



# MARK HALL ACADEMY



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

SPRING TERM - FRIDAY 11 JANUARY 2019

### Term Dates 2018-19

#### 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

### 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

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
Thursday 7 February	Drama GCSE Showcase (Drama Studio)	5 pm—6 pm

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you all had a great Christmas and enjoyed the holiday break. I can't quite believe that we have been back in the academy for a week. It has gone so quickly. I started the week by leading assemblies to every year group on Monday morning. The assemblies focused on New Year Resolutions and routines and expectations for 2019. As I wrote in December a number of new staff have now started with us and because of that we have been able to re-write the timetable and in some cases, for example, in years 8 and 9, classes are smaller than they were last term.

Today the staff have had a fantastic training session from Pivotal Education. We have considered how we can maximise the progress and success of our students by ensuring that we are all consistent in how we deliver our lessons. We will continue to follow up on our routines around the academy based on three simple rules that we require all our students to be 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. This encompasses everything else, for example, to be ready a student would need to have all the equipment required for a lesson; to be respectful a student would need to follow instructions in lessons and to be safe a student shouldn't run in the corridor. All our requirements can be encapsulated in 'Ready, Respectful, Safe' and we will continue to build on this over the coming months.

As we start the new year we are repairing the art and drama block roof and you may have noticed some equipment in the car park of the sports centre. This will go on during this half term. The new building continues apace with stairs now appearing. Next week our extra-curricular list will be updated and clubs will start in earnest. Please do encourage all your children to participate.

Next week we also have the first parents'/carers' evening of 2019. This is for year 10 students. Please do ensure that the students are organising appointments as we do want to see you and them there. Two weeks later on Wednesday 6 February we then have parents'/carers' evening for year 7.

I hope all the students have enjoyed today. Have a great weekend.

Mr J Fuller  
Principal

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## Notices / Letters Home / Information on Website

### Student Reports

All students should have received their Progress Reports by the end of last 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 should have received their reports by post. All other absent students will have received their reports at the beginning of this term.

### Timetable Changes

In January, we have welcomed 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:

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Yr-10-Parents-Evening-Letter-Dec-2019.pdf>

<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/2018/11/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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## Meteor Club



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 - Rock Dog - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVwFM2PukSE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVwFM2PukSE)

## Academy Menu For week beginning 14 January 2019

GLOBAL ADVENTURE WEEK 3					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GLOBAL ADVENTURE	<b>INDIAN</b> Chickpea and Tomato Masala 93153187  Naan Bread 93034973  Cucumber Raita 93142255	<b>CARIBBEAN</b> Cuban Style Chicken 93159932  Wholegrain Rice * 93109633  Peas 93065563	<b>MEXICAN</b> Beef Birria 93147225  Mashed Potato 93095567  Roasted Broccoli and Peppers 93159951	<b>THAI</b> Chicken Pad Khing 93156732  Sweetcorn 93094208	<b>BRITISH</b> Home-made Battered Fish Fillet 93105116  Chips (oil) 93124814  Baked Beans 93036011 OR Peas 93065563
HIGH STREET FAVES	<b>DEEPSOUTH DINER</b> Beef Chilli 93129204	<b>WINGS &amp; THINGS</b> Special Marinated Roast Chicken Drumsticks with BBQ or Sticky Tabasco 93130941	<b>DEEP SOUTH DINER</b> Quorn Cheese Burger 93153364	<b>WINGS &amp; THINGS</b> Chicken Caesar Burger 93159952	<b>DEEP SOUTH DINER</b> Cajun Pulled Pork & Bean Pitta 93147141
	Smoked Houmous and Vegetable Wrap 93159974	Veg & Bean Quesadilla 93086623	<b>Loaded Triple Mac 'N' Cheese</b> 93129233	Bean and Vegetable Chilli 93127708	Feta and Chickpea Cake with Salsa 93086621
	Lemon and Herb Piri Rice 93159956	Pasta Salad * 93122369	Baked Garlic & Herb Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157067	Paprika Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157066	Chips (oil) 93124814
	Corn on the Cob 93130897	House Slaw 93129626	BBQ Beans 93129227	Chop Chop Salad 93153242	Pineapple Coleslaw 93154276
SPEEDY ITALIAN	Veggie Hot One Pizza (v) 93128498	3 Cheese Sicilian Pizza (v) 93135631	Mushroom & Sweetcorn Pizza (v) 93147170	Sicilian Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) 93137894	Cajun Chicken Sizzler Pizza 93128496
	Cheesy Penne Pasta (v) 93143814	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	Margherita Pizza (v) 93041388

Wholegrain \* Oily Fish \*\*\*

w/b: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019



**WORD**  
*of the*  
**WEEK**

**Ethereal (adjective)**  
extremely delicate and light in a way that seems not to be of this world.

Once the sky began to clear after the storm, the clouds scattered in **ethereal** formations that resembled a celestial festival.



