FRIDAY 3rd July 2026

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This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: One year on, what have we achieved? HERO: Dame Laura Kenny SONG OF NEXT WEEK: Eye of the Tiger by Survivor CAREER OF THE WEEK: Air Traffic Controller.

2026 Positives This Week

Headteacher's Introduction

This week the school has returned to normal following last week's extreme temperatures, and it has been a pleasure to welcome our new Year 6 students as they began their transition to Ellowes Hall Sports College ahead of joining us in September. It was wonderful to see how enthusiastically they embraced their first experiences of secondary school, and on Tuesday evening I had the opportunity to meet many of their parents and share just how impressed we were with the attitude, confidence and enthusiasm shown by the children throughout the day.

Once again, we have been delighted to celebrate the many achievements of our students outside of school. Whether in sport, music, performing arts or other pursuits, it is always fantastic to recognise their successes. Thank you to all the parents who continue to share these achievements with us, allowing us to celebrate them with our wider school community.

On Thursday we welcomed our Year 11 students back to Ellowes Hall one final time for their Graduation Celebration. It was a fitting opportunity to reflect on their achievements and the contributions they have made during their time with us. It was lovely to see so many parents and families in attendance, and we are particularly grateful to our talented student musicians whose performances provided the perfect opening and closing to such a memorable occasion.

Later that evening, we had the privilege of joining the Class of 2026 at their Prom as they celebrated the end of their secondary school journey. The students looked absolutely fantastic in their dresses and suits, and, as always, they arrived in style with an incredible range of vehicles, including Ferraris, motorbikes and even a HGV lorry. It was an enjoyable evening filled with laughter, music and dancing, creating memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime. I would also like to thank all of the staff who generously gave up their evening to support the event and help make it such a special occasion. We wish every one of our Year 11 students the very best as they move on to the next exciting chapter of their lives.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students have approached their mock examinations with maturity, determination and an excellent attitude. These assessments provide an important opportunity to reflect on the progress they have made over the past year and to identify the next steps as they prepare for their final GCSE year. We are incredibly proud of the way they have conducted themselves throughout the examination period and hope they now enjoy the valuable experiences that lie ahead during Work Experience Week.

As we move into the final fortnight of the academic year, there is still plenty to look forward to. Sports Day promises to be another fantastic occasion, bringing together students and staff for a day of friendly competition, teamwork and school spirit. It is always one of the highlights of the year and provides a wonderful opportunity for everyone to celebrate participation, determination and success, whether competing on the track, supporting their House or helping to make the day run smoothly.

Finally, as another busy and successful week draws to a close, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their continued support throughout what has been an exceptionally full and rewarding term. I hope everyone enjoys a restful weekend, and we look forward to welcoming students back next week for another exciting and productive week at Ellowes Hall Sports College.

Monday 6th July (Week B)
Y10 Work Experience Week, Y7 and 9 Oracy Week
Friday 10th July (Week B)
Sports Day

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7DH – Mr Hamilton	98.11%
YEAR 8	8DBA – Mr Barker	95.14%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Miss Rigby	97.93%
YEAR 10	10NKH – Miss Nightingale-Harris	100%

ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1

Year 7: Isaac J. **Year 8:** Arlie C, Kayden S.
Year 9: Abigail A. **Year 10:** *Mock Exams*.

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!

