



# MARK HALL ACADEMY



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

AUTUMN TERM - FRIDAY 21 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

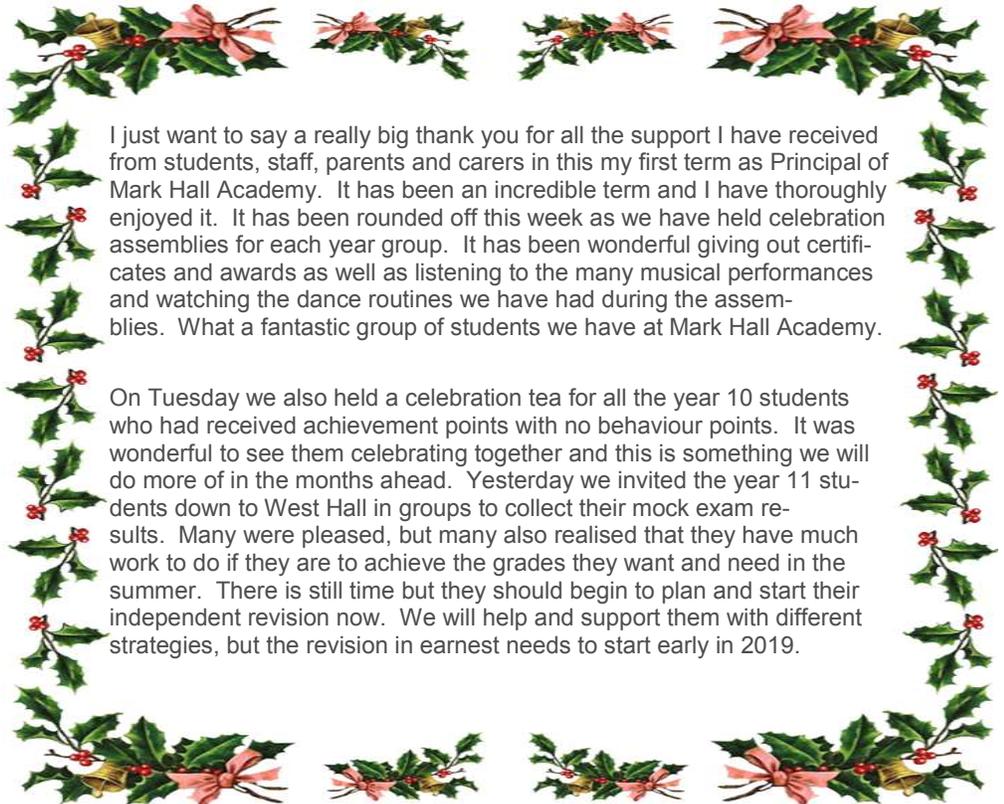
Half term: 25 May—29 May

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

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
Wednesday 6 February	Year 7 Parents' Evening	3.30 pm—6.30 pm



I just want to say a really big thank you for all the support I have received from students, staff, parents and carers in this my first term as Principal of Mark Hall Academy. It has been an incredible term and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. It has been rounded off this week as we have held celebration assemblies for each year group. It has been wonderful giving out certificates and awards as well as listening to the many musical performances and watching the dance routines we have had during the assemblies. What a fantastic group of students we have at Mark Hall Academy.

On Tuesday we also held a celebration tea for all the year 10 students who had received achievement points with no behaviour points. It was wonderful to see them celebrating together and this is something we will do more of in the months ahead. Yesterday we invited the year 11 students down to West Hall in groups to collect their mock exam results. Many were pleased, but many also realised that they have much work to do if they are to achieve the grades they want and need in the summer. There is still time but they should begin to plan and start their independent revision now. We will help and support them with different strategies, but the revision in earnest needs to start early in 2019.

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As we break up for the Christmas holiday I do want to remind everyone that on our return in January we are tightening up our routines. We are striving for excellence and to support this we will be setting the tone in everything we do. This includes:

Uniform – so if you need to replace shoes or buy a spare tie please do it before we come back.

Coats and outdoor clothes – these can only be worn outside, so as soon as the students come into the building they must take off their coats, scarves, etc. This includes in Café 54 and the West Hall as these are indoor spaces.

