

Trust Newsletter

Term 5 | 2024/25



Three Trust Academies Perform at Rainham Arts Piano Festival

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A Message from our Chief Executive

Dear Parents, Carers, and Colleagues,

As a rather short Term 5 comes to a close, our academies still found plenty of time to offer a wide range of opportunities, which our students have embraced, demonstrating talent, curiosity, and a real enthusiasm for learning across every one of our schools.

This term has been packed with exciting visits, from exploring Port Lympne to stepping back in time at Rochester Castle. Students from multiple schools took part in unforgettable residential trips to Barcelona, Iceland and more where they practised their languages, explored famous landmarks, put their learning into action and grew in confidence and independence.

We have seen STEM in Action this term. From habitat sampling to microclimate fieldwork, students applied scientific and geographical skills both inside and outside the classroom.

Students took part in diverse personal development activities including visits from Kent Fire and Rescue and the Royal Artillery Engineers.

We also celebrated the achievements of individual students like Harry, who was promoted to Watch Manager in Fire Cadets and awarded a National Silver Cadet Certificate, and Louise, who received the Unsung Heroes Award for her dedication to helping others.

One of our standout moments was the incredible choir performance at St Margaret's Church, featuring students from Miers Court, Deanwood and Temple Mill Primary Schools alongside Dominic Ferris and Georgi Mottram. The atmosphere was unforgettable, with a standing ovation to close the night. Our students continue to shine in every field.

Lorcan, a Year 8 student from Hurstmere School, starred in the world premiere of Apex Predator at Hampstead Theatre. A huge congratulations to them.

Students also reflected on history with powerful and joyful VE Day commemorations, including observing the national silence, scavenger hunts and a community picnic.

From Thames View winning the Fair Play Award in Rugby, to crowning Hurstmere's Year 11 B Team as National Football Champions 2025, it's been an outstanding term for sport. We were also thrilled to celebrate Luca from Miers Court Primary School's selection for the England Ice Hockey Showcase Team, an amazing personal and national achievement.

Of course, we have also had many students sitting their SATs, GCSEs and A-Levels. A huge well done to primary pupils who completed their SATs, and we wish secondary pupils who continue to sit their GCSEs & A-Levels in Term 6 the very best. We are very proud of everything you have already accomplished.

We are so proud of all that's been achieved this term and extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and incredible students.

Term 5 has been a celebration of learning, growth and community spirit, and we can't wait to see what Term 6 brings!

Best Wishes,
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Owen McColgan
Chief Executive



Vacancies Spotlight

Learning Support Assistant

Temple Mill Primary School is seeking to appoint a Learning Support Assistant, to start September 2025. The successful candidate will seek to ensure a positive educational environment through their work.

What We're Looking For:

- Someone who is genuinely passionate about education
- Committed to excellence in teaching and learning
- Have an unwavering commitment towards our pupils and staff

Why Join Us?

- Competitive salary and benefits
- Well-being and Lifestyle support and perks
- Exciting career development opportunities

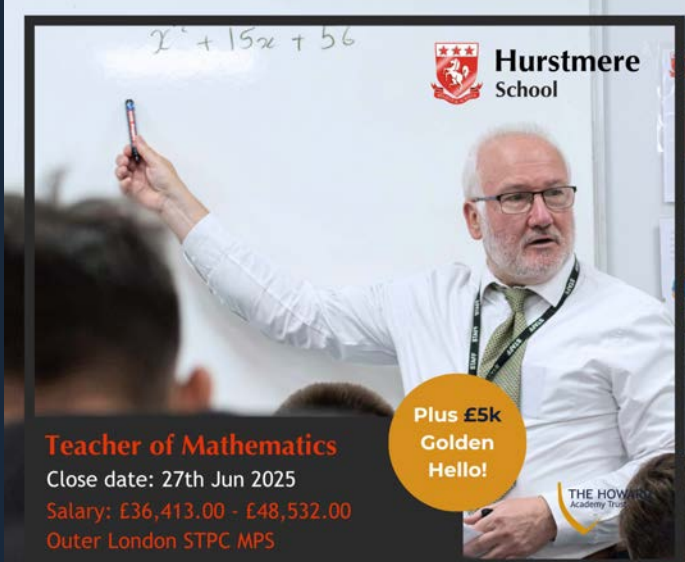
[More details](#) | [Apply here](#)



