



James Marks Academy Trust

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Friday 6th June 2025

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Roman Fields Head's message



I hope you all had a restful half term break. We are now in the final weeks of exams and our pupils continue to make us proud - whether they are taking exams themselves, or supporting their peers who are, by remaining quiet and calm around the site. We are looking forward to the upcoming leavers' trips and leavers' social (more information to follow) and to continuing to support our pupils who are remaining with us. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

With best wishes, Emma :-)





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James Marks Deputy Head's message



We have started the final half-term of the academic year and it seems that only yesterday we moved onto the new site. I know from talking to the pupils that they have been up to all kinds of things over the break. One is still recovering from the jet lag of travelling back from China. What is great to hear, is that some of the pupils are now able to meet others during the holiday and socialise together. Although, it shows my age when they talk to me about meeting up and what they mean is doing this through an online game. I had foolishly believed that this meant face-to-face.

This will be a busy half-term, with some of the new pupils joining us for their transition and the planning of next year's timetable. Our aim is to publish this to the pupils at the beginning of July.

The new timetable will take effect in September.

Our oldest pupils will finish their A-levels in the next two weeks and all of the staff hope that they enjoy the summer and catch up on some well earned rest!





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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 23/05/2025

GOLD - Holly

SILVER - Oscar

BRONZE -Himi, Poppy

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Noah.H

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Cara





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Stars of the week - 23/05/2025

GOLD - Kayden

SILVER - Jack

BRONZE - James

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Jakob

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Phoebe



Stars of the week - 06/06/2025

GOLD - Josh. G

SILVER - Dylan

BRONZE - Max. S

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - James

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Vi





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Dates for the diary

Wednesday 25th June - GCSE exams end

Wednesday 23rd July - Break for summer holidays

Wednesday 3rd September - INSET DAY (staff only)

Thursday 4th September - INSET DAY (staff only)

Friday 5th September - Pupils back to school

Friday 24th October - INSET DAY (staff only)

Monday 27th October till Friday 31st October - Half term

Year 11 leavers from Roman Fields and Forest House please look out for emails to remind you of the dates 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



23/05/2025

Lailie





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2025/2026 Term Dates

Here are the term dates for next academic year for Roman Fields, Forest House and James Marks Academy

SCHOOL YEAR: Wednesday 3rd September 2025 to Thursday 23rd July 2026

Pupil Return on Friday 5th September 2025

AUTUMN TERM 2025		
Inset Day (1):	Wednesday 3 rd September (staff only)	
Inset Day (2):	Thursday 4 th September (staff only)	
Pupils Return:	Friday 5th September 2025	
Inset Day (3):	Friday 24 th October (staff only)	
Half Term:	Monday 27 th October	Friday 31 st October
Occasional Day:	Friday 28 th November	
End of Term:	Friday 19 th December	
SPRING TERM 2026		
Inset Day (4):	Monday 5 th January (staff only)	
Pupils Return:	Tuesday 6th January 2026	
Half Term:	Monday 16 th February	Friday 20 th February
End of Term:	Friday 27 th March	
SUMMER TERM 2025		
Inset Day (5):	Monday 13 th April (staff only)	
Pupils Return:	Tuesday 14th April 2026	
Bank Holiday:	Monday 4 th May	
Half Term:	Monday 25 th May	Friday 29 th May
Last Day for Pupils:	Thursday 23rd July 2026	

If you need any further information, please contact the school office.



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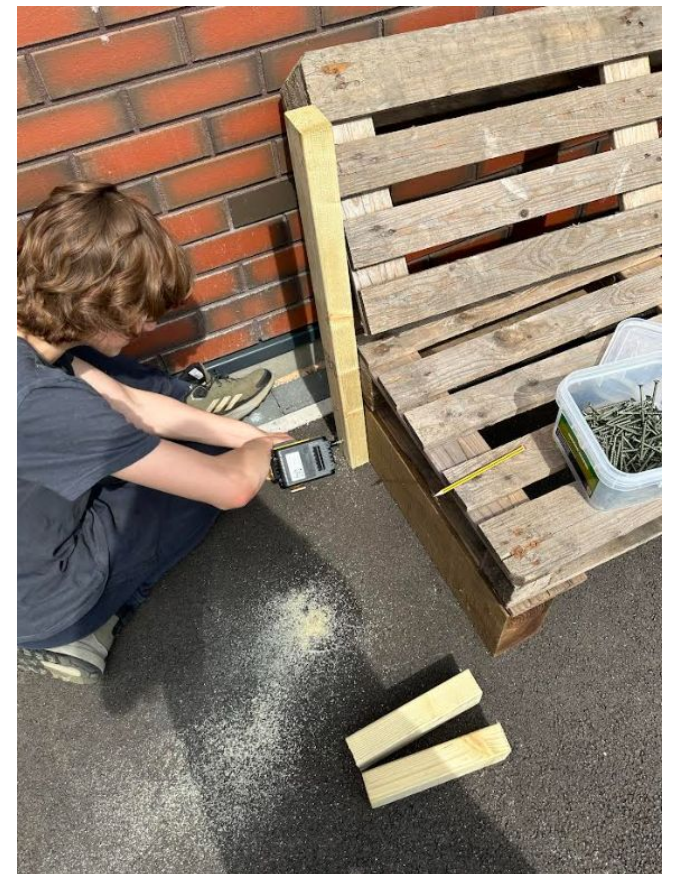
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James Marks Academy - upcycling

