



James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Friday 17th January 2025

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Roman Fields Head's message



Hi all and welcome to the new term at Roman Fields; I hope that you had a restful break.

As I write this, I have just returned from an excellent trip to Sky Studios in Elstree with our Film Studies pupils; it was a very exciting morning and our pupils made us proud! We have also, today, given out the mock exam results to our pupils - please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teachers if you (or they) have any questions or concerns. Watch this space for information about our next Parents' Support Group; more information to follow soon! Finally, can I take this opportunity to welcome all of our new pupils and parents / carers.

Emma :-)





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

James Marks Head's message



We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. It has been a busy start to the new term and it has been great to see the pupils back in school engaging with their learning. Thank you for all of the positive comments about the end of term reports and celebration event, it was amazing to see so many pupils and their families joining us. Mark has now set a precedent and there will be an expectation that he finds something as entertaining for each of these in future.

We are in the process of compiling the parents' evening appointments for Monday 3rd February, this should be sent to you by the end of next week.

The parents evening for Year 13 is Thursday 13th March, as they have their mock exams from the 10th – 28th February. We are finalising the timetable for these and are mirroring the timings for the actual examinations in the summer.

King regards
Scott





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk



Pupil successes at James Marks Academy

**Stars of the week -
13/12/2024**

GOLD -Zara

SILVER - Emily.B.W

BRONZE - Owen

**100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK** - Reece

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD
- Fin



Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy

**Stars of the week -
13/12/2024**

GOLD - Joel

SILVER - Robbie

BRONZE - Ritchie

**100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE
WEEK** - Himi

**ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT
AWARD** - Willow



Pupil successes at Forest House Education centre

**Stars of the week -
13/12/2024**

**FOREST HOUSE PUPIL
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** -
Rose, Ellie, Lillie





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk



Pupil successes at James Marks Academy

**Stars of the week -
10/01/2025**

GOLD - Ben.R

SILVER - Vi

BRONZE - Lily.H

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Finley

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Jacob.W



Pupil successes at Forest House Education centre

**Stars of the week -
10/01/2025**

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Daisy
**FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD -
Precious**





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthouse.herts.sch.uk



Pupil successes at James Marks Academy

Stars of the week -
17/01/2025

GOLD - George

SILVER - Reece

BRONZE - Josh.M

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Teddy

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Teddy



Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy

Stars of the week -
17/01/2025

GOLD - Dylan

SILVER - Ollie

BRONZE - Freddie, Thomas

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Willow

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Emilia



Pupil successes at Forest House Education centre

Stars of the week -
17/01/2025

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Georgia

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Ted, Lola





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Dates for the diary

Monday 3rd February - JMA Parents evening.

Monday 17th February till Friday 21st February - Half term.

Tuesday 4th March - Pancake day.

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day.

Friday 4th April - Break for Easter.

Tuesday 22nd April - INSET DAY.

Wednesday 23rd April - Pupils back to School.

Monday 5th May - Bank holiday -School closed.

Friday 23rd May - Break for half term.

Monday 26th May till Friday 30th May - Half term.



Become a Star Reader!



Here at Roman Fields, we understand and value the importance of reading. Reading - in whatever form you choose to engage in - fills you with knowledge. It improves your comprehension and analytical abilities. Furthermore, it stimulates the memory and broadens your imagination.

Therefore, each week, Roman Fields will be championing a *Star Reader*. You can be rewarded for your reading in any lesson, but you will also have the opportunity to demonstrate it in a specific session on your timetable. In these lessons, your teacher will be looking opportunities to award you points for your engagement in reading

Each week, the pupil with the most points awarded will receive a Star Reader certificate and a voucher.



Star reader of the week for Roman Fields Academy



17/01/2025

Josie





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Friday transition group - Roman Fields

Please see the following college visits have now been arranged:

Friday 24th January - Oaklands St Albans campus

Friday 31st January - Oaklands WGC campus

Friday 7th February - West Herts College Watford

Friday 28th February - West Herts College Hemel

We also have arranged a visit to Herts Regional College in Broxbourne on *a Thursday morning* and an e-mail has been sent to parents whose children have indicated they are interested in coming on this. If you have heard nothing please contact the office/ Debra.

