



25 October 2024

# NEWS & VIEWS

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Executive Headteacher: Mr Jamie Foster

## Headteacher's Comment:

A huge thank you to the pupils, parents, carers and staff that have pulled together to facilitate such a successful half term. We read each week about all of the trips, sports success and amazing performing arts that have taken place. In this edition you can see we had the London Mavericks visit the Netball team, which is also shared on BBC News and will be featured on 'Look East' later this evening. Ofsted have confirmed our final report will be available after the half term break, which I will then share with the community.

I would also like to welcome Miss Sophie Faires to the team, who joins us as an outstanding Science teacher and takes up post on our return. Last year my focus was on staff recruitment and retention, which are a top priority. We have had many excellent new staff appointments and an extremely low staff turnover.

The Headteacher's Gallery this week goes to Janelle Osaji-Okai, Oluchi Ehimatie, Senit Samuel Anton Gordon-Scott in Year 10, for their outstanding work planning and delivering the Black History Month assemblies. Well done to you all! Enjoy the half term!



## London Mavericks Visit

Last week we were visited by representatives from the Super League netball team London Mavericks! Some of our elite academy players were invited to meet netball royalty and Mavs Director of Netball, Tamsin Greenway, Head Coach, Camilla Buchanan and player, Suzie Liverseidge.

The day started with a Q&A session where our girls got to find out all about pathway opportunities and inside gossip from the netball world!

After this, we were lucky enough to get out onto the courts and receive professional coaching from our special guests. Camera crews were in attendance for both sessions, filming a piece for **BBC Look East** which will be televised **on tonight's news**. Look out for Year 10s Bella and Andie who were interviewed!



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## U15 Girls Mid Essex Football Champions

Our Year 9 & 10 girls have been celebrating after winning the U15 Girls' MESSSA Football Tournament last Friday. Ten schools from across Mid Essex were competing for the title. SAINTS were dominant from the start. Superb teamwork and passing of the ball, secured a clean sweep across the tournament with no goals conceded. Fantastic goal keeping from both **Leo Seret** and **Gabi Zigute** along with excellent defending from **Daisy O'Connor** and **Beth Robins**, denied any opponent's attack. Skillful finishes from **Emmie Lole** saw her net 6 goals throughout the tournament.



Brilliant midfield play from **Fleur Bennett**, **Eliza Hobden** and **Millie Powell** helped secure wins against Bowells School, Ormiston Rivers, Plume School and Chelmsford County High School. After winning all of our group games we faced Moulsham High School in the final, who had also won all of their games. An exceptional goal from **Eva Inman** in the final seconds of extra time secured the tournament win and Mid Essex title. Congratulations to all the girls on a truly fantastic team performance.



## Year 12 Trip Hyde Hall

Year 12 Art and Photography students had a chance to refine and extend the skills they have been learning in class at Hyde Hall this week. The students attended an art-based workshop in the RHS gardens. Students got really involved with the activities and can be seen here engaging with the materials.



## Year 10 & 11 Hairspray Theatre Trip



Monday, we had the pleasure of taking a large portion of the upper school production cast to see the current touring production of Hairspray, at the New Wimbledon Theatre in London. The cast got to see their characters brought to life on the stage and see how the director had staged some of the spectacular scenes and dance numbers featured in the show. We ended the night dancing along to one of the show's most popular songs 'You Can't Stop the Beat' but of course with our own amazing choreography. We are excited to bring the energy and fun of the show to our own rehearsals and production which we will be performing in February 2025.



## Dates for the Diary

- 28.10.24 - 10.11.24 - Half Term
- 11.11.24 - Remembrance Day
- Year 11 PPEs start
- Ski Trip Information Evening for parents
- 14.11.24 - St Martin's Day Service rehearsal
- 15.11.24 - St Martin's Day Service Yr 7 & Yr 11

### Word of the Week

Week 7 Credibility



noun: the quality of being trusted and believed in.

Sentence: Biden loses credibility after disastrous TV debate with Trump.

For PE fixtures please follow twitter @STMartinsSchPE for further PE updates



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## FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUBS IN BRENTWOOD!

Essex ActivAte helps to support eligible children and families during the school holidays and half term breaks, through free engaging and fun activities.

Contact one of our clubs to book a space!