Students in the upcycling option have been working hard, turning two old pallets into a sturdy outdoor bench for JMA. From planning and problem-solving to cutting and building, they've made great progress. There's still some sanding and decorating to go - so watch this space for the next update.

A big thank you to our caretaker Rory who has been a great help along the way!





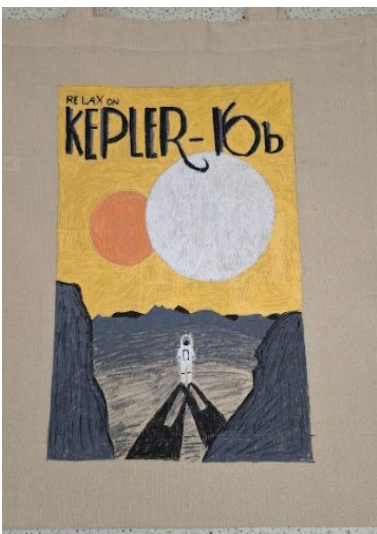
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James Marks Academy - Design lessons

Students researched the Art Nouveau movement and used a four step technique shown below to produce their own Art Nouveau designs for canvas bags. Their finished designs are fabulous.





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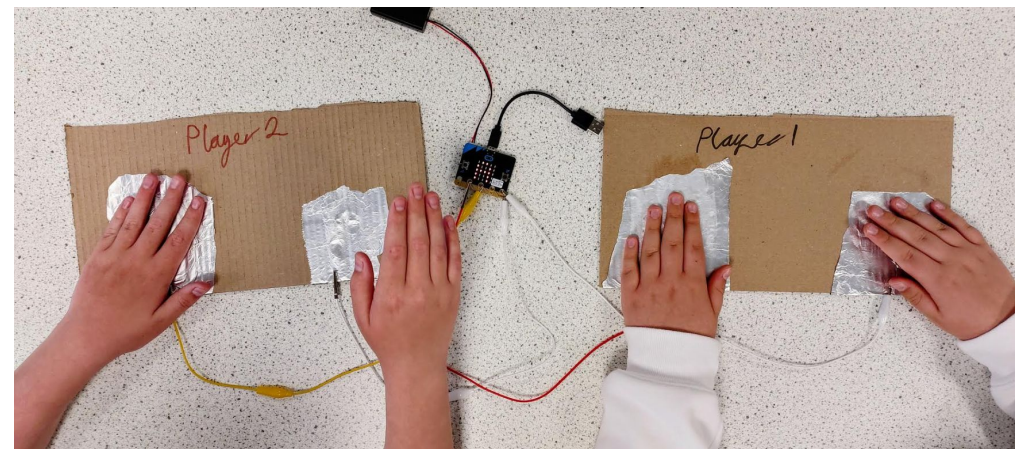
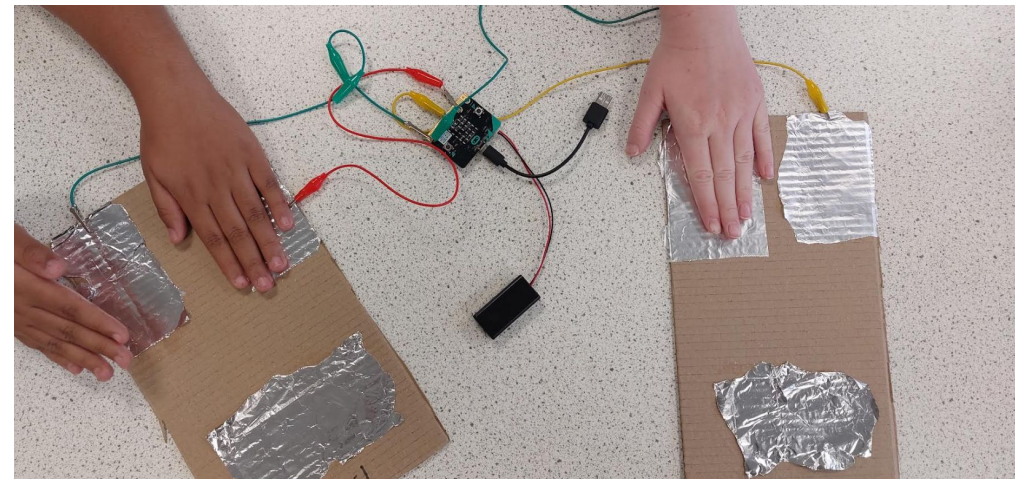
James Marks Academy - Year 8 Art

Year 8 card relief inspired by North West Native American art



James Marks Academy - ICT lessons

Pupils at James Marks have been working with BBC micro bits in programming option. Before half term, they built a reaction time game, making real physical switches they could bash, before their opponents.