Temple Mill Primary School

Learning Support Assistant
Close date: 9th Jun 2025
Salary: £10,754.00 - £12,016.00
NJC D2 points 4-11

THE HOWARD Academy Trust



Hurstmere School

Teacher of Mathematics
Close date: 27th Jun 2025
Salary: £36,413.00 - £48,532.00
Outer London STPC MPS

Plus £5k Golden Hello!

THE HOWARD Academy Trust

Teacher of Mathematics

Hurstmere School is seeking to appoint a member of staff to join our Maths department.

What We're Looking For:

- Enthusiastic, talented, and passionate Teacher of Mathematics
- Forward-thinking and focused teaching for every student
- Have an ambitious vision for our school pupils and staff

Why Join Us?

- A supportive environment for career growth and staff well-being
- The school is offering a recruitment incentive of £5,000
- Exciting career development opportunities

[More details](#) | [Apply here](#)

Teacher of Physics

The Howard School is seeking to appoint a member of staff to join our Science Department. The successful candidate will be an enthusiastic, talented, and passionate Teacher of A-Level Physics.

What We're Looking For:

- Someone who is genuinely passionate about education
- Committed to excellence in teaching and learning
- Have an unwavering commitment towards our pupils and staff

Benefits Include:

- A brand-new £5m Science and Technology Block
- Competitive salary & benefits
- A supportive environment for career growth and staff well-being
- Exciting career development opportunities

Position Now Filled



The Howard School

Teacher of Physics
Close date: 20th June 2025
Salary: £31,650.00 - £49,084.00 STPC MPS/UPS

Plus £5k Golden Hello!

THE HOWARD Academy Trust

The Rainham Arts Piano Festival with Dominic Ferris

A Night to Remember!

On 2nd May, choirs from Deanwood, Miers Court, and Temple Mill Primary Schools came together to form The Howard Academy Trust Choir for a truly magical evening at St Margaret's Church, Rainham.

Performing alongside the incredibly talented Dominic Ferris and Georgi Mottram, the children wowed the audience with a repertoire that included a joyful Sherman Brothers medley, and the standing ovation at the end said it all.

The children performed with passion, confidence, and unity, and were a true credit to their schools and the Trust.

One parent summed it up perfectly: *"I wish you could bottle up nights like tonight and relive them again and again."*

A huge thank you to all the staff involved for their dedication in bringing this event to life, to the families who supported the evening, and to St Margaret's Church for hosting such a special occasion.

As Dominic Ferris said, our children were absolute superstars, and we couldn't agree more!





Promoting Greece

As part of their Ancient Greece topic, Cedar Class created vibrant travel leaflets to persuade people to visit Greece.

They visited Wigmore Library to research the country's rich history, landscapes, and mythology, developing both their writing and research skills.

Well done, Cedar Class!



Victorian Day in Hawthorn Class

Hawthorn Class stepped back in time as their classroom transformed into a Victorian school for the day. Miss Rumjaun, Mrs Fuller, and Mr Daniels fully embraced their roles, giving the children a hands-on experience of life as Victorian pupils, even sending them to work outside!

VE Day Celebrations

We marked the 80th Anniversary of VE Day in true red, white, and blue style! The children had a fantastic time celebrating with activities across the school.

Oak Class held a special medal presentation, Cedar Class enjoyed a picnic on the field, and Willow Class joined in the fun too.



Netball Mini Youth Games

On Thursday 24th April, our netball team took part in the Mini Youth Games, representing Deanwood with energy, determination, and great sportsmanship.

They gave their all, chased every ball, and made us incredibly proud. Well done, team!



Year 1's Roaring Adventure at Port Lympne

Year 1 had an amazing time at Port Lympne for their much-anticipated culture trip! The children were thrilled to come face-to-face with the lions early in the day, sparking awe and curiosity as they explored the reserve.

