



# MARK HALL ACADEMY



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 14 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

#### 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

#### Dates for Your Diary

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
Wednesday 16 January	Year 10 Parents' Evening	3.30 pm—6.30 pm
Friday 18 January	Year 9 New Year Party	6.30 pm—9.00 pm



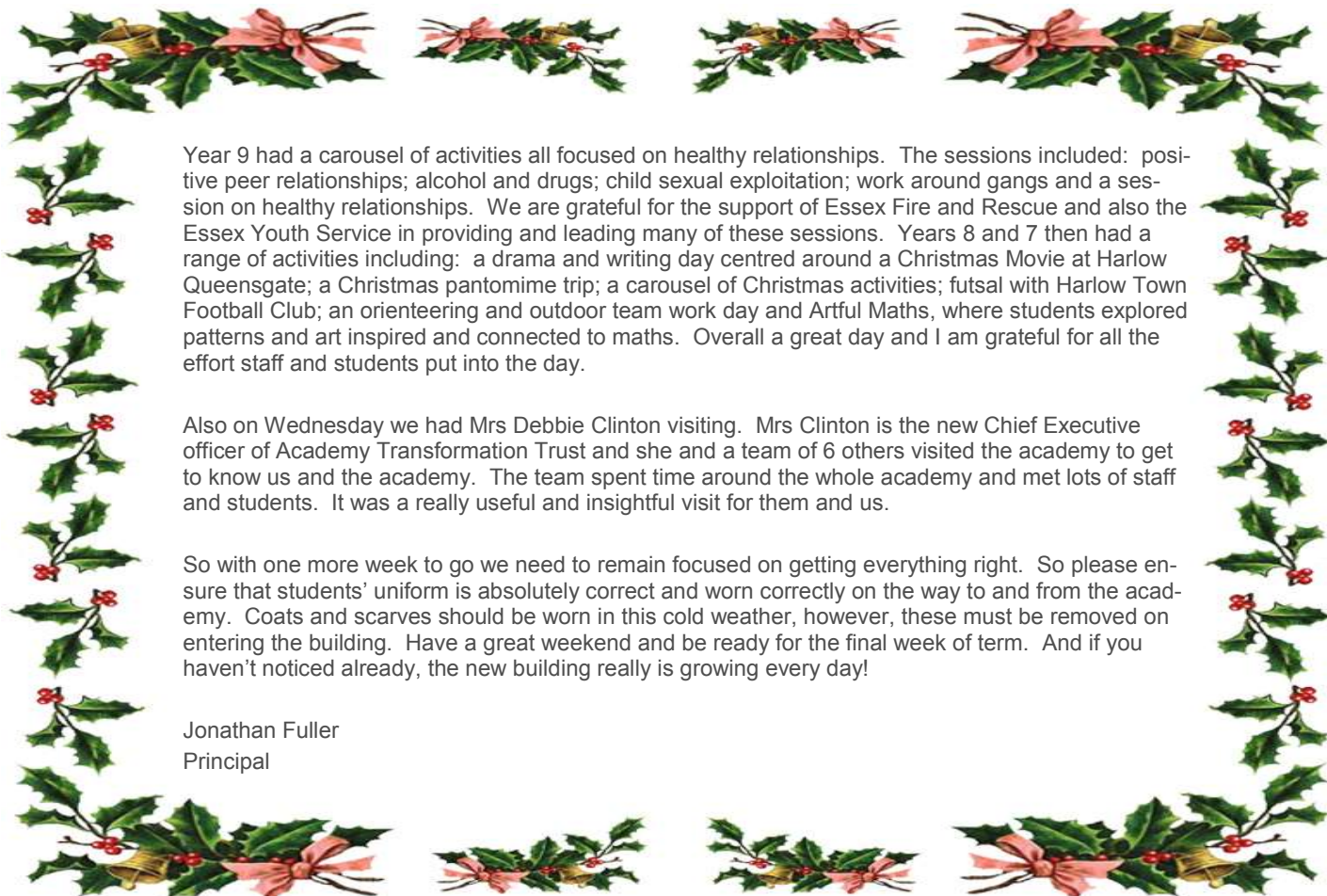
Unbelievably we have finished the penultimate week of term. Remember that next week we finish on Friday at 12-30pm. This week we have had an incredibly busy week with the Drop Down Day on Wednesday; year 11 English workshops on Thursday; PE athletics competitions on Thursday and today we have had our festive Christmas Jumper day. A brilliant week.

The highlight of the week was certainly the Drop Down Day. The aim of the day was multi-layered. We wanted to give year 11 some specific revision guidance and careers advice and this was achieved through an external speaker giving masterclass sessions on revision techniques, which included support and understanding around coping with the many anxieties and stresses of exams. We also provided year 11 with a market place activity where local colleges and sixth forms gave guidance on next steps beyond Mark Hall. Year 10 had a day focused specifically on their one year GCSE option. This gave them additional curriculum time as they prepare for this early exam and allowed staff and students to not only teach subject content but also focus on revision for the fast approaching exams.

