



James Marks Academy Trust

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Friday 10th July 2026

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Roman Fields Head's message



Hi all,

I hope you are coping OK with the warm weather - I have been so impressed with our pupils and how they have conducted themselves. The year 11 leavers' trips are now in full swing and we are all looking forward to their prom on Friday! We are also looking forward to seeing you at the Parent Support Group meeting on the 13th and the Last Day celebrations on the 23rd (please see separate emails for more information).

Take care and stay cool. Emma :-)





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James Marks Academy Head's message



I am sure you are aware that today saw the publication of the school's first Ofsted report. This has been emailed to you and hopefully you have had the opportunity to read through this. We are incredibly proud of the report, and most of all the feedback we received from staff, pupils and parents. I know from speaking to the lead inspector that there were a large number of comments referencing the positive difference the school has made to you, your child and your family. Whilst we know the importance of academic outcomes, as they enable your child to have choices as they get older; we pride ourselves on delivering a holistic education that sees young people feel that they belong and can succeed and flourish.





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James Marks Academy Head's message - continued

As Sophie said to the pupils today, they are a credit to you and themselves. They have welcomed our new year 7 cohort over the last two weeks and made them feel welcome. You will know how much worry your child had over starting and new school, and seeing their approach to these pupils embodies the values of acceptance and community.

We are now in the final stages of the year and before we celebrate on the 23rd , you should have received the option choices for September. Could you please return your child's choice by Wednesday 15 July so that we can send you their timetable before the end of term. It would be remiss of me if I did not mention our fantastic staff. They truly go above and beyond everyday and it is a pleasure to work with them. They make the school the success that it is and work tirelessly to provide your child with the support they need.

Finally, thank you for all of your support this year and your preparedness to engage with us in supporting your child. I hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing your child in September.





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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 03/07/2026

GOLD - Flo

SILVER - Rosemin

BRONZE - Natan, Bronze

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Alfie

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Brody



Stars of the week - 10/07/2026

GOLD - Aiyla

SILVER - Freya

BRONZE - Noah, Emelie

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Flo

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Rafi





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Stars of the week - 03/07/2026

GOLD - Darcy

SILVER - Finley. H

BRONZE - Blaize

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Jasper

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Connie



Stars of the week - 10/07/2026

GOLD - Max. B

SILVER - Dylan

BRONZE - Duke

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Jasper

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Logan





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Dates for the diary

Thursday 23rd July - End of Term awards
at Roman Fields ad James Marks
Academy

Tuesday 1st September - INSET DAY

**Wednesday 2nd September - Pupils
back to school**

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

Friday 18th December - End of Term

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

Monday 4th January 2027 - INSET DAY

**Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Pupils back
to school**



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



03/07/2026

Aiyla

10/07/2026

Willow, Katherine, Mason





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Roman Fields - The National Army Museum

As a finale for their studies into warfare through time from 1215 to the modern day, year 10 historians visited the National Army Museum in Chelsea. Hopefully, lots of informative boards on key battles, changing uniforms, equipment and tactics will reinforce their classroom work. The course finishes with a focused study on The Blitz in London. The group has enjoyed Dacorum Heritage Trust's artefacts box - even if their 'Brody helmet' is currently been restored and so wasn't available!



