



James Marks Academy Trust

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Friday 12th December 2025

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James Marks Academy Deputy Head's message

Season's greetings to all as we enter the final weeks of our autumn term! Staff consumption of biscuits has steadily increased in this period, either as practice for the dietary exertions of yuletide, or simply as a result of the cumulative effect of Scott's jokes (137 jokes have been told this term with a hit rate of 1 in 137).

Fortunately our pupils have taken to these colder and wetter days with gusto and a number of stalwarts are still wearing shorts and T-shirts, playing outside in all weathers, and having their lunch in an outside seating area we foolishly thought would be limited to summer usage. Pupils can also be found playing chess, badminton, and football, crashing (simulated) planes and (real) computers, and generally bringing a level of positivity and joy that makes it difficult to be miserable for long, despite my best efforts.

We look forward to our Christmas celebration where many of you will join us to celebrate pupil achievement and eat food prepared by people who sustained themselves through university by a combination of pot noodles and stolen packets of soy sauce.

My best wishes to you all,

Mark Reynolds: Deputy Head and Morale Officer, JMA





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Forest House Education Centre Assistant Head's message

As we come to the end of the calendar year, I wanted to take an opportunity to reflect on what has been a very successful period for the pupils at FHEC.

At Forest House, our Year 11 pupils are tasked with undertaking a demanding and highly aspirational academic year, aimed at getting them not only great GCSE results, but ready for the next phase of their education. I am very pleased to say our GCSE cohort have mostly risen to the challenge, maintaining high levels of attendance and engagement in lessons.

As I write this, they are currently sitting their mock exams; another challenge they have tackled head on. I know I can speak freely on behalf of all their teachers when I say how impressed we have been with their efforts so far.

Additionally, our pupils from the Forest House unit continue to engage well in their learning, consistently demonstrating good focus and application in a range of lessons, ranging from core subjects to newly introduced sessions such as Current Affairs and Debate. We look forward to working with them again when we return after the holidays.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a well deserved rest over the coming weeks and I look forward to seeing you in the new year!

Kind regards,

Neil (Assistant Headteacher)





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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 05/12/2025



GOLD - Joe

SILVER - Gabriel

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Rafi

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Lou



Stars of the week - 12/12/2025

GOLD - Edith

SILVER - Isabel

BRONZE - Aiyla

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Leo

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Rosemin





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Stars of the week - 05/12/2025

GOLD - Mia

SILVER - Max B

BRONZE - James

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Phoebe

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Charlie



Stars of the week - 12/12/2025

GOLD - Teddy

SILVER - Max.S

BRONZE - Caley

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Jasper

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Skye



BEBRAS COMPUTATIONAL THINKING CHALLENGE - Evangeline, Anna, Ollie and Jacob

Our 4 pupils came in the top 10% nationally





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Pupil successes at Forest House Education Centre



Stars of the week - 05/12/2025

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Tania - For improving resilience and good effort in all lessons.

FOREST HOUSE ATTENDANCE AWARD - Ruby - For improving attendance.



Stars of the week - 12/12/2025

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Jean - For commitment to his A-Level studies.

FOREST HOUSE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Alessio - For increasing resilience and commitment to mock exams.





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Dates for the diary

Monday 22nd December till Friday 2nd January 2026 - Christmas break

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY
(staff only)

Tuesday 6th January - Pupils back to school

Monday 16th February till Friday 20th February - Half term

Friday 27th March - Last day of school before we break for Easter holidays

Monday 30th March till Friday 10th April - Easter break

Monday 13th April - INSET DAY (staff only)

Tuesday 14th April - Pupils back to school

Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to you all

Thank you for all your support, we hope you and your families have a well deserved break.

We look forward in seeing you all in the new year, Merry Christmas to you all.





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Roman Fields - Christmas jumper day

This is one of our favorite days, we love to see the teachers and pupils dressed up in their festive jumpers.





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James Marks Academy - Tesco visit

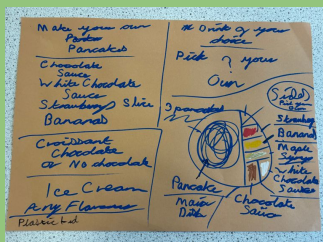
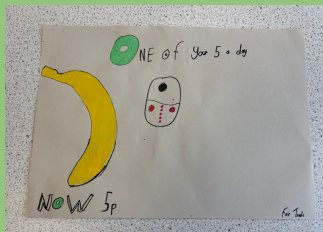
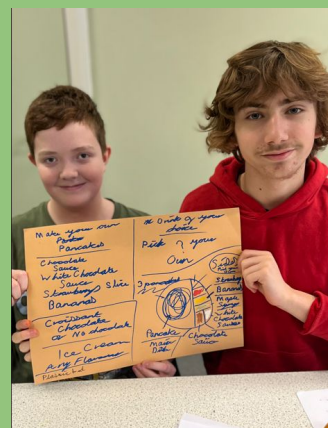
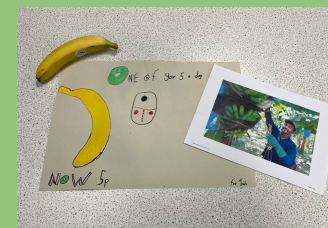
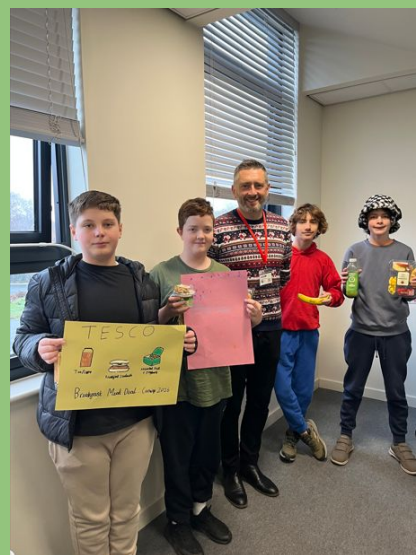
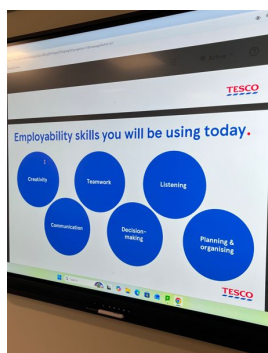
When Paul from Tesco visited JMA recently, the Year 8s learnt about some of the roles that are involved in transporting bananas which are grown in the Caribbean to the shelves of our local shops.

