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This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Importance of Democracy.
HERO: Emily Davison. **SONG OF NEXT WEEK:** Come Together by The Beatles. **CAREER OF THE WEEK:** Content Creator.

Headteacher's Introduction

It has been another positive week in school, with students demonstrating enthusiasm, maturity and a strong commitment to their learning. It has been particularly pleasing to see our Year 11 students maintaining their focus as they move ever closer to their GCSE examinations. This is evident not only in lessons, but also through their excellent attendance at intervention sessions and the determination noted by staff across the school. I would also like to wish our Year 11 GCSE Art students the very best of luck as they complete their Art examination next week.

There have been many opportunities for learning beyond the classroom this week. Our Bungello students enjoyed a fantastic day exploring Ellowes Woods, where they embraced outdoor learning and opportunities to engage with nature. They also interacted positively with members of the local community and represented the school with respect and pride throughout the day.

The History department took 80 of our Year 8 students to the Black Country Living Museum as part of their study of the Industrial Revolution and local history. The visit included a traditional school lesson, a coal mine tour and, of course, a stop at the famous fish and chip shop. Experiences such as these bring learning to life and help deepen students' understanding of their local heritage.

Last week, our Year 7 students took part in their first Personal Development Day, an extension of our ACHIEVE curriculum. The day began with a powerful theatre performance by Loudmouth focusing on mental

health, followed by a workshop to explore key themes. Students also engaged in sessions on social media, self-worth and careers. A particular highlight for many was the juggling workshop, where students developed teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills. My thanks go out to everyone involved in making this event a success.

We have also seen the launch of new extra-curricular opportunities, including virtual golf and an FA-funded Girls' Football club, both led by qualified external coaches. These clubs provide excellent opportunities for students to develop new skills and interests, and I encourage anyone interested to get involved.

In addition, our Year 8 students were inspired during assembly, where Dr Green led a series of engaging science experiments while promoting the science club and science ambassador programme. It was encouraging to see so many students eager to participate and get involved.

We also continue to celebrate and reward student success. A large number of our Year 7 and Year 8 students enjoyed a well-deserved reward trip to Alton Towers, recognising their hard work and positive attendance. With excellent weather on their side, I am sure they had a memorable day and I look forward to hearing all about it.

Finally, I would like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support. It plays a vital role in ensuring that our students thrive both academically and personally. I wish all members of our school community a successful and rewarding week ahead.

4841 Positives This Week

Monday 27 April (Week A)

International Design Day, Y10 DofE Silver

Tuesday 28 April (Week A)

Y10 DofE Silver

Wednesday 29 April (Week A)

Y9 Parents Evening/Guided Choices, Y10 DofE Silver, Junior Maths Challenge

Thursday 30 April (Week A)

Y11 GCSE Art Exam

Friday 1 May (Week A)

Y11 GCSE Art Exam

ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 7: Alesha-Mae M, Greyson R.

Year 8: Sophie S. **Year 9:** Daniel B. **Year 10:** Kitty S.

Year 11: Lewis D, Archie P, Abigail U.

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7DH – Mr Hamilton	97.33%
YEAR 8	8JMI – Mr Ming	97.04%
YEAR 9	9LK – Mrs Knight	95.19%
YEAR 10	10EP – Miss Perry	99.41%
YEAR 11	11JW – Miss Watson	100%

STOP PRESS

Polite Notice to Parents and Carers

We kindly ask for your cooperation in helping to keep our school site safe and accessible for everyone at the end of the school day (3.15pm).

Please do not bring vehicles beyond the first set of school entrance gates under any circumstances. In addition, parking is **not permitted** in the area between the entrance gates and the access point to the staff car park. **This space must be kept completely clear at all times.**

These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of pupils, staff, and visitors, and to maintain clear access for emergency vehicles. Vehicles in these areas create significant safety risks and obstruct essential access routes.

We appreciate that collection times can be busy, and we thank you for your understanding and cooperation in parking considerately in the surrounding area and respecting these rules.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.





The Bungello students had a brilliant day exploring Ellowes woods, climbing and seeing nature. They have petted dogs, chatted with people in the community and they were respectful and a true representation of the Bungello!



The history department took 80 year 8 pupils to the Black Country Living Museum this week, as part of our study of the Industrial Revolution and our local history. They took part in a school lesson, a coal mine tour, and of course we paid a visit to the traditional fish and chip shop!



Wednesday saw the start of our virtual golf and FA funded Girls Football after school clubs. Both great opportunities for our students which are run by fully qualified external coaches. If you want to get involved see Mr J Evans!





This morning in the Year 8 assembly, Dr Green led some science experiments and promoted the science club and science ambassador opportunities. The students were eager to get involved, with many answering questions or volunteering to take part.