We are still to arrange a trip to North Herts College and will send information on this once the date is confirmed.

Tuesday transition group - Forest House

There is a trip to North Herts College on Tuesday 21st February in the morning, and there is a careers fair at the Fielder Centre in Hatfield on the morning of Friday 7th February.



James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

For all parents of Year 11 leavers from Roman Fields and Forest House Education centre

Please see below are the open days/ evenings for information - we recommend you attend with your children and check online which campus has which courses:

Herts Regional College Ware campus - Tuesday 4th February, 5.30-8pm (the Broxbourne campus is Thursday 1st May)

Oaklands WGC campus - Tuesday 4th February, 5-8pm

Oaklands St Albans campus - Thursday 6th February, 5-8pm

Elstree Screen Arts - Thursday 6th February, 5-8pm

West Herts College Hemel - Saturday 1st March, 9.30am -12.30pm

North Herts College - Wednesday 5th March - see website as venues and timings are not yet set

West Herts College Watford - Saturday 8th March, 9.30am-1pm

For all parents of Year 11 leavers from both schools: Please complete online application forms with the colleges and other settings for courses your child is interested in, if you have not already done so. Pupils have predicted grades and mock results to help guide the level of course/s applied for. There is no limit to the number of courses and settings you apply to. EHCPs have mostly been issued by the Local Authority to see if they can meet needs as detailed in them and both the LA and us will be in contact when we hear back.



James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Christmas jumper day

On Thursday 12th December James Marks had their Christmas jumper day.

Friday 13th December Roman Fields and Forest House Education Centre had their Christmas jumper day.

We have put all the amazing contributions together and made an incredible £39.60

Thank you all for your support.





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

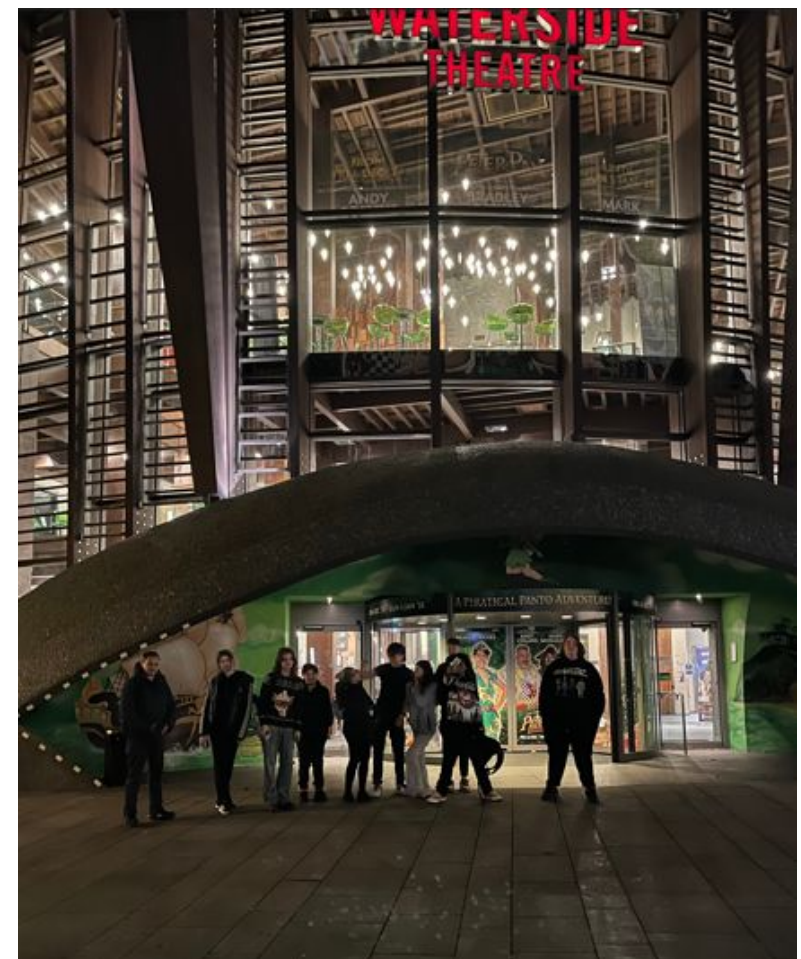
Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

A Christmas Carol theatre trip - Tuesday 17th December

On Tuesday 17th December some of our English Literature students watched a production of A Christmas Carol at The Aylesbury Waterside Theatre. It was a concise production with lots of key quotations and helped to consolidate our learning in the classroom.

