



James Marks Academy Trust

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Friday 20th June 2025

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Executive Head's message

As I write this the sun is shining and colleagues are putting together the final touches to try and ensure our Year 11 Leavers have a memorable 'prom' tonight. This will be a first for the Trust, simply because we have never had the numbers in previous years for it to be a viable option. Long may it continue, it is such an important 'rite of passage' which will allow our pupils to enjoy time with their friends and reflect on how far they have come before they go their separate ways. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the plethora of colleagues who have supported with the planning, and are in attendance tonight.

On the subject of thanks- we have genuinely had the best exams season ever with very few hiccups. Colleagues, parents and ALL pupils have played their part in this regardless of whether they sat exams or not. We saw all Trust stakeholders at their very best- supportive, encouraging, hardworking and willing- my thanks to everyone for the part they have played in the success our youngsters will enjoy in the summer when they get their results.

I hope you all have a great weekend. Those who love tropical climates are in for a rare treat.

Kind regards Trevor



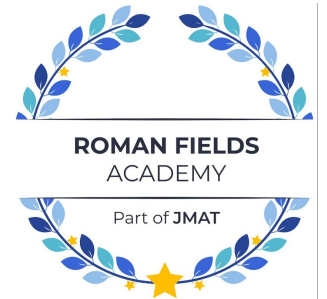


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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 13/06/2025

GOLD - Mason

SILVER - Timothy

BRONZE - Grace, Leo

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Gabriel

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Joe, Grace



Stars of the week - 20/06/2025

GOLD - Gabriel

SILVER - Lili

BRONZE - Leo, Flo, Olivia

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Leo





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Stars of the week - 13/06/2025

GOLD - Owen

SILVER - Harper

BRONZE - Ollie

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Jacob. W

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Max. L



Stars of the week - 20/06/2025

GOLD - Kayden

SILVER - Ben. M

BRONZE - Joshua. A

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - George

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Mason





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Pupil successes at Forest House Education Centre



Stars of the week - 06/06/2025

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Well done to Charlie and Ellie for great efforts in their exams.

FOREST HOUSE ATTENDANCE AWARD - Amber





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Dates for the diary

Wednesday 23rd July - Roman Fields end of term celebrations, parents please arrive at 12.30pm.

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



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



13/06/2025

Brody, Jaison, Cara

20/06/2025

Joel





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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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James Marks Academy - Swimming lessons

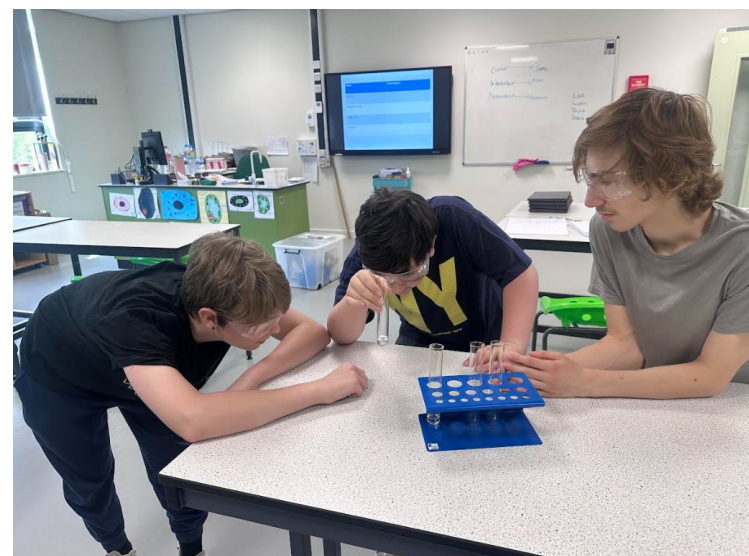
This term, one of the option choices is Swimming at the Nuffield in St Albans. The first group are able to swim, so the focus is on stroke technique, aquatic skills and also to have fun!