Throughout the visit, they learned about animals from around the world, their habitats, and the importance of conservation. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-life experiences.



Fair Play Award for Our Rugby Team

A huge congratulations to our rugby team, who were awarded the Fair Play Award for their outstanding sportsmanship and teamwork.

The award was presented by none other than Shaunagh Brown from the England Women's Rugby team, a truly special moment for everyone involved!

Celebrating 80 Years Since VE Day

Students and staff came together to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, honoring this significant moment in history with activities, reflections, and community spirit.

It was a wonderful day of remembrance and learning for everyone involved!



Year 2 Explore Medieval Medway

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Rochester Castle, bringing their learning on medieval Medway to life! What an exciting way to step back in time and explore local history.



UK vs Jamaica Climate Learning

Year 2 have had a busy and exciting term learning all about the weather! They compared the UK climate with Jamaica's, wrote impressive explanation texts, and began learning about the life and achievements of Mary Seacole.

The children also created beautiful Jamaican landscape artwork, using outdoor sketches to capture the weather.

Well done, Year 2, you've done brilliantly!



A Hockey Star in the Making!

We're thrilled to share that one of our pupils, Luca, was recently selected to play for England Ice Hockey in a Showcase tournament in Sheffield, where his team won every game, including the final!

England Ice Hockey recognises top talent from across the UK in each age group (U10-U19), and Luca was named among the best in his category. This is just the start of an exciting sporting journey for him, and we couldn't be prouder!

Luca plays for Invicta Junior Ice Hockey Club. The club offers great opportunities to play locally, nationally, and internationally. Well Done, Luca!

Miers Court Celebrates VE Day!

Miers Court had a fantastic day marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day! Children and staff dressed in red, white, and blue and learned all about this important day.

The celebrations ended with a lovely community picnic. Thankfully, the weather was perfect!

A big thank you to Ellinors Ice Cream for keeping everyone cool and to all the families, community members, and ex-pupils who joined us. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying the sunshine together!





A Fantastic Evening of Music

On the 2nd May, choirs from Deanwood, Miers Court, and Temple Mill came together to form The Howard Academy Trust Choir, performing alongside Dominic Ferris and Georgi Mottram at St Margaret's Church.

It was a phenomenal evening, and the children were amazing! Huge thanks to Dominic Ferris for including us in this wonderful community event.



A Springtime Adventure at Broomhill Park

The children had a wonderful time at Broomhill Park, thrilled to be out of the classroom and exploring nature as part of our 'growing' topic.

They spotted signs of spring, enjoyed views of Rochester Cathedral and the River Medway, discovered red ants on their walk, found snowdrops in George's Garden, and tackled the big hill - all memorable highlights of the day!

Mini-Beast Workshop Fun!

Year 1 and Year 4 teamed up for a fantastic Mini-Beast Workshop to support their Science learning.

The children took part in a mini-beast hunt, identified the creatures they found, and discovered more about their habitats. They even created their own replica invertebrate fossils, an exciting and educational experience for all!





Sycamore Class Visit Wildwood!

Sycamore Class had a fantastic day at Wildwood Animal Park! The sun was shining, spirits were high, and the children were lucky enough to spot a wide range of amazing animals.

They learned all about different species, their habitats, and the importance of conservation. It was a brilliant day of hands-on learning, exploration, and fun in the great outdoors!



Marvellous Maths!

Friday was a fantastic day for showcasing our fractions knowledge! The children used manipulatives to explore and demonstrate their understanding in a hands-on, practical way.

To round off the session, they enjoyed a fun game of Uno, bringing strategy and number skills together for a brilliant end to the day!

Commemorating VE Day

The children showed great respect during the national two-minute silence as part of our VE Day commemorations.

Afterwards, they took part in a victory-themed scavenger hunt and enjoyed a variety of creative crafts to mark the occasion.

A meaningful and engaging day for all.



Willow Class Take to the Skies!

Willow Class had a magical day at the Harry Potter Studios today! Every student got the chance to ride a broomstick and try their hand at catching the Golden Snitch. Quidditch dreams come true!