“ I enjoyed the fact that there were only two actors for the whole play and they used the changing of coats, hats and comforters to show a change in character. I also enjoyed the way that the set was used and changed throughout the play to show a change in location by moving the ladders and the boxes to show a desk or a tombstone”.

By Lewis





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Awards day at James Marks - Thursday 19th December

On Thursday 19th December we celebrated the first term at the new school. It was a pleasure to see so many of the pupils and their families socialising and being rewarded for their efforts, whilst the focus was recognising the pupils' efforts this term, Mark shared some of the novel comments made by our pupils and awarded chocolate coins to parents!

All of the staff would like to thank you for your support and hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Progress	Pierre
Attitude	Ted
Positivity	Ellie

Forest House trophy winners - December 2024

Trophy	
Art	Lottie
Cookery	Aimee
English	Max
History	Jakob
Maths	Zara
PSHEE	Jacob
Science	Teddy
Contribution to School Life	Emily.t
Positivity	Joshua.A
School Award	Phoebe

JMA Trophy winners - December 2024



James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Awards day at Roman Fields - Friday 20th December

It was so wonderful to see the Pupils and their loved ones at the end of term awards, an ex Pupil came along to support his Sister at the School

Tony in the office enjoyed helping Santa for the day.

Well done to all the Pupils for their hard work, well done to all the trophy winners.

We hope you all had a relaxing break over the holidays.



Trophy	
Life Skills	Cara
ICT/Business	Joe
Work Experience	Harrison
Science	Ollie
Maths	Chloe
Art	Jake W.B
Creative Arts	Poppy
Cookery	Dylan
Sport	Natan
Technology	Joel
Drama & Media	Lili
English	Himi
Humanities	Holly
Contribution to School	Chasia
Positivity	Skye
James Marks Award	Ollie

Roman Fields Trophy winners -
December 2024



James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

James Marks Academy Christmas Charity Hamper and Charity sale

Well done to Aline and the Pupils at Roman Fields for all their brilliant hard work over the Christmas period, the love and time they put into making all the wonderful items to sale.

With all the fabulous donations Aline and pupils managed to put three hampers together to be won.

Congratulations to - Lewis, Debra and Ritchie for winning the Christmas hampers.

On the last day of term at Roman Fields we held a Christmas charity sale, with the voluntary contributions and sold items we raised £176.10.

The total for raffle ticket sales over Roman Fields, James Marks and Forest House Education Centre was £ 189.50.

The outstanding grand total was £365.60.

The enterprise team have decided to donate the money raised to DENS and Macmillan.

A big hearted thank you to all the Staff, Pupils and Parents for all your contributions, we couldn't have done it without you all. 



James Marks Academy Trust

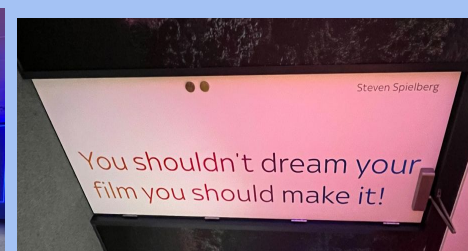
www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Sky Studio trip - Monday 13th January

Wicked, Paddington in Peru and Jurassic World Rebirth (due out summer this year) - all these films were partially filmed at Sky Studios Elstree where there is a new, state-of-the-art film and TV studio.

15 excited Film Studies pupils from Years 10 and 11 from both Roman Fields and Forest House Education Centre enjoyed a morning trip there to learn about what goes on. The highlight was the pupils creating and filming scenes, the story lines to which they themselves had crafted in school a few days earlier. The pupils chose different roles for themselves including director, actor, sound technician and producer. They also learnt about the different careers in the industry. A selection of pictures are shown from the films, 'Ricky'. which is an action comedy and 'Lost' which is an adventure film. We enjoyed ourselves so much that we will definitely be booking to go again next year!