Well done to them all on their first lesson, we have some strong swimmers at JMA!



James Marks Academy - Science lessons

Year 8 have been looking at how metals react with acids. They reacted copper, magnesium, iron and zinc with 1M hydrochloric acid. The aim of the investigation was to determine the order of reactivity of the metals and to construct word and symbol equations for the reactions. The group correctly ordered the metals, and were able to discuss how surface area can impact the speed of reaction. They then were able to test for one of the products using the 'squeaky pop' test. This is the test for hydrogen gas.





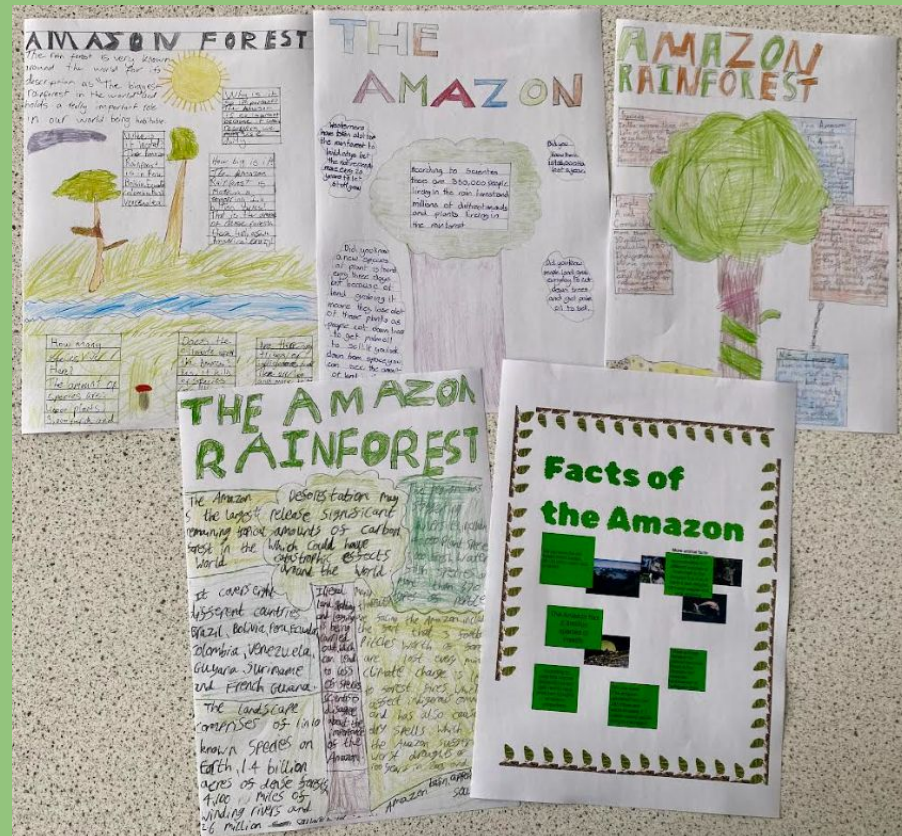
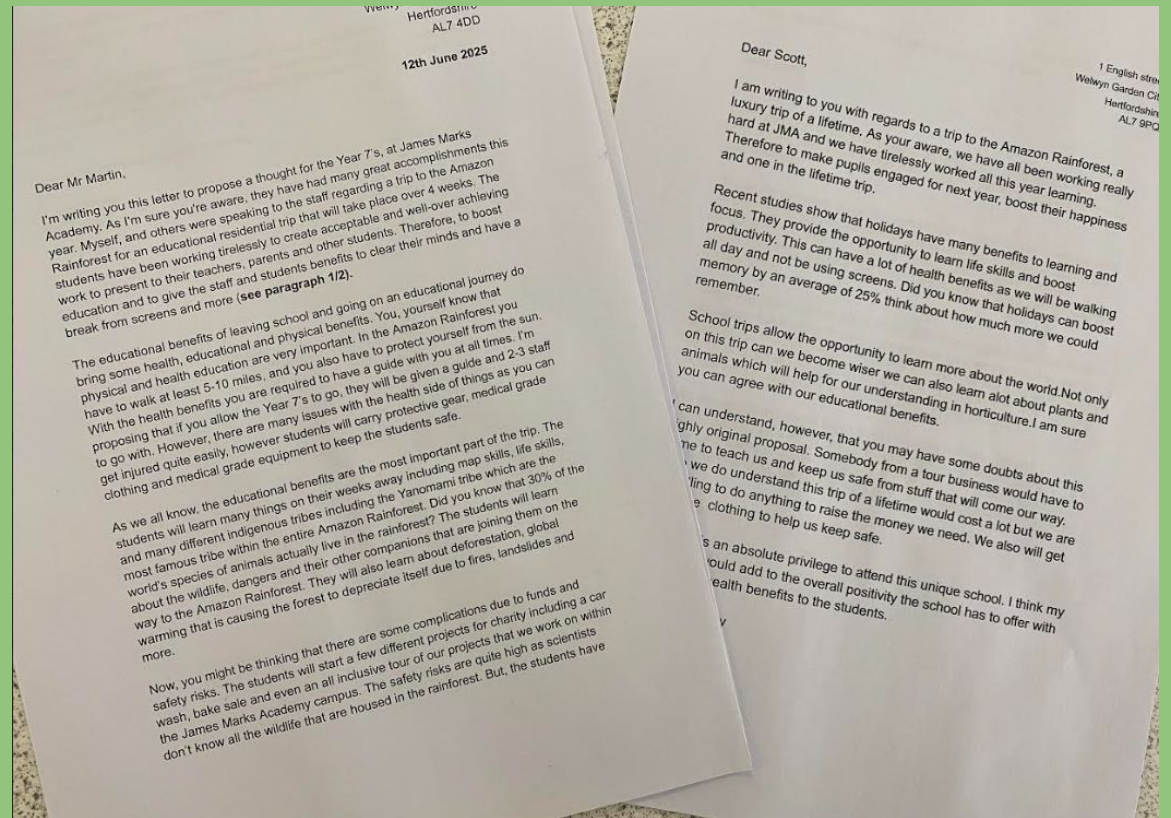
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James Marks Academy - Year 7 English Lessons