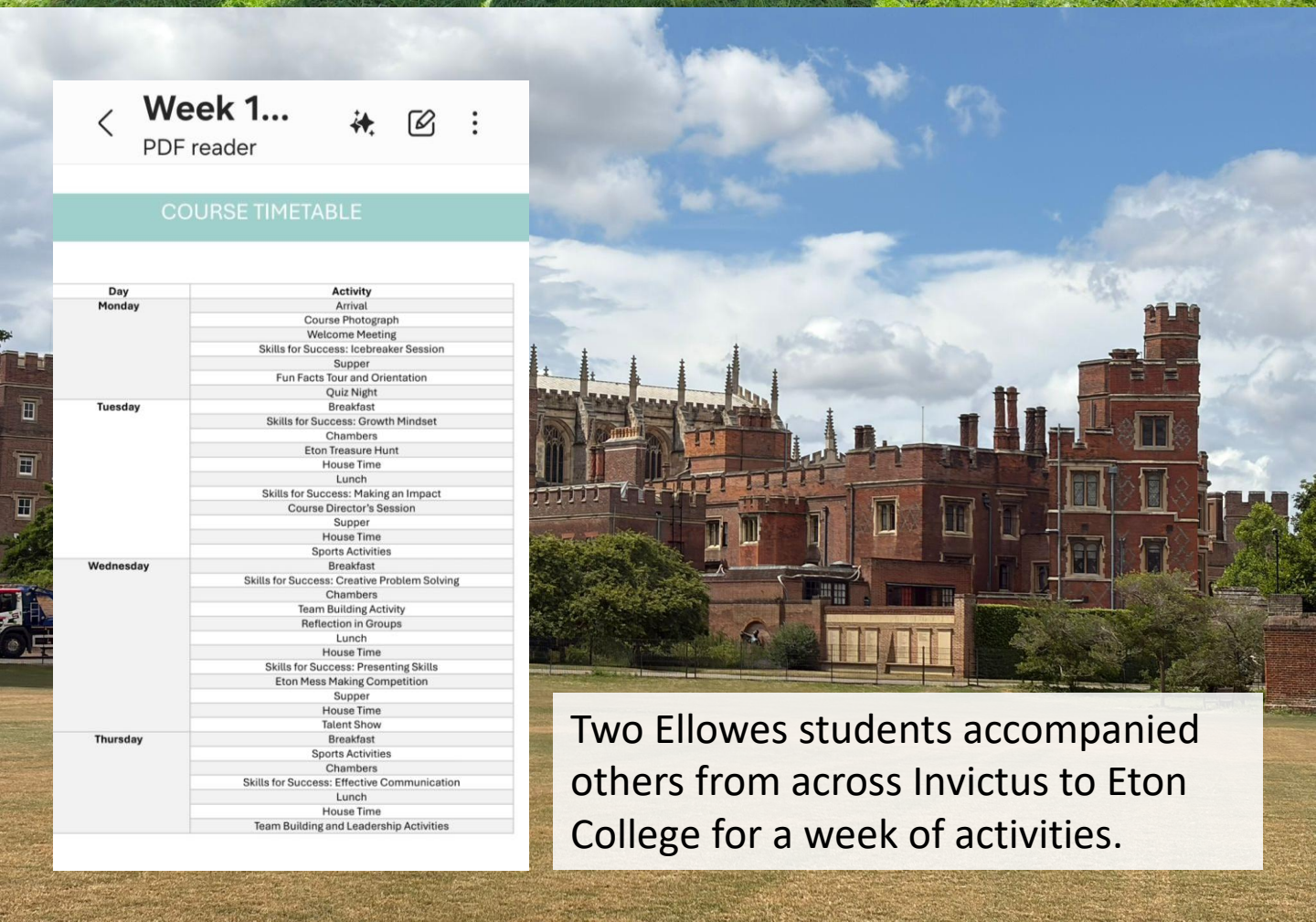
Y11 Graduation Ceremony

It was amazing to see so many of our Y11 for one final time at school where staff were able to thank our students for all their efforts over the last few years.

Class of 2026 Prom

Last night, the Class of 2026 came together to celebrate the culmination of their eleven-year educational journey at their High School Prom. It was wonderful to see so many students dressed so impeccably, enjoying the evening with friends and creating memories that will last a lifetime. The atmosphere was one of celebration, pride and excitement as they marked this important milestone before embarking on the next chapter of their lives. There will be many photos shared over social media.

A big thank you to Mitchell, Amelia and Ryan (pictured with the Mayor of Dudley) for their support of the Gornal Funday with their musical performances.