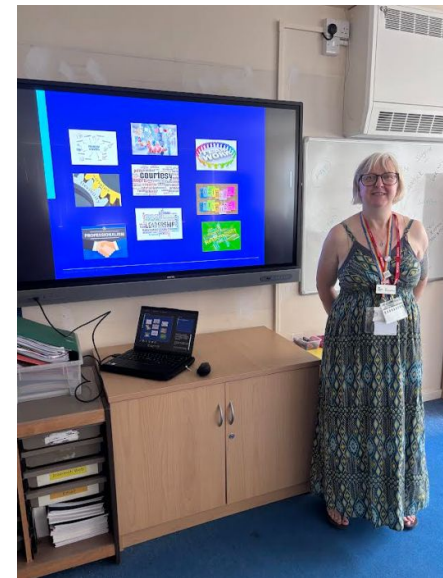
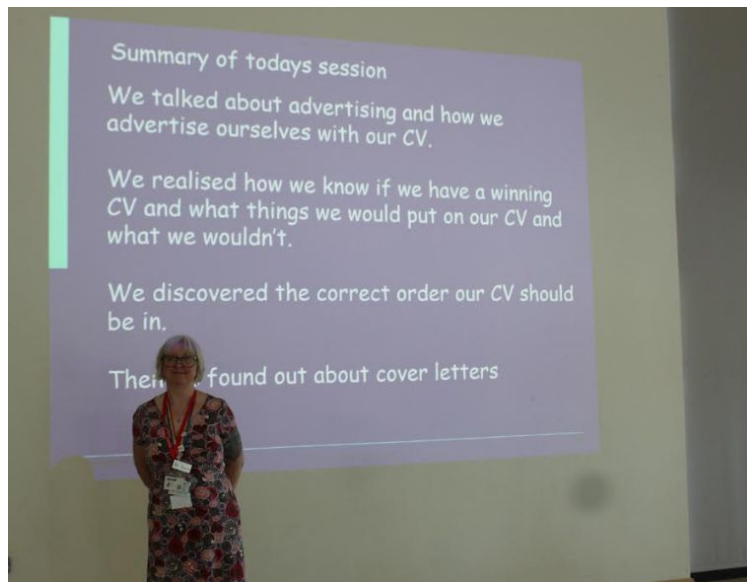


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Careers and transitions - Job Centre Plus Support for Schools



Our colleague, Liz, from Job Centre Plus has been in to visit Year 10s in Roman Fields and James Marks Academy.

Pupils have learnt about jobs of the future, what employability skills are and how to create a CV to demonstrate them, how interviews are conducted and the preparation required. They also had the opportunity to take part in a group exercise to showcase and practise the soft skills they learnt about and also to have a private 'job' interview with Liz.

Liz was very impressed with the pupils she met, especially the ones who participated in the interview process.



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Roman Fields - River Bulbourne GCSE Geography field trip - 03/07/26

As part of the field work element of GCSE Geography, we visited the River Bulbourne in Boxmoor. Our objective was to investigate three strands of 'The Bradshaw Model'. This involved measuring the cross section, calculating the velocity and analysing the bedload against the 'Powers Scale of Roundness'.

Once back in the classroom we will analyse our findings in relation to our overall objective, and seek to identify anomalies, as well as areas for improvement.

The pupils were outstanding on the trip and it was so lovely to hear them discussing many of the ideas we had covered in class.

With an outcome of 50% of pupils with wet socks, it was not a bad morning!





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Roman Fields - SHOUT OUT TO CURRENT YEAR 11 PARENTS



Parents, please view the link about the Positive Pathways [Support for young people](#) which runs Monday to Friday, 27th July to 14th August 2026, 5-8pm each day, at various locations across the county. These sessions are designed to help your young people develop skills.

There is also Get September Ready. [News](#). Some of them may have started but please view the link.

Please book directly.





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Supporting Links - HCC fund these courses for families living in or attending school in Hertfordshire



Bitesize Workshops

1-hour, practical, informative and interactive

You will get the most from attending live; there is an opportunity to ask questions, but recordings will be available if you are unable to make it.

WORRIES



Helping children deal with worries & anxious thoughts

Does your child seek constant reassurance? Do their worries stop them from trying? Practical strategies to support children who worry.

Tuesday, 29th September, 10-11am

<https://tinyurl.com/43ajnwfe>

Thursday, 19th November, 7-8pm

<https://tinyurl.com/3zkip4fk6>

DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS



How do I talk to my child about...?

Talking to our young people about tricky issues like sex, drugs, going out & social media.

Thursday, 26th November 2026, 7-8pm

<https://tinyurl.com/2vyz5wuf>

PARENTING STYLES



What kind of parent do you want to be?

Strict, soft, gentle, friendly, how do you want to parent? What effect does it have? What if your co-parent has a completely different approach?

Thursday, 3rd December 2026, 7-8pm

<https://tinyurl.com/35pbj3df>

TEENAGE BRAIN



What's going on in my teenager's head?

How & why adolescent development affects teenage behaviour.

Monday, 9th November 2026, 7-8pm

<https://tinyurl.com/ytdnpysu>

BEHAVIOUR



The 7 underlying causes of behaviour

Understand why your child behaves the way they do, and how you can respond as a parent.