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Year 9 had a carousel of activities all focused on healthy relationships. The sessions included: positive peer relationships; alcohol and drugs; child sexual exploitation; work around gangs and a session on healthy relationships. We are grateful for the support of Essex Fire and Rescue and also the Essex Youth Service in providing and leading many of these sessions. Years 8 and 7 then had a range of activities including: a drama and writing day centred around a Christmas Movie at Harlow Queensgate; a Christmas pantomime trip; a carousel of Christmas activities; futsal with Harlow Town Football Club; an orienteering and outdoor team work day and Artful Maths, where students explored patterns and art inspired and connected to maths. Overall a great day and I am grateful for all the effort staff and students put into the day.

Also on Wednesday we had Mrs Debbie Clinton visiting. Mrs Clinton is the new Chief Executive officer of Academy Transformation Trust and she and a team of 6 others visited the academy to get to know us and the academy. The team spent time around the whole academy and met lots of staff and students. It was a really useful and insightful visit for them and us.

So with one more week to go we need to remain focused on getting everything right. So please ensure that students' uniform is absolutely correct and worn correctly on the way to and from the academy. Coats and scarves should be worn in this cold weather, however, these must be removed on entering the building. Have a great weekend and be ready for the final week of term. And if you haven't noticed already, the new building really is growing every day!

Jonathan 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Letter-to-parents-from-ATT-Chair-of-Governors.pdf>

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

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



December 2018

Dear all,

In order to drive up standards and expectations we will be commencing a 'next day' consequence (detention) from January 2019.

What does this mean?

If a child receives a consequence on one day, he/she will sit the consequence the following day in a central location.

Why are we trialing this?

We have found that there has been too much lag time between the setting and sitting of consequences. This way the issue is dealt with almost 'there and then.'

Will parents be informed?

Yes. They will be informed via text/email the day before. Students will receive a consequence slip.

How long are consequences?

C3 is 60 minutes  
STEER is 60 minutes  
C4 is 90 minutes.

Will students be escorted to their consequence?

No. It is their responsibility to arrive on time.

What happens if they do not attend?

If a C3 is set and missed a C4 will be set.  
If a C4 is set and missed a C5 will be set.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring we drive up standards.

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## Drop Down Day

A huge thank you and well done to all staff and students taking part in the first of our Drop Down Days of this year.

It was a huge success and the students loved it.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff that gave children these life chances.



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## Mark Hall Academy's New Building Update

Welcome to our first newsletter regarding construction of the Mark Hall Academy new building, which will complement the facilities already offered at the school. The rebuild is part of the Government's £4.4bn Priority School Building Programme which is rebuilding or refurbishing those school buildings in the very worst condition across the country. We are a privately-owned construction and development group based in Derbyshire and will produce regular newsletters to keep you updated of progress on site and any forthcoming work we would like you to be aware of.

### Project Information

We are 21 weeks into an 88-week programme. We have demolished the old music hall/gym and have re-cycled the materials to use on site. The building has

three floors of multi-use classrooms and other learning environments and we are currently pouring the foundation pads in preparation for the steel arrival and laying of drainage. We are aware of the effect construction can have on the community and will do all we can to minimise disruption.

We would like to thank you for your patience while we build this exciting new school for the Harlow area. If you have any questions or comments **please contact:**



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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.

