



James Marks Academy Trust

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Friday 16th May 2025

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Executive Head's message - part 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the time of writing the exams have started in earnest with A levels at the JMA and GCSEs at RF and FHEC. I have to say I have been genuinely impressed by the approach of all concerned. The pupils sitting the exams have been highly motivated, the pupils awaiting their turn (subsequent years) have been respectful and quiet, and my colleagues have been doing all they can to facilitate the complex needs of our respective cohorts. It therefore only remains for me to thank parents who have adapted without complaint when we have needed you too- it is hugely appreciated.

We marked VE day within the Trust provisions thanks to the efforts of our well-being committee, who decided we should collaboratively have a shared enjoyable experience, whilst learning from history and the sacrifices of others.





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Executive Head's Message - part 2

Can I take the opportunity to remind parents that half term is just one week away! During half term a number of colleagues have taken the option to offer classes during the break to pupils who will sit exams on their return. I want to thank colleagues for making the offer, I am exceptionally grateful. The fact that teachers are freely prepared to give up their time to support their groups is very commendable. I would add however that whilst the take up has been strong when it comes to the RF pupils (probably because so many came in over the Easter and enjoyed the experience) FHEC pupils are yet to take us up on the offer. I am therefore going to take the opportunity to remind FHEC pupils and parents that these sessions are open to all Trust pupils.

It looks like we are in for a beautiful weekend, enjoy time with family and friends,

kind regards Trevor





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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 09/05/2025

GOLD - Lailie

SILVER - Cara

BRONZE - Harrison, Ash

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Holly

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Timothy



Stars of the week - 16/05/2025

GOLD - Freddie

SILVER - Thomas

BRONZE - Matthew, Alana

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Holly

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Robbie





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Pupil successes at James Marks Academy



Stars of the week - 09/05/2025

GOLD - Ava

SILVER - Logan

BRONZE - Ollie

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Skye

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Vi



Stars of the week - 16/05/2025

GOLD - Finley. K

SILVER - Isabella

BRONZE - Mason

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Harry

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Max. L





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Pupil successes at Forest House Education Centre



Stars of the week - 09/05/2025

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Charlie
FOREST HOUSE ATTENDANCE AWARD - Serena



Stars of the week - 16/05/2025

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Serena for continued engagement and attendance
FOREST HOUSE SPIRIT AWARD - Daisy for excellent performance under pressure during exams





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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.

Year 11 leavers from Roman Fields and Forest House please look out for an email regarding leavers trips, any questions please contact the office.



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



09/05/2025

Timothy





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James Marks Academy - Photography lessons

Student has been developing their own photographs using the technique of colour popping, using Photoshop.



James Marks Academy - Art lessons



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.





