



# MARK HALL ACADEMY



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

SPRING TERM - FRIDAY 15 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

|                      |  |                 |
|----------------------|--|-----------------|
| 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 |

Incredibly it is half term already and in fact we have now completed over half of the academic year. Wow – where has the time gone! This is particularly important for our year 11 and year 10 students as the time to start serious revision starts now. I hope that all our students have a restful holiday but for those in year 11 and year 10 please also do some revision. As you approach the exams you should have a revision timetable and actively plan your revision. For example, over the holiday you might plan to do 3 hours of revision on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and split those three hours each day across three subjects. That way you can have 12 hours of dedicated revision. Please use this time wisely as well as having a rest.

On Wednesday evening this week we had an amazing evening at Harlow College as our bands competed in the Battle of the Bands. It was an incredible opportunity for the students to experience a professional sound check and then perform in a fantastic venue. Thank you for so much to Mrs Mulholland and Miss Vellnagel for their great organisation and also thank you to Harlow College for hosting us. There are more details and some pictures lower down in the bulletin. Well done to all, but particularly to our winning band Yayo.

This week we have also been busy recruiting staff in preparation for further growth in September. I am pleased to say that we have recruited a fantastic new Head of House to start in September. Further details will follow but from September we will be adopting a house system with three houses based on our motto *Aspire, Endeavour, Achieve*. These will be led by Mr Kemp, Miss Brown and our new recruit. Much more on this to follow later in the new year.

**Aspire**

**Endeavour**

**Achieve**

This half term we have had a big drive on students not wearing their outdoor clothes, particularly coats and scarves, inside. Next half term we will continue this but also have a focus on equipment. We do need all our students to be fully equipped for school. A list of required equipment is below. So if needs be please do go shopping over half term. Students should also have spare equipment. So rather than having one pen, make sure you have several so that you always have a spare. We will also be tightening up our mobile phone use to ensure that all students are following the expected rules. Unfortunately, there have been one or two students who have felt it necessary to use their phones to call or text home, when they should be in lessons. Our rules are clear that students can use their phones during break and lunchtime when they are outside or in Café 54, but nowhere else. At other times phones need to be out of sight and silent. If they are seen or heard they will be confiscated.

Tonight we wave goodbye to our ski trip. We hope that they have a fantastic and safe trip to Austria. And we also wish everyone else a relaxing and restful half term holiday. I hope you all enjoy the break.

With best wishes, Jonathan Fuller.

## 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/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>

**Student Parliament:** Ms Whittington would like to say a big thank you to our fantastic Student Parliament, for our meeting this week. Your voice is so important in terms of us ensuring that all of our systems and structures within the academy reflect the views and needs of all of our learners.

**Early Break & Lunch Times:** It is the turn of Year 9 students to have half a term of 5 minute early break and lunch. This will start after the 1/2 term break, week starting 25 February.

**Equipment:** As you will have seen from our last bulletin, our focus is on equipment. Therefore, during the half-term, please ensure that your child has all of the essential equipment; the details of which are in their planner and are as follows:

- Black or blue writing pen
- Pencil
- Pencil rubber
- Ruler
- Planner
- Red pen
- Green pen

You are strongly recommended to have the following:

- Coloured pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Calculator

Therefore, all students will be ready to learn at the very beginning of each and every lesson.

**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 .

## Battle of the Bands

Competition was fierce in the annual Battle of the Bands competition! Four Mark Hall Academy Rock Bands and the Concert Band brought their musical talent to Harlow College to win the judges' vote. Students from years 7 - 11 wowed the audience with their raw talent and exceptional instrumental skills. Our students experienced a professional sound check and rehearsal throughout the day, which enabled them to give a confident, polished performance in the evening. For many of these students, it was their first time performing on stage and they all showed such confidence and professionalism. We are so proud of them all; they are all winners!

Izzie Germaine from 'Yayo' said "Battle of the Bands was an experience of a lifetime. I won Best Vocalist and our band also won Best Band. I couldn't believe my ears when they announced our name! I'm so grateful that I was a part of it and I can't wait for next year. Thank you so much, I appreciate everything that has been offered to me while I have been at Mark Hall."

Alfie Fitch from 'Rejects' said "I was very nervous on stage but once we started I rocked away! After the awards were given out the winners celebrated and everyone cheered. I would recommend everyone to watch the next Battle of the Bands."



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## 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.

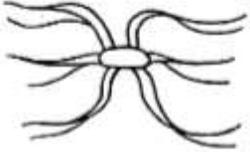
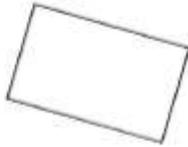
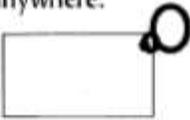
What happens if a student does not attend?

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.