Week 1...
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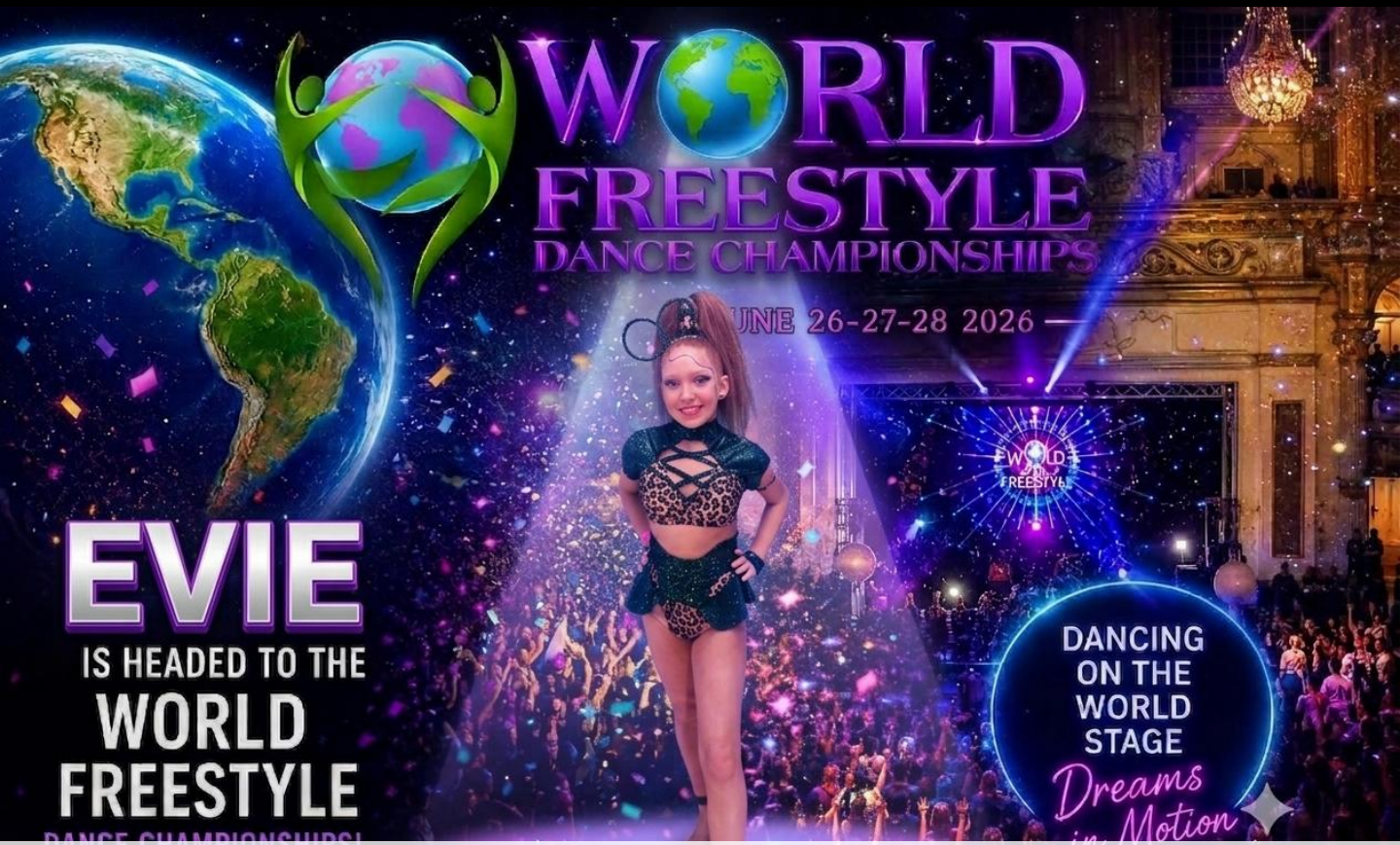
COURSE TIMETABLE

Day	Activity
Monday	Arrival
	Course Photograph
	Welcome Meeting
	Skills for Success: Icebreaker Session
	Supper
	Fun Facts Tour and Orientation
	Quiz Night
Tuesday	Breakfast
	Skills for Success: Growth Mindset
	Chambers
	Eton Treasure Hunt
	House Time
	Lunch
	Skills for Success: Making an Impact
	Course Director's Session
	Supper
	House Time
	Sports Activities
Wednesday	Breakfast
	Skills for Success: Creative Problem Solving
	Chambers
	Team Building Activity
	Reflection in Groups
	Lunch
	House Time
	Skills for Success: Presenting Skills
	Eton Mess Making Competition
	Supper
	House Time
	Talent Show
Thursday	Breakfast
	Sports Activities
	Chambers
	Skills for Success: Effective Communication
	Lunch
	House Time
	Team Building and Leadership Activities

Two Ellowes students accompanied others from across Invictus to Eton College for a week of activities.

