

WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER 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

11 December 2018		£3.00
11 December 2018	February 2019 Ski Trip Meeting for parents of students going on trip	5.30 pm—6.30 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

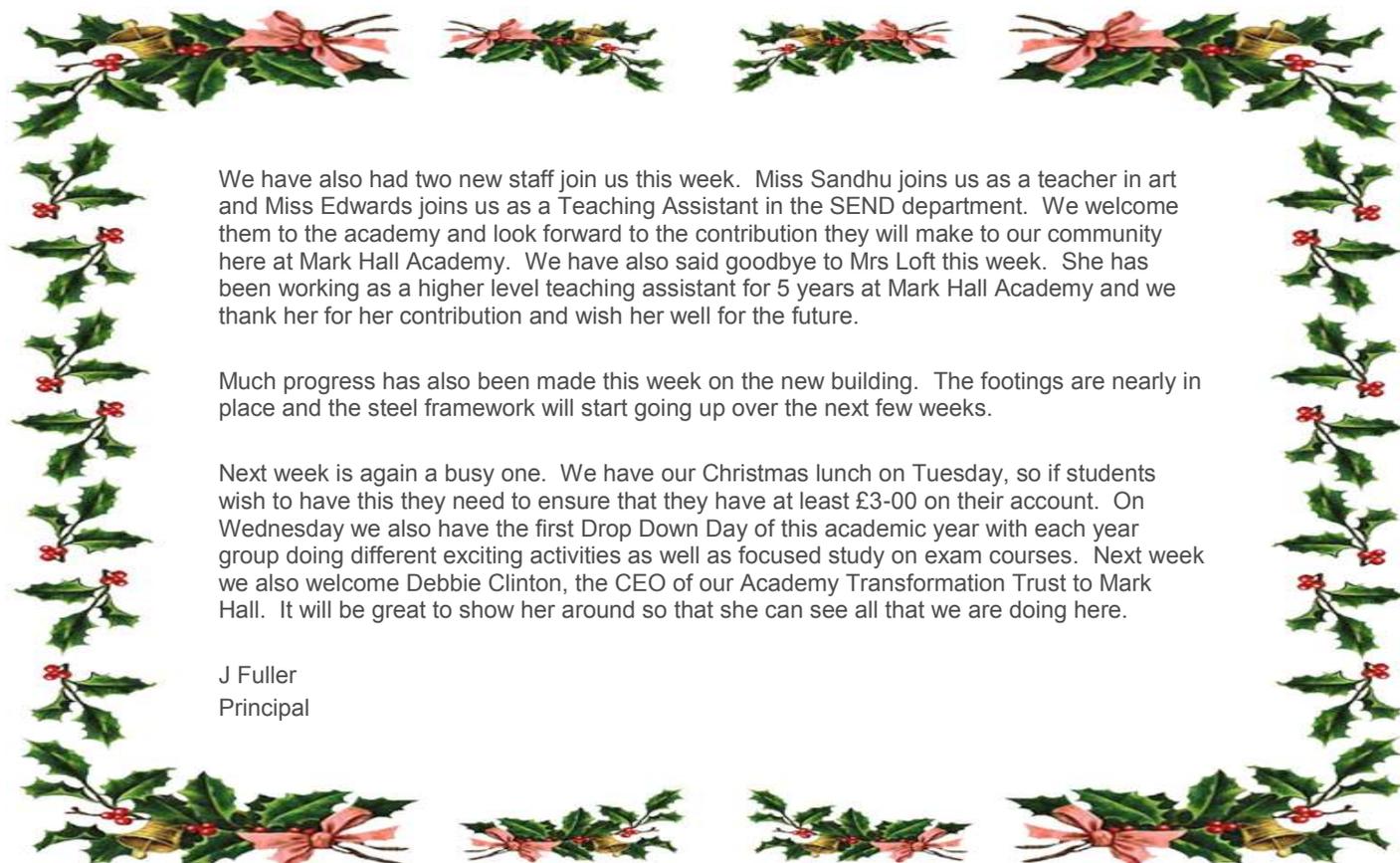
May Bank Holiday: 4 May

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



Another great week at Mark Hall Academy has been topped off with two brilliant successes. Firstly, we have been awarded a Wellbeing Award for the support we give both our students and our staff. This has involved a lot of work and commitment from lots of staff and students, but particularly from Mrs Butler who has led the verification process. We have also had great success this week at the Harlow Educational Progress Awards where 6 of our current and former students received awards. Please have a look at the photos further down the bulletin.

This week we were also privileged to have Tom Toumazis MBE visit and talk to our media students and also to the whole of year 10. He visited us as part of the Speakers for Schools organisation and gave an inspirational talk about his personal journey. He has set up a number of media and technology start-up companies as well as contributing hugely to many charitable organisations.



We have also had two new staff join us this week. Miss Sandhu joins us as a teacher in art and Miss Edwards joins us as a Teaching Assistant in the SEND department. We welcome them to the academy and look forward to the contribution they will make to our community here at Mark Hall Academy. We have also said goodbye to Mrs Loft this week. She has been working as a higher level teaching assistant for 5 years at Mark Hall Academy and we thank her for her contribution and wish her well for the future.

Much progress has also been made this week on the new building. The footings are nearly in place and the steel framework will start going up over the next few weeks.

Next week is again a busy one. We have our Christmas lunch on Tuesday, so if students wish to have this they need to ensure that they have at least £3-00 on their account. On Wednesday we also have the first Drop Down Day of this academic year with each year group doing different exciting activities as well as focused study on exam courses. Next week we also welcome Debbie Clinton, the CEO of our Academy Transformation Trust to Mark Hall. It will be great to show her around so that she can see all that we are doing here.