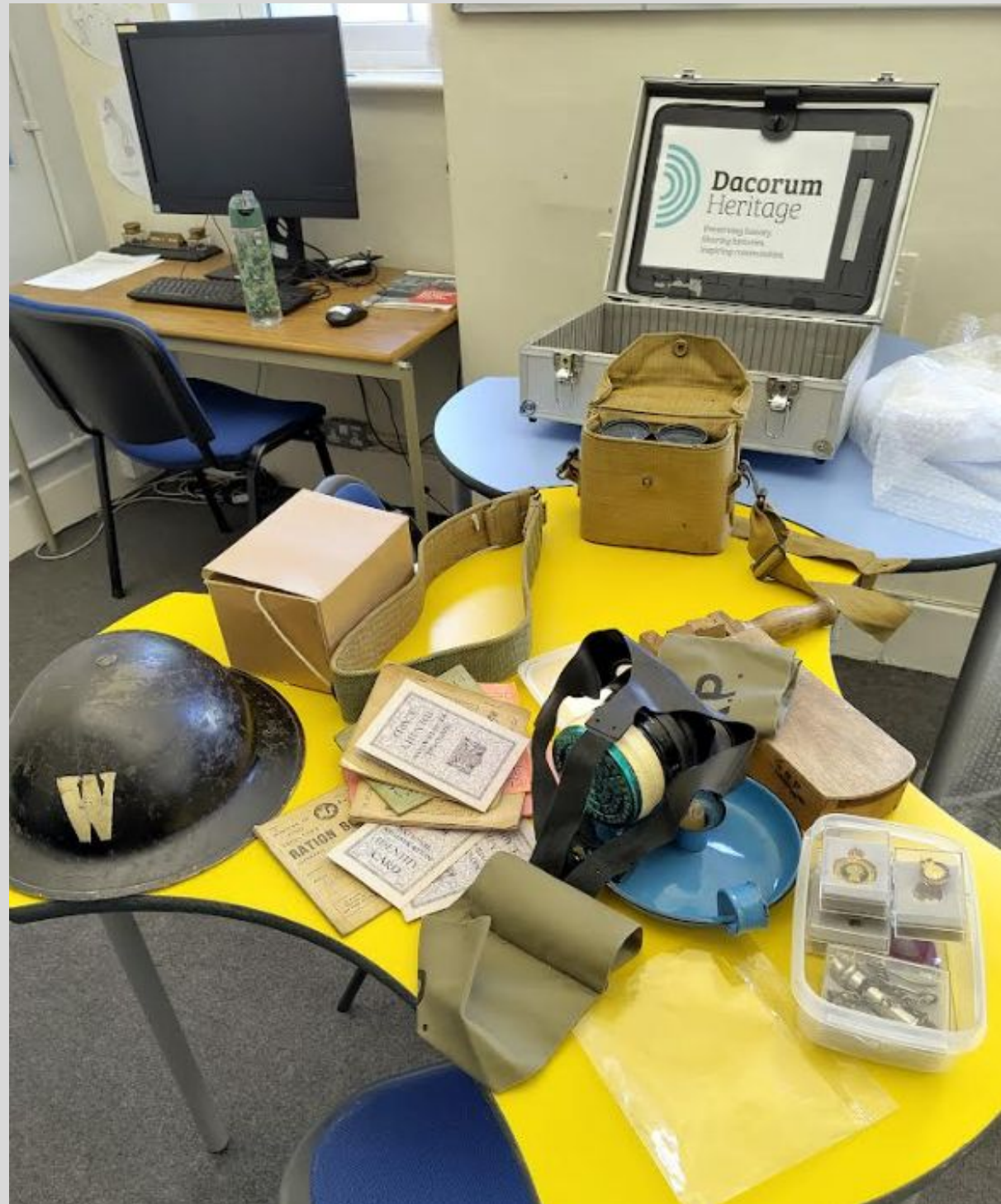
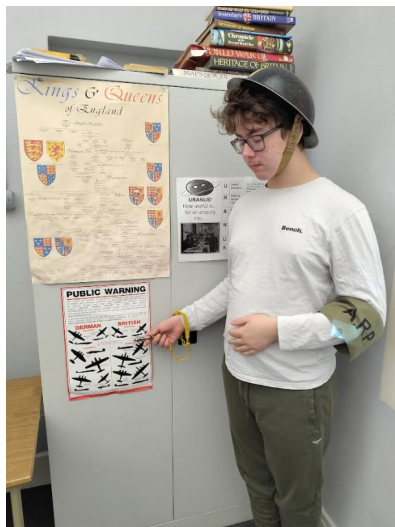
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Roman Fields and James Marks Academy - WWII artefacts

As part of the focus on our VE day celebrations, William our History teacher borrowed from Dacorum Heritage Trust a range WWII artefacts. For those students who didn't get to handle and explore the items in William's history lessons, William very kindly put them out on display at lunch time at Roman Fields and James Marks academy.





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Roman Fields - VE day celebrations

Pupils and staff enjoyed a traditional VE lunch with cream tea and sausage rolls while watching the memorial events.



Roman Fields - VE day Boxmoor memorial service

On 8th May the Roman Fields Year 10 historians attended the VE Day 80th anniversary service at Boxmoor War Memorial. The ceremony, led by the vicar of St Johns Church, involved the local branch of the British Legion and was attended by The Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, the Mayor of Dacorum, representatives from RAF Halton, local representatives of the Borough of Dacorum and other local public services. The Roman Fields students were appropriately respectful, and after the service some engaged in discussion with members of the British Legion and local Councillors. We discussed all the names on the memorial, identifying multiple surnames suggesting some families lost more than one member. We compared the scale of losses in the two World Wars and they noticed the addition of local men killed in more recent conflicts. Having studied the rise of Hitler and WWII and recently embarked on studying the Cold War, it was an ideal opportunity to consider the real human impact of historical events.



