



James Marks Academy Trust

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Friday 26th June 2026

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Executive Head's message



Dear parents and carers,

I hope this email finds you well and you and the family are adjusting to the heat. At the time of writing the exams have finished and the leavers are looking forward to the trips we have organised. My thanks again to everyone for ensuring the exams season was a success.

If parents/carers receive information relating to onward transition that does not reflect what you feel has been agreed- please don't panic. Contact me directly, and I will look into it and come back to you. I have genuinely intervened with regard to a number of placements and the outcome has been entirely favourable. I don't know why the system has become so problematic, but it has, and I am working on behalf of the Trust to address this with the intended onward placements.

I am sure many parents are aware that we have just had an Ofsted inspection at the JMA. I can tell you that I was really pleased with the feedback which can be directly attributed to the team. My hope is the report will be published prior to the summer break. I would like to share these points -

- 1) 100 percent of parents who responded to the parental questionnaire would recommend the school
- 2) the pupils were entirely positive. The inspector commented 'there is usually one, normally many pupils working to ensure an inspection is undermined, but that was not the case here, in fact the opposite was true they were so positive about the staff and their experience at the school'.
- 3) ALL staff responses were entirely positive.





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Executive Head's message continued

On occasion inspectors have had entirely positive outcomes around one of the above, but all of three- wow that really is something special. I would therefore like to thank all the stakeholders above who have made the JMA a great place to both work and learn.

On a final note, can I please mention that many of our staff are neurodivergent. It is fairly understandable that staff with their own needs would choose to work in a Trust such as ours, so we have greater numbers of colleagues with ASD, ADHD and additional comorbidities. Whilst as a society we work hard (and rightly so) to support youngsters with SEN, very occasionally adults with similar needs to those within our own families are forgotten. Could I therefore politely share this. At our Trust schools we regularly ask our staff to approach every child and family with patience, empathy and understanding, recognising the unique challenges and joys that come with SEND. As a community we would like to ask for the same kindness in return. Our staff work tirelessly in complex and often demanding situations, always with the shared goal of helping every child thrive. When concerns arise we therefore ask that conversations remain respectful and constructive. Kindness is not something we simply teach children, it is something we model for them. By treating each other with consideration and kindness we demonstrate how the world in which we want them to flourish works best. Thank you for understanding.

I am looking forward to sharing the Ofsted report with you when it arrives, for now however I will sign off with best wishes to the entire community.

Kind regards Trevor





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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 19/06/2026

GOLD - Max

SILVER - Rafi

BRONZE - Jenna, Jessica

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Laila

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Zac



Stars of the week - 26/06/2026

GOLD - Tom

SILVER - Mason

BRONZE - Alfie, Flo

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Max

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Robin





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Stars of the week - 19/06/2026

GOLD - Jacob

SILVER - James

BRONZE - Jake

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Evangeline

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Evangeline



Stars of the week - 26/06/2026

GOLD - Lottie

SILVER - Myles

BRONZE - Max.L

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Lottie

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Jack





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Dates for the diary

Friday 10th July - Roman Fields/Forest House Education Centre Year 11 leavers Prom

Roman Fields & Forest House Parent Support Group - Monday 13th July 4-5pm

Thursday 23rd July - Last day before breaking for summer holidays

Tuesday 1st September - INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September - Pupils back to school

Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October - Half term

Friday 18th December - last day of term

Monday 21st December until Friday 1st January 2027 - Christmas break

Monday 4th January 2027 - INSET DAY



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



Watch this space for future winners





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Roman Fields and Forest House Prom - Friday 10th July