J Fuller
Principal

Notices / Letters Home / Information on Website

Trip to France

This is a reminder to parents of year 7 and 8 students going to France in April. The payment can now be done on SchoolMoney. The deadline is 31st January 2019. Thank you. Mrs Akin

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/2018/11/Letter-to-parents-from-ATT-Chair-of-Governors.pdf>

<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>

Congratulations

Following an amazing week of well-being, We wanted to share with you some news about our fabulous students who received awards this week at the **Harlow Educational Progress Ceremony 2018**.

Receiving awards were:

Lauren Luddington

Harry Beckwith

Logan Putt

James Callery

Ethan Cunnew

Sebastian Macrai



Visitor to Mark Hall Academy

On Thursday 6th December the academy was fortunate to have a guest speaker provided by Speakers for schools. Tom Toumarzi MBE spoke to year 10 about his life experiences and gave students his top tips. These included :

- banning the word maybe and saying yes to as many experiences as possible.
- finding time to devote to your passion, perhaps by reducing your screen/online time.
- Trying new experiences such as listening to a TedTalk, reading a different genre, going a different type of even.
- Develop the confidence to talk about yourself by recording yourself talking about yourself and your interests.





Dear all,

I am pleased and proud to announce that we have now become a certified **'well-being academy'**

Thank you so much for all of your help, hard work and support over the last 12 months.

The verifier was absolutely blown away.

Some highlights which will be included in our report:

The amount and quality of work that has been produced is "amazing!"
She was really impressed by the range of "creative and innovative ideas".
Our commitment is outstanding.
The powerful language we use is noteworthy.
We have built a maypole of well-being within the Academy.
The culture is strong and positive and that we have captured that.
Relationships are powerful.
The students are particularly impressive, they are proud of their Academy, they 'get and understand well-being'. Thank you to all the students involved, in particular **Harry Beckwith, Olivia Curaba, Bebe Jackson and Paige Coney-Shaw.**

We will be awarded an official letter, certificate and plaque which lasts three years.

Thank you all so much.

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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.



