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Friday 4th April 2025

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Executive Head's message-part 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have started the Easter break. The year has flown by, and with exams fast approaching, we will soon be saying goodbye to our 2025 leavers. Some, particularly our A-level students, have been with us for many years, while others joined us more recently - but all will be greatly missed. Of course, we wouldn't let them go without a few well-deserved leavers' trips after the exams! Debra and Jan are finalising the details, and information will be shared with pupils and families very soon.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of Roman Fields' pupils that, during the exam period, we face some challenges with invigilator availability. While we have managed to maintain the usual timetable for maths, science, and English literature exams to minimise disruption, unfortunately, this will not be possible for the GCSE English Language exam. We only make timetable changes when absolutely necessary, and in this case, we have many students requiring additional support, such as scribes, extra time, and other accommodations, to give them the best chance of success.





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Executive Head's message-part 2

GCSE English Language Exam dates:

Paper 1 - 23rd May 2025, 9 am

Paper 2 - 6th June 2025, 9 am

On these days, pupils who are not taking the GCSE English Language exam will start at 11:30 a.m., and taxi arrangements will be adjusted accordingly. If you are unable to accommodate your child at home for the extra time in the morning, please let me know as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements.

This academic year has seen significant changes within the Trust, and its success is a testament to the incredible colleagues I work alongside - many of whom have stepped into leadership roles - the unwavering support of our parents, and, of course, our amazing pupils across all three sites. It has truly been a memorable year for all the right reasons.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break!

We look forward to welcoming you back for the summer term.

Kind regards,

Trevor





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Roman Fields Head's message



Hi all,

As the weather is getting warmer, just a few reminders:

Firstly, please ensure that your child's clothing is school appropriate; please feel free to contact me for further detail on this if you are unsure.

Secondly, please discourage your child from bringing their own footballs and rugby balls in to school as they can be distracting during and between lessons.

Thanks so much for your support, Emma :-)





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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 28/03/2025

GOLD - Jaison

SILVER - Grace

BRONZE - Sophia, Chloe

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Ritchie

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - George



Star reader of the week at Roman Fields Academy



28/03/2025

Olivia





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Pupil successes at James Marks Academy



Stars of the week - 28/03/2025

GOLD - Zara

SILVER - Lily

BRONZE - Max.S

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Logan

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Teddy



Stars of the week - 04/04/2025

GOLD - Kayden

SILVER - Emily.B.W

BRONZE - Ollie

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Ben.M

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Rosa





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Pupil successes at Forest House Education Centre



Stars of the week - 28/03/2025



FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Pierre for excellent effort in all subjects
FOREST HOUSE SPIRIT AWARD - Amber for a great start at FHEC





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Dates for the diary

Tuesday 22nd April - INSET DAY.

Wednesday 23rd April - Pupils back to School.

Wednesday 23rd April - Roman Fields Parents evening - 4pm till 6pm

Monday 5th May - Bank holiday -School closed.

Thursday 8th May - GCSE exams begin

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

Wednesday 25th June - GCSE exams end

Wednesday 23rd July - Break for summer holidays

Red Nose Day fun at Roman Fields - Thursday 20th March



The Staff and pupils had so much fun on our Red Nose Day.

Throwing the sponge at Trevor and the mystery cup game were the biggest highlights on the day.

A big thank again for all your wonderful donations . We raised an outstanding £100 for Red Nose Day.





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Lennon AKA Bubba the dragon is awake!

Lennon/ Bubba our school dragon has been asleep (brumation) since November and has finally woken up!

Pupils were excited to be able to bathe and cuddle her again!

She is in the careers room with Debra and Jan enjoying runs around the floor and visitors are always welcome!





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James Marks Academy - Melissa's fundraiser for British Heart Foundation

On Sunday 15th June I will be taking part in The London to Brighton bike ride and raising money for The British Heart Foundation. It is a 54 mile cycle ride from Clapham Common to Brighton beach front, although 86 km sounds better!!



