



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: World Mental Health Day
HERO: Denise Lewis **SONG OF NEXT WEEK:** Man in the Mirror
 by Louis Armstrong **CAREER OF THE WEEK:** Cryonics Technician



Headteacher's Introduction

This week we welcomed a record number of Year 6 students and their families to our Open Mornings. It was wonderful to see so many prospective students exploring whether Ellowes is the right school for them. Thank you to our students and staff for the warm welcome they provided and for showcasing all that makes our school such a fantastic place to learn.

We also welcomed colleagues from across the Trust, who visited lessons and saw how positively the new academic year has started. Their encouraging feedback was greatly appreciated. Year 11 students are now fully engaged in after-school intervention sessions as they prepare for their first mock examinations, which are now less than two months away. It has also been great to see the excellent uptake in our extra-curricular programme. I would encourage students to take advantage of opportunities such as Climbing Club before it pauses for the winter after half-term, and those staff focus on the Baking Club and preparations for the school production. Congratulations also to our Year 8 boys' football team on their successful start to the season, and to

the many music students who recently enjoyed a concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at Symphony Hall.

If you are able to donate any tinned produce for our Harvest Collection, organised by our Bungello students in support of the Black Country Foodbank, we would be extremely grateful.

Our annual Halloween Disco will take place on Thursday 22nd October, with tickets available via ParentPay from Monday 5th October. Student leaders have been busy planning a range of activities, including the return of apple bobbing and mummy racing. We would also welcome donations of apples from families who may have apple trees in their gardens.

Finally, thank you for your continued support in maintaining excellent attendance. Every day in school matters, and regular attendance gives students the very best opportunity to succeed. It has been fantastic to see so many students recognised through our attendance rewards, including one lucky family who won £30 of Co-op vouchers kindly donated by our local Co-op store. We look forward to celebrating many more successes, achievements and positive moments with our students throughout the rest of the term.

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Positives
This Week



Year 7: Hayden A, Myla C, Dorian R. **Year 8:** Harley H.
Year 9: Caiden F, Ethan J. **Year 10:** Leffy A, Maddison S.
Year 11: Sam H, Isla P, George S, Charlie S.

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!

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7AR – Miss Rawlins	100%
YEAR 8	8TR – Miss Roe	98.33%
YEAR 9	9RP – Mr Patel	96.55%
YEAR 10	10LM – Mr Martin	94%
YEAR 11	11EP – Mrs Hayward-Perry	98.24%

Wednesday 7th Oct (Week B)

Whole School Flu Vaccine



ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1

Attendance



Belonging

- 1 day = 2 sessions (AM/PM)
- There are 365 days in a year, and children should attend 190 days – every day school is open
- Being late (after the registers have closed) counts as an absence

What is Excellent Attendance?

97% and above	95% to 97%	Less than 95%	Less than 90%	Less than 50%
Excellent	Good	Concerning	Persistent Absence/Critical	Severely Absent/Critical
No more than 6 days/12 sessions absent in a year	No more than 10 days/20 sessions absent in a year	More than 10 days/20 sessions absent in a year	19 days/38 sessions or more absent from school in a year	95 days/190 sessions or more absent in a year



Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.

Lost Learning

If you are absent 1 or 2 days a week this impact is.....

If you miss	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school, that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years!

If you are late 10 minutes per day...

Only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school, that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Near 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1 ½ hours per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years!



ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW

co
op

IN SCHOOL. IN THE DRAW. IN WITH A CHANCE!

WIN £30
OF CO-OP VOUCHERS
FOR YOUR FAMILY



Congratulations to the Family of Kayden PM who were drawn from over 835 students to win £30 of Co-op vouchers.

Keep attending for your chance to be in the next prize draw!

♥ **THANK YOU** ♥

TO OUR LOCAL CO-OP STORE

For generously donating this prize and supporting the students and families of Ellowes Hall Sports College.



MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

Another attendance prize draw will take place at the end of this half term!

Every day counts. Every lesson counts.
Every attendance day gives you another chance to win.

★ **YOU HAVE TO BE IN SCHOOL TO WIN!** ★

FANTASTIC START!

Our students are making a brilliant start to the new academic year!

Be here
Be you
Belong

Every day counts!



ACHIEVE

Good attendance helps you reach your academic potential.



BELONG

Being in school helps you build positive relationships and feel part of our school community.



SUCCEED

Every day in school helps you develop the routines and habits that will support you now and in the future.