Year 7 are working on a non-fiction writing project and experimenting with different writing types. Last week they worked on research skills to produce informative texts and this week they used persuasive writing techniques to write letters to Scott, persuading him to allow them four weeks out of school to allow them to go on a (fictional) trip to the Amazon rainforest. There were some really well-reasoned and professional letters produced!





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UCAS discovery day - Tuesday 17th June

What courses do you offer? Which societies are popular? How many students live on campus? These are just some of the questions which our Year 12 pupils asked at the UCAS Discovery Day at the University of Bedfordshire earlier this week.

Over 100 universities had stands there with some 12,000 Year 12 pupils from all over Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, and further afield, visiting over a two day period. There was a field with food stalls and live music giving it a mini-festival feel!

Our pupils could listen to subject specific talks and learn more about student finance and personal statements. It was great to see them being independent and taking responsibility for their futures in such a busy, noisy and hot environment.

There are other options to university post-18, including degree apprenticeships (which are applied for as any job is), but university remains a popular choice with over one third of 18 year olds heading there.





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James Marks Academy - Horticultural lessons

Over the last few weeks the Y7's and Y8's have been to visit a local garden centre. Each group was given a budget and planned what they wanted to buy. One group decided that they wanted to brighten up the entrance of the school to make a welcoming look for the new families coming to visit. They worked together to buy some shrubs and bedding plants to create troughs and a beautiful display in the flower bed.





