



MARK HALL ACADEMY



WEEKLY BULLETIN

SPRING TERM - FRIDAY 18 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

Tuesday 29 January	Year 8 Vaccinations	
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
Friday 1 March	Year 11 Interview Day	

It was great to see many of the year 10 parents and carers in the academy on Wednesday for the parents'/carers' evening. These evenings are so important for you to speak to your child's teacher; understand the progress they are making and find out how you can support your child in their studies. On Wednesday 6 February we have the Parents'/Carers' evening for year 7 and I would encourage you to make a note of the date and ensure that you are there. The three-way partnership between the student, the academy and the parents and carers is key to our children doing the very best they can in school.

This week we have had an academy wide focus on cyber safety. Essex County Fire & Rescue Service have been leading our assemblies. They have spoken to all year groups about how to stay safe online. On Tuesday we also had Lewis Bootle, a local singer/songwriter, leading a workshop around online safety, cyber bullying and mental health. Lewis approached the topic through the medium of music and both he and the Fire Service were very well received by all our students.

Now that we are moving rapidly through January our year 11 students need to start their independent revision in earnest. There are lots of resources they can use including traditional items such as revision guides to online revision aids such as GCSEPod and Tassomai. GCSEPod provides short podcasts on each subject that students can listen to. Tassomai is a science revision device that goes through a sequence of multiple choice questions. These then change and challenge depending on the previous answers entered by students. All of our year 11 students have access to these so if they aren't using them please ask them and us.

Remember, if there were to be any inclement weather that requires the academy to close we would announce this initially through the website and our twitter feeds. Have a great weekend.

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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 31st 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.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Yr-10-Parents-Evening-Letter-Dec-2019.pdf>

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

<http://www.mha.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Continuing-instrumental-lessons.pdf><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/letter-to-parents-France-2018-2.pdf>

Student Behaviour and Consequences (detentions)

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

STEER consequence will remain on the same day it is set which means that if your child is sent to the STEER room they will be required to remain until 4.10pm. We will endeavour to get this message to you but as you can appreciate, if this occurs late in the day we will do so as soon as we can.

What does this mean?

If a student receives a C3/C4 on one day, he/she will sit the consequence the following day in a central location.

Why are we doing 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.'

Informing Parents

Parents will be informed via text/email the day before. The student will be given a consequence slip. The student will not be collected. STEER will take place on the same day therefore slips and texts will not go out.

How long are consequences?

C3 is 60 minutes

STEER is 60 minutes

C4 is 90 minutes.

Escorting students.

It is the responsibility of each student to arrive on time.

What happens if a student 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.

Musical Performance at Mark Hall Academy

On Tuesday, Lewis Bootle, an upcoming singer/songwriter from Bishops Stortford came in to perform to our year 7, 8 and 9 students as part of his UK tour. Lewis presented his own music and delivered a clear message around online safety, cyber bullying and mental health. The pupils were hanging off his every word!







January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Eduspot have asked us to forward you on the information in this letter regarding changes to SchoolMoney. Over the last couple months Eduspot have been working hard to make some big changes to SchoolMoney. Right now a lot of it is behind the scenes, allowing them to make the changes without interfering with the day to day running of the system.

Outside of some performance enhancements and minor bug fixes, they have been improving security throughout SchoolMoney.

Later this month, you will notice when you login, a new option in the top right of the screen, where you can change your passwords yourselves, removing the need for this to be done at the academy.

For added security, when you decide to change your password, you will receive an SMS or email notification to let you know this has happened. It will not divulge the password in the message, it will simply prompt you to login using the password you have set and act as a security prompt just in case this was unexpected.

Based on parent feedback, they have also changed the link in the SMS message you receive when a new item is ready to pay for, so that parents will no longer be taken to www.eduspot.co.uk, but instead will be taken directly to the parent login page, to avoid any confusion of where to go to log in.

Further down the line they will be adding self-service password resetting tools for parents who have forgotten their password and unable to log in.

If parents have any queries please go to the following webpage: www.eduspot.co.uk/schoolmoney-changes/.

Yours sincerely



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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 - Skellig - www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SQOTiQSIrE-

Academy Menu For week beginning 21 January 2019

GLOBAL ADVENTURE WEEK 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
GLOBAL ADVENTURE	<p>MEXICAN Chicken Molay 93156759</p> <p>Mexican Yellow Rice * 93156761</p> <p>Green Beans 93153275</p>	<p>CHINESE Aromatic Soy Pork with Egg Noodles 93070142</p> <p>Wok Tossed Oriental Vegetables 93130848</p>	<p>MEDITERRANEAN Beef Pasticcio 93160009</p> <p>Garlic and Herb Bread Wedge * 93119266</p> <p>Broccoli 93143358</p>	<p>MEXICAN Chicken Tinga Tortilla 93159934</p> <p>Tomato and Corn Rice 93159972</p> <p>Apple Slaw 93129265</p>	<p>BRITISH Home-made Battered Fish Fillet 93105116</p> <p>Chips (oil) 93124814</p> <p>Baked Beans 93036011 OR Peas 93065563</p>
HIGH STREET FAVES	<p>DEEP SOUTH DINER Bacon Mac n Cheese 93160004</p>	<p>WINGS & THINGS Lemon Piri Chicken Pitta 93156785</p>	<p>DEEP SOUTH DINER Ultimate Cheese Burger 93156800</p>	<p>WINGS & THINGS Special Marinated Roast Chicken Drumsticks with BBQ or Sticky Tabasco 93130941</p>	<p>DEEP SOUTH DINER Deep South Turkey Burger 93159954</p>
	<p>Cajun Bean and Feta Burger 93159953</p>	<p>Smoky Cauliflower Cheese 93156770</p>	<p>Sweet Potato & Squash Stew 93101314</p>	<p>Sweetcorn Chickpea Veggie Burger 93153900</p>	<p>Boston Bean Casserole 93130977</p>
	<p>Paprika Potato Wedges (no oil) 93130895</p>	<p>New Orleans Red Bean Rice 93159957</p>	<p>Cajun Potato Wedges (no oil) 93157065</p>	<p>Potato and Onion Hash 93147111</p>	<p>Chips (oil) 93124814</p>
	<p>BBQ Beans 93129227</p>	<p>Chop Chop Salad 93153242</p>	<p>Peas 93065563</p>	<p>Caesar Salad 93129328</p>	<p>Corn Slaw 93153240</p>
SPEEDY ITALIAN	<p>Veggie Supreme Pizza (v) 93135569</p>	<p>3 Cheese Sicilian Pizza (v) 93135631</p>	<p>Hawaiian Pizza 93128494</p>	<p>Bacon Pizza 93041401</p>	<p>Veggie Hot One Pizza (v) 93128498</p>
	<p>Veg Bolognese Pasta (v) 93102889</p>	<p>Arrabiata Pasta (v) 93147953</p>	<p>Chunky Vegetable Pasta 93137661</p>	<p>Beef Lasagne 93046483</p>	<p>Herby Tomato Pasta (v) 93147954</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>

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w/b: Monday 21st January 2019



Quintessential (adj)

representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class.

The critics love the director's latest film and consider it to be the quintessential horror movie.



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



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**

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.