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

Big Creative Education

Wednesday 9th October 4:30 - 6:30pm

[Open Evening - Big Creative Education](#)

London Screen Academy

Wednesday 9th October 6:00 - 8:00pm

[The London Screen Academy \(applicaa.com\)](#)



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JOIN US!

HEST Dedicated Dads

HEST invites you to our monthly meet-ups that are available for all Dads/Father figures in Havering.

Our sessions support Dads to learn more about children's emotional wellbeing as well as providing a space for fellow Dads to connect and share experiences.

Hornchurch Fire Station RM11 1SH

Monthly, 6-7pm

Refreshments provided

Scan the QR code to register for future meet-ups!





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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

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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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Don't Forget to Follow Us on X / Twitter

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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 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 heart and yellow star emojis, and 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.

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Ah thank you 💜

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

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