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Friday 2nd May 2025

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## Roman Fields Head's message



Hi everyone,

I hope that you are enjoying the warm weather and that you are looking forward to the long weekend; pupils return to school as usual on Tuesday.

Thank you to the parents who attended our parents' support group last night - please look out for upcoming dates as we would love to see you all there.

Our Art exam has been underway this week; big thanks to the staff involved and well done to all of the pupils (both in the exam and the ones who have supported by being quiet around the site) who have all been excellent! Please let staff know if there is anything we can do to support you or your children and we continue with the exam season.

Emma :-)





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## James Marks Deputy Head's message



Welcome back. The first two weeks of the new term have flown by and it has been great to see the pupils in school. I'm sure the warm weather has helped and the majority of pupils can be found outside at break and lunch on the field, or just soaking up the sunshine.

We have entered the time of the year where pupils who are going to join the school are starting their initial visits. We know that this means there will be more people in the school but it is a necessary part of our integration programme. You will remember that we took the same approach when your young person joined the school. Our pupils have been very supportive of the new families and we have received very positive and complimentary feedback.

A big thanks to the Y9 parents and pupils who have given us their initial thoughts about their GCSE options. We are now looking at which subjects are viable for next year and will discuss this with pupils and families individually.

Finally, our oldest pupils will be starting their A-level examinations in two weeks, which means we will be asking the other pupils to move around the far end of the school quietly, so it will cause minimal disruption to the rest of the pupils. I would take this opportunity to wish these pupils the best of luck over the coming weeks!





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## Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



### Stars of the week - 02/05/2025

**GOLD** - Joel

**SILVER** - Dylan

**BRONZE** - George, Ollie

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

**ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD** - Freddie





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## Pupil successes at James Marks Academy



### Stars of the week - 25/04/2025

**GOLD** - Alfie

**SILVER** - Rosa

**BRONZE** - Caley

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

**JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD** - Emily.T



### Stars of the week - 02/05/2025

**GOLD** - George

**SILVER** - Lewi

**BRONZE** - Joshua. A

**100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK** - Josh. G

**JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD** - Myles





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## Pupil successes at Forest House Education Centre



### Stars of the week - 02/05/2025

**FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Ted**  
**FOREST HOUSE ATTENDANCE AWARD - Lillie**





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## Dates for the diary

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.

Term dates for 2025/2026 will be communicated soon.



## 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 at Roman Fields Academy



**02/05/2025**

**Dylan, Lailie**





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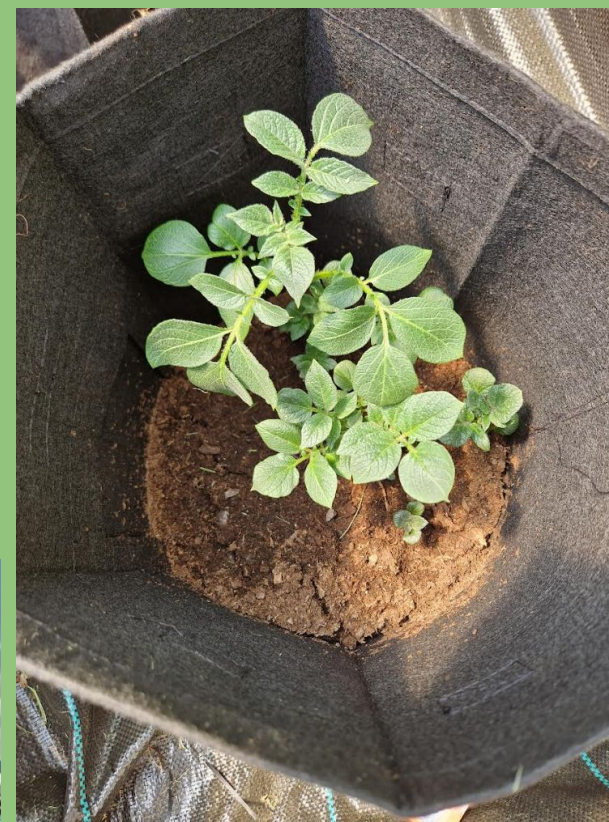
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## James Marks Academy - Horticulture lessons

These are pictures of peas the year 7 and year 8s grew from seed. We chitted potatoes and there's a picture of one of the potato plants. For one of the first projects we put in some raised beds and grown some herbs. Our garlic we have grown is pictured in the far raised beds.