Here are a few examples of the amazing outcomes from the Y9 Art assessment taken before half term. Students have been drawing cakes using oil pastels and inspired by the artist Wayne Thiebaud.



Jujutsu Self-Defence Club

With 6th Dan instructor *Shihan Robert Tiene*, with over 40 years of experience and part of *Taijutsu Kai Schools of Jujutsu*.

LIMITED SPACES BOOK NOW!

Come and join us! (1st class is free)

We empower students to take control & stay safe.
Practical, reality based self defence classes for all ages.

When: Every Monday @ 3.30pm

Where: Sports Hall

For who: All Year groups

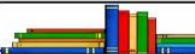




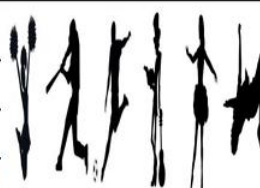


Cost: £7 per session

JUJUTSU

Speak to Mrs Harris for more info.

An opportunity not to be missed!

Enrichment Activities – Summer Term 2026 (Apr - Jul)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Breakfast in the Diner 8.00 – 8.40am				
		Equality Ambassadors in E3 from 08:20 (BH)			
11:15		Break Time Thrive Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
Lunch Time Clubs & Activities	The Library open to all every lunch time				
	 Y7 Football in PE (Astros) & Year 11 in Sports Hall	Y11 Football in PE (Astros) & Year 10 in Sports Hall	Y10 Football in PE (Astros) & Year 9 in Sports Hall	Y8 Football in PE (Astros) & Year 7 in Sports Hall	 Y9 Football in PE (Astros) & Year 8 in Sports Hall
	Choir in X1 (WJ)	Drama Scriptwriting Club in X4 (EH)	Drama Games Club in X4 (EH)	Beginners Guitar in X1 (WJ)	KS4 Dance Drop-in in X3 (RG) PE Kit Needed
	DT Club in D3 (DBA) & Textiles Club in D7 (TJO)	Christian Union / Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Equality Ambassadors & Space in E3 (BH)	Y7/8 Dance Club in X3/X4 (EH/RG) PE Kit Needed
	Boost in Ethos Room 1 (Invitation from VR)	Digital Ambassadors in V3 (OM) KS3 programming club in V3 (DJ)	Keyboard Club in X1 (WJ)	Drama Performance Club in X4 (EH)	Orchestra in X1
	Connect - invite only (MS) In Safeguarding Office	Working Tuesdays (Careers and Health Ambassadors) in V6 (ATP/SR)		Y7 Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Science Club in S8 (CB)
	KS4 Drama Rehearsal in X4 (EH)	Art Club in D5 (HHA)		The Lunch Bunch in Ethos 2 (MST & VR)	
	Media Ambassadors in E8 (KRI)	Chess in S2 (DH) Psychology Club in E8 (Week B) SRI			
	Science Sparx HWK Club in V7 (DH)	Producers Club (WJ)			
	Parallel Club 15:15 – 15:45 in M10 (AR)	Bright Sparx in V2 (PJ)	Lego Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Ethos Room 1 (VR)	Pickleball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (LM)	Advanced Guitar Club 15:15 – 16:00 in X1
	Climbing Club 15.15 – 16:15 See Miss Harris due to numbers	Volleyball in Sports Hall (WJ)	Eco Ambassadors 15:15 – 16:15 in D4 (JMI)	Y11 Dance Rehearsals in X3 (RG) PE Kit Needed	
	Rounders Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JOP)	Golf (Invite Only) 15:15 – 16:15			
	Barcelona Training on Astros (RG)	Y7, 8 (X4) & 9 (X3) Dance Club (RG/EH)			
	Cricket/Softball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)	Girls Football (External Coaches)			
	Musical Theatre Club in X4 (EH)				
	Film Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (ES)				

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

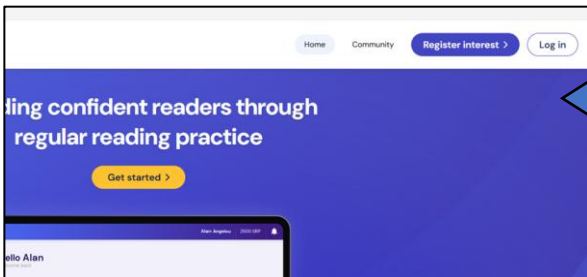
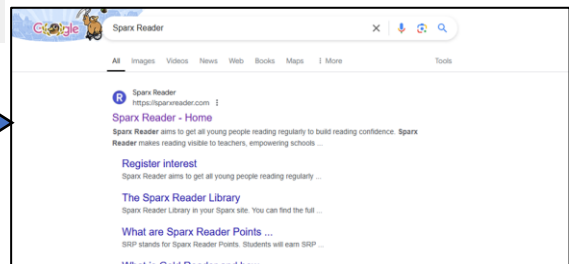


Students can log into Sparx through either [the link on their Arbor page](#) or through a search engine such as Google.