Tuesday, 20th October 2026, 10-11am

<https://tinyurl.com/58r5es9r>

ANGER



Helping children manage their anger

Practical tools to help your child cope with their angry feelings and behaviours.

Thursday, 5th November 2026, 10-11am

<https://tinyurl.com/32v6ayhd>

Tuesday, 1st December 2026, 7-8pm

<https://tinyurl.com/6k2t2mwk>

EATING



How do I get my child to eat better?

No matter how restrictive your child's diet is, there are things you can do to help.

Tuesday, 13th October 2026, 10-11am

<https://tinyurl.com/mr2hw6ph>



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Talking ASD & ADHD Workshops

1.75hrs, practical, informative and interactive

You will get the most from attending live; there is an opportunity to ask questions, but recordings will be available if you are unable to make it.

Tech Use



Thursday, 19th November, 9.30-11.15am

<https://tinyurl.com/np4c7hb7>

- Understand your child's use of Social Media, Gaming & the Internet.
- The effect of banning, strict time limits or using devices as a reward or consequence.
- Teach children how to manage their tech use, stay safe online and switch off.
- Improve communication and reduce conflict.
- Dopamine and other hormones.

Responding to Anger



Monday 21st September, 7.30-9.15pm

<https://tinyurl.com/yzuefm22>

- Healthy & unhealthy anger.
- How to spot the signs early.
- Our own and our children's triggers.
- Techniques that stop angry and aggressive behaviour escalating and when to use them.
- How to respond to our child in meltdown, keeping everyone safe.

Anxiety & Stress



Wednesday, 30th September, 7.30-9.15pm

<https://tinyurl.com/dn4986vt>

- The difference between stress and anxiety.
- Understanding anxiety conditions in ASD/ADHD.
- Spot the signs of stress.
- Triggers amongst neurodivergent children.
- Help your anxious child feel safe.
- Early warning signs of mental health problems.

School Avoidance



Wednesday, 21st November, 7.30-9.15pm

<https://tinyurl.com/ytrvzej6>

- What is Emotionally Based School Avoidance or Non-Attendance & what is your child's experience?
- Common causes and triggers of school avoidance.
- How EBSA is affecting you and your family.
- Practical steps you can take to support your child and look after yourself.
- How to work with your school in your child's best interests.

Full details of all the courses and workshop please visit our website.

<https://www.supportinglinks.co.uk/whatson.html>



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Coram Family Lives Parenting Groups & Workshops Autumn 2026

All dates for the autumn term have now been confirmed for Coram Family Lives online parenting groups and workshop. Funded by Herts County Council, the groups and workshops are open to all parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children - Online

Monday 5 October to 16 November

7pm to 9pm

Or

Friday 6 November to 11 December

9.30am to 11.30am

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online

Wednesday 21 October

9.30am to 11.30am

Less Shouting more Cooperation - Online

Tuesday 6 October to 17 November

9.30am to 11.30am

It's a Dad's Life

Thursday 26 November

7pm to 9pm

Navigating the Storm (Teens)

Wednesday 2 December

9.30am to 11.30am

Sibling Rivalry Workshop – Online

Monday 9 November

9.30am to 11.30am

Dads Together

Wednesday 4 November to 9 November

7pm to 9pm

To book a place please click here [Referral Form for Family Lives Herts Parenting Groups and Workshops](#)



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Potential Kids - Summer activities

Please find attached the summer holidays flyer.

We have many of our regular holiday sessions, garden fun, fun rings, water wipeout, pony mornings plus a couple of great new additions.

We have collaborated with The Paint Patch at The Galleria to offer subsidised sessions in their splatter room for 5-12 year olds and the Neon Splatter room for 12-15 year olds. A chance to throw some paint around and just have some fun.

We are also offering a 3D printing session for 7-12 year olds at The Zone .

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

Summer booking is open.

3D Printing
Ages 7-12

Water Play
Ages 4+

Neon Splatter Room
Ages 12-15

Fun Rings
Ages 8+

Arts & Crafts
Ages 5+

Jewellery Making
Ages 8+

Cooking
Ages 5+

Splatter Room
Ages 5-12

Water Wipeout
Ages 8+

Pony Mornings
Ages 5-11

Book early to avoid disappointment.
Booking via
potentialkids.org.uk/events

SCAN FOR ALL OF OUR IMPORTANT LINKS

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