

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now nearing the end of your child's first term at Mark Hall Academy and primary school may well seem like a distant memory to them. The Autumn term has been a very busy one; students enjoyed the summer picnic and the visit to the cinema, as well as the visit of Clare Nunn from Essex County Council, providing our pupils with the opportunity to join the Harlow Youth Council.

We have seen so many of our pupils taking part in our extra-curricular activities and the impact can be seen within lessons. A particular highlight has been the introduction of a Year 7 Science club, started and run by a Year 8 pupil, with supervision from the science department. This conduct typifies our year group and our motto of 'Aspire, Endeavour, Achieve'. More and more of our pupils are looking to add to our ethos and develop the culture here at Mark Hall Academy. We look forward to helping and watching this grow. Please do encourage your child to engage and participate with all of the opportunities and activities we provide here at Mark Hall, both within and outside of the classroom.

We have had so many highlights this year already, however a particular highlight would be the recent Cinema Enrichment trip. Harlow Cineworld praised our pupils profusely, especially a group who insisted on forensically cleaning their aisle! Proud ambassadors of Mark Hall Academy!

The Department for Education conducted research into the link between absence and attainment, finding that pupils with 100% attendance are 1.3 times more likely to achieve a Grade 4 GCSE or above, and 3.1 times more likely to achieve GCSE Grade 5 or above, than pupils with a lower attendance level. With this in mind and looking ahead to January and February, we thank you for your continued support and efforts in ensuring our students have the highest attendance possible.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful break and a Merry Christmas.

Kind regards



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