Start and end of lesson routines – all staff will be following the same routines to ensure consistency across the academy and support our culture and respect for learning.

Detentions – these will now be set for the next day. Please see details below.

At this time of year we are also saying goodbye to two colleagues. Miss Aconstantinesei is leaving our science department and Mr Birkitt is leaving our English department. We wish them well in their new ventures and thank them for their contributions to Mark Hall Academy. I am pleased to say that we are also welcoming the following new staff in January:

Mr Archer – English teacher  
Mr Evans – Geography teacher  
Ms Govier – PE teacher  
Dr Jahan – Science teacher  
Ms Muriuki – Science teacher  
Ms Sandhu – Art teacher (started in December)  
Ms Vellnagel – Music teacher  
Ms Hawkins – Guidance Manager  
Ms Edwards – Teaching Assistant (started in December)  
Mr Seeraton – Teaching Assistant (started in December)  
Ms Stavers – Administration support in SEND

We look forward to the great contribution they will make in our academy.

At the start of next term we are also beginning work on repairing the roof of the art and drama block. Even with our new building we are keeping the art and drama block, as well as the library, and want to ensure they are in good condition. Over the course of next half term the roof will be stripped and replaced to ensure that it is fully watertight. The builders will access the roof from the car park for the Sports Centre. This should minimise the disruption for our students but does mean that some of the car park will be out of action next half term. We will clearly route the traffic for school drop offs and pickups but please be mindful of this when using this car park.

So to finish I would just like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. I hope that you all enjoy the break and have a relaxing time with family, friends and loved ones. I look forward to welcoming the students back at the normal time on Monday 7 January 2019.

Mr Jonathan Fuller  
Principal.



## Notices / Letters Home / Information on Website

### Student Reports

All students should have received their Progress Reports by the end of term to bring home and share with you. Students in Key Stage 4 will also have received their results from the mock exams. Students in Year 11 who were absent will have their reports posted home. All other absent students will receive their reports when they return in January.

### Timetable Changes

In January, we are welcoming some additional staff and students to the academy. As a result, students in Key Stage 3 in particular may have some timetable changes.

### 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 made 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 for other information from our website:**

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Starting-instrumental-lessons.pdf>

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Continuing-instrumental-lessons.pdf>

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Year-7-End-of-Term-Letter.pdf>

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Yr8-agreed-end-of-term-letter-on-headed-1.pdf>

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Yr9-agreed-end-of-term-letter-on-headed.pdf>

<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/letter-to-parents-France-2018-2.pdf>



Dear parent/carer,

In order to drive up standards and expectations we will be commencing a 'next day' consequence (detention) from January 2019. **(STEER consequence will remain on the same day it is set.)**

What does this mean?

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

Why are we trialling 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 I be informed?

Yes. You will be informed via text/email the day before. Your son/daughter will receive a consequence slip.

How long are consequences?

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

Will my child be escorted to their consequence?

No. It is their responsibility to arrive on time.

What happens if my child does 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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## [Wellbeing Award for Mark Hall Academy](#)

Below is an extract from the fantastic Wellbeing Award Report that Mark Hall has recently received.

**Please click on this link to see the full report - <http://www.mha.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Wellbeing-Award.pdf>**

'The ethos of the school is strong and there is commitment to ensure that the wellbeing of students and staff is prioritised across settings and in all areas of work. The links with the school motto, ASPIRE, ENDEAVOUR, ACHIEVE in promoting emotional wellbeing ensured that the work was well integrated and embedded.

Clearly a strength of Mark Hall is the engagement and shared leadership with students. The impact of pride and self esteem as a core value within the school community will be of great value to individuals and many different groups of students.