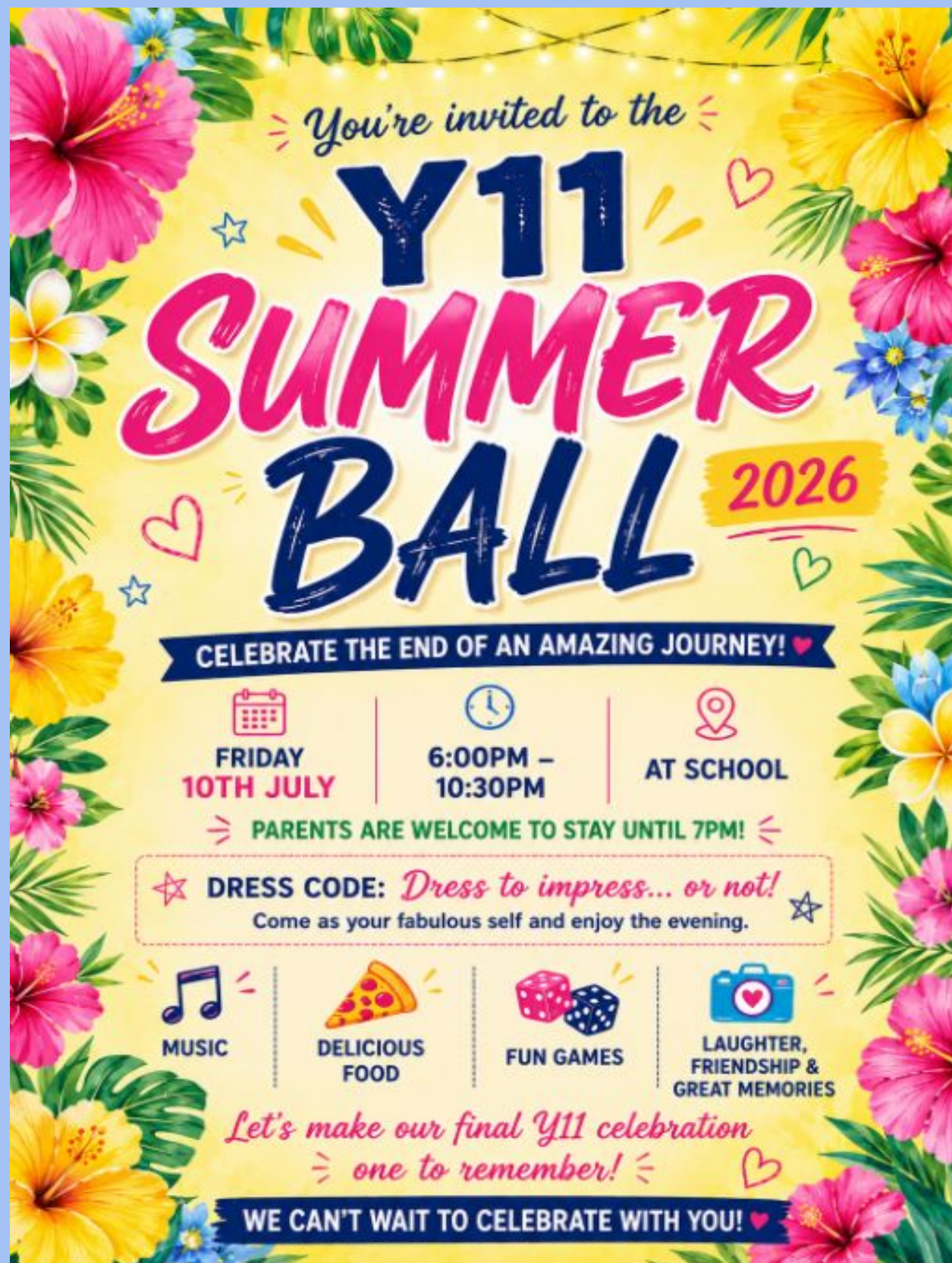
We are all very excited for the year 11 prom.

Emails have been sent out to parents with all the details.

Please respond if you haven't already done so to

admin@romanfields.herts.sch.uk

Looking forward to seeing you all.





