



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Rewards and Praise
HERO: Beverley Knight **SONG OF NEXT WEEK:** One Love
By Bob Marley CAREER OF THE WEEK: Drone Pilot



Headteacher's Introduction

One more week to go and I cannot quite believe how quickly this first half-term has passed. As I walk around the school each day, I continue to be impressed by the positive attitude, resilience and determination displayed by our students. Across the school, students are completing important assessments and demonstrating a strong commitment to their learning. Whilst this has been a busy and demanding half-term, our students have continued to embrace every opportunity to improve and achieve their very best.

As a proudly learning-led school, we have continued to strengthen both our academic provision and pastoral support over the past year. It has also been a pleasure to welcome prospective students and their families to Ellowes Hall as part of our Year 6 Sporting and Performing Arts Aptitude Testing. The enthusiasm and talent on display has been fantastic, and we look forward to welcoming many of these young people into our school community in September 2027.

I would also like to congratulate our students, families and staff on the significant improvements we have made in attendance. Our overall attendance rate is currently around 2.5% higher than at this point last year, making us the most improved school within the Trust. Excellent attendance remains one of the most important factors in securing strong outcomes and future opportunities for our young people. Whilst attendance continues to improve, punctuality is an area where we can still make further gains. Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring students arrive at school on time and ready to learn. For the small number of

students experiencing difficulties with punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can work together to overcome any barriers.

I would also like to thank everyone involved in our Black History Month Panel event. It was an inspiring occasion that brought together a diverse range of speakers, including RAF veterans, careers leaders, performers and community representatives. In particular, it was a privilege to welcome Prince Albert Jacob, a 101-year-old RAF veteran who served during the Second World War. The stories, experiences and life lessons shared with our students were both powerful and memorable and reflected the values of respect, inclusion and aspiration that are so important to our school community.

As we look forward to our Halloween Disco on Thursday evening, I hope many students will join us for what promises to be a fantastic end-of-half-term celebration. With fancy dress, pumpkin carving, games and competitions, it will be a wonderful opportunity for students to spend time with friends and enjoy being part of our school community. Tickets remain available through ParentPay.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support throughout this busy half-term. The strong partnership between home and school plays a vital role in helping our young people thrive both academically and personally. Although this can often feel like the longest half-term of the year, every day in school counts. With just one week remaining, I would be grateful for your support in helping students attend every day possible, ensuring they finish the half-term with pride, success and positive momentum.

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Positives
This Week



Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7ASA – Miss Sabadas	98.85%
YEAR 8	8OM – Mrs McEvoy	98.67%
YEAR 9	9JMI – Mr Ming	97.59%
YEAR 10	10FS – Miss F Scott	95.71%
YEAR 11	11NKH – Miss Nightingale-Harris	96%

ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1



Year 7: Evie H, Summer J, Anabel K, Dorian R.

Year 8: Jenni-Mai R. **Year 9:** Ethan J, Sophia M-W, Dexter P, Kayden-Lee W-H. **Year 10:** Harry K, Izabel S. **Year 11:** Isla P.

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 22nd Oct (Week B)

Halloween Disco 18:00 – 20:00

Friday 23rd Oct (Week B)

Year 8/9 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

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!

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)**



Morrisons

**Thank you to Morrisons for
donating some Pumpkins.**



Spare
apples in
your garden?

GOT APPLES?

We'd
love them!

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

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

Every
Apple
Makes a
Difference!

Thank You!

Your support helps make our school events
extra special!

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

Donations
needed by:

22nd Oct

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Our annual Black History Month Panel was a fantastic success. Thank you to all of our panellists, including RAF veterans from the *Forgotten Generations*, poets, actors, careers leaders, a highways officer and singers, for sharing their experiences and inspiring our students. A special thank you to **Prince Albert Jacob**, an RAF veteran who served during World War II. The knowledge and lived experiences shared were invaluable, and we look forward to continuing these important conversations throughout the year. Thank you once again to all our speakers for their honesty, insight and inspiration.



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



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



**ARRIVE.
AIM. WIN!**



Friday's Darts Winners

HIT THE BULLSEYE!

**FRIDAYS
ONLY!**

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

HOW IT WORKS:



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



...who won a Love2Shop £5 voucher for hitting the Bullseye.



AIM FOR
THE **BULLSEYE**



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

Congratulations to...
Ednam Ward of
Y10

**£5
AMAZON
VOUCHER**

**FIRST 5
BULLSEYES WIN!**

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!



ELL - CAFE

Parents and carers, you are invited to pop into school to meet with the family support worker, Mrs Rose.



It's a relaxed, safe space where you can make new friends, join in an activity, or just take time out for yourself over a cuppa.

No cost involved.

Everyone's welcome!

