



# 'Ellow 'Ellow

## This week at Ellowes Hall

**THEME OF NEXT WEEK:** Success in the Final Term.  
**HERO:** Camila Cabello. **SONG OF NEXT WEEK:** Bam Bam  
 by Camila Cabello. **CAREER OF THE WEEK:** Surgeon.



### Headteacher's Introduction

As the Spring Term draws to a close, we begin to look ahead to the Summer Term and the forthcoming exam season, an especially important time for our Year 11 students. Final preparations are now in place for a programme of focused intervention and revision sessions, which will continue during and after the Easter break.

Reflecting on this week, our Year 9 students have completed a full programme of exams and have approached them with a mature and commendable attitude. Alongside other assessments, these exams will provide a clear picture of their current progress as they prepare to move into Year 10. The information gathered will be invaluable for students, staff and parents, particularly in preparation for the Guided Choices event on Wednesday 29th April. This event will combine the Year 9 Parents' Evening with an opportunity to explore option subjects for Key Stage 4. Further details will be shared next term in advance of the event.

It has also been another busy week for school sport, with several teams representing the school in fixtures against other schools.

Conditions on Wednesday proved especially challenging, with snow, hail and strong winds reminding us that winter is not quite behind us. As part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability and reducing energy costs, we have begun an exciting project to install solar panels across the school site. This is an important step in helping us manage rising energy costs while also reducing our environmental impact.

On Thursday, we were delighted to celebrate 60 years since the school first opened with a wonderful performing arts showcase. It was fantastic to welcome so many parents and members of the community to enjoy an evening of dance, drama and music. The event was a true celebration of talent, and it was particularly special to see students supporting one another, as well as welcoming back former members of the school community to join in the occasion.

Finally, I would like to wish all our students, families and staff a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Whether you are spending time away or with family and friends at home, we hope this provides an opportunity to recharge, ready for a successful and productive Summer Term.

### 3849 Positives This Week

Monday 13 April (Week A)

INSET – School Closed to Students

Tuesday 14 April (Week A)

Book Fair

Wednesday 15 April (Week A)

Book Fair

Thursday 16 April (Week A)

Y10 Geography Carding Mill Valley Trip, Book Fair

Friday 17 April (Week A)

Y10 Geography Carding Mill Valley Trip, Book Fair

**ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1**



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Year 7:** Greyson R. **Year 8:** Ryley G.  
**Year 9:** Holli-Mae B, Jacob J. **Year 10:** Anthony B,  
 Alfie C, Grace D, Ayla R. **Year 11:** Fefe S.

### Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

<b>YEAR 7</b>	7OM – Mrs McEvoy	97.18%
<b>YEAR 8</b>	8JMI – Mr Ming	96.43%
<b>YEAR 9</b>	9FS – Miss F Scott	98.05%
<b>YEAR 10</b>	10EP – Miss Perry	99.47%
<b>YEAR 11</b>	11AR – Miss Rawlins	95.64%





This week in Food students had guest speaker Claire from the charity Animal Aid. She explained to students why people become vegan and Vegetarian and what are the nutritional benefits. Students also tried a variety of vegan foods, which were clearly enjoyed as they ate the lot! This links to our current project of alternative protein and covered previous learning on environmental issues, Genetic Modification, and animal farming issues.

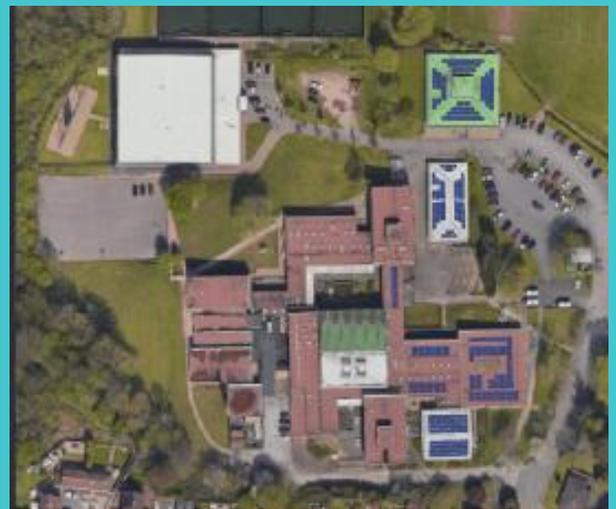
U12 Netball also beat Dormston 11 - 4 on Tuesday.  
Player of the match Lola V.



## 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 (Asteros) & Year 11 in Sports Hall	Y11 Football in PE (Asteros) & Year 10 in Sports Hall	Y10 Football in PE (Asteros) & Year 9 in Sports Hall	Y8 Football in PE (Asteros) & Year 7 in Sports Hall	 Y9 Football in PE (Asteros) & 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 (DI)	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 Spaxr HWK Club in V7 (DH)	Producers Club (WJ)			
	Parallel Club 15:15 – 15:45 in M10 (AR)	Bright Spaxr 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
After School Clubs Activities		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 Asteros (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)			



We're proud to announce that Ellowes Hall Sports College has been selected to take part in a nationwide initiative led by Great British Energy and the UK Government to install solar panels across public-sector schools. As one of just a few schools chosen in the West Midlands, Ellowes Hall will directly benefit from new renewable energy installations, helping us reduce our carbon footprint and lower our energy bills.