HIT THE BULLSEYE.
BEAT THE BELL!
Ellowes Hall
Sports College
Aspire • Excel • Succeed
ARRIVE.
AIM. WIN!
FRIDAYS ONLY!
START FRIDAY STRONG –
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!
OW 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!
£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!
Don’t forget
Friday Darts
£5 Amazon Vouchers
for a Bullseye

Our KS3 Football teams were rewarded with a breakfast with Mr Rogers this morning based on their success in the Dudley School Football Leagues. A small reward for all of their efforts and success this season! ⚽ ⚽ ⚽



Well done to Evie who took part in the World Freestyle Dance Although she didn't make the final she had an amazing experience dancing with and against people from as far away as South Africa and the USA.

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)	HAVE FUN	**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)	GET INVOLVED
	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)			
After School Clubs Activities	**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
	VOLUNTEER	**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)			
		Cricket/Softball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)	**Y7, 8 (X4) & 9 (X3) Dance Club** (RG/EH)		
		Musical Theatre Club in X4 (EH)	**Girls Football** (External Coaches)		
		Film Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (ES)	SUCCESS		

BE HERE, BE COUNTED, BE A WINNER.

Ellowes Hall Sports College

Aspire • Excel • Succeed

FINISH STRONGER THAN YOU STARTED

THE FINAL PUSH STARTS NOW!

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION: MONDAY 15TH JUNE – FRIDAY 10TH JULY

WHO CAN ENTER?

ALL Year 7–10 students who already have

95% ATTENDANCE

or can achieve 95% attendance over the next four weeks from

MONDAY 15 JUNE

MAIN REWARD

AUTOMATIC ENTRY INTO

ELLOWES CINEMA

IN THE FINAL WEEK OF TERM!

EVEN HIGHER ATTENDANCE?

QUALIFY FOR REFRESHMENTS AT THE CINEMA!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REWARDS

EVERY WEEK, ALL STUDENTS WITH **100%** ATTENDANCE WILL RECEIVE:

1 HOUSE POINT

+

ENTRY INTO A **WEEKLY PRIZE DRAW**

OR

ICE-LOLLY OR CHOCOLATE BAR

+

VIP

QUEUE JUMP PASS

FOR A LUNCH TIME OF YOUR CHOICE

★ THERE WILL BE **FIVE WINNERS** FROM EACH YEAR GROUP EVERY WEEK! ★

EVERY DAY COUNTS. BE HERE. BE COUNTED. BE A WINNER!

Rehearsals this week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – 1.45-2.05 All Cast - We Go Together - X1	Lunch – 1.45-2.05 Doody – Those Magic Changes- X1	Lunch – 1.45-2.05 Teen Angel - Beauty School Drop Out - X1 Scene 4 - X4	Lunch – 1.45-2.05 Sandy – Hopelessly Devoted - X1	
After School – 3.15-4.15 Scene 4 – X4			After School – 3.15-4.15 All Cast - We Go Together and Summer Nights- X1	

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Could your child receive free school meals from September 2026?

From September 2026, more children and young people will be able to receive a free meal at school. This is because free school meal eligibility is expanding to include children from households receiving Universal Credit. More families may now be eligible, so we are asking parents and carers to complete an application if they think this could apply to them.

Eligibility is not automatic – parents and carers of children not currently receiving FSM must apply.

Please apply ASAP - Eligibility checking will begin from 1 June 2026. Where a child is found to be eligible, the free meal entitlement will apply from the start of the 2026 to 2027 school year (September 2026)

<u>How to apply</u>

Applying online should only take a few minutes.

Apply here: https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/

It could save your family money each week and help make sure your child can have a meal in school if they want one.

Please complete an application if any of these apply to you.

