

WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2018

Term Dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

Thursday 6 September - **Friday 21 December**

Half Term: 22 October - 26 October

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January—Friday 5 April

Half Term: 18 February - 22 February

Staff Training Day—11 January 2019

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April—Friday 19 July

Half term: 27 May—31 May

May Bank Holiday: 6 May

Please note the highlighted date for the end of the Autumn Term. This is different from the date published by Essex LA

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 5 December	Year 9 Parents' Evening	4 pm—7 pm
14 December 2018	Christmas Jumper day to raise money for the Schools chosen Local Charity, Sam's Place	Staff & Students
Friday 21 December	End of Term	Students leave from 12.30 pm
Monday 7 January	Start of Spring Term	Students start at normal time
Friday 11 January	Staff Training Day	Non-student day

Term Dates 2019-20

Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 3 September 20
December

Half Term: **21 October —1 November**

Spring Term 2020

6 January—3 April 2020

Half Term: 17 February—
21 February

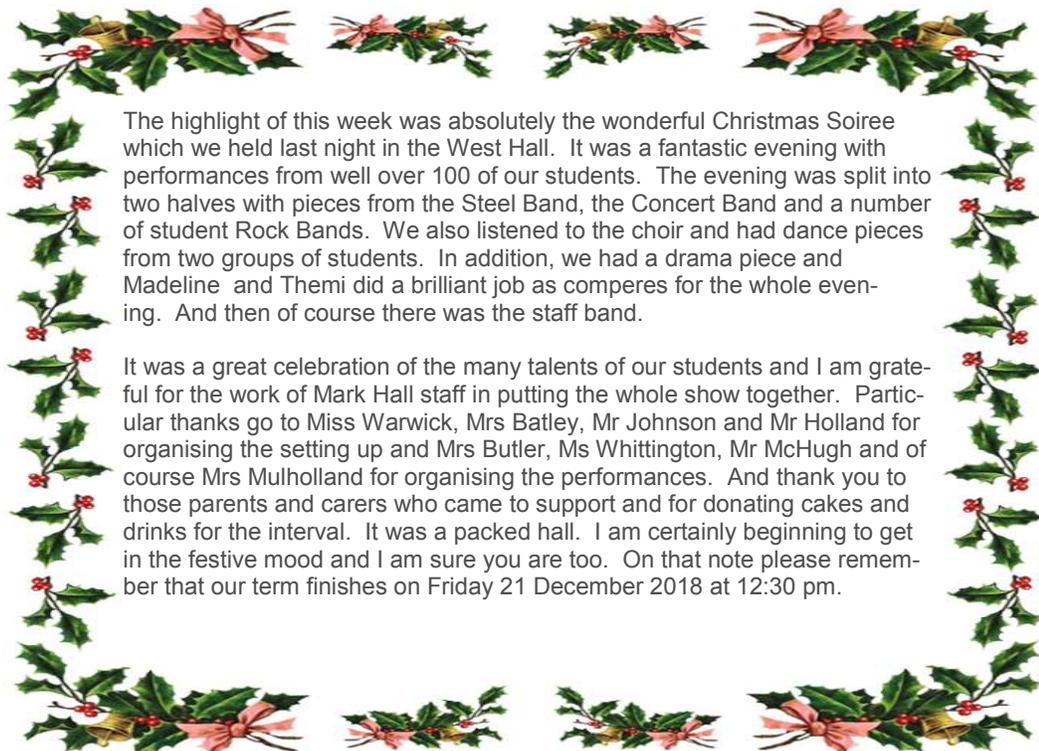
Summer Term 2020

20 April—17 July

Half term: 25 May—29 May

May Bank Holiday: 4 May

Please note the highlighted date for Autumn 1/2 term. This is a two week break due to moving into our new building



The highlight of this week was absolutely the wonderful Christmas Soiree which we held last night in the West Hall. It was a fantastic evening with performances from well over 100 of our students. The evening was split into two halves with pieces from the Steel Band, the Concert Band and a number of student Rock Bands. We also listened to the choir and had dance pieces from two groups of students. In addition, we had a drama piece and Madeline and Themi did a brilliant job as comperes for the whole evening. And then of course there was the staff band.