It was a truly memorable day, filled with flying fun and spellbinding experiences.



Premier League Trophy Visit!

Our students had a fantastic opportunity to see the Premier League Trophy up close and even grab a photo! Year 8 also took part in a special workshop run by Charlton CACT, with a visit from local MP Louie French.

We're proud to be the **only school** the Trophy is visiting. Thank you to all involved, and well done to our students for representing us so well!



A Star Is Born!

Huge congratulations to Year 8 student Lorcan, who starred as Alfie in the world premiere of Apex Predator at Hampstead Theatre! Written by acclaimed playwright John Donnelly and directed by Blanche McIntyre (RSC, The Globe), the show ran from 22nd March to 26th April 2025. Lorcan, who has been rehearsing since February, absolutely shone on stage.

Mrs Bennett described it as "a privilege watching Lorcan perform, a star in the making and one to watch!"

Year 11 B Team Crowned National Champions 2025!

What an incredible achievement for our Year 11 B team, who have been crowned National Champions 2025! This fantastic group of lads showed incredible skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the competition, overcoming tough challenges to claim the top spot.

We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and dedication. Well done to all the players, coaches, and supporters who made this success possible!



Our Iceland Adventure

Our Iceland trip was amazing! After landing and visiting the Perlan observation deck, we explored natural wonders like Grabrok Crater, Glymur Waterfall, and the Krauma geothermal baths. We also enjoyed coastal walks at Arnarstapi and Hellnar, saw the famous Kirkjufell mountain, and explored Þingvellir National Park. Highlights include stunning waterfalls, a lava tunnel tour, and a spectacular lava show. This trip has been a wonderful blend of adventure, learning, and awe-inspiring nature.

Furthering Education and Careers

Kent Fire and Rescue Visit Waterfront UTC

Students at Waterfront UTC took part in an exciting personal development session with Kent Fire and Rescue Service. The visit began with a classroom activity focused on building aspirations and resilience, followed by the hands-on Fire Cadet Challenge.

All students successfully completed the challenge and reflected on the vital role resilience plays in everyday life.



Strood Rotary Tournament 2025

Our 6th Form Engineering students recently took part in the Army Leadership Challenge Day at Mereworth Woods as part of their personal development. They completed tasks set by the Mechanical Engineering Corps, Royal Engineers, and Royal Artillery, including vehicle recovery, counter-explosive detection, laser clay pigeon shooting, and surveillance.

The students showed great commitment and gained valuable skills in leadership, resilience, and core values from this well-organised event.

Waterfront UTC's First Orienteering Event

On 15th May, Waterfront UTC took part in our first orienteering event at Capstone Park, organised by Saxon Orienteering Club and the School Games Team. Eight pupils, many new to representing the school, showed great enthusiasm and teamwork as they navigated two challenging courses.

Though we didn't place, everyone performed brilliantly, with special praise to Mishel and Zoe, who impressively finished second in one course after starting last!



Waterfront UTC's Dodgeball Debut!

Waterfront UTC took part in their first-ever dodgeball competition, organised by the dedicated team behind Kent School Games. The event was a huge success, with many schools joining in the fun.

Our students showed fantastic sportsmanship and energy both on and off the court. It was a day full of thrilling games, plenty of dodging, and lots of laughs!

Furthering Social Impact and Development

Louise Wins Faversham Gem and Unsung Heroes Awards

Congratulations to Louise for winning both a Faversham Gem Award and the Unsung Heroes Award!

Louise's dedication to helping others is inspiring—she volunteers with St John's Ambulance Cadets and tutors a younger student in Spanish. Her kindness, responsibility, and commitment make her a true role model. Well done, Louise!



Year 7 Culture Day: Crime Scene Investigation!

Year 7 took part in an exciting culture day, stepping into the shoes of forensic investigators and journalists. In the morning, students examined fingerprints, hair under microscopes, and tested fibres with bunsen burners to uncover the crime's perpetrator. In the afternoon, they used their scientific findings to create impressive newspaper reports, showcasing their investigative and creative skills.

The students loved piecing together the mystery and crafting their own stories.