Last Autumn the pupils planted cloves and our bulbs are almost ready to harvest now. Our strawberry plants have started to flower and we are looking forward to picking the fruit in the summer.





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## Roman Fields Macbeth trip



On Tuesday 1st April, a group of Year 11 Literature students attended a showing of Revision on Tour: Macbeth at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre.

Students enjoyed watching an abridged version of the play; an ensemble of 6 actors were able to create a cauldron of characters. It was humorous, fun and the characters recited all of the key quotes in preparation for the forthcoming exam. The infamous Porter, acting as narrator, made us laugh when he mentioned that his part was to provide a comic interlude, then turned to an unsuspecting student in the audience and told them to stick that in their essay!





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## Forest House - cooking lessons

Forest House Pupils and Cara baked some yummy cakes for when the parents came in for the Easter end of term celebrations . Well done to all of you they look delicious.

English	Lillie
Maths	Pierre
Science	Ted
Progress	Poppy



Forest House Trophy winners - April 2025





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## Roman Fields end of term awards - Friday 4th April

A beautiful sunny day at the end of term celebrations. A big thank you to all the loved ones who joined us it was great to see you all. Hope you all got to relax over the easter break.



Our lovely Science teacher Dinah celebrated her 80th Birthday , she has been teaching for over 57 years, she has been teaching at Roman Fields since we opened in 2010. Happy birthday Dinah we hope you had the best day Celebrating with your family.



Art	Ollie
Cookery	Leo
Creative Arts	Chloe
Drama & Media	Ash
English	Lili
History/Geography	Thomas
ICT/Business	Natan
Life Skills	Cara
Maths	Holly
PSHEE	Matthew
Science	Himi
Sport	Lailie
Technology	Olivia
Work Experience	Emilia
Contribution to School Life	Jake W.B
Positivity	Robbie
James Marks Award	Josie

Roman Fields Trophy winners -

April 2025



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## Roman Fields - textiles classes and lunchtime textiles club



It has been a very exciting time in textiles! I am extremely proud of the effort and enthusiasm that the pupils engage in textiles with, they have produced some amazing items! Through year 11 textiles lessons, we have been supporting the A02 section of their ART GCSE, allowing the pupils to experiment with different fabrics and methods.

Textiles has also been supporting with the HPQ qualifications and in house awards.



We have a few cross curricular projects e.g season bunting for the garden.



I am delighted that we have started some CREST awards for textiles too... incredible pyjama bottoms completed with an embroidered top to follow.





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## Roman Fields - textiles classes and lunchtime textiles club

There are many other examples of the vast array of talent we have including scrunchies, pouches with zips, pillows, toys, makeup bags, a reversible book cover, an ear bonnet for a horse and neck rests for the aeroplane or taxi home!





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## Roman Fields - Careers trip to Tesco Jarman Park - Hemel Hempstead

Original Glazed Krispy Kreme donuts are now in the Tesco Meal Deal along with a Costa Coffee! Clubcard deals like this encourage people to visit stores and spend money on other items, which is what Tesco wants!



During our visit to Tesco at Jarman Park, last Friday, our Year 11 pupils also learnt about the home shopping and delivery offer and how the logistics of it work. They were spoken to by some staff members about other aspects of the business including how much a typical store manager could earn: £80,000 - £100,000 pa. This store also has a large clothing offer(F&F) as well as which an aisle which sells children's toys from The Entertainer. This visit was hosted by Paul, our Enterprise Adviser, who regularly meets our pupils.



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## Potential kids activities

Please see leaflet attached for Potential Kids May Programme.

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

Email:

[emma@potentialkids.org](mailto:emma@potentialkids.org)

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

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### MAY 2025 ACTIVITIES SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

Date	Sessions	Time
1st Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
2nd Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
2nd Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-2.00
3rd Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
8th Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
9th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
9th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
9th Fri	Youth Group 16 + yrs	18.30-20.30
10th Sat	Soft Archery 8+ Birchwood leisure centre	16.00-17.00
15th Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
15th Thur	Trampolining 5 + yrs	17.20-18.30
16th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
16th Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
16th Fri	Youth Group 10-15yrs	18.00-19.30
17th Sat	Basketball 8+ Birchwood Leisre Centre	16.00-17.00
20th Tue	Roller Skating Roller City WGC	18.00-19.00
22nd Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
23rd Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
23rd Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
24th Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00