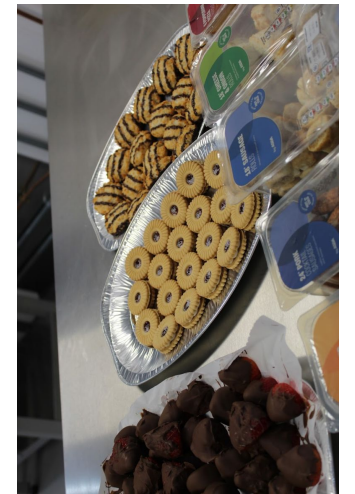
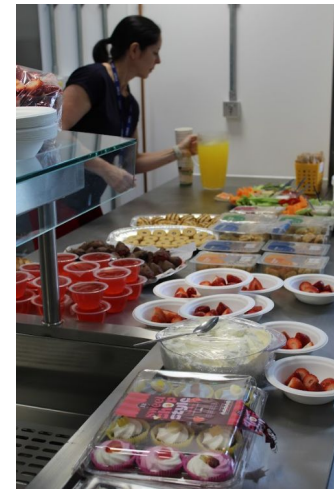


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James Marks Academy - VE day celebrations



VE Day was commemorated at the JMA amidst a thoroughly patriotic mixture of whipped cream, scones, strawberries, and trying to get a PA system to work properly. Once technical gremlins had been banished, Steve Robins provided an informative and poignant presentation about the end of the Second World War and how VE Day itself has been celebrated throughout the years.



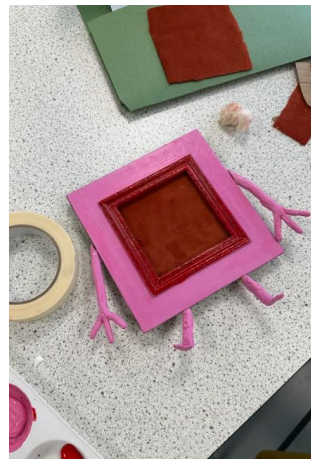
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James Marks Academy - upcycling lessons

In our upcycling class last term, the students were working on an individual frame project. Each student brought a frame from home and planned their own unique transformation. Some refreshed their frame with a new coat of paint, while others reimagined them into something new!



James Marks Academy - Arts lesson

Beautiful acrylic painting of a Lynx, demonstrating the use of layering glazes.



James Marks Academy - cooking lessons

The pupils have been making meringues, practising their piping and presentation skills but fun part was checking the meringue by holding the bowl over the top of your head!