ATTEND

LEARN

ENGAGE

ACHIEVE

Same students
Brighter futures 😊

FRIDAY ATTENDANCE DRAW!

WIN PRIZES!

100% Attendance Prize Winners

Last Week's Winners

Year 7

Ralph A and Lilly Mai B

Year 8

Laila B and Bobby B

Year 9

Toye A and Lilly H

Year 10

Olivia S and Alvin N

Year 11

Evie H and Daniel I



HOMework SUPPORT

Ask
Learn
Achieve
Succeed
😊

You
Can
Do
This!

Need help completing your homework?

Small
Steps
Big
Progress



COMPUTER ROOM SUPPORT

V7 is open every
Tuesday and Thursday
from 8:00am
with Mr Bates



LUNCHTIME SUPPORT

V7 is open
Thursday lunch times



LAPTOPS AVAILABLE

Laptops are available
from Mrs Jones in the Library
every lunch time
(other than Thursday).



TUESDAY FORM TIME INTERVENTION

(Invite Only)



Get
Organised



Get
Support



Complete
Your Homework



Achieve
Your Best



We are here to help
★ you succeed! ✨

No student should struggle alone with homework.



JOIN US AS A
PARENT ASSOCIATE
GOVERNOR!

INVICTUS

Education Trust

Make a meaningful
impact **today!**

Are you passionate about your child's education? Do you want to make a meaningful impact in our school community? We invite you to **volunteer as a Parent Associate Governor!**

WE'RE SEEKING PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WHO:

- Want to help our school thrive and grow
- Can dedicate their time to support our mission
- Feel confident representing the community's voice
- Are committed to the success of all students and stakeholders



For more information, please contact our governance team:
email: governance@invictus.education

Inspiring Future Musicians: GCSE Students Experience the CBSO Live at Symphony Hall. On Wednesday 30th September, our GCSE Music students visited Birmingham's Symphony Hall to watch the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO) live in concert.



The highlight was Edward Elgar's Enigma Variations. Hearing this British classic performed live brought the students' theoretical studies into vivid reality, showcasing orchestral textures and dynamic contrast in one of the world's finest acoustic spaces.



It was a fantastic day out, made better by a quick visit to black sabbath bridge. Thanks to the students for their exemplary behaviour and to staff for keenly accompanying the trip.

Halloween Disco
Thurs 22nd Oct
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Fancy Dress & Pumpkin Carving Competition

**Bring your ready-carved pumpkin to enter the competition
and win a prize*

**Tickets are £2 and can be purchased
via ParentPay from Monday 5th Oct**



Stalls include Face Painting,
Mummy Race, Apple Bobbing.
On sale: Glow Sticks, Sweets,
Chocolate, Crisps and Pop
(NO HOT FOOD)



On sale now in
the stationery
shop





Spare apples in your garden?

GOT APPLES?

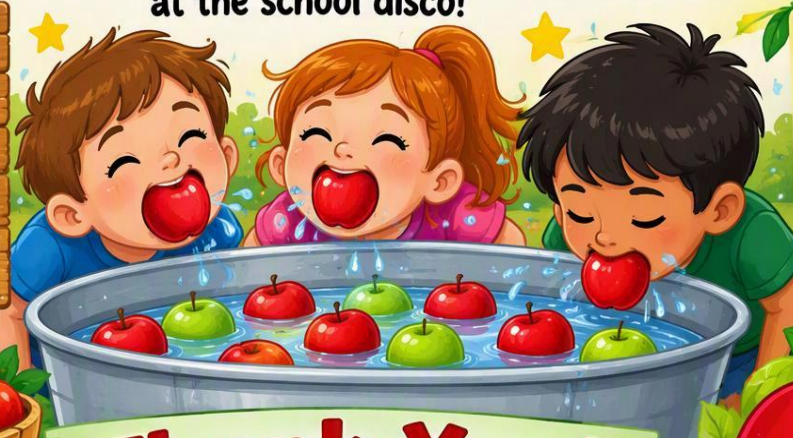
Please donate bags of apples to be used for our **Apple Bobbing Competition** at the school disco!



We'd love them!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- 1 Pick any spare apples from your garden trees
- 2 Place them in a bag
- 3 Send them into school with your child



Any variety of apples is welcome, and even a small donation will help us create a fun activity for our students to enjoy.

♥



Every Apple Makes a Difference! ♥

Thank You!