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James Marks Academy - Year 12 trip to University of Hertfordshire

Yesterday the JMA Year 12 pupils attended an open day at our local university, based in Hatfield. Our small group was shown around both campuses by a student ambassador and we got to check out various teaching rooms, lecture halls, sports facilities, student accommodation and the students' union - along with many other pupils from schools across London and Hertfordshire. We were given a talk on how the personal statement (which is a key part of the UCAS application process) is changing for entry from September 2026.

University is just one option for pupils when they reach 18; there are also degree apprenticeships as an alternative, deferring tertiary education for a year by having a gap year and taking up an activity such as travelling or volunteering, or going straight into searching for some form of part-time or full-time paid employment.

University remains a popular choice, not least because it offers students the chance to live away from home and embrace new challenges independently whilst studying a subject/s they love. However, it is important for prospective students to understand how student finance works, what the repayment terms are, and whether this enhances employment prospects, as some subjects could lead to very financially lucrative careers where others may have fewer openings or not require a degree.





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The Box moor trust family fun day - Sunday 22nd June

Please see leaflet attached for the Box moor family fun day on Sunday 22nd June from 11am - 4pm.

If you would like further details then please contact -

Email: www.icane.co.uk

Address: The Box Moor Trust, London Road,
HP1 2RE

WINDRUSH WONDERS
Celebrating the Windrush Generation

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 22ND JUNE 2025

Join ICANE Foundation & The Box Moor Trust for an unforgettable day of family fun packed with exciting activities, history, music and food for everyone!

- Arts & Crafts
- Face Painting
- Windrush Quiz
- Music & Steel Pan
- Djembe Drumming
- Food & Drinks
- Writing Awards
- Talks & Displays
- Dominoes & More
- Free Parking

@ The Box Moor Trust, London Road, HP1 2RE
11:00 AM - 16:00 PM

www.icane.co.uk
Registered Charity 1194024

RESERVE TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE



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Abbots Langley Tennis open day - Saturday 7th June

Get Set 4 Tennis are holding a special Open Day at Abbots Langley Tennis Courts on Saturday 7th June.

Please find the flyer attached with full details of the day's activities.

The event is completely free, and they would love to see as many families as possible come along and experience what they do.

Please scan the QR code to book or if you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact Lisa Wildman on -

getset4tennis@gmail.com

Mobile - 07920 101 907

GS4 TENNIS

GET SET 4 TENNIS OPEN DAY

MANOR HOUSE GROUNDS OFF GALLOWS HILL
LANE, ABBOTS LANGLEY
SATURDAY 7TH JUNE 1-3.15pm
07920 101907

**FREE SESSIONS -
OPEN TO ALL NEW
PLAYERS!**

- 1-1.45PM Junior Tennis (3-9)
- 1.45-2.30PM Junior Tennis (10-16)
- 1.45-2.30PM Adult Tennis (17+)
- 2.30-3.15PM SEND family session

BOOK NOW





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Potential kids activities - June 2025

Please see leaflet attached for Potential Kids June 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](#)

JUNE 2025 ACTIVITIES SESSIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE AND SIBLINGS

Date		Sessions	Time
5th	Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
6th	Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
6th	Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-2.00
7th	Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
12th	Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
13th	Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
13th	Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
13th	Fri	Youth Group 16 + yrs	18.30-20.30
14th	Sat	Basketball 8+ Birchwood Leisre Centre	16.00-17.00
17th	Tue	Roller Skating Roller City WGC	18.00-19.30
19th	Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
19th	Thur	Trampolining 5 + yrs	17.20-18.30
20th	Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
20th	Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
20th	Fri	Youth Group 10-15yrs	18.00-19.30
20th	Fri	Skateboarding Pioneer Club Age 9+yrs	17.30-18.30
21st	Sat	Free Family Football Drop-In Birchwood	16.00-17.00
26th	Thur	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed 4 + yrs	10.30-12.00
27th	Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
27th	Fri	Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8 + yrs	12.30-14.00
28th	Sat	Potential Tracks Train Train Club 12 + yrs	12.00-14.00
28th	Sat	Soft Archery 8+ Birchwood leisure centre	16.00-17.00

POTENTIAL KIDS

BOOKINGS at
potentialkids.org.uk/events



Therapeutic Gardening
1:1 & Group Sessions.
Volunteers Needed



Pony Days



Visit us here



OUR OFFER

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- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Therapies
- 1:1 & Group Work
- Alternative Provision Provider
- EOTAS

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Learning & Social
Support for All



For further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services please email us at info@potentialkids.org

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