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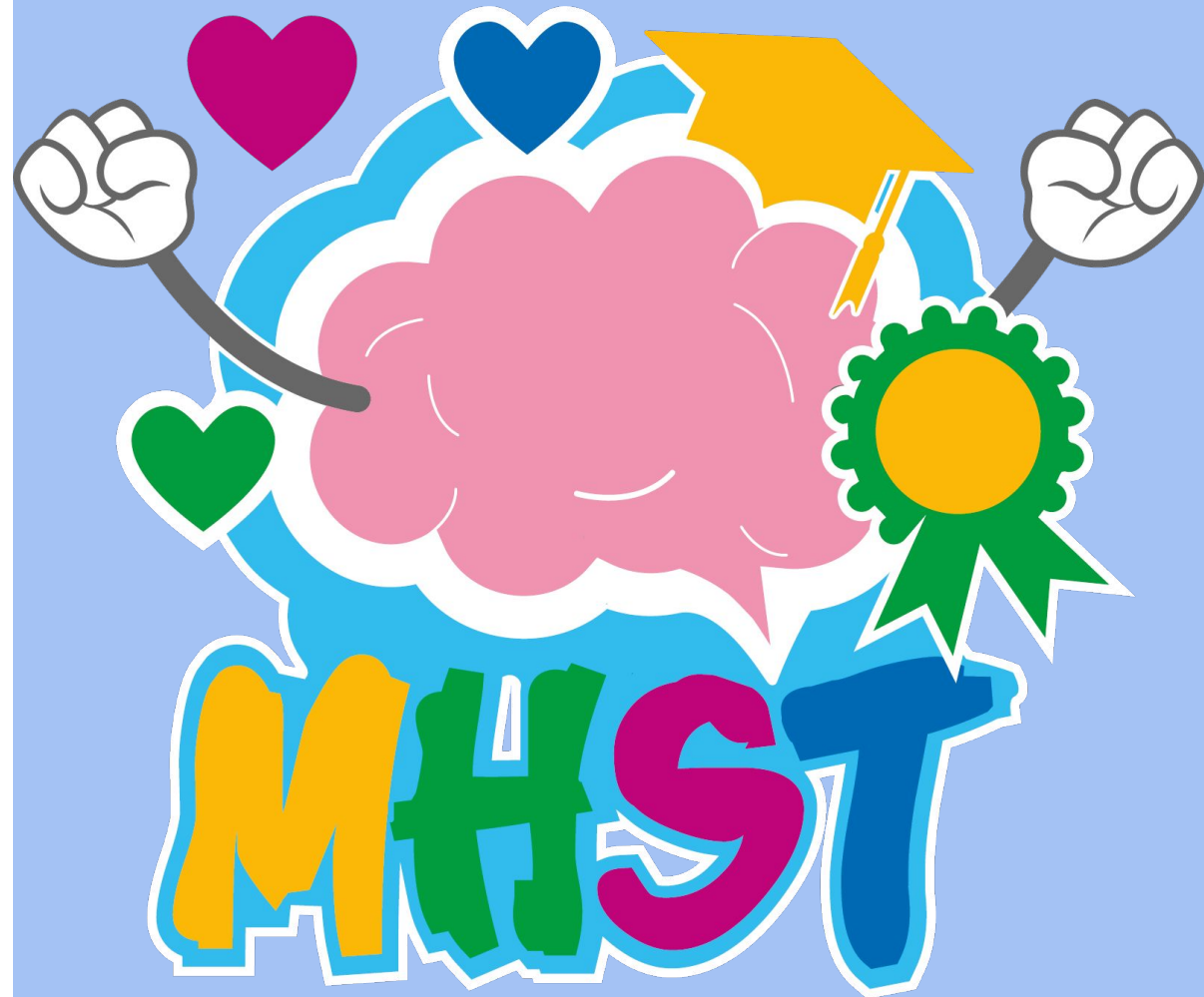
MHST - SEMH transition workshop **for parents**

The SEND mental health support team is delivering a workshop on Wednesday 4th June –14:00 – 15:00 to help parents support their child if the child is struggling with the idea of changing class or starting a new school/college.

Aims of the workshop:

- Opportunity to share with other parents / carers about the upcoming Summer transition.
- To better understand the additional challenges a young person with special educational needs (SEN) and social / emotional needs may experience during periods of transition.
- To share practical strategies & advice to help you support your child making a transition (either to secondary school, or to a new classroom).

Link: [Supporting Transitions for Children at SEMH Secondary Schools Tickets, Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 2:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)



Herts & West Essex
Mental Health Support Teams



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Potential kids activities

Please see leaflet attached for Potential Kids Mays half term Programme.

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](#)

POTENTIAL KIDS SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

HALF-TERM Activities

[BOOK NOW](#) POTENTIALKIDS.ORG.UK/EVENTS

Day	Activity	Date	Time	Age	Cost	Location
Saturday	FAMILY FOOTBALL	24TH	16:00-17:00	AGE 6+ / FREE		BIRCHWOOD LEISURE
Tuesday	COOKING IN THE GARDEN	27TH	10:30 - 12:00 13:00 - 14:30	AGE 4+ £8		POTENTIAL KIDS GARDEN
Wednesday	FUN RINGS	28TH	14:00-15:00	AGE 6+ £6		GOSLING SPORTS CENTRE
Thursday	TRAMPOLINING	29TH	17:20-18:30	AGE 5+ £6.50		GOSLING SPORTS CENTRE
Friday	PONY MORNING	30TH	10:00-12:00	AGE 6-11 £25		DANESCROFT STABLES WELWYN
Friday	INFLATABLES	30TH	17:00-18:00	AGE 8+ £8.95		HATFIELD LEISURE CENTRE

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