THURSDAY

22ND

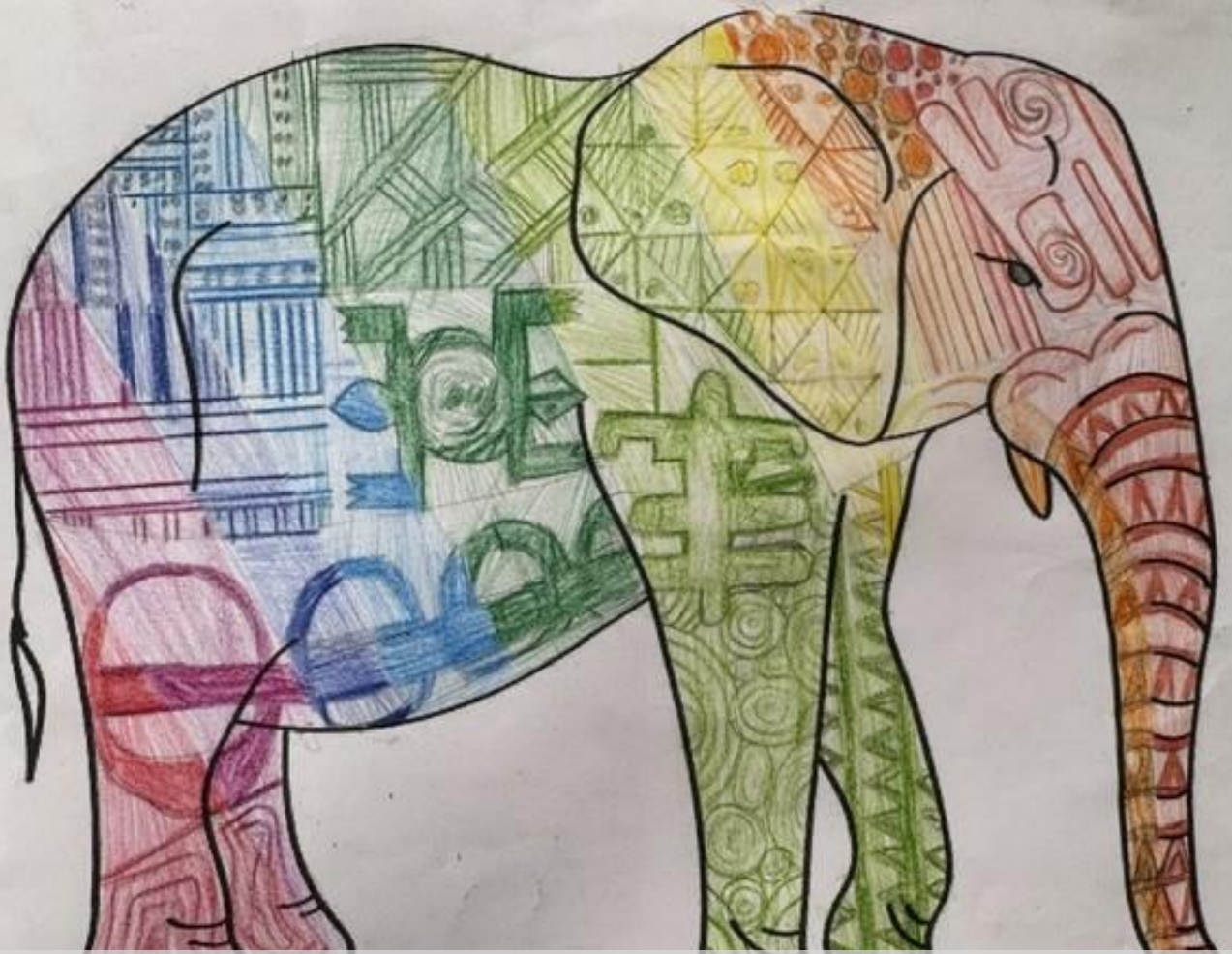
OCTOBER

SESSION -12:30PM-2PM

LET MRS ROSE KNOW YOU ARE COMING BY PHONE CALL OR EMAIL.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER MRS ROSE.

VROSE@ELLOWES.DUDLEY.SCH.UK



Students are studying Pattern in Art. Deacon Martin (top) and Charlie Bratt (bottom) have designed these animals themselves, including 'Adinkra' symbols and African patterns.