This terms Easter Lego Competition - winners x3.  
The other children took part in teams of two people;  
they received a smaller Lego gift.



On Friday year 7s had a workshop from SOS!UK on decarbonisation and renewable energy sources. The students enjoyed the workshop and learnt much about how to reduce the carbon emissions.

This is part of the UK's push for reducing it's reliance on carbon based fuels, as part of this Ellowes is having solar panels installed this month which will reduce it's electricity costs and contribute to the National Grid.



**SOS!UK**

Hello and welcome to the SOS UK restaurant! Here you can find all sorts of delicious climate actions to get your teeth stuck into!

### STARTERS

These actions are to get us started - they're quick, easy and low/cheap switches we can make right now!

Invite students to school decisions and local council

Get less meat in school dinners

Plant wildflowers

Buy less plastic packaging

Talk about climate change in assembly or tutor time

Add a food bin, buy local or sustainable fish

Use a water butt for rainwater

### CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

## MENU

### MAIN COURSE

These actions are much bigger - they might cost a bit more than our starters, and take a bit more effort, but they are also better for the climate in the long term

Add metal & plastic recycling bins

Add double glazed windows

Sustainability day - all subjects link lessons to climate change

Add motion sensor LED lights

Add sustainability to governors' meetings

Buy seasonal food that's grown near the school

Switch to a 100% renewable/cheap energy company

Use a water butt for rainwater

Use the Climate Change Plan menu

### SAVING ENERGY

LEARNING

NATURE

ADAPTATION

### DESSERT

These actions are nice extras to have - ideally we'd have all of these, but we're still doing a good job if not.

Add a wildlife pond

Insulate the walls and roof

Bring in a food expert to talk about climate change/recipes

Get sustainability in all job descriptions

Use the Climate Change Plan menu

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR **FREE**  
event



# EASTER EGG HUNT

**CINEMA • CRAFT • EASTER STORY**

**TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

**ARRIVE BETWEEN 9:45-10AM  
TILL 1PM**

**Ellowes Hall Sports College  
DY3 2JH**

**Please scan the QR Code or Link  
below.**

**Spaces are limited.**



**For more information please contact Mrs Rose**

**01384 686 600**

**<https://buytickets.at/gracefoundationatelloweshall/2121329>**



Black Country Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

Join us for...

# GAME & CHILL

Join the Reflexions team for a fun day where children, young people and families can enjoy their favourite board games together – a chance to make friends, connect and share laughs in a relaxed, supportive space.

Parents to accompany children under 13 years old



Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April



11:00am - 2:00pm

 **The Link Academy Leisure Centre, Simms Lane, Dudley, DY2 0PB**



## BOOKMARK COMPETITION

We're on the hunt for the **MOST** creative bookmark design inspired by mental health and wellbeing – and we want your imagination to shine!

Your bookmark could:

Share a positive message    Show ways to look after your mental health    Represent calm, strength or self-care

**Prize Alert!** – The chosen design will win a bundle of books and their printed bookmark!

For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email [bchft.reflexions@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.reflexions@nhs.net) or feel free to pop in!

# DUDLEY! THIS IS YOUR NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY!

JOIN US TO EXPLORE THE NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY AND  
WHAT IT MEANS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.

OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE,  
SHARE THEIR VIEWS, OR GET INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE  
NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY IN THE WEST MIDLANDS.