It was a great celebration of the many talents of our students and I am grateful for the work of Mark Hall staff in putting the whole show together. Particular thanks go to Miss Warwick, Mrs Batley, Mr Johnson and Mr Holland for organising the setting up and Mrs Butler, Ms Whittington, Mr McHugh and of course Mrs Mulholland for organising the performances. And thank you to those parents and carers who came to support and for donating cakes and drinks for the interval. It was a packed hall. I am certainly beginning to get in the festive mood and I am sure you are too. On that note please remember that our term finishes on Friday 21 December 2018 at 12:30 pm.



On a less positive note I do want to reinforce some behaviour expectations. I absolutely expect all our students to follow the academy rules and expectations: from wearing the correct uniform, including not wearing coats and scarves inside; to bringing the right equipment to lessons; to treating all staff, both teachers and support staff with the utmost respect and to treating each other respectfully. I want to make it clear that students will be sanctioned for not following the academy rules. Sadly, we have had a small number of students who have been rude to staff and I want to make it clear that if, for example, a student swears at a member of staff then they will be excluded for a fixed period. Mark Hall Academy has the highest expectations and we will uphold these standards to ensure that we offer our students the very best opportunities. By maintaining the highest standards, we will continue to enable our students to Aspire, Endeavour and Achieve.

On Wednesday evening we were delighted to welcome back last year's year 11 students. They returned to the academy to collect their GCSE certificates and also to have a chat with staff and each other. It was wonderful to see them and hear some of their news. So many of them have gone onto college, sixth form and apprenticeship opportunities and are beginning to forge life chances for themselves. That is what we want for all our students. Have a great weekend.

Mr J Fuller
Principal

Letters Home / Information on Website

Please click on the links below to view letters that have been emailed or sent home and information from our website:

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Post-16-Open-Evenings.pdf>

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/letter-to-parents-France-2018-2.pdf>

Christmas Concert

The Creative Arts Faculty would like to say a huge thank you to the 100 students who performed in last night's fantastic Christmas Soiree. With over 200 people in the audience you gave a fantastic display of Christmassy Creative and Performance awesomeness!! The Faculty staff are so proud of you and your efforts! Ms Mulholland, Ms Whittington, Mr McHugh & Ms Butler would like to thank each and every single one of you for your time and dedication. Also a big thank you to our comperes and those students who worked behind the scenes; Maddie, Them & Alex! Thank you also to Mr Birkitt & Mr Hopkin who joined us on stage for a little staff number (sorry to all!) A big thank you also to Ms Warwick & Ms Batley who were a fantastic support in the logistics!! Next stop.....summer production.....Merry Christmas all!!!!

CARTS TEAM



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DECEMBER 2018

MARK HALL ACADEMY

'ACTS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS' CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
						Donate an item to a <u>foodbank</u> in your local supermarket.
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Aim to be positive all day.	Put your loose change into a charity box.	Smile at people today. Do something that makes you <u>laugh</u> .	Listen hard, put down your phone and give everyone your full attention.	Compliment someone	Hold the door for people today (and throughout the weekend)	Share a positive message
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Say thank you to at least 3 people today.	Tell someone a reason you like them	Send a thank you card to someone	Allow someone in front of you in a queue.	Ask 3 friends how they are.	Pop a positive message on a post-it note and leave it for them to find.	Offer to carry someone's bags or school bag.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Say kind things to yourself and others.	Clean up a mess you didn't make	Raise some money or donate today to a charity	Appreciate someone who does something you take for granted.	Let go of a grudge you might hold.	Participate in Christmas festivity and have a happy, safe holiday	Give someone a small gift before Christmas.

Fundraising by Mark Hall Academy for Sam's Place

Mark Hall Student's have voted for **Sam's Place to be the local charity** that we will be working supporting by raising money for them over the next academic year.

Sam's Place is a youth group for young people with special needs located at Harlow Fields School and College. It provides a wide range of opportunities for social interaction and development for children and young people with a disability. The service welcomes children and young people age 8 to 19 years of age who live in Harlow and the West Essex Area.

We will be holding events throughout the year to raise money for this charity starting with our Christmas Jumper Day on 14th December.