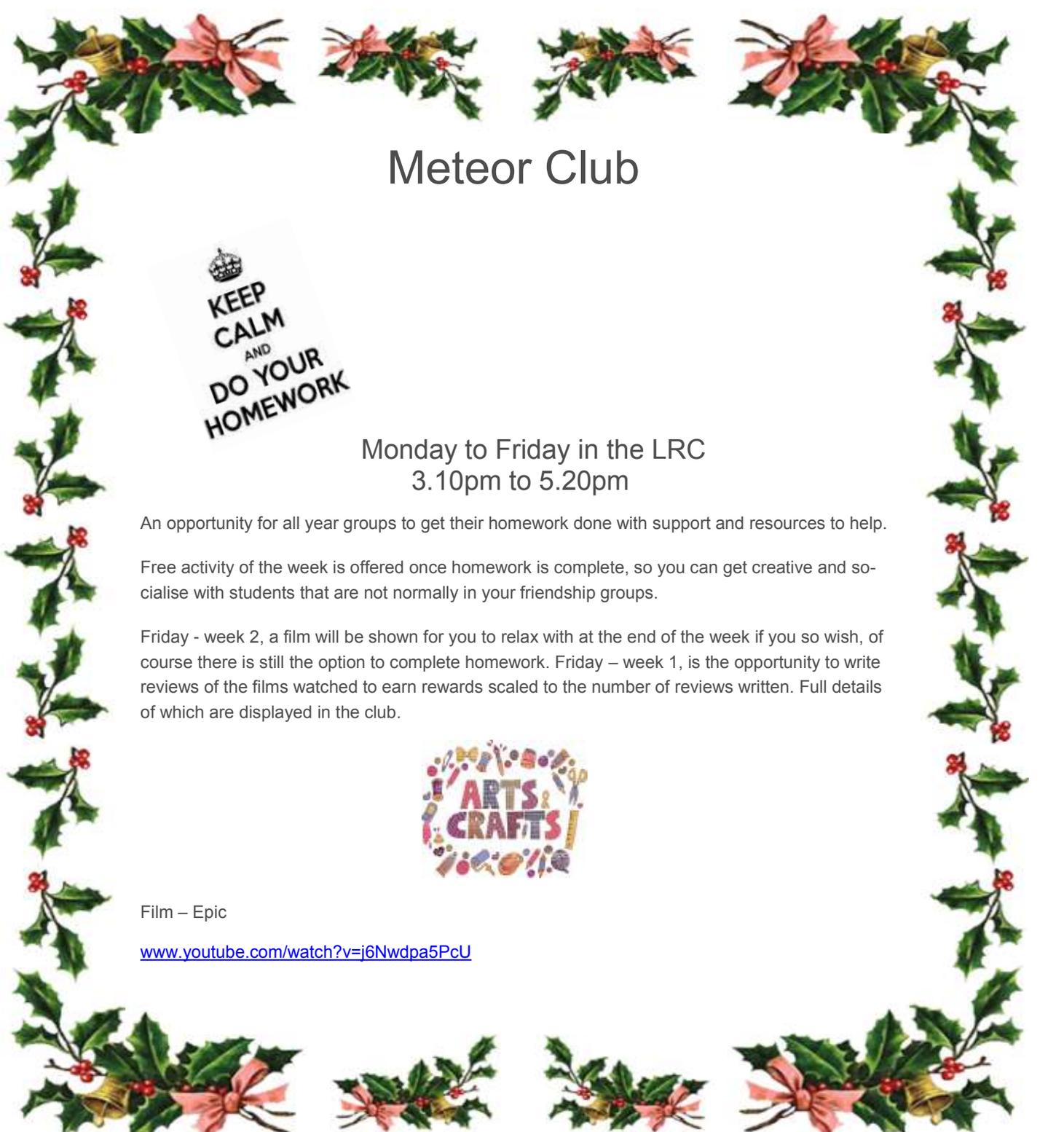
In describing and explaining the various systems and structures it is clear that the values and aspirations behind emotional wellbeing and mental health initiatives are translated into many elements within the school, such as work on staff wellbeing.

Engagement of parents is another area that is recognised and prioritised. There has been clear successes in building such relationships.

The strategic leadership of the school have embraced the award with a focus on how it can enhance ongoing developments. The phrase, "to be the very best version of yourself" and its use is an excellent example of Whole School thinking. This should ensure longer term sustainability in the years ahead.

There are many examples of where crafting and sharing easy to understand language and inclusive approaches has impacted far and wide in the school. The environment, behaviour and interactions show a high level of respect and positive relationships. Raise the Praise is one excellent example.

I was impressed by the range, variety and quality of the interventions, strategic targets and the analysis that has shaped and driven the award programme.'



