



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Giving Back/Macmillan Cancer Support
HERO: Lesley Thorpe **SONG OF NEXT WEEK:** My Hero
 by Foo Fighters **CAREER OF THE WEEK:** Biomedical Scientist



Headteacher's Introduction

The new academic year is now well underway, with students across all year groups demonstrating the high standards, positive attitudes and strong routines that make Ellowes such a positive learning environment.

It was fantastic to welcome so many Year 11 students and parents to both our Careers Fair and Curriculum Evening this week. These events provided valuable guidance as students begin their journey towards next summer's examinations and future destinations.

Our extra-curricular programme is now fully underway, with a wide range of lunchtime and after-school activities available to students. On Thursday lunch-time, we also held our annual Student Leadership Fair, enabling students to sign up for a variety of leadership opportunities across the school. At Ellowes, we believe every student should have the chance to develop leadership skills and make a positive contribution to our community. We were also delighted to see our Year 11 Geography students representing the school so positively during their fieldwork visits to Birmingham City Centre on Thursday and Friday. As always, they demonstrated the excellent behaviour, maturity and respect that make us proud. Over the past fortnight, staff and I have visited many lessons and have been extremely encouraged

by what we have seen. Students are engaged, working hard and already showing the determination needed to achieve their very best this year.

Attendance has also started strongly. However, as seasonal coughs and colds begin to appear, we ask parents and carers to support us by sending students into school whenever they are well enough to attend. Every day in school matters, and even a small number of absences can soon add up to lost learning time. Our pastoral and welfare teams are always available to support students who become unwell during the school day. We remain committed to achieving our attendance target of 95% and greatly appreciate the support of families in helping us achieve this.

With your continued support, I am confident that this year will be another successful one for Ellowes. By working together, maintaining high expectations and embracing the many opportunities school life provides, we can continue to strengthen our sense of community and ensure that every student feels valued, supported and inspired to achieve their full potential. I look forward to celebrating the many successes, achievements and memorable moments that lie ahead as we continue our shared commitment to helping every young person at Ellowes belong, thrive and achieve.

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**Positives
This Week**



Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7AR – Miss Rawlins	100%
YEAR 7	7ASA – Miss Sabadas	100%
YEAR 7	7KKI – Mrs Richards	100%
YEAR 7	7BH – Miss Hughes	100%
YEAR 8	8OM – Mrs McEvoy	98.33%
YEAR 9	9NM – Miss Munroe	96.09%
YEAR 10	10SRI – Miss Rigby	97.62%
YEAR 11	11EP – Miss Perry	98.82%



Year 7: Denva-Rai BD, Summer J, Dorian R, Vinnie W.

Year 8: Aimee L. **Year 9:** Nieve E, Naomi W.

Year 10: Maddison S. **Year 11:** Luke F.

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 24th Sept (Week B)

16.00-19.00: Year 6 Open Evening

Friday 25th Sept (Week B)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1

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.



Same students
Brighter futures



FRIDAY ATTENDANCE DRAW!

WIN PRIZES!

100% Attendance Prize Winners

Last Week's Winners

Year 7

Luca C and Olivia J

Year 8

Elsie J and Angel W

Year 9

Noah B and Archie C

Year 10

Millie Mai W and Kobie B

Year 11

Freddie F and Lilly-Mae S B





ATTENDANCE PRIZE DRAW

co op

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

WIN £30
OF CO-OP VOUCHERS
FOR YOUR FAMILY



Draw Date:
Friday 25 September

WHO IS ENTERED?



All students who have had **NO MORE THAN ONE DAY OF ABSENCE** since the start of term will be automatically entered into the draw.



Attend school



Keep attending next week



Be in the draw

£30 COULD HELP BUY:



Chocolate & treats



A family pizza night



Fresh fruit & snacks



Everyday essentials



Money off the weekly family shop

THE £30 VOUCHER WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FAMILY OF THE WINNING STUDENT

♥ **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!



Student Leadership Fayre



Our student leadership fayre was phenomenal! We have had a record amount of students sign up to our leadership and ambassador groups because they want to belong to our local school community. We had 25 student leadership tables promoting their groups which ranged from Equality Ambassadors to Digital Ambassadors. Well done to all of our student leaders that organised and led their tables. It was an amazing afternoon.

Careers Convention



Our annual Careers Convention was a success with year 11 students having valuable discussions with providers about their next steps. Thank you to all of the parents who attended and to the providers below, who we couldn't do it without; Derby University, Arden University, Newman University, Dudley College, Halesowen College, King Edward's Sixth Form, LD Training, RAF, Army, West Midlands Ambulance Service, NHS Maternity, Higgs LLP.

Another successful Wellbeing Café for parents of all students. A massive thank you to...