Fundraising for a Sensory Room Project

Harlow Fields School and College are fundraising for a new Sensory Room, with the latest technology.

<http://www.harlowfields.essex.sch.uk/sams-place>

Mark Hall Academy Football Club

All students are welcome to join our Mark Hall Academy Football Club which runs every Wednesday after School. Girls and boys from year groups 8 to 10 are welcome to come and join in



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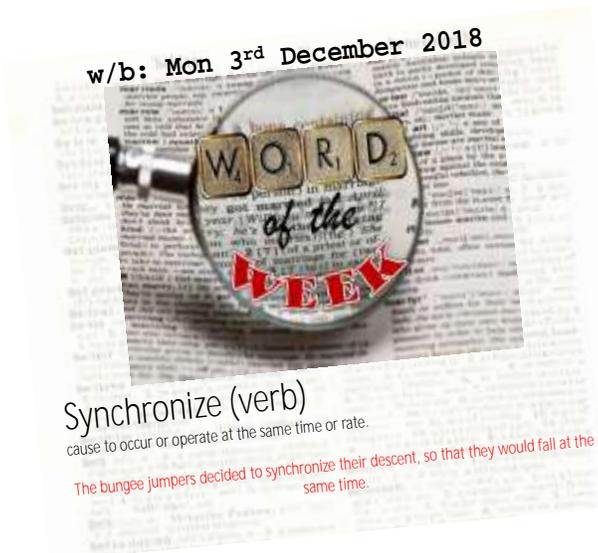
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Famous Five

The Famous Five have been given 20 sweets as a reward for solving a tricky crime. They have agreed that the oldest of them must receive more than the next oldest, who must receive more than the next oldest, and so on. Assuming that each of the five gets at least one sweet, in how many different ways can they share the sweets?

Congratulations to this week's **Maths Quiz Competition** winners.
Year 7: Sophie-Leigh Smith and William Finch

A tremendous response, so extra winners are:
(Year 11): Jeremy Lenin, Savanna Sirkett
(Year 9): Anna King, Jaiden Cooper



PREPARED

POTENTIAL AND PERSEVERANCE
Work hard in order to reach your potential.
ASPIRE, ENDEAVOUR, ACHIEVE.

RESPECT
Treat everyone with RESPECT. **STAND UP TO BULLYING**
RESPECT THE POSSESSIONS OF OTHERS.
USE Appropriate language. **FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FIRST TIME**

EQUIPMENT Is an essential TOOL for learning and life. **REMEMBER TO BRING IT TO EVERY LESSON.**

PLANNERS THESE NEED TO BE UP TO DATE WITH SIGNATURES, HOMEWORK, NOTES, TARGETS AND POINTS.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY Ensure you have EXCELLENT attendance and punctuality every lesson and every day.

READING BOOKS Bring in a reading book EVERY DAY. Books should be placed on desks at the beginning of each lesson.

ENGAGEMENT Ensure you are focused during Home Group and lessons, complete all classwork and **HOMEWORK TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY.**

DRESS AND UNIFORM
This should be consistent and of a high standard adhering to the ACADEMY UNIFORM CODE.

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Essex Healthy Schools Foundation Status

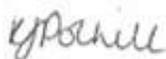
In recognition of the hard work and impressive outcomes your school has achieved in 2018 to improve the health and wellbeing of your students through a whole-school approach.

This is to certify that

Mark Hall Academy

Has continued to meet the criteria of the Essex Healthy Schools Programme

Valid until Autumn 2020



Katie Polhill
Essex Healthy Schools and Public Health Manager
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service



ATTENDANCE = ATTAINMENT

Excellent attendance is important for a number of reasons. It has been proven that those pupils with excellent attendance are more likely to achieve more GCSE's at a higher grade, be less likely to be involved with anti-social behaviour and are generally more settled within school.

Government Research has shown that where attendance levels fall below 95% a students' academic performance and achievement is badly affected. It is therefore our aim for all our students to have at least 96% attendance or above.

Mark Hall Academy understands that for some students being in school every single day can be a challenge and we have various reward schemes and incentives to encourage and motivate pupils to achieve excellent attendance. The attendance figures for our Academy have been rising over the last few years and this is a trend we are keen to continue!