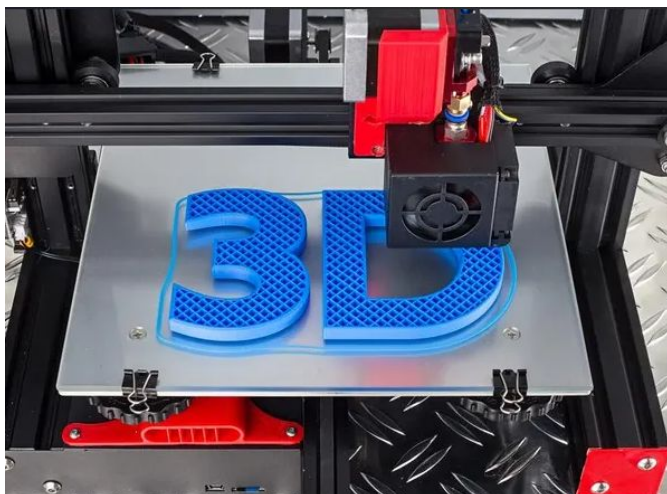
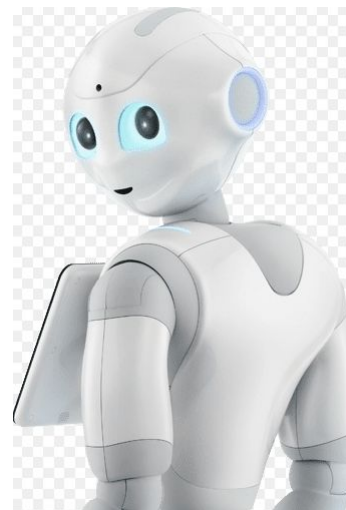
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James Marks Academy - University of Hertfordshire Technology Day

Staff from the University of Hertfordshire are coming to James Marks Academy on Friday 27th June to run robotics and 3D printing activities with Years 7 and 8, and those from Year 9 who have chosen Computing or Electronics GCSE. Activities will be held in the ICT room.





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Family Lives Free Summer Workshops for Hertfordshire Parents

Family Lives deliver online workshops for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

They are funded by Herts County Council in the Summer term (via MS Teams)

Please see the next available workshops -

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online

Tuesday 24th June

9.30am – 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Workshop – Online

Monday 14th July

7.00pm to 9.00pm

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#) or please contact Louise Voyce on 0204 522 8700.



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DSPL8 SEND information fayre - Thursday 26th June


Please see attached leaflets over the next two pages for the SEND information fayre on Thursday 26th June.

If you are interested in booking then please click on the link below-

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dspl8-information-fayre-tickets-1394407804279?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdss_hcopyurl

or contact-

<http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/>



DSPL8 Delivering Special Provision Locally


Thursday 26th June 2025
9.30am-12.30pm

DSPL8 SEND information Fayre

For Parent and Carers of Children with SEN or Disabilities

Come along and chat with professionals in the SEND field, meet other parents in a safe and relaxed environment.
*Advice, activities, refreshments and its **FREE***

At the Warners End Community Centre
Northridge Way, Hemel Hempstead HP1 3QG



BOOK NOW



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Local Provider Information Stands at Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre: 26.06.2025 @ 9.30am-12.30pm at Warners End Community Centre



The ADD-vance ADHD and Autism Trust



ASK Sali



The Boxmoor Trust



Dacorum Family Services North & East



DSPL8's Post 16 SEND Project Lead -Jo Sanford



Families in Focus CIC



Family Support Service - OneYmca



Gade/Kings Langley Schools Family Support



The Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer website



Inclusive United



Mental Health Support Team (MHST) Dacorum



NHS Speech and Language Therapy



Public Health Nursing Service 0 - 5 years: Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust SEND team



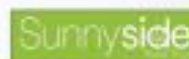
reSEND: Independent SEN Advisers



SPACE Hertfordshire



Specialist Advisory Teacher Service: Speech, Language, Communication and Autism)



Sunnyside Rural Trust



Up on Downs



This event is organised and funded by DSPL8 for Dacorum SEND Families.