1. Your household receives Universal Credit

2. Your household receives another qualifying benefit.

3. Your young person is in sixth form or school-based post 16 provision and you think they may be eligible.

You do not need to work out whether your child qualifies. You only need to apply. The eligibility check will do the rest.

Ellowes Hall
Book Bank

Can you help?

Are you having a clear out? Do you have any suitable teen books lying about at home? Why not donate them to the Ellowes Hall library?

Please drop them off in reception or ask your child to drop them off in Mrs Jones' office.

Please click here and read the water safety message from West Midlands Fire Service

WMFS
West Midlands Fire Service

Ellowes Hall Sports College

Aspirare et Vincere

Key Dates Summer Term 2026

Date	Event
Monday 6th – 10th July	Y7 and Y9 Oracy Week
Monday 6th – 10th July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Friday 10th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 14th July	Y9 and Y10 Graduations
Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th July	Y7 Bikeability
Thursday 16th July	Attendance Rewards Celebration
Thursday 16th July	Ellowes Party in the Park
Friday 17th July	12.00PM: School Closes for the Summer Holidays

NHS

STOP PRESS

Vaccinations

On Wednesday 8th July vaccinations UK will be back in school to administer the yr 8 HPV and 9 DTP vaccine for the students who missed it last time.

This will be the last opportunity in school for your child to receive this vaccine.

If you child is due to have the vaccine in school on Wednesday can you remind them to wear a short sleeve shirt please

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.

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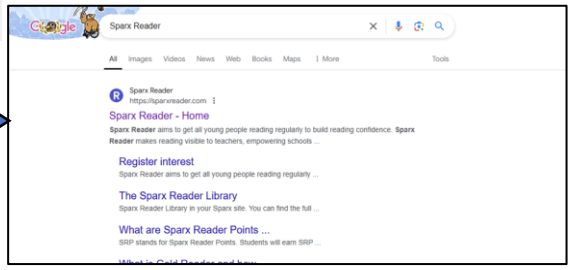
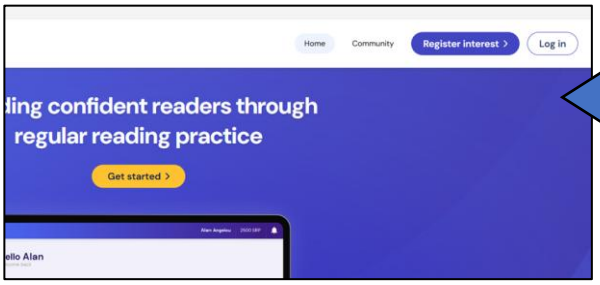
- **Monday: Sparx Science**
- **Wednesday: Sparx Maths**
- **Thursday: Sparx Reader**

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

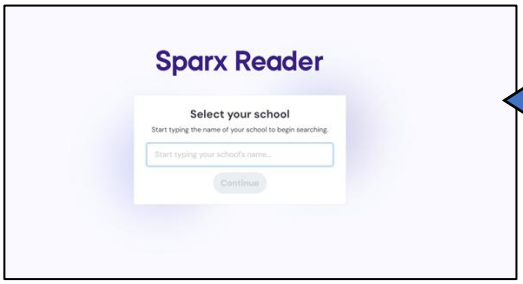
Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

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.

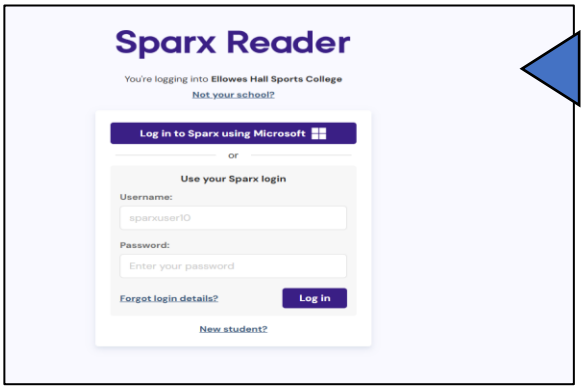




Once they have clicked on either the link on Arbor or the search result on Google they need to click the white log in icon in the top right corner and then select student log in.