### Jack Of All Sports (4-12 years)

Bentley St Pauls C of E - Pilgrims Hatch, CM15 9SE

jackofallsports@btinternet.com / 07919 888093

Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October, 9am-3pm

### SportsCool (4-11 years)

Holly Trees Primary School, Vaughan Williams Way, Brentwood, CM14 5RY

westessex@sportscool.org / 07935 535292

Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October, 9am-1pm

### Camp 4 Champs (4-14yrs)

St Peter's School, Wigley Bush Ln, South Weald, Brentwood CM14 5QN

bookings@camp4champs.co.uk / 020 8103 0101

Tuesday 29th October 9am-4pm | Friday 1st November, 9am-4pm

### HCL Activity Camps (4-11yrs)

Hutton Community Centre, Harrison Close, Hutton. CM13 1LP

info@hollowaycoaching.co.uk / 01277 231600

Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Friday 31st October, 9am-3:15pm

### Get Golfing , Food Fun & Golf (11+)

Warley Golf Club, Magpie Lane, Warley, Brentwood CM13 3DX

ann@getgolfing.org / 07956 318016

Monday 28th October and Thursday 31st October, 10am-12.30pm

### SportsCool SEND Level 1-2 (4-11 years)

Holly Trees Primary School, Vaughan Williams Way, Brentwood, CM14 5RY

westessex@sportscool.org / 07935 535292

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May, 9am-1pm


### Kazen Kai AEF Outreach (11-16 years)

The Martial Arts Centre, Bannister Drive, Hutton, CM13 1YX

admin@kazenkai.com / 01277 262800

Tuesday 28th and Friday 31st May, 2pm-4pm

Find out more: [activeessex.org](http://activeessex.org)



# WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the Holiday Activity and Food programme across Essex, run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

## Who is the programme for?

Clubs are suitable for children aged 4-16 years old who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or from 'low income' working families who benefit from this extra support. Some clubs may offer paid spaces that run alongside Essex ActivAte, however these can be limited.

## What do the clubs offer?

Essex ActivAte clubs offer mainstream primary and secondary provision across the county, also dedicated mental wellbeing and SEND clubs. Each club delivers a variety of physical and enrichment activities, fun food education and a nutritious meal. Family support is also available alongside the programme.

## How can I book my child onto a club?

To book onto a club during February, May/June or October half term, head over to the Essex ActivAte booking page on our website, then select the area you live in or the category you require and follow the steps.

To book onto a club during the easter, summer or winter holidays, use the link on your WONDE e-Voucher to find a club and book on, or contact a club directly.

## What is considered 'low income'?


We understand that all families circumstances are different, therefore if you are in employment or on an income which means you are unable to attend a holiday club without our support – you can book on.





# HALF-TERM & HOLIDAYS EXPLAINED...



## EASTER, SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS


 The HAF programme runs in the easter, summer and winter holidays and is funded by the Department for Education. This is aimed solely at school children who receive benefits based free school meals during term time.

 Limited spaces are available for low income working families and other vulnerable groups who would otherwise not be able to afford holiday clubs. You can book onto our programme self-certifying.

 WONDE e-Voucher codes are sent by schools to all families eligible for benefits based free school meals. This code allows you to book onto local clubs and verify you are eligible for our programme.




## SPRING & AUTUMN HALF TERMS

 Funded by Essex County Council, Essex ActivAte run clubs during February, May/June and October half term for children on benefit based free school meals or from 'low income' working families.

 The half term programme is funded to provide spaces to those areas most in need across Essex.



 You will not receive a WONDE e-Voucher code to book onto our clubs during half term.

 You will need to book your child/ren onto a club through the Essex ActivAte website – simply find what clubs are available in your area then book onto a club using the link provided or by contacting the club directly.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!



## BOOK ONTO A FREE HALF TERM CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto **FREE**, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

### IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

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Essex ActivAte offer club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years), who are eligible for benefit based free school meals, or from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

### WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

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Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

### WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

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Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

### HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

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To book your child/ren onto one of our half term clubs, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher from your school, and you will need to book on through the Essex ActivAte website. Simply select your area, find what clubs are available and book your child on through the link provided. Depending on the club, you may need to book through our website, or contact them directly.

[Find out more about October half term clubs and book on here.](#)



## Debt Advice drop-in event

If you are struggling financially, pop along to [our Debt Advice Day](#) and see what support is available to you and what benefits you may be entitled to.

There is no need to book, just come along on **Wednesday 23 October from 10am-3pm** at Brentwood Town Hall.

We will also be able to help with:

- Finding out what benefits you are entitled to, including [Pension Credit](#)
- Council tax enquiries (arrears, disregards & exemptions)
- Council tax reduction/support applications
- Housing benefit and universal credit enquiries and applications
- DHP and EHP enquiries and applications
- Housing and homelessness enquiries and applications
- Signposting to other agencies for mental health, help with finding work, and debt and money advice.

We have more information on our website on [how to contact our Revenue And Benefits Outreach & Engagement Team](#)