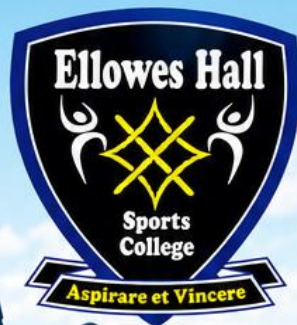
Your support helps make our school events extra special! ♥

Donations needed by:

22nd Oct

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT

WM AREA SELECTION



Saturday 17th October



Himley Hall

There will be a cross country event, for the WM area, to select a team to then go on and represent West Midlands in the **Dave Sunderland Intercounties**.



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR
PUPILS FROM ELLOWES HALL SPORTS COLLEGE**

We are looking for pupils to make up a Dudley schools team. If you have pupils who would like to take part then please let us know their:



Name



M/F



Year group



by Friday 9th October.

Regards

Mr J Evans

Head of PE

✉ jevans4@ellowes.dudley.sch.uk





**HIT THE BULLSEYE.
BEAT THE BELL!**



**ARRIVE.
AIM. WIN!**



Friday's Darts Winners

HIT THE BULLSEYE!

EVERY FRIDAY, ANY STUDENT WHO ARRIVES AT SCHOOL BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 8:35AM WILL GET **ONE DART** AND **ONE SHOT** AT THE **BULLSEYE CHALLENGE**

HOW IT WORKS:



ARRIVE BETWEEN 8:00AM AND 8:35AM ON FRIDAY



TAKE **ONE DART**



AIM FOR THE **BULLSEYE**



BE ONE OF THE **FIRST FIVE BULLSEYES** AND WIN

Congratulations to...

Aava C of Y7,

Jack C of Y8

and

Elonzo of Y11

FRIDAYS ONLY 8:00AM - 8:35AM



**ATTEND ON FRIDAYS
BE PART OF THE ACTION!**



**BE ON TIME
MAKE EVERY MINUTE COUNT!**



**HIT THE TARGET
WIN GREAT PRIZES!**

EVERY DAY COUNTS. EVERY FRIDAY GIVES YOU A SHOT!



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



HIMLEY

5584
points



KINVER

5531
points



CLENT

5477
points



ENVILLE

5101
points



HOUSE POINT LEADERS OF THE WEEK



HIMLEY

**Scott
Forrest**



ENVILLE

**Maja
Gryc**



CLENT

**Lexi
Webb**



KINVER

**Harley Hargrove
&
Isabella Quick**



HARVEST

Ellowes Hall
Harvest Festival
Collection
Receiving donations
from 6th October
in school!

Festival

HARVEST FESTIVAL

6TH - 15TH
OCTOBER



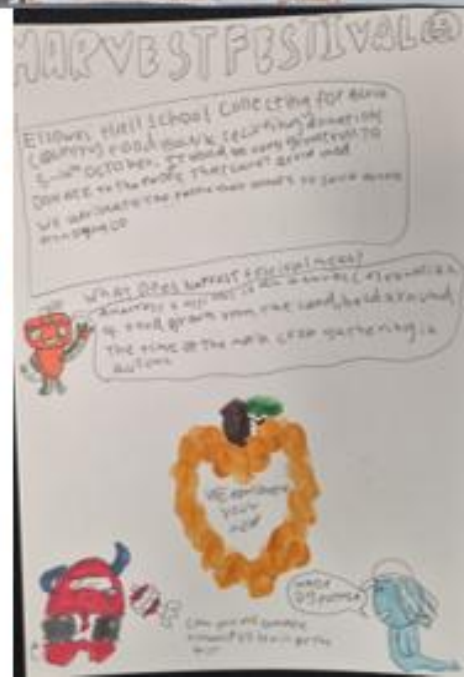
DONATIONS TO
RECEPTION

ELLOWES HALL COLLECTING FOR
BLACK COUNTRY FOOD BANK



Students in The Bungalow have been working on some fantastic Harvest Festival Posters to be displayed around school. School will be collecting donations for Black Country Food Bank from 5th-16th October.

As part of life skills work, Bungalow students have been discussing the importance of community, over this half term we are making positive contributions to the school community, part of this is being involved in Harvest Festival.





Huge well done to our Year 8 Boys Football team who battled hard to see out a 1-0 over the Link Academy on Wednesday, A great start to their season!



FREE breakfast
for every student,
every day!

Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2026 (Sept-Oct)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Breakfast in the Diner 8.00 – 8.40am				
	Question of the Day in Reception Area for House Points – Contribute each morning				
11:15		Break Time Thrive Grace Foundation Ethos 1 (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation Ethos 1 (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation Ethos 1 (ES)	
Lunch Time Clubs & Activities	The Library open to all every lunch time				
	Y7 Football in PE (Astros)	Y11 Football in PE (Astros)	Y10 Football in PE (Astros)	Y8 Football in PE (Astros)	Y9 Football in PE (Astros)
	Choir in X1 (WJ)	GCSE Drama Open Space in X4 (EH)	Drama Performance Club in X4 (EH)	Beginners Guitar in X1 (WJ)	Art Club in D2 (HH)
	Production Rehearsal in X4 (EH)	Christian Union / Drop in Grace Foundation Ethos 2 (ES)	Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Equality Ambassadors & Space in E3 (BH)	Y8/9 Dance Club in X3 (EH) PE Kit Needed
	Boys Boost in Ethos Room 1 (Invitation from VR)	Year 7 Dance Club in X3 (RG PE Kit)	Keyboard Club in X1 (WJ)	Scriptwriting Club in X4 (EH)	Orchestra in X1 (WJ)
		Enough - invite only (MS) In Safeguarding Office	Poetry Drop in Club in E2 (PBJ)	Y7 Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Working Fridays (Careers and Health Ambassadors) in V6 (ATP)
		Textiles Club in D7 (TJO)	TCG Club in M2 (RJ/SAA)	The Lunch Bunch in the Safeguarding Office (MST & VR)	
		Producers Club (WJE X4)	Psychology Club in E8 Week B (SR)	Digital Ambassadors in V3 (OM) KS3 programming club in V3 (DJ)	
		Warhammer Club in D5 (MP)			
	After School Clubs Activities	BTEC Sport Intervention (JEV/LM/RGR)	STEM Go Kart Club D7 (TJO)	Lego Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Ethos Room 1 (VR)	Football Boys and Girls Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV, LM, RGR, SM, JW)
Musical Theatre Club (PE Kit required) – 15:15 – 16:15pm (EH X4)		Netball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JW)	GCSE Drama Intervention/Rehearsal in X4 (EH)	Eco Ambassadors 15:15 – 16:15 in D4 (JMI)	Production Dance Rehearsals in X4 (EH) PE Kit Needed
Production Rehearsal (WJE X1)		Rugby Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)		Games Club (All Years) 15:15 – 16:15 in Ethos 1 (ES)	
Science Club Y7 – 8 in S8 (CB)		Production Dance Rehearsal in X3 (EH)		Production Rehearsal in X1 (WJ & EH)	
Parallel Club in M10 (AR)				Production Dance Rehearsal in X3 (RG)	
					



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – 1.45-2.05	Lunch – 1.45-2.05	Lunch – 1.45-2.05	Lunch – 1.45-2.05	
All cast - X1	Sandy and Danny – X1	Johnny Casino - X1	Danny	
After School – 3.15-4.15	Dancers – Beauty School Dropout X3.	After School – 3.15-4.15	After School – 3.15-4.30	After School – 3.15-4.15
Scene 3 - x4		Doody, Roger, Rizzo, Sandy, Jan	Full cast - Hall	Scene 4 – X4



podcast

We. talk!

"WE TALK! Episode 2 has landed!

This time, our Media Ambassadors are chatting to **Mr Jackson** about his passion for languages. 🌐 Then it's quiz time as they put his language skills to the ultimate test!

Will he live up to his multilingual reputation?"

<https://youtu.be/O-9Q-CvwIK0>

Psychology Club



Think. Question. Explore.



Time:

Wednesday
lunchtimes
week B



Location:

V5



Teacher:

Miss Rigby

Explore
different
perspectives...

...and discover
more about
yourself!



Better
understanding
people, minds
and the world
around us.

Topics we'll explore:



Illusions

How our brains can
be tricked (and what
that tells us).



Memory

How we remember,
forget and reconstruct
our past.



Emotions

How they shape
our thoughts, behaviour
and decisions.

All are welcome!