The British Heart Foundation has helped halve the number of people dying from heart and circulatory disease in the UK but sadly every day hundreds of people lose their lives. The British Heart Foundation relies on donations to fund their amazing work, just £24 could pay for two hours research.

If you would like to support The British Heart Foundation I would be very grateful, the link to my fundraising page is below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/melissa-mileham-4>

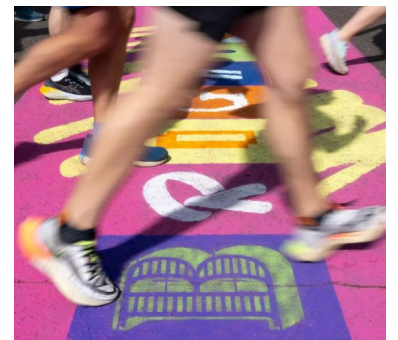
Thank you for your support.

Melissa

Roman Fields Academy - Mandy's fundraiser for Cancer research

Mandy Crow (CFO) is taking part in the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 6th April 2025 running for Cancer Research. This has been a steep training curve from signing up to the C25K in September 2024 to running 26.2 miles! If you wish to donate to this worthy cause and find out why Mandy is doing this, please see the link below:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/rhodeys-revenge-1>





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Transition group at Roman Fields

Our Friday transition group recently enjoyed kite flying at the Dunstable Downs and a trip to St Albans park and the historic site featuring a Roman-era floor mosaic and an ancient heating system. These trips out, which include college visits, are to build pupils' social and team building skills and get them used to life beyond Roman Fields

On the final Friday of term we have the Job Centre Plus team coming in to work with the Year 11 pupils on what jobs of the future may look like, what skills are needed to be successful in work, how a CV is formatted and some practice interviews.

As usual, if you have any questions about careers and transition, please speak to Debra or Jan.





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Careers visit by Paul from Tesco to Roman Fields

Paul Grogan is our Enterprise Adviser from Tesco, based in the Early Careers Team in the head office in Welwyn and regularly pops into school to see pupils, as well as hosting visits there.

We have to speak to all pupils about apprenticeship programmes and he spoke to the Year 9s, some 10s and Year 11s about what these programmes generally entail - and a specific retail one which Tesco offers Post-16 which requires no GCSEs and has a starting salary of £22,501 - see link below for full details.

Pupils also participated in the banana game which tracks bananas from the Caribbean to store, to enable pupils to learn about the breadth of jobs which are typically in the supply chain, as well as skills which employers seek in all roles.

<https://www.tesco.com/careers/en-GB/our-teams/early-careers/ap-prenticeships>





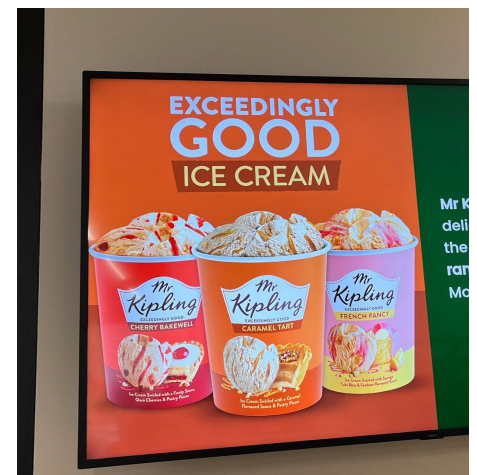
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Careers trip at Roman Fields

As part of neurodiversity celebration week, on Friday 21st March, a group of Year 11 pupils visited Premier Foods at their head office in St Albans. Premier Foods has many brands which you may recognise: Angel Delight, Mr Kipling, Ambrosia and Bisto, to name just a handful. We were shown around their offices which are modern and bright and has rooms named after their brands. This was followed by presentations from their Strategic Ingredients Manager, the PA to the HR Director and finally the Commercial Planning and Execution Director. Then followed a cooking demonstration in the development kitchen where we all tucked into tasty chicken burgers in ramen noodle buns! Pupils left knowing more about how a plc business and a head office operates, what routes to employment exist and what qualities employers look for.