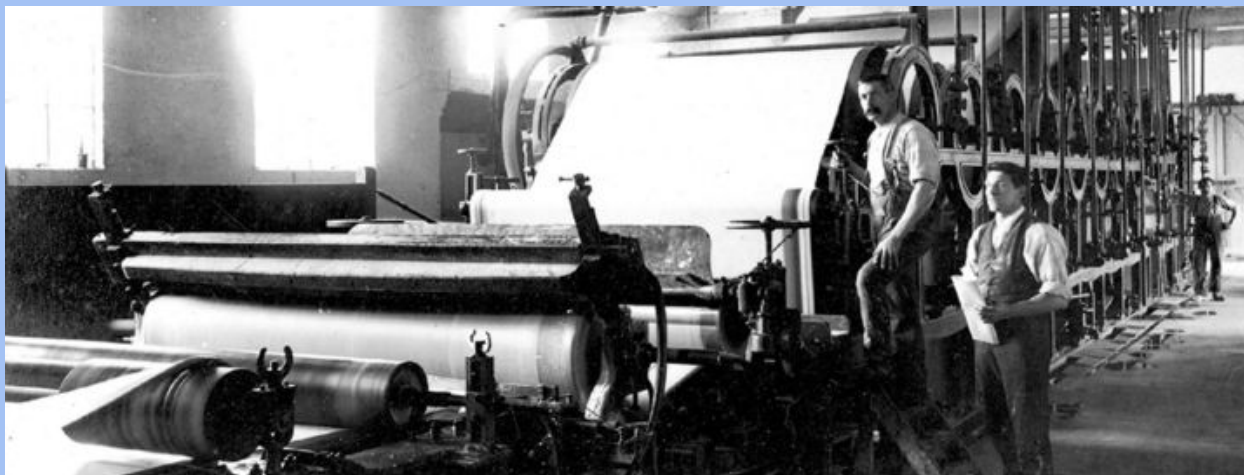
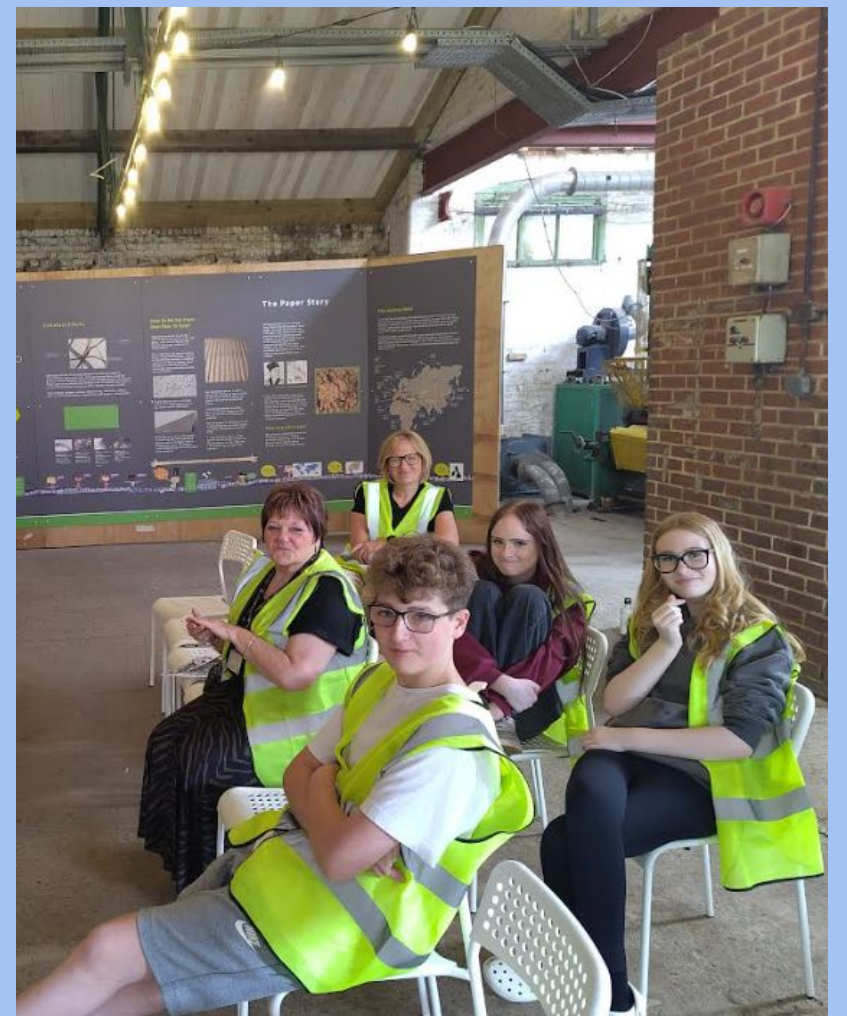
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Roman Fields - Frogmore Paper Mill trip

The year 9s went on a joint history and science trip to Frogmore Paper Mill in Apsley - the world's first mechanised paper mill. They learnt about the evolution of papermaking in the Gade Valley from the medieval flour mills through industrialisation and on to closure of the endeavour. They learnt about the impact on the community and the impact that cheap paper had on communications and literacy. Finally, they each made some paper and gained an understanding of how fibres bind together to form paper.