## POTENTIAL KIDS

BOOKINGS at [potentialkids.org.uk/events](http://potentialkids.org.uk/events)



Therapeutic Gardening 1:1 & Group Sessions. Volunteers Needed



Pony Days

**OUR OFFER**  
Sports & Social Activities  
Tutoring  
Mentoring  
Therapies  
1:1 & Group Work  
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## Dacorum DSPL8 - Delivering Special Provision Locally

Bounce Forward are running a 4 session course for parents of Dacorum called Navigating Transitions. This course explores how to support children and young people to face change and uncertainty with mental resilience. Activities are provided to use at home to encourage a growth mindset.

Here is a link for more information:

[Navigating Transitions Dacorum - Bounce Forward](#)

To register onto the course please click this link:

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

## NAVIGATING TRANSITIONS

By Bounce Forward,  
in partnership with  
DSPL8



Four, 60-minute online sessions  
Starting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025  
20:00-21:00  
All sessions will be recorded

[SIGN-UP HERE](#)

Navigating Transitions is built on our unique approach to develop psychological fitness (mental resilience and emotional wellbeing), using a series of high quality activities that support children through times of change or uncertainty.



### Areas covered include:

- Building skills and knowledge of calm and focused strategies
- Explore the 'good' side of moving on
- Recognise the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Practise reframing unhelpful negative thoughts about change and transition
- Explore the difference between optimism and pessimism
- Practise expressing gratitude
- Developing resilience to cope well with transition and in life in the future



Free for parents, with thanks  
to DSPL8 Dacorum

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## Community action Dacorum -

### Adult carers aged between 18-24.



A new free initiative for Young Adult Carers Aged between 18 - 24 years in the Dacorum area.

The Future Ready employability programme aims to provide bespoke mentoring and coaching to support the development of the young person in upskilling to become work ready.

For further information please contact -

Paula Geere (Future ready project officer)

Workdays: Tues,Weds,Thurs

01442 253 935 (switchboard)

01442 617 680 (direct)

## YOUNG ADULT CARER ARE YOU WORK READY?

Join our "Future Ready" programme to develop your personal journey to employment  
A bespoke mentoring and training opportunity

- Employability**  
*Prepare for job applications*
  - CV's - A fresh approach
  - Jargon Busting
  - Interview Confidence
- Upskilling**  
*Knowledge update*
  - Training Opportunities
  - Creative Learning
  - Goal Setting
- Your Wellbeing**  
*Let us look after you*
  - Feel good activities
  - Fun activities
  - Time for you
- Volunteering & Work Experience**  
*Real work place experiences*
  - Identify relevant opportunities
  - Help with application process
  - Make it happen
- Entrepreneur Skills**  
*Be your own boss*
  - Be inspired to work for yourself
  - Put your ideas into action
  - Meet local business owners
- Trips & Visits**  
*Explore new opportunities*
  - Insight into businesses
  - Explore businesses in the area
  - Join networking events

For further information contact: [Paula@communityactiondacorum.org.uk](mailto:Paula@communityactiondacorum.org.uk)  
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## Family lives Summer Programme

Family Lives are delivering 4 online parenting groups and 2 online workshops (via MS Teams), funded by Herts County Council in the Summer term for targeted parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

For further information you can email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or call them on 0204 522 8700 or 0204 522 8701.

## Family Lives Summer Term Programme 2025



### Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 15 May to 26 June 9.30am - 11.30am

If your child has ADHD/ASD, or you think they might, join our online 6-week group where you will receive support from other parents and gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school.

### Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Wednesday 4 June to 9 July 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? Maybe you have an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support. Join our free 6-week online group to learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

### Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Friday 6 June to 11 July, 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Are you tired of losing your cool and want a calmer house? Join our free online 6-week group to learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.

### Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 10 June to 15 July 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Do you feel everything ends in an argument and you are constantly trying to keep the peace? Join our free online 6-week group to help improve family communication, reduce the reactions which lead to arguments and create a culture of teamwork in your family.

### Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Date TBC

A workshop that helps parents understand ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

### Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Date TBC

A workshop that explores different types of conflict between couples and families.

For more information, please contact Louise or Lesley on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk). Please scan our QR code for our referral form.



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