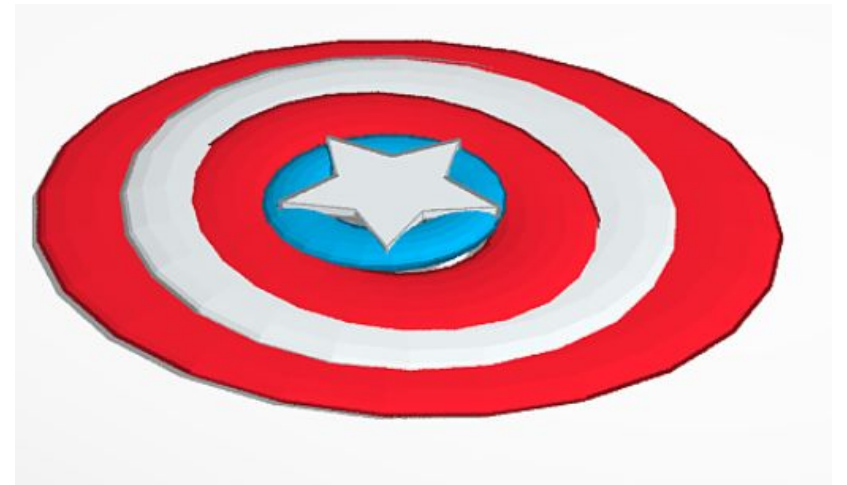
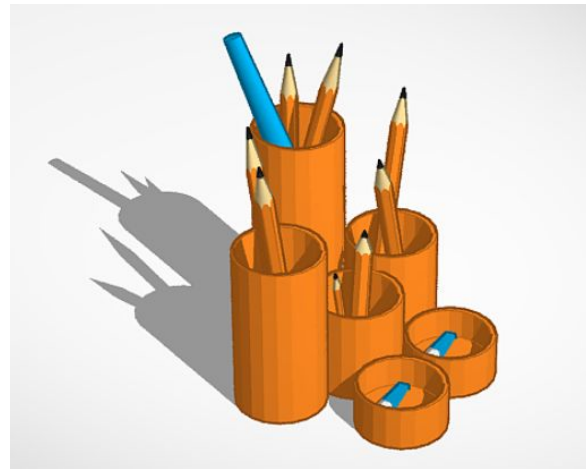
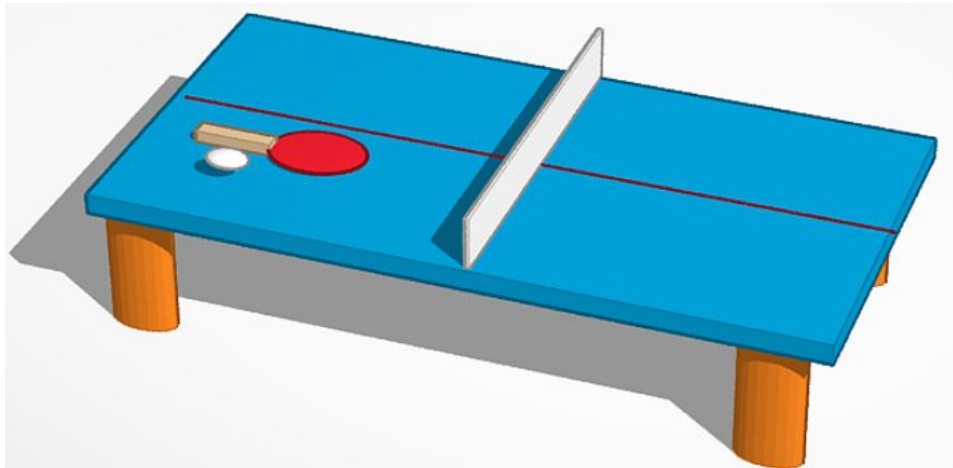
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James Marks Academy Year 7 - ICT lessons

Year 7 has been learning to create 3D models using CAD software in ICT. Examples attached.