## Learning/Revision Techniques

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

## 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.



## Academy Menu

### For week beginning 25 February 2019

| GLOBAL ADVENTURE WEEK 3    |  |  |   |  |   |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
|                            | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  |
| GLOBAL ADVENTURE           | <b>INDIAN</b><br>Chickpea and Tomato Masala<br>93153187<br><br>Naan Bread<br>93034973<br><br>Cucumber Raita<br>93142255  | <b>CARIBBEAN</b><br>Cuban Style Chicken<br>93159932<br><br>Wholegrain Rice *<br>93109633<br><br>Peas<br>93065563   | <b>MEXICAN</b><br>Beef Birria<br>93147225<br><br>Mashed Potato<br>93095567<br><br>Roasted Broccoli and Peppers<br>93159951  | <b>THAI</b><br>Chicken Pad Khing<br>93156732<br><br>Sweetcorn<br>93094208  | <b>BRITISH</b><br>Home-made Battered Fish Fillet<br>93105116<br><br>Chips (oil)<br>93124814<br><br>Baked Beans<br>93036011<br>OR<br>Peas<br>93065563  |
| HIGH STREET FAVES          | <b>DEEP SOUTH DINER</b><br>Beef Chilli<br>93129204<br><br>Smoked Houmous and Vegetable Wrap<br>93159974<br><br>Lemon and Herb Piri Rice<br>93159956<br><br>Corn on the Cob<br>93130897 | <b>WINGS &amp; THINGS</b><br>Special Marinated Roast Chicken<br>Drumsticks with BBQ or Sticky<br>Tabasco<br>93130941<br><br>Veg & Bean Quesadilla<br>93086623<br><br>Pasta Salad *<br>93122369<br><br>House Slaw<br>93129626 | <b>DEEP SOUTH DINER</b><br>Quorn Cheese Burger<br>93153364<br><br><b>Loaded Triple Mac 'N' Cheese</b><br>93129233<br><br>Baked Garlic & Herb Potato Wedges<br>(no oil)<br>93157067<br><br>BBQ Beans<br>93129227 | <b>WINGS &amp; THINGS</b><br>Chicken Caesar Burger<br>93159952<br><br>Bean and Vegetable Chilli<br>93127708<br><br>Paprika Potato Wedges (no oil)<br>93157066<br><br>Chop Chop Salad<br>93153242 | <b>DEEP SOUTH DINER</b><br>Cajun Pulled Pork & Bean Pitta<br>93147141<br><br>Feta and Chickpea Cake with Salsa<br>93086621<br><br>Chips (oil)<br>93124814<br><br>Pineapple Coleslaw<br>93154276 |
| SPEEDY ITALIAN             | Veggie Hot One Pizza (v)<br>93128498<br><br>Cheesy Penne Pasta (v)<br>93143814<br><br>Margherita Pizza (v)<br>93041388   | 3 Cheese Sicilian Pizza (v)<br>93135631<br><br>Chicken And Tomato Pasta Bake<br>93102883<br><br>Margherita Pizza (v)<br>93041388   | Mushroom & Sweetcorn Pizza (v)<br>93147170<br><br>Herby Tomato Pasta (v)<br>93147954<br><br>Margherita Pizza (v)<br>93041388  | Sicilian Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)<br>93137894<br><br>Carbonara Pasta<br>93137662<br><br>Margherita Pizza (v)<br>93041388  | Cajun Chicken Sizzler Pizza<br>93128496<br><br>Beef Lasagne<br>93046483<br><br>Margherita Pizza (v)<br>93041388   |
| Wholegrain * Oily Fish *** |  |  |   |  |   |

Congratulations last week's winners!!!

7 Turing Maths class

This week's problem - always start with 36

what are your 3 totals?

|      |      |           |                                 |
|------|------|-----------|---------------------------------|
|      | 36   |           | S<br>K<br>I<br>R<br>U<br>N<br>S |
| + 4  | + 14 | + 64      |                                 |
| - 2  | + 2  | 10% of it |                                 |
| - 15 | + 5  | Square it |                                 |
| + 3  | x 4  | - 51      |                                 |
| + 2  | + 10 | + 11      |                                 |
| - 14 | + 16 | + 3       |                                 |
| - 2  | - 8  | + 14      |                                 |
| + 8  | x 4  | + 2       |                                 |
| - 3  | - 22 | + 13      |                                 |
| + 10 | + 2  | x 3       |                                 |
| ???  | ???  | ???       |                                 |

Answers →



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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## 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 phone call.

**MARK HALL ACADEMY REALLY VALUE YOUR SUPPORT, SO THANK YOU!**

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**Changing Lives in Harlow CIC**

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Community Interest Company: 11705751



## FEBRUARY SPORTS CAMP

**DATE:** 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>

**VENUE:** Paringdon Sports Centre, Paringdon Rd,  
Harlow CM19 4QT

**TIME:** 9.00pm-3.00pm

**AGES:** 5-14

**PRICE:** £15 per day

**Activities:** Football, Netball, Basketball, Squash, Cricket, Table  
Tennis, Pool, Athletics, Boxing, Gym, Rugby.

**Essentials:** Change of Footwear, Warm Clothes and Packed Lunch.

**To Book:** Email [Changinglivesinharlow@gmail.com](mailto:Changinglivesinharlow@gmail.com)

Childs Name, Age, Medical Conditions and days of attendance.

For more information please visit  
[www.changinglivesinharlow.com](http://www.changinglivesinharlow.com)



Profits made will go back into the Changing Lives Project.



## 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.