Topping Up for Lunch

- **To Top Up** - To add additional funds if you wish to do so:
- Log in to SchoolGrid at <https://schoolgrid.co.uk/> - Top right hand side of screen it says Log In - in a green box
- Log in using your email address and reset password
- On top right hand side of screen there are three grey lines
- Click on lines
- Scroll down to account
- Click on Make card Payment
- **Top Up Reminder** - You can set a reminder when your balance falls below a certain amount - Set the level by clicking Change Balance Threshold.
- **Spend Limit** - All schools will be set up with default spend limits of £5 – you can change the daily spend limit:
- Log in to <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk> using your parent account details.
- Select Account (if you are using a mobile device, click on the three horizontal lines in the top-right corner first).
- Choose Set Spend Limit and follow the on-screen instructions.
- Set the spend limit per day, by typing in the amount in the corresponding field and click Save Changes.
- **Lost Fobs** - If a catering fob is lost or damaged, a replacement can be issued at a cost of £1.00 direct from the school kitchen at break or lunchtime. The replacement charge will be charged to the student SchoolGrid account so available funds must be available on the account before a new fob can be issued.
- **Free School Meals** – The free school meal allowance is £2.75 per day, you can add extra funds to the account if you would like to do so by following the top up instructions above.

Sparx

Parent/Carer Guide

How to log into Sparx to complete homework from home

Weekly homework will be set on the following days and then due on the same day the following week.

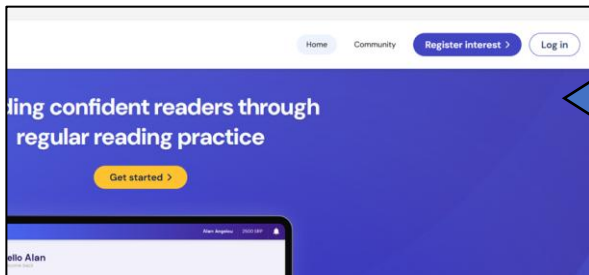
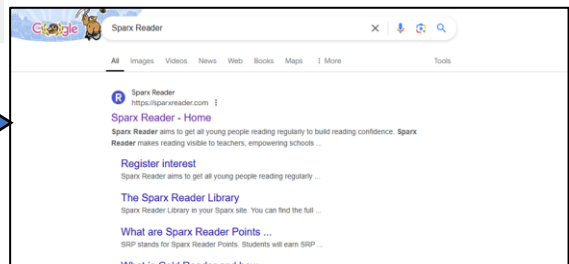
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

Students can log into Sparx through either [the link on their Arbor page](#) or through a search engine such as Google.

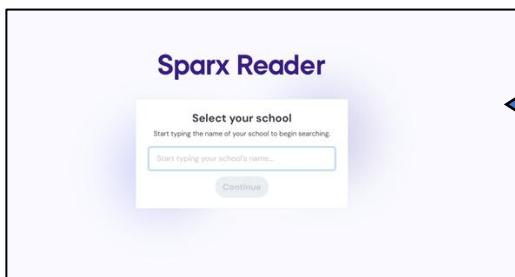


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

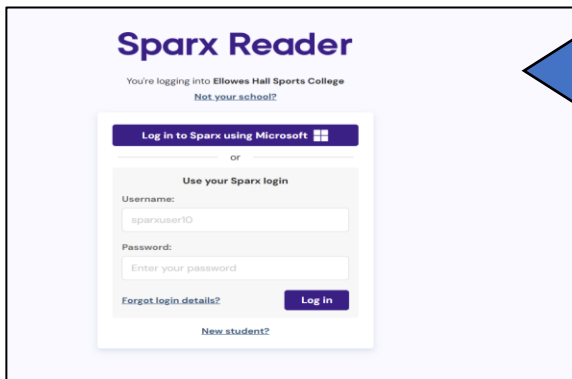
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



Once they have clicked on either the link on Arbor or the search result on Google they need to click the white log in icon in the top right corner and then select student log in.



They will then be asked to select their school, which will appear as they start typing in Ellowes Hall Sports College



They can then click the purple box that says 'log in to Sparx using Microsoft' and then use their school email and password to log in. Their password is the same password that they use to log into any computer in school.

Any homework students have been set will appear. Students can continue to read on Sparx Reader even after their homework has been completed, and we would encourage them to, especially if they are really enjoying the book they have chosen.

Carousel Homework for Geography and History

- One quiz per week per subject.
- Set and due Thursdays. Monday night detentions.
- Link set by Miss McCormack and Miss Perry to your email. Click this and login with your Microsoft email.
- You have to revise before you can take the quiz (say the answer to each flashcard aloud and then click 'show answer' to test yourself. Self-mark and then move on).
- Take the quiz and self-mark your answers. Be honest as your teacher can see!

Y7 GEOGRAPHY WEEK 1

QUIZ BY MISS PERRY
CLASS: YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY

REVISE

TAKE QUIZ

Your teacher has locked the quiz.
You must complete the flashcards before you can take this quiz.
Click REVISE to get started.