## 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 – Epic

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6Nwdpa5PcU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6Nwdpa5PcU)

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## Academy Menu For week beginning 7 January 2019

GLOBAL ADVENTURE WEEK 2					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GLOBAL ADVENTURE	<p>MEDITERRANEAN Moroccan Style Chicken Stew 93154842</p> <p>Spiced Cous Cous 93042973</p> <p>Broccoli 93143358</p>	<p>CHINESE Five Spiced Beef 93159931</p> <p>Chinese Style Rice 93159971</p> <p>Sweetcorn 93094208</p>	<p>BRITISH Roast Pork 93098927</p> <p>Roast Potatoes (oil) 93035127</p> <p>Seasonal Cabbage 93143359</p> <p>Carrots 93065561</p> <p>Gravy 93034775</p>	<p>JAPANESE Teriyaki Glazed Chicken Thigh 93128109</p> <p>Pineapple Rice * 93156734</p> <p>Pickled Cucumber Salad 93128253</p>	<p>BRITISH Fisherman's Pie *** 93160249 (oily fish)</p> <p>Peas 93065563</p>
HIGH STREET FAVES	<p>DEEP SOUTH DINER New York Hot Dog 93142777</p>	<p>WINGS &amp; THINGS Special Marinated Roast Chicken Drumsticks with BBQ or Sticky Tabasco 93130941</p>	<p>DEEP SOUTH DINER Beef Burger 93129200</p>	<p>WINGS &amp; THINGS Chicken Mayo Bun 93153888</p>	<p>DEEP SOUTH DINER Chipotle Bbq Pork 93080520</p>
	<p>Louisiana Bean Pot 93159955</p>	<p>Cauliflower and Creamed Corn Bake 93130867</p>	<p>Sweet Potato &amp; Black Bean Enchilada 93129220</p>	<p>Butternut Squash Feta Bake 93159973</p>	<p>Quorn Sausage Pattie &amp; Cheese Bun 93133732</p>
	<p>Paprika Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157066</p>	<p>Garlic Bread* (no oil) 93154277</p>	<p>Baked Garlic &amp; Herb Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157067</p>	<p>Cajun Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157065</p>	<p>Garlic Fries 93159936</p>
	<p>Red Slaw 93130896</p>	<p>Southern Greens 93154278</p>	<p>Peas 93065563</p>	<p>Corn on the Cob 93130897</p>	<p>American Style Slaw 93101975</p>
SPEEDY ITALIAN	<p>Veggie Hot One Pizza (v) 93128498</p>	<p>Chicken Supreme Pizza 93128497</p>	<p>Veggie Supreme Pizza (v) 93135569</p>	<p>Bacon Pizza 93041401</p>	<p>Sicilian Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza (V) 93137894</p>
	<p>Arrabiata Pasta (v) 93147953</p>	<p>Herby Tomato Pasta (v) 93147954</p>	<p>BBO Chicken Pasta* 93147137</p>	<p>Beef Lasagne 93046483</p>	<p>Italian Chicken Pasta 93147955</p>
	<p>Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388</p>	<p>Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388</p>
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.