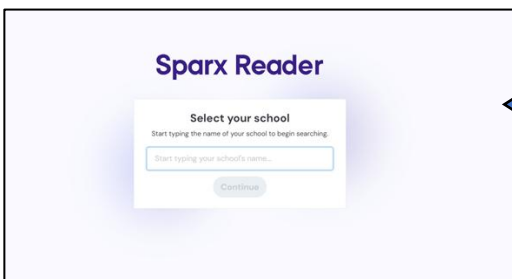


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

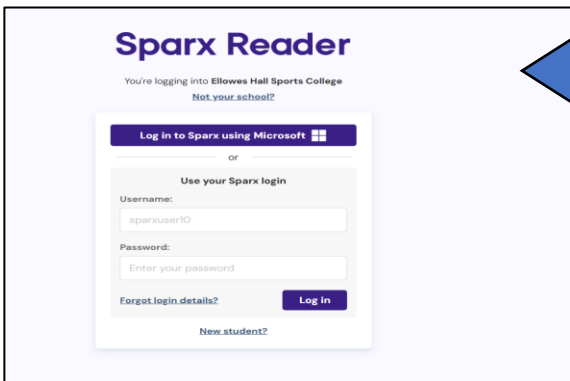
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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

**ELLOWES 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 LEARNING CHECK LIST

1. Complete a 30-minute walk

2. Successfully complete 10 minutes of

3. Complete a 10-minute walk

4. Attend a PE day for your school

5. Attendance at a local fitness club

6. Attend a PE day for your school

7. Attend a PE day for your school

8. Attend a PE day for your school

9. Attend a PE day for your school

10. Attend a PE day for your school

DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES

Create a Poster of the Physical Skills and their addresses

Design a costume for a new action movie

Attend a Drama Club for a half term

Get involved in a Performing Arts Showcase (either writing or backstage)

Bring your own knowledge to the Drama Club for a half term

Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film

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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!



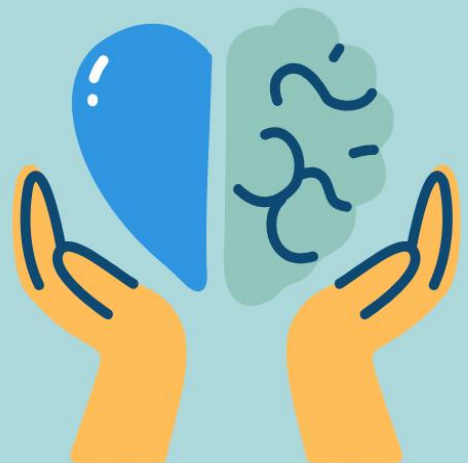
REFLEXIONS DROP-IN SESSION



Drop-in with Reflexions is open to all students who want support on any issues which are impacting on mental health in a confidential space.

Every Thursday

**Physical and Sensory Room
1:30 - 2:15**



TFA

COACHING CAMPS

WHIT WEEK FOOTBALL TRAINING CAMP

TUES 26TH, WEDS 27TH & THURS 28TH MAY

AGES 6-14  BOYS & GIRLS  9AM-3PM

£30/DAY OR **£75**/3 DAYS

ONLINE REGISTRATION

WWW.THEFOOTBALLERSACADEMY.CO.UK

EARLY DROP OFF 8:30-9:00AM **£5**
LATE PICK UP 3-4PM **£10**

CAMP INCLUDES

-  Skills & Drills
-  Individual Comps & Team Tournaments
-  Fantastic 4G Pitch
-  Certificates & Prizes

COACHED BY
RUSS PENN &
JIMMY O'CONNOR

 **STOURTON PARK, STOURBRIDGE**





Time2Breathe

Take time out in nature on a relaxing wellness walk in
2026

Every last Friday of the month at 1-2pm

January 30th - Fens Pools Nature Reserve

February 27th - Wrens Nest National Nature Reserve

March 27th – Bumble Hole Nature Reserve

April 24th - Saltwells National Nature Reserve

May 29th - Barrow Hill Nature Reserve

June 26th – Wrens Nest National Nature Reserve

July 31st – Leasowes Nature Reserve

August 28th – Cotwall End Nature Reserve

September 25th - Saltwells National Nature Reserve

October 30th - Leasowes Nature Reserve

November 27th - Barrow Hill Nature Reserve

December 18th - Saltwells National Nature Reserve

Details to be released each month.

Please call 07971 065712 for further information

