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This week at Ellowes Hall



Headteacher's Introduction

This has been an excellent way to finish what has been another very successful academic year. Throughout this final week, students and staff have enjoyed a wide range of activities that have certainly helped make up for the mid-week disappointment of England's World Cup exit. Tuesday saw our Year 9 and Year 10 Graduation Assemblies, where students were recognised for their academic achievements and celebrated their progression into either Key Stage 4 or their final year of secondary school. Students conducted themselves impeccably throughout the ceremonies, and I would particularly like to congratulate our Year 9 students, who gave every one of their peers a tremendous cheer and round of applause as they collected their graduation scrolls. On Wednesday we were treated to an outstanding Performing Arts Showcase, with students entertaining a large audience of family, friends and members of the local community. We were also given a sneak preview of several songs from our forthcoming production of *Grease*, which will be performed in January 2027. I would like to thank every student involved for their dedication and commitment, as the standard of performance was exceptional. Thursday saw our annual Sports Day, which was once again a tremendous success and highlighted the importance we place on participation, teamwork, health and enjoyment. The day concluded with our popular 'Picnic in the Park' event, where departments and student leadership groups hosted stalls to raise money for charity. One of the biggest attractions, as always, was 'Splat the Teacher', and I would like to thank my colleagues who willingly volunteered to be soaked by an endless supply

of wet sponges. Thank you to everyone who supported these fantastic events.

There have once again been many opportunities for students beyond the classroom this week, including those taking part in the Bikeability programme and the visit to St Andrew's @ Knighthead Park, home of Birmingham City Football Club. As you will see throughout this newsletter, there have also been many other exciting activities, visits and sporting achievements, all of which reflect the enthusiasm, talent and commitment of our students and staff.

As we reach the end of another academic year, we can look back with great pride on everything our school community has achieved together. We now look forward with excitement to another year of opportunity, challenge and success. We will be welcoming our Year 11 students back on Thursday 20th August to collect their GCSE results in the Sports Hall between 8.30am and 11.30am. Our new Year 7 and Year 11 students return to school on Thursday 3rd September, with Years 8, 9 and 10 joining us on Friday 4th September.

As we begin the new academic year, we look forward to seeing every student through the gates before 8.45am each morning, ready to learn and determined to achieve excellent attendance and punctuality. Every lesson matters, and every day in school makes a difference to future success.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year, and to our dedicated staff for everything they do to provide the very best opportunities for our students. On behalf of everyone at Ellowes Hall Sports College, I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Year 7: Ellie-Mae G, Annabelle MK, Isla P. **Year 8:** Aleysha S.
Year 9: Holli-Mae B. **Year 10:** Ben G.

If your child is a Student of the Week but we have not included their picture, it means we do not have the necessary consent from you. Please contact us if you would like us to be able to use your child's picture!

Thursday 20 th August
Y11 GCSE Exam Results Collection in Sports Hall 08:30 – 11:30
Tuesday 1 st September (Week A)
Staff INSET Day One
Wednesday 2 nd September (Week A)
Staff INSET Day Two
Thursday 3 rd September (Week A)
Year 7 & 11 in school by 08:45 (finish 15:15)
Friday 4 th September (Week A)
Years 8, 9 & 10 in school by 08:45 (finish 15:15)
ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance		
YEAR 7	7OM – Mrs McEvoy	96.97%
YEAR 8	8RP – Mr Patel	92.51%
YEAR 9	9JOP – Miss Parker	89.7%
YEAR 10	10GN – Miss Norton	95.51%



Picnic in the Park

& Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was a huge success, with Kinver crowned this year's winning house after a day of friendly competition. We then enjoyed our Picnic in the Park, where students supported a range of fundraising stalls for the Royal British Legion. Our students were outstanding throughout the day, representing the Ellowes Hall community with pride and excellence.







Summer Showcase

For the third time this year, our Performing Arts students performed to family, friends and members of the local community, providing a wonderful way to finish the year. They also gave a sneak preview of some of the songs from the upcoming school production of *Grease*, which takes place in January 2027.

Y9 & Y10 Graduation



This week we celebrated our Year 9 and 10 Graduations. This is to reward our students for their hard work and dedication with their studies. Lots of rewards were handed out as well as their End of Year Scrolls. In addition, all of our new Year 11 Leaders have received their blazers and ties. Well done to everyone involved.



ELLOWES HALL SPORTS COLLEGE

KS3 Bikeability

A fantastic start to this week's Level 2 Bikeability course for a group of our Key Stage 3 students. Throughout the course, students will develop the knowledge, confidence and practical skills needed to ride safely on today's roads. By completing the programme, they will be better equipped to make safe decisions, improve their awareness of other road users and help keep both themselves and others safe whenever they are cycling.





On Friday, Ellowes was privileged to attend the West Midlands Secondary Student Conference at Birmingham City's St Andrew's @ Knighthead Park. Students heard from three inspiring keynote speakers covering mental health and social media, volunteering in school and the community, and transferable skills for careers and CV writing. The day also included a stadium tour and a talk from recently retired Birmingham City Women footballer Louise Quinn. It was a fantastic and inspiring day for everyone involved.