Some of the roles identified were:

- Farmer
- Harvester
- Driver
- Loader
- Transporter
- Buyer
- Supply chain manager
- Pricing manager
- Shelf stacker
- Checkout staff



The Year 9s were challenged by Paul to create a Breakfast meal deal during which they enjoyed sampling ideas to come up with suggestions!





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Roman Fields - Christmas Raffle



We are looking forward in seeing you all on Friday 19th December.

If you would like to purchase last minute raffle tickets for 50p each, then please come to the office before 10:00 am on Friday. Cash only please.

All the money raised will be going to a local charity chosen by our enterprise pupils. As always, thank you for your support!

Kindest regards,
Aline and the enterprise team!



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Roman Fields - Christmas sale

Aline and the pupils have done a fabulous job making these outstanding Christmas trees which also light up.

They are in reception if you would like to come and have a look.

They are £20 each.

Aline and the pupils will have some other christmas gifts for sale on the last day of term if you need to purchase any last minute christmas presents, cash only please.

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Supporting links - Funded Parent Courses and Workshops

Courses

Courses: Phone 07512 709 556 to book

6-Weeks	Location	ID	Dates 2026	Day	Time
Talking Additional Needs	Online	797	6th Jan to 10th Feb	Tue	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Additional Needs	Online	796	3rd Feb to 17th Mar	Tue	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	799	8th Jan to 12th Feb	Thu	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Families	Online	798	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	9.45-11.15am
Talking Families	Online	800	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	8.00-9.30pm
Talking Anxiety in Families	Online	801	4th Feb to 18th Mar	Wed	9.45-11.30am
Talking Teens	Online	804	5th Jan to 9th Feb	Mon	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Teens	St Albans	802	4th Feb to 18th Mar	Wed	7.00-9.00pm
Talking Teens	Online	803	5th Feb to 19th Mar	Thu	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Anger in Teens	Online	805	6th Jan to 10th Feb	Tue	7.45-9.30pm
Talking Dads	Online	806	7th Jan to 11th Feb	Wed	7.45-9.15pm
Talking Dads	Online	807	2nd Feb to 16th Mar	Mon	7.45-9.15pm

If you are interested please phone 07512 709556 Or email bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk
Please include your phone number as they cannot book a place without speaking to you.



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The Craftykin cabin



Two sisters bring fun, friendly and fuss-free craft workshops to help you relax, unwind and embrace the simply joy of making.

Join them for beginner-friendly adult crafting classes where you'll get hands-on experience, learn new skills, and enjoy a welcoming atmosphere.

Spaces are limited, so be sure to book early.

For more information please go to their website thecraftykinco.uk

Email them on

thecraftykinco@gmail.com

Or follow them on facebook.





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Beezee - Health Division - Maximus

UK

Herts County Council offer FREE healthy lifestyle programmes, in supportive and non-judgemental environments.

You can sign up to one of our award-winning programmes to support you in your journey to better health!

- [HENRY](#) - 0-5s parenting support
- [Beezee Families](#) - 5-15s healthy lifestyles
- [Beezee Youth](#) - 13-17s wellbeing

If you are interested then please see the details below or on the poster attached.

Beezee - Health Division - Maximus UK
Hertfordshire

tel: 01707 248648

Web : <https://hrt.maximusuk.co.uk/>

Beezee
by maximus

You don't need a new year to start new habits
Start small, start now!

Sign up to one of our free healthy lifestyle services today to kickstart your health goals for 2026 and beyond.

Beezee FAMILIES

- Free, fun, family-focused support
- Learn about healthy eating
- Get moving more
- Connect with other families
- One-to-one support also available!

Beezee YOUTH

- 13-17 year olds can talk about topics that matter to them
- Learn about physical, mental and social wellbeing
- Get free health resources
- One-to-one support also available!
- Join a safe space.

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- Free support for families with children aged 0-5 years
- Explore parenting and healthy lifestyle tips
- Chance to make new friends
- Free toolkit provided.

Start making healthy habits TODAY

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The Hertfordshire SEND Local Area Partnership has developed a [new SEND Strategy for 2026–2029](#), which sets out our shared ambitions to improve outcomes for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). This strategy has been shaped by the voices of children, young people, families, and professionals across education, health, and social care.

In the lead-up to the SEND Summit in September 2025, we heard from over 1,000 individuals through surveys, listening events, youth council sessions, and community engagement activities.

Your feedback helped us identify what matters most and informed the six strategic ambitions of the draft strategy:

- Listen, Engage, Collaborate, Evolve
- Early Identification & Support
- Local Provision for Children and Young People
- Aspirational for All
- Preparing for the Future
- Strong Foundations

Now, we want to hear from you again – there are a few ways you can give your views by answering a [quick survey](#) or coming along to an event to chat to us. All the information about how to give feedback on the strategy can be found on the Local Offer: [SEND Strategy 2026 - 2029 Consultation](#).

The public consultation for the strategy is now live, running for 12 weeks and closing on 6th February 2026