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As part of our Population topic we have studied graphs called Population Pyramids to analyse the structure of populations. The pyramid is a pair of back-to-back histograms that show the age and sex distribution. Thanks to Faye W's generous lego collection we were able to create pyramids for an expanding stationary and contracting population. Our young people then sketched and labelled their pyramids to explain how its shape represents each stage of the Demographic Transition Model.





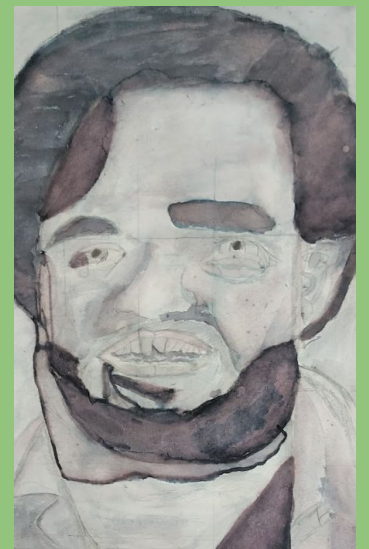
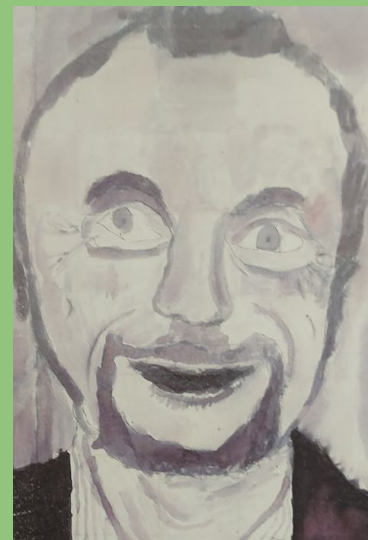
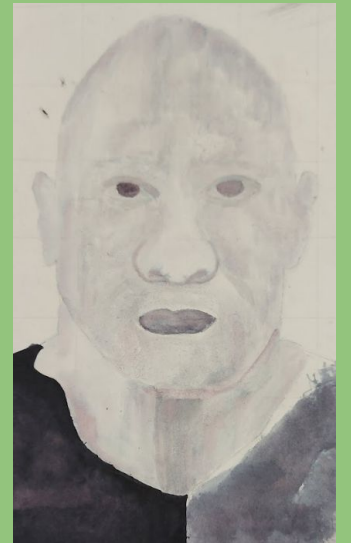
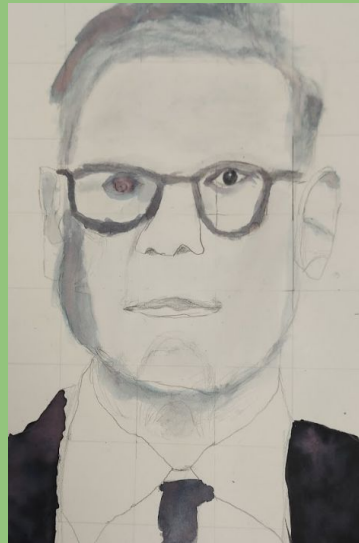
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James Marks Academy - Year 8 art lessons

Year 8 art have been creating portraits using a gridded technique to help. They have used pen and wash to add tone, with great success. There are a few well known faces amongst the choices!





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Roman Fields and James Marks Academy - **Year 10 pupils - Job Centre Plus Support for Schools careers sessions**

JMA will be running two careers sessions on Monday 29th June and Monday 6th July.
Roman Fields will be running the same careers sessions on Friday 10th July and Friday 17th July.
Each session will run from 9:30 to 11:40 with a break in the middle.



The sessions will be run by Liz who has visited Roman Fields many times over the years and understands our pupils well. They will cover various topics including CVs and job interviews.
Debra and Jan will be with pupils during the sessions at RFA.
Debra, Annika and Sarah will be with the pupils during the JMA sessions.



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Glow Performing Arts summer camps



Please see poster attached for summer camps in the Hemel Hempstead area.