9 COMING UP!

Define 'political geography'

SHOW ANSWER

I GOT THIS...

WRONG

NEARLY
RIGHT

RIGHT

HOMework

**ELLOWS HALL
KEY STAGE 3**

LOVE TO LEARN

HOMework BOOKLET

This booklet contains a range of tasks from each of your non-core subjects. You will need to use this as part of your homework. Please show your teacher on completion of a task for rewards.

Check in weeks 2025-2026
Autumn term : w/c **8th December**
Spring term: w/c **16th March**
Summer term: w/c **22nd June**

PE LOVE TO LEARN CHECK LIST

How many of the tasks have you completed? (0-10) _____

1. Complete a 20-minute workout	
2. Successfully complete 10 lunges	
3. Complete a 5-minute bodyweight circuit	
4. Perform a PE task for one half-term	
5. Demonstrate a 10-second sit-up	
6. Attend a PE lesson in a school or club	
7. Perform a PE task in a school or club	
8. Watch any sports matches in the school	

REWARD CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the school website and complete a task.

DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES

Staff Signature & Date _____

Create a Poster of the Physical Skills and their definitions	
Design a costume for a new action movie	
Attend a Drama Club for a half-term	
Get involved in a Performing Arts showcase (afternoon or weekend)	
Keep your own knowledge of Drama (show or film) for your class	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your class	
Watch a drama on TV and put a photo of a scene from it in your class	

KS3 Students (Years 7-9) have also been issued with Love to Learn Homework tasks. These will be checked at 3 checkpoints throughout the year, with effort scores shared with home. Prizes will be awarded for excellent participation!

NHS FIT FOR THE FUTURE



DATE

16th
OCTOBER
2026



TIME

10:00 am to
12:00 pm



VENUE

Yemeni Centre Greets
Green Access Centre,
Tildesley Street, West
Bromwich, B70 9SJ



AUDIENCE

- Deaf
- Deafened/Hard of Hearing
- Adults - CODA
- NRCPD Registered BSL interpreter



WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

- ✓ GP services
- ✓ NHS App or GP online service
- ✓ Hospital Outpatients
- ✓ NHS Care in the home (Nurses or carers)
- ✓ Maternity Care
- ✓ Find Health information in BSL



BSL



SPEECH TO
TEXT OPTIONS

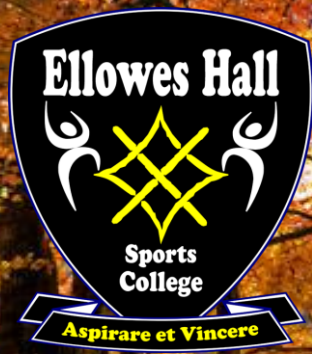
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF NHS SERVICES

If you are interested, book first with email or text below:

07791 921010 or 07791 921011

gail_worsey@sdca.co.uk

craig_pothecary@sdca.co.uk



Key Dates Autumn Term 2026

Date	Event
Wednesday 7 th October	Whole School Flu Vaccine
Thursday 15 th October	Harry Potter Warner Bros Studio London Trip
Thursday 22 nd October	18.00-20.00: Halloween Spooktacular Disco
Friday 23 rd October	Year 8/9 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Thursday 5 th November	Staffordshire Army Recruitment Trip
Friday 6 th November	Year 10/11 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Thursday 12 th November	15:30 – 18:30: Year 7 Parent Consultation Meeting
Monday 16 th November	Loughborough University Visit
Monday 16 th – Thursday 26 th November	Year 11 Mock Examinations
Wednesday 18 th – Friday 20 th November	Year 7 Whitemoor Lakes Trip
Thursday 26 th November	Awards Evening
Friday 27 th November	School closed to students: National College Teacher Training
Thursday 3 rd December	Catch-Up Flu Vaccines
Friday 4 th December	Reading Ambassadors Book Shop Trip
Thursday 10 th December	16.00-18.00: Christmas Market
Friday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11 th – Thursday 17 th December	Year 10 Mock Examinations
Tuesday 15 th December	Community Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16 th December	18.00-19.30: PA Christmas Concert
Friday 18 th December	End of Term (School Pantomime): 12pm finish
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term
Friday 8 th January	Year 11 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
Wednesday 13 th January	15:30 – 18:30: Year 11 Parent Consultation Meeting
Monday 18 th January	Year 9 Aspirations Visit to King Edwards' College