Film – Rise of the Guardian

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPLiBxhoug0>

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Academy Menu For week beginning 10 December 2018

GLOBAL ADVENTURE WEEK 3						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
GLOBAL ADVENTURE	CARIBBEAN Cuban Style Chicken 93159932 Wholegrain Rice * 93109633 Peas 93065563	Christmas Dinner	MEXICAN Beef Birria 93147225 Mashed Potato 93095567 Roasted Broccoli and Peppers 93159951	THAI Chicken Pad Khing 93156732 Sweetcorn 93094208	BRITISH Home-made Battered Fish Fillet 93105116 Chips (oil) 93124814 Baked Beans 93036011 OR Peas 93065563	
HIGH STREET FAVES	WINGS & THINGS Special Marinated Roast Chicken Drumsticks with BBQ or Sticky Tabasco 93130941		DEEP SOUTH DINER Quorn Cheese Burger 93153364	WINGS & THINGS Chicken Caesar Burger 93159952	DEEP SOUTH DINER Cajun Pulled Pork & Bean Pitta 93147141	
	Veg & Bean Quesadilla 93086623		Loaded Triple Mac 'N' Cheese 93129233	Bean and Vegetable Chilli 93127708	Feta and Chickpea Cake with Salsa 93086621	
	Pasta Salad * 93122369		Baked Garlic & Herb Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157067	Paprika Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157066	Chips (oil) 93124814	
	House Slaw 93129626		BBQ Beans 93129227	Chop Chop Salad 93153242	Pineapple Coleslaw 93154276	
SPEEDY ITALIAN	3 Cheese Sicilian Pizza (v) 93135631		Mushroom & Sweetcorn Pizza (v) 93147170	Sicilian Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) 93137894	Cajun Chicken Sizzler Pizza 93128496	
	Chicken And Tomato Pasta Bake 93102883		Herby Tomato Pasta (v) 93147954	Carbonara Pasta 93137662	Beef Lasagne 93046483	
	Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388		Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388	Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388	Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388	
				Wholegrain * Oily Fish ***		



DECEMBER 2018

MARK HALL ACADEMY

'ACTS OF CHRISTMAS KINDNESS' CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
						Donate an item to a foodbank 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.

Maths Quiz

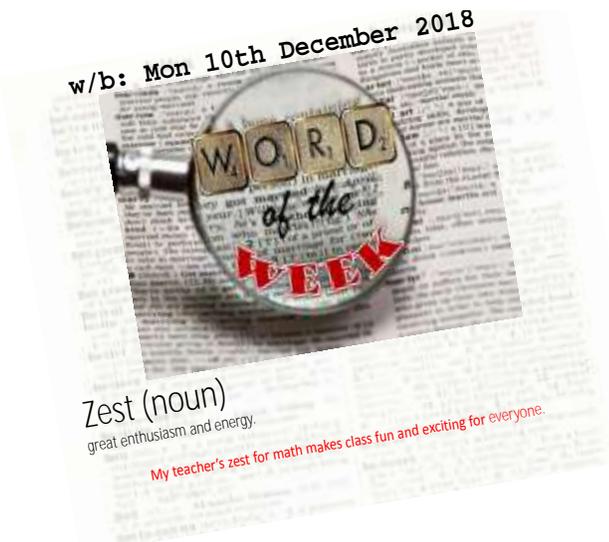
A quiz has twenty questions with 7 points awarded for each correct answer, 2 points deducted for each wrong answer and 0 for each question omitted.

Jack scored 87 points.

How many questions did he omit?

Congratulations 8-3, Mr Archer's Tutor group for getting the correct answer of 7 solutions to last week's question.

Special one-off treats for the class




Mark Hall Academy

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.**



kooth

Struggling with self-esteem or bullying?

Kooth is a free, confidential online counselling service for young people aged 11-26 in Essex

Chat to qualified counsellors who are waiting to support you with whatever you may be experiencing



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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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



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.