30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026  
1PM – 3PM

DUDLEY COLLEGE  
BROADWAY  
DUDLEY  
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# SEEN AND HEARD

THE NATIONAL YOUTH  
STRATEGY IN THE WEST  
MIDLANDS



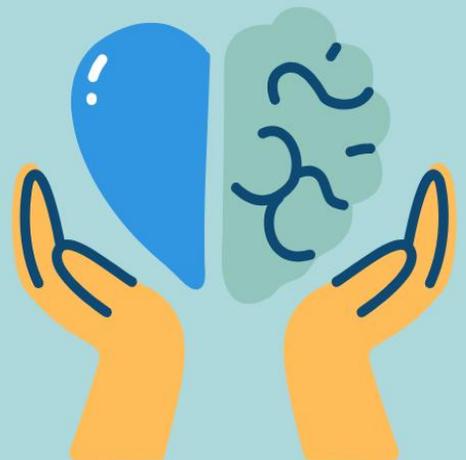
# REFLEXIONS DROP-IN SESSION



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**



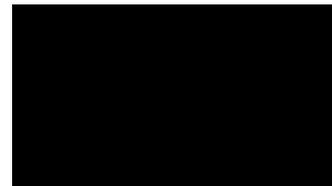
# Sparx

## 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

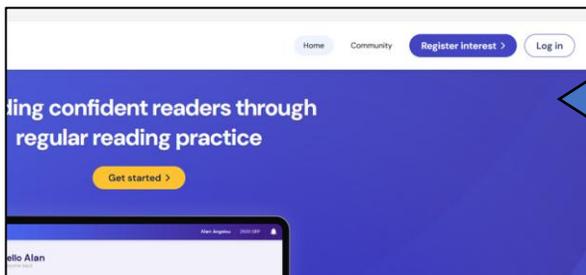
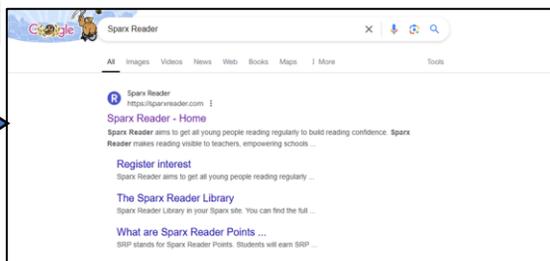


Students can log into Sparx through either [the link on their Arbor page](#) or through a search engine such as Google.



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

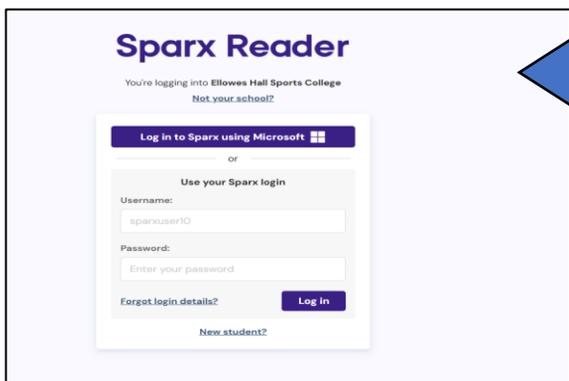
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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 **8<sup>th</sup> December**  
Spring term: w/c **16<sup>th</sup> March**  
Summer term: w/c **22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**PE LEARNING CHECK LIST**

1. Complete a 15 minute walk

2. Successfully complete 10 minutes of

3. Complete a 10 minute walk

4. Attend a PE Club for one half term

5. Attendance at a local fitness club

6. Attend a PE Trip this academic year

7. Complete a PE Club report at the end of your class

8. Visit any sports centres in the area

**HOME CHALLENGE:**  
Write a poem about your favourite sport.

**DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES**

Staff Signature & Date

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)

Write your own dialogue for a play or script

Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film

**Home Challenge:**  
Watch a musical or play and get a photo or judge your own school production

**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!**



# YOUTH SERVICE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

**AWESOME!**

**ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY**

**YES!**

**APRIL 2026**

**LET'S GO!**

**TUES 7<sup>TH</sup> - FORGE MILL FARM**

**WED 8<sup>TH</sup> - BRITISH CYCLE & HYDRO POOL**

**THURS 9<sup>TH</sup> - BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM**

**FRI 10<sup>TH</sup> - PUNK CHEF**

**TIME 10AM - 2PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)**

**D/DEAF, HOH,  
DEAFBLIND, COCHLEAR USER**

**AGE: 8 - 17      **FREE!****

**HOT/COLD FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**YEAH!**



**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, AS IT IS FIRST-COME  
FIRST SERVED AND PLACES ARE LIMITED.**

**Book via QR code or copy & paste the link below.  
Make new friends and have fun this Easter!**

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



**Register Now**



**Sandwell  
Deaf Community  
Association**

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

**If you would like more information, please get in with:**

**Craig Potheary  
Wellbeing Coach**

**Email: [craig\\_potheary@sdca.co.uk](mailto:craig_potheary@sdca.co.uk)  
Text / WhatsApp / FaceTime: 07791 921011**





# Time2Breathe

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

**Every last Friday of the month at 1-2pm**

**January 30<sup>th</sup> - Fens Pools Nature Reserve**

February 27<sup>th</sup> - Wrens Nest National Nature Reserve

**March 27<sup>th</sup> – Bumble Hole Nature Reserve**

April 24<sup>th</sup> - Saltwells National Nature Reserve

**May 29<sup>th</sup> - Barrow Hill Nature Reserve**

June 26<sup>th</sup> – Wrens Nest National Nature Reserve

**July 31<sup>st</sup> – Leasowes Nature Reserve**

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Cotwall End Nature Reserve

**September 25<sup>th</sup> - Saltwells National Nature Reserve**

October 30<sup>th</sup> - Leasowes Nature Reserve

**November 27<sup>th</sup> - Barrow Hill Nature Reserve**

December 18<sup>th</sup> - Saltwells National Nature Reserve

**Details to be released each month.**

**Please call 07971 065712 for further information**