Congratulations to our U13 Girls' Football Team, who recently competed in the Dudley Borough Girls' 5-a-Side Football Tournament at Ellowes Hall. The girls represented the school with fantastic determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. They played brilliantly in every match, demonstrating excellent skill, resilience, and a positive attitude from start to finish.



After an outstanding tournament, the team finished in an impressive **second place**. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of all the players for their hard work and commitment. Well done to everyone involved on a wonderful performance and for being such excellent ambassadors for our school!



**Swim safe
this summer**

**Avoid
open water**

Open water may be much colder and deeper than it appears.

Most accidental drownings happen inland, not at the coast.

Children and young men are more likely to accidentally drown.

If a person is in trouble in the water, phone 999, roll over to float on their back and throw them a rope - **DO NOT** enter the water.

**STAY SAFE NEAR OPEN
WATER, LAKES, RIVERS
AND CANALS DURING
HOT WEATHER**

**DON'T LET IT
BE YOU!**



**South Yorkshire
FIRE & RESCUE**

**STAY SAFE
NEAR WATER**

#BEWATERAWARE



**Please click here and
read the water safety
message from West
Midlands Fire Service**



WMFS
**West Midlands
Fire Service**


Lifeboats

**If you're
struggling in the water ...**

**Tilt your head
back with ears
submerged**

**Relax and move
your hands to help
you stay afloat**

FLOAT TO LIVE





ELLOWES HALL
SPORTS COLLEGE

Read the World: Summer Reading Adventure

NEW PLACES

NEW PEOPLE

NEW IDEAS

NEW ADVENTURES

6 WEEKS
OVER THE
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

EXPLORE NEW STORIES.
DISCOVER NEW PLACES.
BE UNSTOPPABLE.

READ BOOKS.
EARN POINTS.
UNLOCK REWARDS!

EVERY PAGE
IS A PASSPORT
TO SOMEWHERE
NEW



BRONZE
30 POINTS

COMPLETE ANY 3

- ★ Read a book recommended by a teacher
- ★ Read for 20 minutes a day for one week
- ★ Read a book with a blue cover
- ★ Read a graphic novel or manga
- ★ Read a non-fiction book about a topic that interests you
- ★ Share a favourite quote from a book



SILVER
60 POINTS

COMPLETE BRONZE PLUS ANY 3

- ★ Read a book by a British author
- ★ Read a book set in another country
- ★ Read a newspaper article each week
- ★ Listen to an audiobook and compare it with a printed book
- ★ Read a book published before you were born
- ★ Write a short review (50–100 words)



GOLD
100 POINTS

COMPLETE SILVER PLUS ANY 4

- ★ Read a book from a genre you've never tried before
- ★ Read a book recommended by a friend or family member
- ★ Create a book trailer, poster or social media-style promotion
- ★ Read a book featuring a diverse main character
- ★ Visit a local library and borrow a book
- ★ Complete a "Reading in an Unusual Place" challenge and take a photo
- ★ Read a book shortlisted for an award such as the Carnegie Medal

LOG YOUR CHALLENGES!

Scan the QR code to log your books, earn points and track your progress online.



SCAN ME TO
LOG YOUR
CHALLENGES!

BONUS CHALLENGES – EARN EXTRA POINTS!



Read for
10 consecutive
days

10 PTS



Recommend
a book to
another student

5 PTS



Read
outdoors

5 PTS



Read a poem
collection

5 PTS



Attend a
library event

10 PTS



Complete a
reading selfie
challenge

5 PTS

REWARDS



BRONZE READER
Certificate and
house points



SILVER READER
Certificate, house
points and a
bookmark



GOLD READER
Certificate, prize draw
entry and recognition
in assembly/newsletter

TOP READERS

- ★ £10 book voucher
- ★ Library Champion Award
- ★ Featured recommendation display in the school library



GRAND FINALE! ★ Join us in September for our
SUMMER READING CELEBRATION EVENT!

★ Book quiz ★ Book swap ★ Staff vs Students ★ Prize giving ★ Displays & more!





Are you entitled?

Could your child receive free school meals from September 2026?

From September 2026, more children and young people will be able to receive a free meal at school. This is because free school meal eligibility is expanding to include children from households receiving Universal Credit. More families may now be eligible, so we are asking parents and carers to complete an application if they think this could apply to them.

Eligibility is not automatic – parents and carers of children not currently receiving FSM must apply.

Please apply ASAP - Eligibility checking will begin from 1 June 2026.

Where a child is found to be eligible, the free meal entitlement will apply from the start of the 2026 to 2027 school year (September 2026)

How to apply

Applying online should only take a few minutes.

Apply here: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>

It could save your family money each week and help make sure your child can have a meal in school if they want one.

Please complete an application if any of these apply to you.

1. Your household receives Universal Credit
2. Your household receives another qualifying benefit.
3. Your young person is in sixth form or school-based post 16 provision and you think they may be eligible.

You do not need to work out whether your child qualifies. You only need to apply. The eligibility check will do the rest.