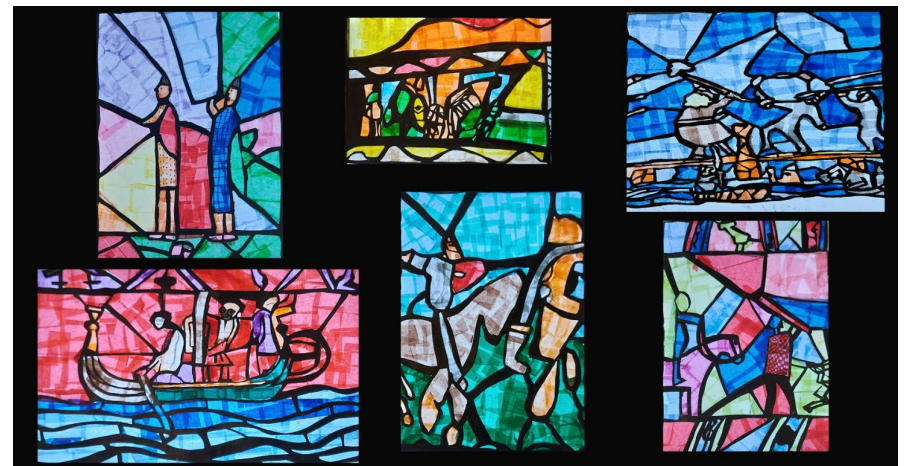
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James Marks Academy Year 7 - Art work

Year 7 Art have been exploring the theme of The Bayeux Tapestry, creating a favourite section in the style of stained glass, using precision cutting skills and tissue paper lamination.



James Marks Academy Year 9 - Art work

This term, Year 9 students have been exploring the medium of cardboard, using a range of different raised and sunken relief methods. We also explored how to use different acrylic painting techniques to add decoration and bring these pieces to life.





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Potential kids activities

Please see potential leaflet attached for the Easter fun activities.

If you would like further details then please contact Emma Boulton -

Email:

emma@potentialkids.org

Address: [Potential Kids, The Galleria Outlet Centre, Comet Way, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 0XR](#)

EASTER FUN

🐣 TUE 8 APRIL: **EASTER EGG HUNT, COOKING & CRAFTS** AT COMMUNITY & LEARNING GARDEN (AGES 4+) - £6
TIME: 10.00-11.00AM & 11.30-12:30PM

🌳 THU 10 APRIL: **GO WILD FOREST SESSION** AT HUDNELL PARK (AGES 10-14) - £10
TIME: 13:00-15:00PM

🤸 FRI 10 APRIL: **TRAMPOLINING** AT GOSLING (AGES 5+) - £6
TIME: 18:30-19:30PM

🐎 MON 14 APRIL: **PONY DAY** AT DANECROFT STABLES (AGES 6-11) - £25
TIME: 10:00-12:00PM & 13:00-15:00PM

🍩 TUE 8 & 15 APRIL: **DONUTS** AT GOSLING (AGES 8+ OR 6 IF ACCOMPANIED ON SLOPES) - £6
TIME: 14:00-15:00PM

🥷 WED 16 APRIL: **NINJA WARRIOR** WATFORD (AGES 8+) - £13.50
TIME: 19:00-20:00

🎈 THU 17 APRIL: **INFLATABLE ZONE** AT HATFIELD LEISURE CENTRE (AGES 8+) - £8.95
TIME: 17:00-18:00PM

POTENTIAL KIDS

BOOKINGS:

potentialkids.org/events
Further event details can be found on our website



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