HOUSE POINT TOTALS

  **KINVER** | **7152**
points

  **HIMLEY** | **7138**
points

  **CLENT** | **6992**
points

  **ENVILLE** | **6488**
points



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

Jayden A and Anabel K

Year 8

Elijah W and Alfie-James S

Year 9

Sophia M-W and Ryley G

Year 10

Olivia G and Andrei D

Year 11

Lucas J and Scarlett P



POSITIVE
EMAIL HOME

JUMP THE
LUNCH QUEUE
PASS

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	Danny – X1	Teen angel/Johnny Casino – X1	Rizzo - X1	
Scene 7 - x4				
After School – 3.15-4.30	After School – 3.15-4.30	After School – 3.15-4.30	After School – 3.15-4.30	After School – 3.15-4.30
Sandy, Danny, Rizzo, Roger, Doody	Dancers – X3	T birds and Pink Ladies – X1	Full cast - X1 block	Scene 6 – X4
Rehearsals this week				

Congratulations to Charlotte, who competed in the Audacity Dance Competition at Solihull Sports Centre last weekend. Charlotte performed a Solo Jazz Dance and achieved an excellent 5th place overall. This is another fantastic example of an Ellowes student showing dedication and commitment to a passion outside of school, making family, friends and the school community proud.



HOUSE POINT LEADERS OF THE WEEK



HIMLEY | Caiden
Fellows



ENVILLE | Harry
Kirby



CLENT | George
Smith



KINVER | Logan James Ball
Hugo Charles-Jackson





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)
After School Clubs Activities		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)	FOYNE		
	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)	Advanced Guitar Club 15:15 – 16:00 in X1
	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)	

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.

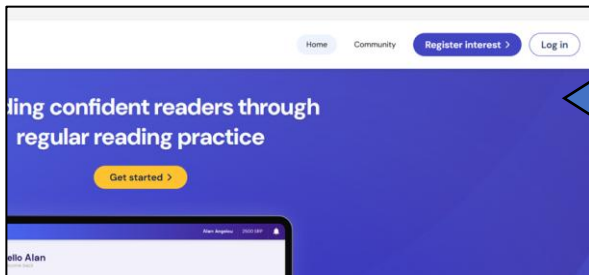
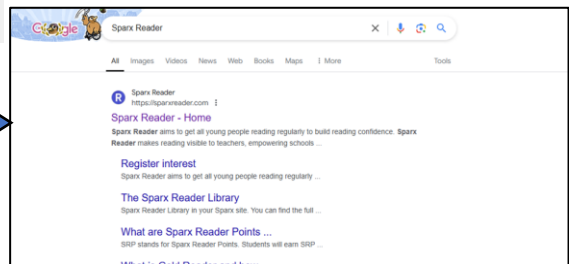
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

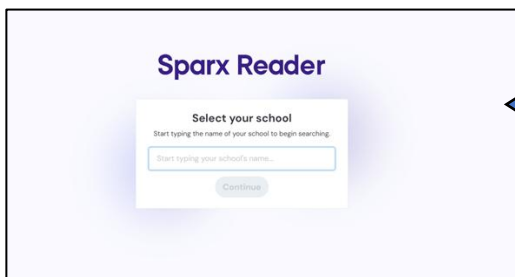


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

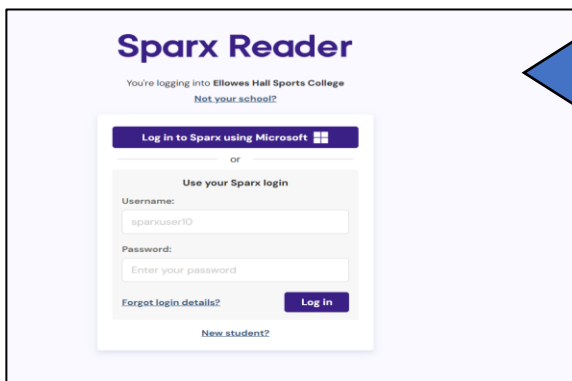
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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 this academic year	
7. Perform a task that is a speciality of your choice	
8. Visit any sports facilities in the school	

BONUS CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the importance of physical activity

DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES

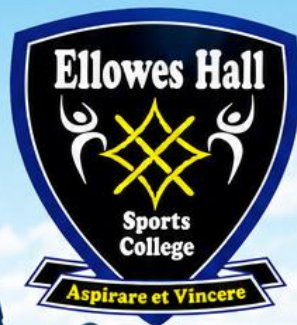
Staff Signature & Date _____

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 Saturday)	
Keep your own knowledge of Drama Challenges for a half-term	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your favourite TV show or film	

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!

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.

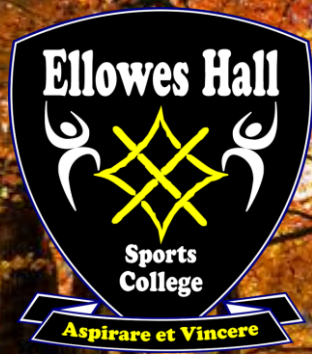
Regards

Mr J Evans

Head of PE

✉ jevans4@ellowes.dudley.sch.uk





Key Dates Autumn Term 2026

Date	Event
Monday 28 th Sept – Thursday 1 st Oct	09:15 – 10:00: Open Mornings
Friday 2 nd October	Year 7 SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning
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