FAMILY FUN DAY



Ellowes Hall Sports College

DY3 2JH

FREE picnic | Bible story | Fun activities & craft

TUESDAY, 4TH AUG | 10AM-1 PM

SCAN QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE





FAMILY



Free Family Fun Day!



📅 Tuesday 4th August

🕒 10:00am – 1:00pm

📍 Ellowes Hall Sports College

Join us for a **FREE Family Fun Day** packed with activities for children and families!
What's on?

- 🎯 Giant games
- 🗺️ Treasure hunt
- li>• 📖 Short Bible story
- 🎨 Crafts
- ⚽ Multi-sport activities
- 🧱 LEGO activities
- 🧺 FREE picnic for everyone
- 🎁 Opportunities to win prizes!

We'll also be joined by **RNLI** and **Your Health Dudley**, who will be offering support, advice, and information throughout the event.

Important information:

- Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Spaces are **limited**, so **please book early** to avoid disappointment.
- **Don't forget to put it in your diary!**

We can't wait to see you for a fun-filled morning together!

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YOUTH SERVICE

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

ENROL YOUR CHILD TODAY

21ST JULY - 3RD AUGUST 2026

FREE SPORT, NATURE, FOOD, AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES FOR DEAF, DEAFBLIND, HARD OF HEARING, AND CODA YOUTH.

DEAF BADMINTON -

21ST JULY AT KORE WELLNESS (WEDNESBURY LEISURE CENTRE)

&

3RD AUGUST AT SHIRELAND CBSO

WONDER IN NATURE -

24TH JULY AT SANDWELL VALLEY FARM

DEAF PUNK CHEF -

27TH JULY AT YEW TREE AND TAMEBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM -

28TH JULY AT DUDLEY

TIME: ALL FROM 10AM TO 2PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

AGE: 8 - 17



FREE!

HOT/COLD FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

Hurry!
HAF places
are still
available!



Register Now

INTERESTED IN A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD AT THE HAF SUMMER SCHEME?

PLACES ARE MAINLY FOR SANDWELL RESIDENTS AND PUPILS ATTENDING SANDWELL-FUNDED SCHOOLS. ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.



WE MAY ALSO CONSIDER CHILDREN LIVING OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH.

<https://app.holidayactivities.com/parent/providers/sandwell-deaf-community-association>



**Sandwell
Deaf Community
Association**

New Deaf Centre,
Summer Lane,
West Bromwich, B71 4JA

if you would like more information, please get in with :

Craig Pothecary
Wellbeing Coach

Email: craig_pothecary@sdca.co.uk
Text / WhatsApp / FaceTime: 07791 921011



Careers Convention & Wellbeing Café



Thursday
17th September 2026



3.30pm – 5.50pm



Grab & Go and Theatre

*Your future.
Your choices.*



**All parents/carers of all year groups
are welcome to attend**



Careers Convention

Meet colleges, universities and employers to explore future opportunities. This is especially valuable for **Year 11** students and parents/carers, but students in **Years 7–10** can also begin thinking about their next steps.



Wellbeing Café

Meet external agencies offering information and advice to support your child's wellbeing, from health and emotional wellbeing to personal safety.



**Please see your emails
for further information.**





**WED 5TH AUGUST AND
WED 19TH AUGUST
10AM - 12PM**

BEACON PRESENT'S

**RELAXED HOLIDAY CLUB
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE. INCLUSIVE OF ALL
DISABILITIES ALONG WITH
THEIR PARENTS SIBLINGS
AND CARERS**

**CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
COUNCIL**

**CHERRY STREET SEND
AND SENSORY HUB
WV3 0QW**

**FUN FOR THE FAMILY
CRAFT ACTIVITIES • ENJOYMENT**



**Please Call 01902 880 111 or Email
enquiries@beaconvision.org for further
information.**



SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Join us for these free activities over the summer for children and young people living with sight loss and inclusive of all disabilities

VI Cricket



Wednesday 29th July and Thursday 13th August 11am - 12pm, Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road east, WV4 6AZ



Holiday Hub

Wednesday 5th August 10am - 12pm, Cherry Street Sensory Hub, Cherry Street Wovlerhampton, WV3 0QW

Holiday Hub



Wednesday 19th August 10am - 12pm Cherry Street Sensory Hub, Cherry Street Wolverhampton WV3 0QW



Wolves Foundation

Wednesday 26th August 10:30am - 12pm, Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road East WV4 6QW

For further information or to book onto these event's please email enquiries@beaconvision.org or call 01902 880111



**Wolves
Foundation**



**WED 26TH
AUGUST**



**MIXED
SPORTS
SESSION**

10:30AM - 12PM

**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE INCLUSIVE OF ALL
DISABILITIES**

SPORTS AND GAMES

**BEACON CENTRE,
WOLVERHAMPTON,
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD
EAST, WV4 6AZ**



**TO BOOK ON TO THIS FREE SESSION
PLEASE CONTACT**

**ENQUIRIES@BEACONVISION.ORG OR
CALL BEACON RECEPTION ON 01902
880 111**



**Wolves
Foundation**