**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



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.**

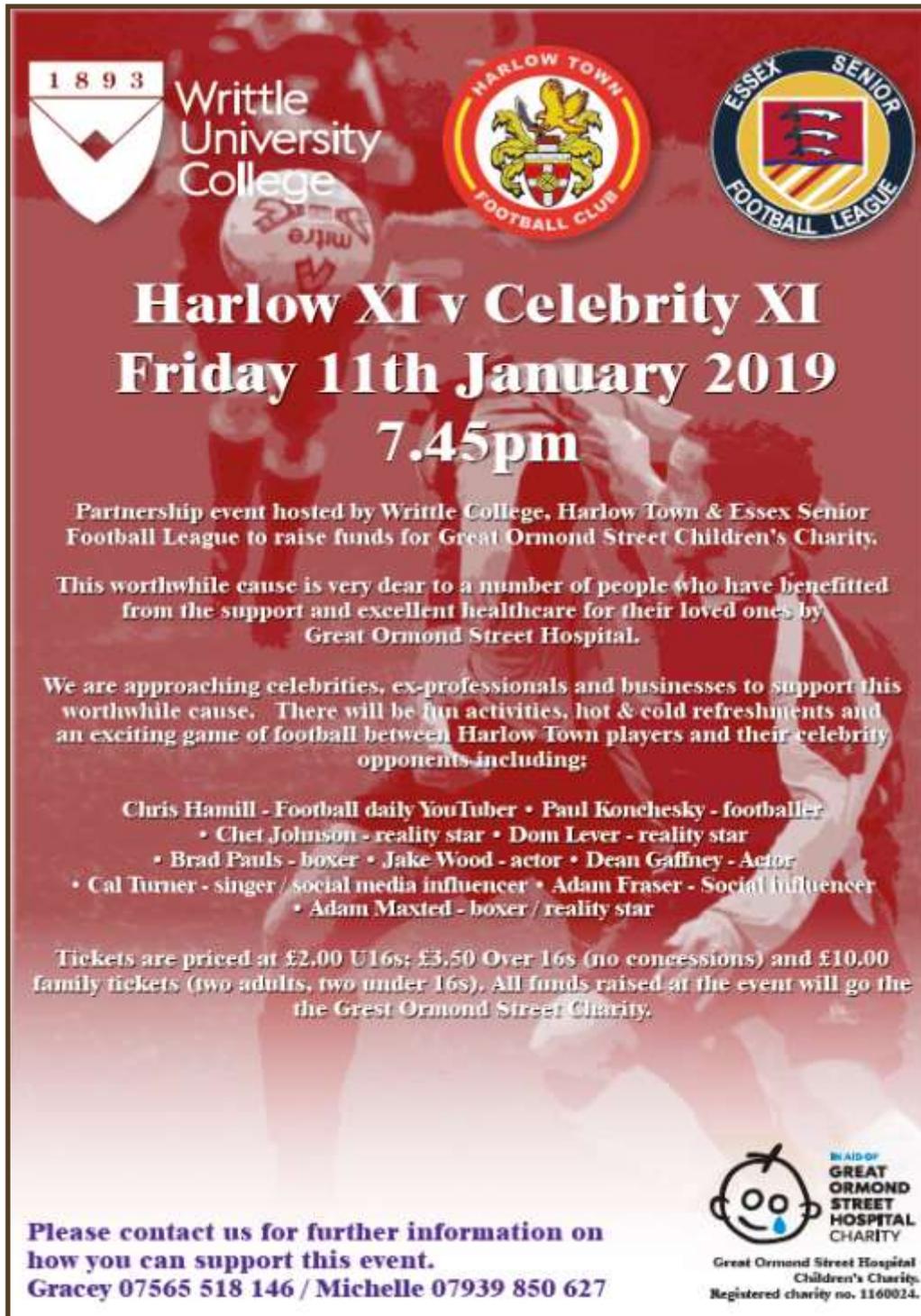
**PLANNERS** THESE NEED TO BE UP TO DATE WITH SIGNATURES, HOMEWORK, NOTES, TARGETS AND POINTS.

**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.**



 **Writtle  
University  
College**

## Harlow XI v Celebrity XI

### Friday 11th January 2019

### 7.45pm

Partnership event hosted by Writtle College, Harlow Town & Essex Senior Football League to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Children's Charity.

This worthwhile cause is very dear to a number of people who have benefitted from the support and excellent healthcare for their loved ones by Great Ormond Street Hospital.

We are approaching celebrities, ex-professionals and businesses to support this worthwhile cause. There will be fun activities, hot & cold refreshments and an exciting game of football between Harlow Town players and their celebrity opponents including:

- Chris Hamill - Football daily YouTuber • Paul Konchesky - footballer
- Chet Johnson - reality star • Dom Lever - reality star
- Brad Pauls - boxer • Jake Wood - actor • Dean Gaffney - Actor
- Cal Turner - singer / social media influencer • Adam Fraser - Social influencer
- Adam Maxted - boxer / reality star

Tickets are priced at £2.00 U16s; £3.50 Over 16s (no concessions) and £10.00 family tickets (two adults, two under 16s). All funds raised at the event will go to the Great Ormond Street Charity.

**Please contact us for further information on how you can support this event.**  
**Gracey 07565 518 146 / Michelle 07939 850 627**



IN AID OF  
GREAT  
ORMOND  
STREET  
HOSPITAL  
CHARITY

Great Ormond Street Hospital  
Children's Charity.  
Registered charity no. 1160024.



## 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.