The Grace Foundation

Reflexions

Our School Nurse

Our Pastor Team

The Brook

Our Designated Safeguarding Team

Our SEND Team

West Midlands Commissioning Hub

The Wellbeing Cafe



STARTS MONDAY
MORNING 08:00 – 08:30



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 (Astrors)	Y11 Football in PE (Astrors)	Y10 Football in PE (Astrors)	Y8 Football in PE (Astrors)	Y9 Football in PE (Astrors)
	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)
Lunch Time 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		
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)	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)	



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – 1.45-2.05 Grease, Summer nights – All Cast	Lunch – 1.45-2.05 T birds and Pink Ladies – Magic Changes	Lunch – 1.45-2.05 Roger and Jan – Mooning		
After School – 3.15-4.15 Johnny Casino – Born to Hand Jive	After School – 3.15-4.15 Dancers	After School – 3.15-3.45 Pink Ladies – T birds		After School – 3.15-4.15 T Birds – Greased Lightning



**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
THE **BULLSEYE**



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

Congratulations to...

Dylan C of Y7

and

Amelia W of Y8

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

1988
points



CLENT

1968
points



ENVILLE

1932
points



KINVER

1924
points



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

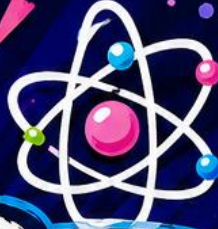
How we remember,
forget and reconstruct
our past.



Emotions

How they shape
our thoughts, behaviour
and decisions.

All are welcome!



ELLOWES HALL

SCIENCE CLUB!



FOR YEAR 7 & YEAR 8



**MONDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL**



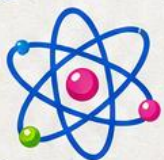
IN S8



3:15PM - 4:00PM



**EXPLORE!
EXPERIMENT!
DISCOVER!**



**SEE
MRS BAGGOTT**
FOR MORE DETAILS

OR

**SPEAK TO
YOUR FORM TUTOR**

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.

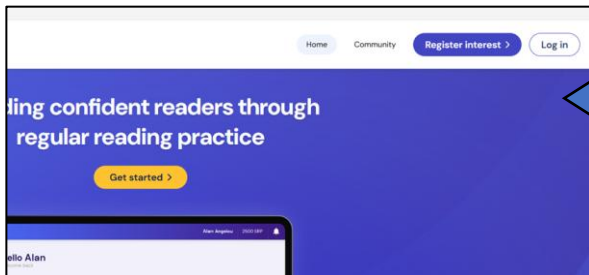
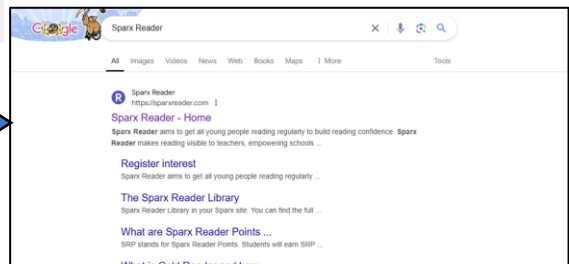
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

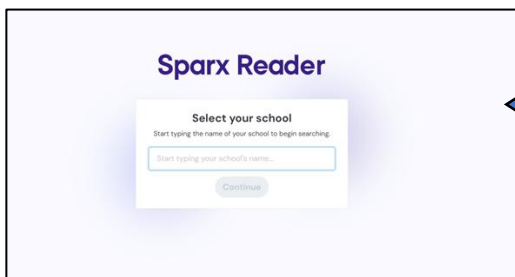


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

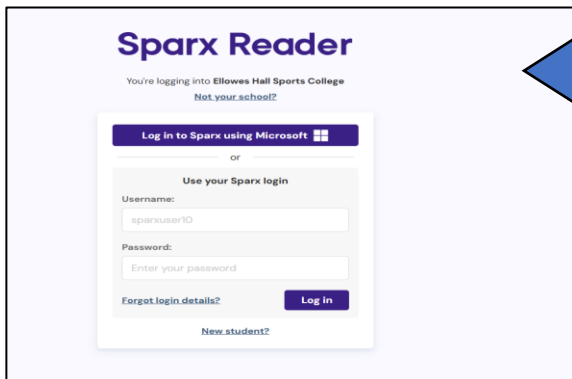
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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) _____

Staff Signature _____

1. Complete a 20-minute workout	
2. Successfully complete 10 lunges	
3. Complete a 5-minute bodyweight circuit	
4. Attend a PE class for one half-term	
5. Demonstrate a 10-second sit-up	
6. Attend a PE Trip this academic year	
7. Complete a 10-minute sprint	
8. Watch any sports matches in the school	

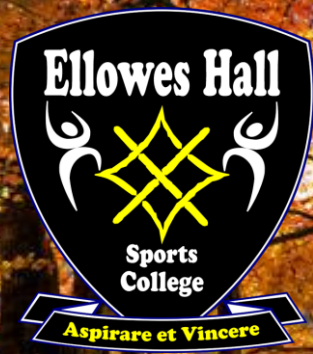
BONUS CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the importance of physical activity

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 (Challenge: 10 minutes 10 questions)	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your favourite TV show or film	
Watch a general interest film and get a photo of a scene from when a new character	

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!



Key Dates Autumn Term 2026

Date	Event
Thursday 24 th September	16:00 – 19:00: Year 6 Open Evening
Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
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