Barcelona Trip: A Memorable Experience

Our students had an amazing time exploring Barcelona—visiting museums, riding the Montjuïc Cable Car, enjoying Parc Güell, and seeing the iconic Sagrada Família. They also experienced a boat trip, city tour, aquarium visit, and some beach time. The trip ended with an awards ceremony celebrating their enthusiasm and progress in Spanish. It was a joy to watch them grow and enjoy this unforgettable adventure.



KS3 Students Innovate During British Science Week

Harry joined Fire Cadets in Year 10 and has since taken on leadership roles, now serving as Watch Manager. This term, he received the National Fire Chiefs Council Silver Cadet Certificate for his dedication. Harry also compered the passing out ceremony at Rochester Fire Station, presenting awards and welcoming special guests. Well done, Harry!



Celebrating Student Success and Social Impact

Microclimate Learning

Our Year 7 students took their Geography learning outside as they collected data for their microclimate study around the school site.

Armed with thermometers, anemometers and light meters, they measured temperature, wind speed, humidity and light levels to see how our school environment influences local weather patterns. It was fantastic to see our young geographers applying their skills in the field!



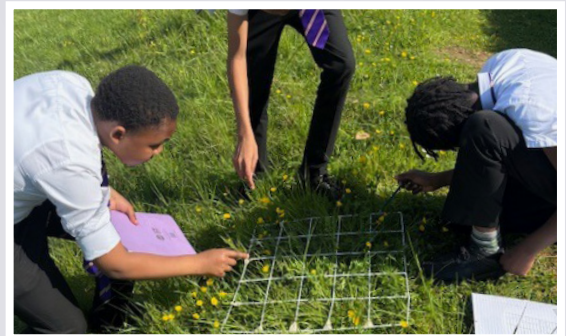
A Theatre Trip to Remember!

Some of our students enjoyed an incredible day in London, watching 'Dear England' by James Graham at The National Theatre. The powerful play explores football, identity, and national pride - a truly inspiring experience!

A big thank you to the staff who made this unforgettable trip possible!

Year 8 Explore Local Wildlife

Our brilliant Year 8 students stepped into the shoes of real scientists as they explored the biodiversity around the school grounds. Equipped with quadrats and ID charts, they identified plants, insects, and mini-beasts hidden in the grass and bushes. It was a fantastic opportunity to develop practical fieldwork skills, ask insightful questions, and appreciate the nature right on our doorstep. Well done Year 8, for your enthusiasm and curiosity throughout!



Royal Artillery Challenge with Year 9

Year 9 took on an exciting team challenge with the Royal Artillery Engineers, rescuing a jerry can from a safe minefield! The students showed fantastic teamwork and focus, impressing both visitors and staff alike.

Well done to Year 9 for representing the school brilliantly!

Join Our Team

The Howard Academy Trust's aim and vision is for our member schools to work together to build a community of successful learners, and to deliver an outstanding education for children and young people.

To ensure that we can provide this, we pride ourselves in our ability to deliver the support that you need to progress in your career in a way that best suits you.

We welcome new staff and ECTs into our 9 academies in all subjects and key stages, and provide a community which allows for collaboration and the building of a strong and supportive teaching network.

The Howard Academy Trust values employees who work for our organisation and can offer a variety of support, as well as opportunities to progress in your career with access to Middle and Senior Leadership Courses, role specific training courses for associate staff, and career stage CPD.

We also recognise that your life extends past the workplace and offer an Employee Assistance Programme, flu jabs and health checks at the workplace, subsidised gym membership and regular Mental Health and Wellbeing afternoons.

If you would like to get in touch, to discuss working with us, or how we can support your entry into teaching, you can click the link below. For more information about our ECT offer, visit: mynewterm.com/trust/The-Howard-Academy-Trust



Hire Our Facilities

Did you know that many of our facilities are available to hire outside of school hours? We have a variety of classrooms, school halls, sports hall & gym facilities, dance studios, drama studios, conference rooms and football pitches available, and accept bookings on weekday evenings and weekends!

To see a full list of the facilities available, to check availability and book a location, visit: <https://thatrust.schoolhire.co.uk/>



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