James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Hub Updates

Parents and carers - the HOP into Apprenticeships and T Levels Virtual Careers Fair is in its third year and has been a successful way for employers and training providers to showcase apprenticeship and T Level opportunities to hundreds of parents, carers and students across Hertfordshire.

This free of charge online event is Wednesday 29th January from 17.30 - 19.00, specifically for parents, carers and students who would like to find out more information and explore apprenticeship and T Level options available.

The event is a collaboration between Hertfordshire Careers Hub, Amazing Apprenticeships, Hertfordshire Employers and the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Provider Network.

Last year's event had 600 parents sign up and over 30 employers and providers.

Please note all pupils have had a talk this month about apprenticeships and T Level options.

Parents & Carers please sign up heren (check the link)

<https://events.zoom.us/j/84458282828?pwd=MTU0aUJhbnR5bWVudD09WmdHT4nUNUqsV8plStCgPHb6goKrdnCCR-m66uwElv-DRZNPzEtC-YO6zQ>

Thank you!

Debra



James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Talking teens - supporting links

in-person **Talking Teens Course**, for parents and carers of children aged 12-19, beginning on **Wednesday 24th February** in Hemel Hempstead in the Gade Schools Family Support Community Room at Oakleaf Primary School.

We currently have very few bookings and are keen to be able to run this course for Dacorum and the surrounding area, as this will show that we continue to have families in need in this area for future funding.

If we are unable to fill the course by **3rd February** then we will need to change this to an online course and open up bookings to the whole county.


We are, as ever, grateful for all your support and the work you do in supporting families and please get in touch if you have any questions about our work or the course.

Please contact supporting links if you are interested in the course -


www.supportinglinks.co.uk

(t) 01442 300185

Thank you!



TALKING TEENS



Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm Face to Face: ID 707
26th February - 2nd April 2025
Gade Community Room, Oakleaf Primary School,
Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2JU

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of children aged 12-19, covering:



- **The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.**
- **The link between behaviour and difficult feelings.**
- **Maintaining your relationship with good communication.**
- **Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.**
- **How to negotiate during a conflict situation.**

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

"Our home is no longer a battlefield. I am less stressed and my teenager speaks to me more. Thank you!"

Booking essential
Please quote the course ID
To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556
bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk
www.supportinglinks.co.uk

 These courses are provided free to participants by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund 

Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.



James Marks Academy Trust

www.jmatherts.co.uk

Email Admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk admin@jamesmarks.herts.sch.uk admin@foresthous.herts.sch.uk

Family Lives Spring 2025 Programme

Family Lives are delivering 5 parenting groups, funded by Herts County Council, in the Spring term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential as well as access to the wraparound support provided by our helpline, live chat and website.

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#) for our online referral form

You can also email services@familylives.org.uk or call us on 0204 522 8700 for more information.



Family Lives
Spring Term Programme 2025

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group
Wednesday 22 January to 5 March 7.00pm to 9.00pm
A programme to help parents be more effective at getting their children to cooperate and listen to them

Bringing Up Confident SEN Children (6 weeks) Online group
Monday 3 February to 17 March 9.30am to 11.30am
A programme to help parents gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school

Sorting Out Arguments in your Family (6 weeks) Online group
Wednesday 5 February to 19 March 9.30am to 11.30am
A programme aimed at helping sort out arguments between parents and their children and between brothers and sisters

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group
Thursday 27 February to 3 April 9.30am to 11.30am
A programme to help parents understand and get on better with their teenage children. Maybe there is an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support

Dads Together (6 weeks) Online group
Wednesday 26 February to 2 April 7.00pm to 9.00pm
A programme to support dads in learning how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control

For more information, please contact Louise on **0204 522 8700** or email services@familylives.org.uk.
Please scan our QR code for our referral form.

Scan Me!

Family Lives is registered as a company limited by guarantee in England and Wales No. 3817762. Registered charity No.1077722. Registered address: The Annex York House, Salisbury Square, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL9 5AD

 Hertfordshire