Two Waters Primary School
Hemel Hempstead
HP3 0AU

For more information please visit their website

<https://www.glowperformingarts.co.uk/>

GLOW
Performing Arts

SUMMER CAMPS

Monday 3rd August - Friday 7th August
9am - 3pm
Two Waters Primary School, Hemel
Hempstead, HP3 0AU

SEN Performing Arts
Ages 4-18
£50 per day
£225 for the week*
*Higher rate due to smaller classes and more staff

SING - DANCE - ACT

Musical Theatre
Ages 5-13
£40 per day
£170 for the week

BOOK ONLINE NOW
www.glowperformingarts.co.uk
becky@glowperformingarts.co.uk



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Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops - July to September 2026

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed. All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>

Workshop	Date & Time
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.	Tuesday 25 th August 10am-12pm
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 4 th August 6-8pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Wednesday 8 th July 6-8pm Wednesday 19 th August 10am-12pm Tuesday 8 th September 6-8pm
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.	Wednesday 15 th July 10am-12pm Tuesday 11 th August 6-8pm Wednesday 16 th September 10am-12pm



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Supporting links - FUNDED courses for Parents



6 Week Courses

Delivered by trainers with personal and professional experience of the difficulties parents face.

These courses are practical and usable, not just idealistic theory.

Talking Additional Needs

For parents of children with any additional need, no diagnosis needed.



Tuesdays 8.00-9.30pm
15th September to 20th October
ONLINE (ages 10-19) - Course ID 864

Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am
3rd November to 8th December
ONLINE (ages 2-19) - Course ID 859

Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm
4th November to 9th December
Face-to-Face (ages 2-19) - Course ID 858
Longdean School, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8JB

Talking Families

For parents of children under 12



Wednesdays 8.00-9.30pm
17th September to 22nd October
ONLINE - Course ID 861

Wednesdays 9.45-11.15am
4th November to 9th December
ONLINE - Course ID 860

Talking Teens

For parents of children 12-19



Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm
16th September to 21st October
ONLINE - Course ID 865

Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm
4th November to 9th December
ONLINE - Course ID 866

Talking Anxiety



For parents of children struggling with worries or anxiety aged 3-19

Wednesdays 7.45-9.30pm
4th November to 9th December
ONLINE - Course ID 862

Talking Dads

For dads and male carers of children of all ages



Wednesdays 7.45-9.15pm
16th September to 21st October
ONLINE - Course ID 867

Tuesdays 7.45-9.15pm
3rd November to 8th December
ONLINE - Course ID 868

Talking Anger in Teens



For parents of children struggling to manage their anger aged 11-19

Tuesdays 7.45-9.30pm
15th September to 20th October
ONLINE - Course ID 863

Parents can book by phoning 07512 709 556

Or email bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Please include your phone number as you cannot book a place without someone speaking to you.



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Potential Kids - July activities

Please see leaflet attached for the July activities taking place with Potential Kids. Their term time program will run up to Saturday 25th July.

They have two new Saturday sessions:
An introduction to Dungeons & Dragons;
and Learn to play Magic the Gathering.
There are still a couple of spaces available.

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

For Neurodivergent Children, Young People
Their Siblings and Parents/Carers



JULY 2026 ACTIVITIES

Date		Sessions	Time	Venue
2nd	Thur	Teen Group 12 Plus	5.00 6.30	The Hub@The Galleria
3rd,10th 17th	Fri	Gardening for Wellbeing	10.30 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
3rd,10th 17th	Fri	Parent /Carer Wellbeing	12.30 2.00	Potential to Grow Garden
3rd	Fri	Skateboarding	5.30 6.30	The Pioneer Club St Albans
4th	Sat	Tech support	10.00 1.00	The Zone@The Galleria
6th,20th	Mon	Dungeons & Dragons 18-25 (contact for details)	12.30 3.30	The Zone@The Galleria
7th,14th 21st	Tue	Coding and Game Design Home Ed session	1.00 2.30	The Zone@The Galleria
9th,16th 23rd	Thu	Bushcraft/Stem Home Ed Age 4+	10.30 12.00	Potential to Grow Garden
9th,16th	Thur	Fun Rings	5.00 6.00	The Snow Centre Gosling
11th,25th	Sat	Intro to Dungeons & Dragons	1.00 4.00	The Zone@The Galleria
11th,25th	Sat	Learn to play Magic the Gathering	1.00 4.00	The Zone@The Galleria
11th	Sat	Family Football	4.00 5.00	Birchwood Leisure Centre Astro Turf
13th,27th	Mon	Dungeons & Dragons 12 + (contact for details)	12.30 3.30	The Zone@The Galleria
18th	Sat	Water Wipeout	11.15 12.30	Lea Valley White water centre

To book visit : potentialkids.org.uk/events

For futher information email: info@potentialkids.org

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OUTLET SHOPPING