The school monitors every child's attendance daily, and the Education Welfare Service monitor our attendance weekly. If your child's attendance is below an acceptable level he/she will be referred to the Education Welfare Service who will contact you.

We are able to provide support or advice to any parent with regard to attendance. Feel free to contact the Attendance Officer at the Academy if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance.

We look forward to Mark Hall Academy achieving great success with their attendance each and every year and with your child's help we can continue to do so.

PUNCTUALITY = ATTAINMENT

We value the importance of good punctuality as it also has a valuable impact on the education of children. There are some interesting facts published about punctuality which highlight how lateness can affect your child's learning.

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to **3 days learning** lost in a school **year**

Arriving 15 minutes late every day is equal to **2 weeks learning** lost in a school **year**

Arriving 30 minutes late every day is equal to **19 days learning** lost in a school **year**

FINALLYA REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS AND STUDENTS

Just a gentle reminder that all students must be on the school site by **08:40am** ready to make their way to their Home Group rooms for registration beginning at **08:45am**.

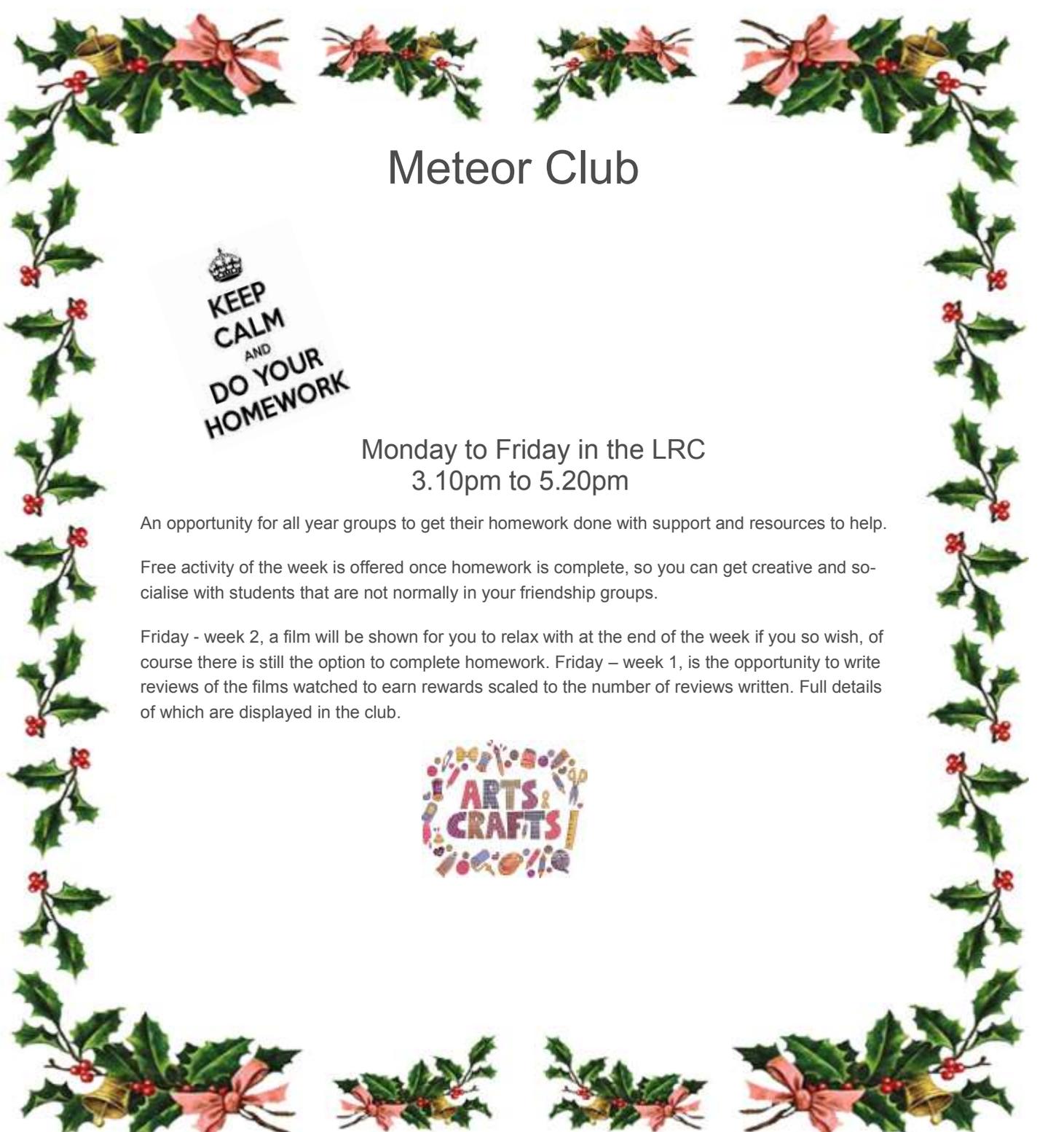
The London Road entrance is promptly locked at **08:40am**, therefore students arriving after this time will need to report to the Attendance Officer via the main Academy entrance. Students arriving by bike must allow time to put their bike away in the bike shed before the first bell sounds at **08:40am**. Persistent lateness of students using a bike may result in the Academy requesting an alternative method of travel be made. C3 detentions will be given to any student late in the mornings unless we have received a note or a phonecall.

