



MARK HALL ACADEMY



WEEKLY BULLETIN

SPRING TERM - FRIDAY 8 FEBRUARY 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 13 February	Battle of the Bands	Harlow College, 6 pm
Thursday 28 February	Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting	5 pm—6.30 pm
Friday 1 March	Year 11 Interview Day	
Wednesday 6 March	Year 8 Parents' Evening	3.10 pm—6.30 pm
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day	
Wednesday 13 March	Parent Council Meeting	5.15 pm
Friday 15 March	Science Museum Trip	Year 7 students

We have had another very busy week at Mark Hall Academy. Each morning started with an amazing assembly, featuring our own band 'Untitled'. We then had a talk focusing on mental health led by our own students with support from Ms Lee, before finishing with more music and a dance piece by some of our students. Altogether fabulous and great that so many of our students want to get involved and showcase their talents; whether they are singing, dancing, playing instruments or speaking. A real example of Aspire, Endeavour, Achieve in action. It was also great to see lots of Year 7 parents and carers at the parents' evening on Wednesday. This opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss your children's progress is so important and I urge you all to attend these events whenever they occur.

You will all have noticed that the new building is growing rapidly. I am hoping that some of our students will be able to look round in the near future, starting with our construction and building GCSE group. The art and drama block is also progressing. All being well the roof of the art and drama block should be repaired in the next few weeks.

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Over the next couple of weeks we have lots to look forward to. Next week we have the Battle of the Bands at Harlow College on Wednesday 13 February at 6 pm. Please do attend and support our bands. Our sports coaches David and Ben are in the academy on Tuesdays and Thursdays with open sessions at break and lunch. And we are in final preparations for our school ski trip, happening over half term. Great excitement! We are also celebrating Ben Savidge's brilliant run in the cross country this week where he qualified to represent Essex – brilliant performance Ben.

We are still having a drive on students not wearing outdoor clothing indoors. Students have responded really well and now carry their coats and scarves once they come into the academy. Our next focus is on equipment. Please make sure that your child has the equipment they need. Details can be found in the student planners. Remember, as well, it is always good to have spares – so rather than one pen and one pencil, bring a spare.

Have a great weekend and incredibly we only have one more week until half term. Let's make it a great one.

J Fuller
Principal

Notices / Letters Home / Information on Website

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/2018/10/letter-to-parents-France-2018-2.pdf>

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/SchoolMoney-letter-Jan-2019-1.doc>

<http://www.mha.atrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/World-Book-Day-Letter-home-Final.pdf>

Library Books: We are really pleased that students are borrowing books from the academy Library, but please can you make sure that these books are returned so that other students can enjoy them. Thank you .

We will take the strongest sanctions against any students whose behaviour and attitude in lessons is in any way unacceptable. A very small number of students are not behaving politely or with consideration in lessons. It is completely unacceptable to behave rudely or boisterously and make other children feel that their education is threatened. You are also bringing the Academy into disrepute and this is an excludable offence.

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.

Maths Update

The Maths department have some scientific calculators in stock. These are available for £6.65 through School-Money. We are currently waiting on our next order of the higher Corbett Maths revision cards. These should be in soon after half-term. You may continue to order these through school money (£7).

Please encourage your child to come fully equipped to their maths lessons including a geometry set.

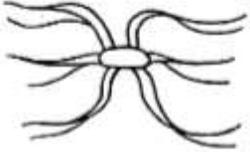
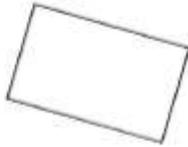
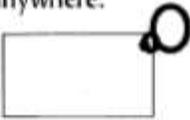
Maths watch

In addition to being used for homework tasks or to support learning the department would encourage students to work independently on Maths Watch. Independent work can be tracked by the student, parents and staff through the “My progress” tab on the website.

More details of how to use this aspect are in the Student/Parent guide which is available under the “Extras” tab on the navigation bar.

Year 7 have almost completed a unit on measure and angles. Across all year groups we have found that students do not have a concept of distances and measures in real life. Take the time to get students estimating the length, mass or volume of different items.

Learning/Revision Techniques

<p>Map It</p> <p>Create a mind map of the key points.</p> 	<p>Journey It</p> <p>Remember lists of information by creating events and images at certain points on a journey.</p> 	<p>Index It</p> <p>Transfer the key points to index cards. Test yourself!</p> 
<p>Story It</p> <p>Create a weird and multi sensory story using the key points.</p> 	<p>Mnemonic It</p> <p>Use the first letter of key words to create a sentence.</p> <p>EG - Naughty Elephants Squirt Water</p> 	<p>Click It</p> <p>Create a presentation about the key points.</p> 
<p>Flip It</p> <p>Write questions and answers and flip it anywhere.</p> 	<p>Timeline It</p> <p>A great technique for dates or sequences - place them in order along a line, then add lots of colour and pictures.</p> 	<p>Sing It</p>  <p>Set some of your work to some familiar music. You can also rhyme the words or create a rap.</p>
<p>Record It</p> <p>Use your mobile to record yourself explaining the key points and play it back regularly.</p> 	<p>Post It</p> <p>Write key words on to post its and stick them around your room.</p> 	<p>Comic It</p> <p>Create your own comic strip using the main points.</p> 

MHA PRESENTS

Battle of the Bands



**FEBRUARY
13th
2019**

INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION
VENUE: Glass Box Theatre - Harlow College
TIME: 6PM

Tickets on the door



**INTERESTED IN
A FUTURE IN THE
TECH INDUSTRY?**

**EDUCATION.
BUT NOT
AS YOU
KNOW IT**

Sixth Form open evening
Tuesday 12 February 2019
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Register online at www.ada.ac.uk/events

**BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL
DIPLOMA IN COMPUTING
&
AS/A LEVEL OR
EXTENDED DIPLOMA**

A-LEVEL SUBJECTS INCLUDE:

- Business Studies
- Graphic Design
- Further Maths
- Maths
- Physics
- Psychology
- EPQ

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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 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=brH_V2DG-d0 – The Unbeatables

Academy Menu For week beginning 4 February 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>

Wholegrain * Oliv Fish ***

Congratulations to last week's winners

Mrs Burns Year 7 Tutor class

(Mr Archer's class - you have competition!)

For example: number 7 points from competition
 $9 + 18 + 22 + 25$
74

Maths Puzzle - Can you work out the answer?

Copy the grid

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25

Cross out the..

Multiples of 3

1 less than a multiple of 5

Factors of 40

Prime Numbers

What is the sum of your unshaded numbers?

www.markhall.org.uk

SOLUTION

w/b: Monday 11th February 2019



Gratitude (noun)

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your financial support over the last sixteen months.



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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 the READINESS 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.**

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



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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 phone call.

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.