**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.**



**Struggling with self-esteem or bullying?**

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

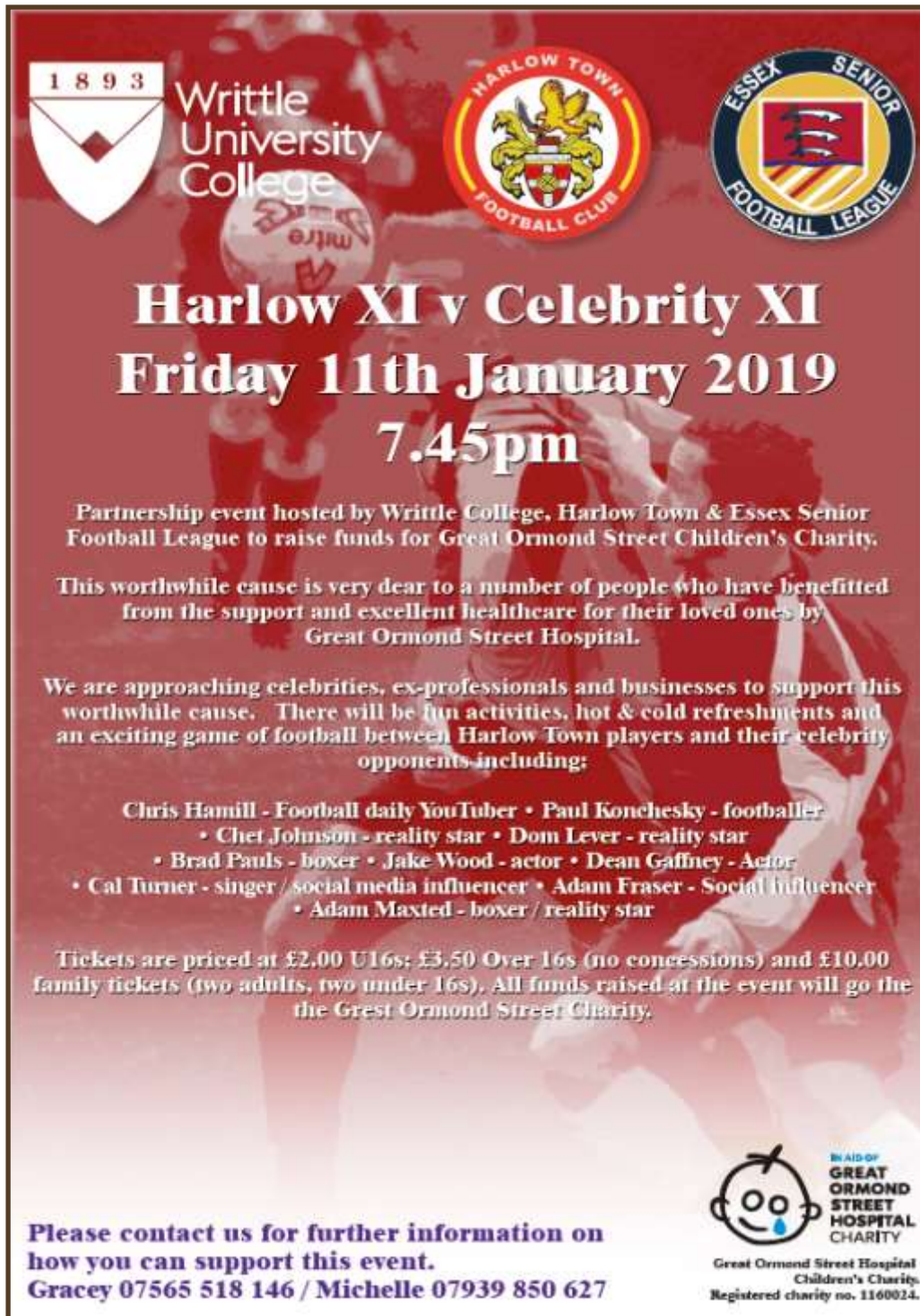
Chat to qualified counsellors who are waiting to support you with whatever you may be experiencing






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## 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.