MARK HALL ACADEMY REALLY VALUE YOUR SUPPORT, SO THANK YOU!

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Meteor Club



KEEP
CALM
AND
DO YOUR
HOMEWORK

Monday to Friday in the LRC
3.10pm to 5.20pm

An opportunity for all year groups to get their homework done with support and resources to help.

Free activity of the week is offered once homework is complete, so you can get creative and socialise with students that are not normally in your friendship groups.

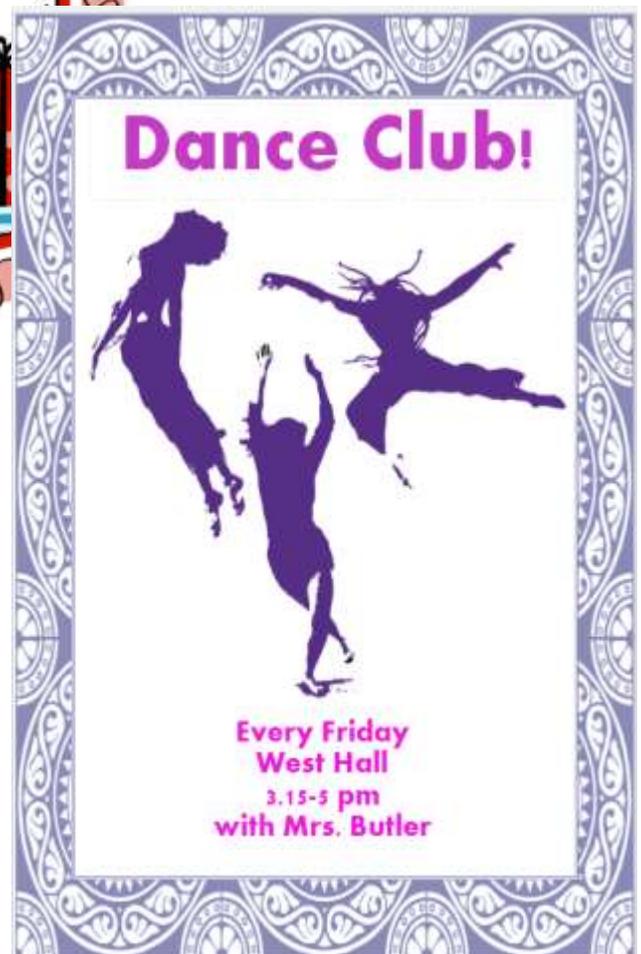
Friday - week 2, a film will be shown for you to relax with at the end of the week if you so wish, of course there is still the option to complete homework. Friday – week 1, is the opportunity to write reviews of the films watched to earn rewards scaled to the number of reviews written. Full details of which are displayed in the club.



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Dear Students

There will be a display of lost property in Learning Hub every day from 11.10am until 11.30am

You will be able to access this from the West Playground and there will be a sign on the door

As Mark Hall does not have room to keep Lost Property, it will only be held for 1 week before being disposed of.

Kind Regards
Mrs Maragh-MacPherson (Guidance Manager)