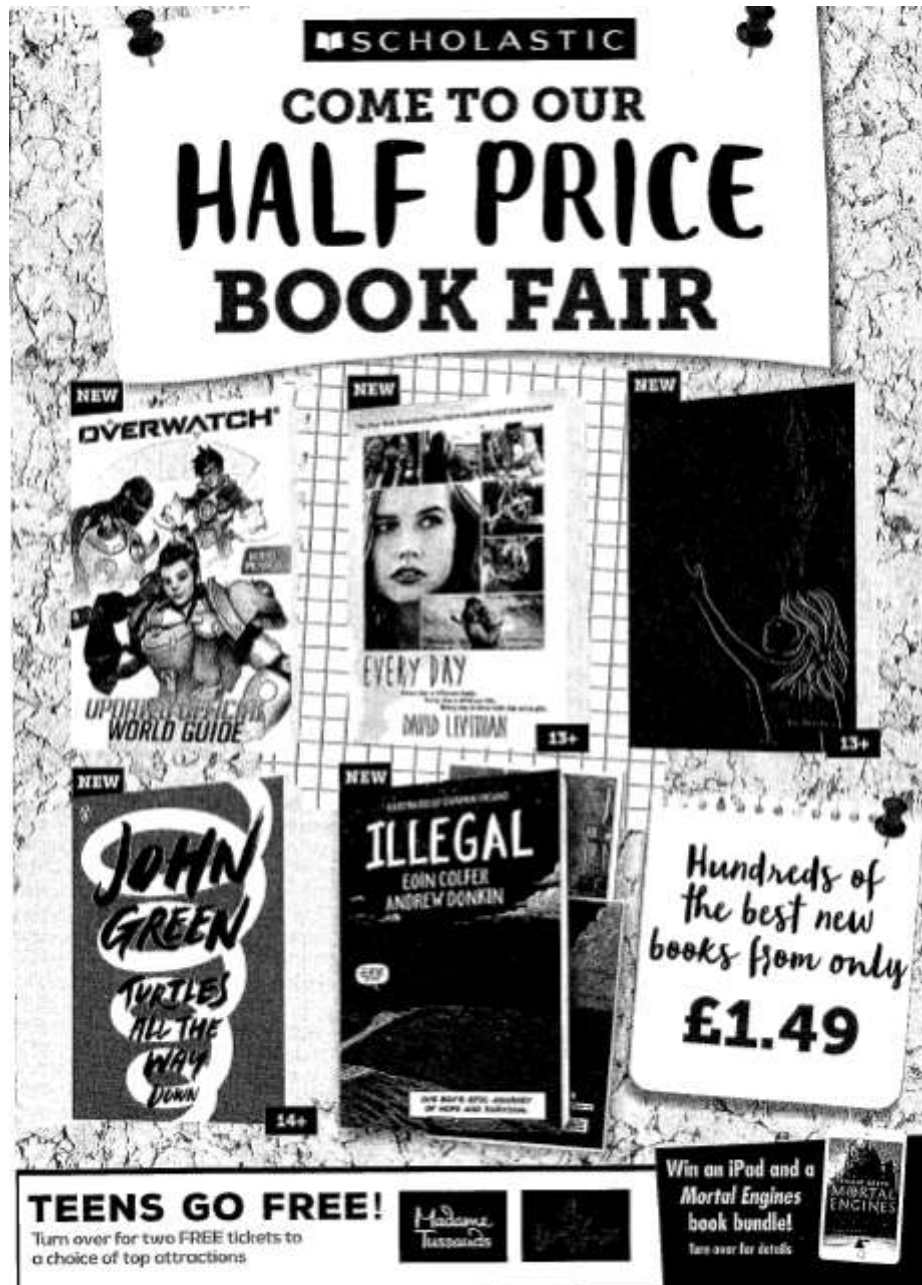


Film – Nativity - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DaaTsSQtk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DaaTsSQtk)

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## Academy Menu For week beginning 17 December 2018

GLOBAL ADVENTURE WEEK 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GLOBAL ADVENTURE	MEXICAN Chicken Molay 93156759  Mexican Yellow Rice * 93156761  Green Beans 93153275	CHINESE Aromatic Soy Pork with Egg Noodles 93070142  Wok Tossed Oriental Vegetables 93130848	MEDITERRANEAN Beef Pasticcio 93160009  Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge * 93119266  Broccoli 93143358	MEXICAN Chicken Tinga Tortilla 93159934  Tomato and Corn Rice 93159972  Apple Slaw 93129265	As students are leaving at 12.30 pm there will be no lunch service.  There will be a normal break time food service at 11.10 am
HIGH STREET FAVES	DEEP SOUTH DINER Bacon Mac n Cheese 93160004	WINGS & THINGS Lemon Piri Chicken Pitta 93156785	DEEP SOUTH DINER Ultimate Cheese Burger 93156800	WINGS & THINGS Special Marinated Roast Chicken Drumsticks with BBQ or Sticky Tabasco 93130941	
	Cajun Bean and Feta Burger 93159953	Smoky Cauliflower Cheese 93156770	Sweet Potato & Squash Stew 93101314	Sweetcorn Chickpea Veggie Burger 93153900	
	Paprika Potato Wedges (no oil) 93130895	New Orleans Red Bean Rice 93159957	Cajun Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157065	Potato and Onion Hash 93147111	
	BBQ Beans 93129227	Chop Chop Salad 93153242	Peas 93065563	Caesar Salad 93129328	
SPEEDY ITALIAN	Veggie Supreme Pizza (v) 93135569	3 Cheese Sicilian Pizza (v) 93135631	Hawaiian Pizza 93128494	Bacon Pizza 93041401	
	Veg Bolognese Pasta (v) 93102889	Arrabiata Pasta (v) 93147953	Chunky Vegetable Pasta 93137661	Beef Lasagne 93046483	
	Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388	Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388	Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388	Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388	

Wholenrain \* 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

### Christmas Cut-out

Sue has a rectangle measuring 40cm by 30cm.

She cuts out ten squares, each measuring 5cm by 5cm from the rectangle to make a Christmas decoration.

In each case, exactly one side of the square lies along a side of the rectangle, and none of the cut out squares touch or overlap.



What is the perimeter of the Christmas decoration?

Last Week's Maths Quiz Winners:

Mr Archer's 8-3 Tutor Group again!! Harvey Giles, Cody Burns

AND

7-2 winners Charlie O'Reilly, Will Finch, Archie Morris




**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




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# 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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## 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**

## FINALLY .....A 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.