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

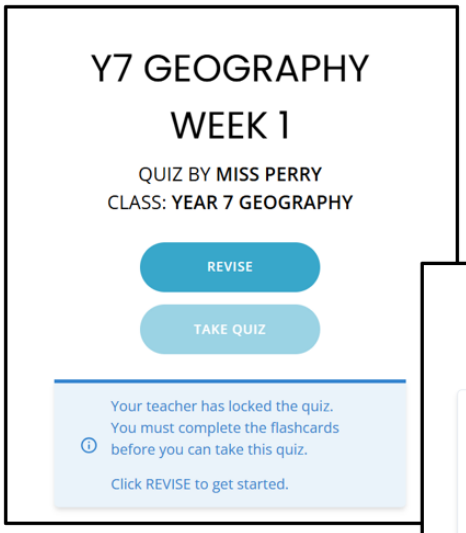
- One quiz per week per subject.

- Set and due Thursdays. Monday night detentions.

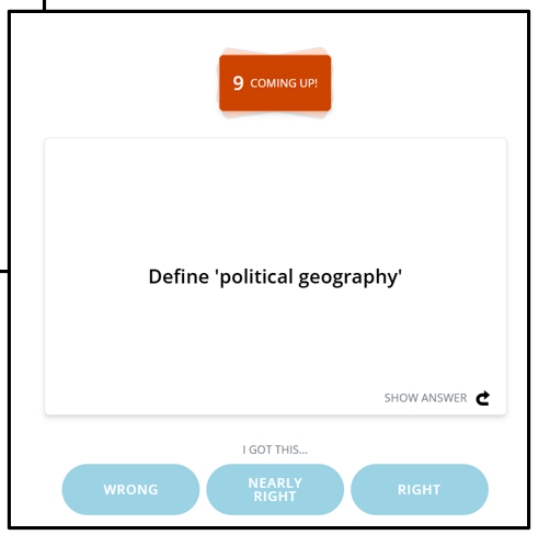
- Link set by Miss McCormack and Miss Perry to your email. Click this and login with your Microsoft email.

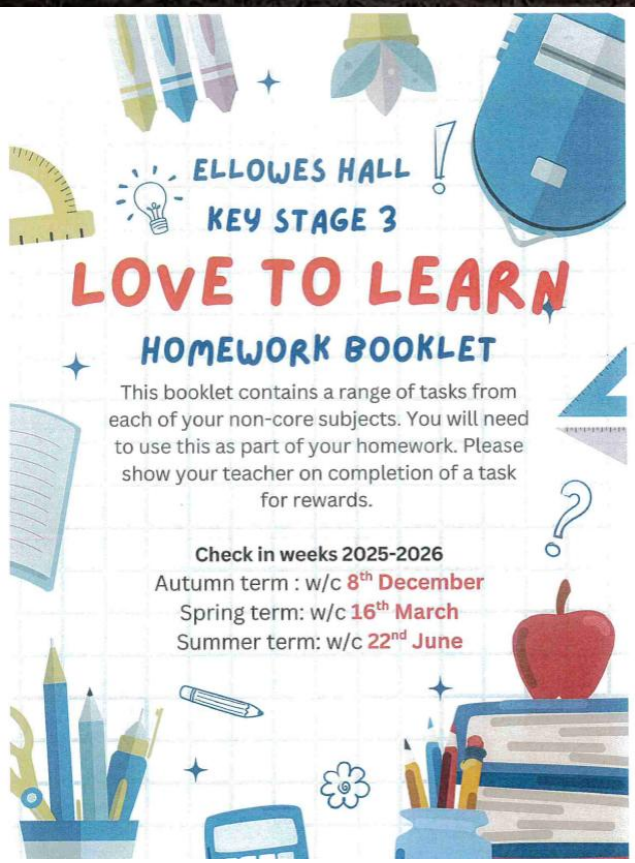
- You have to revise before you can take the quiz (say the answer to each flashcard aloud and then click 'show answer' to test yourself. Self-mark and then move on).

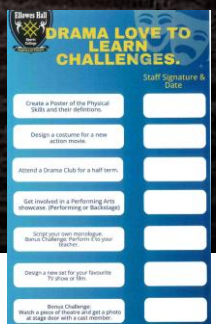
- Take the quiz and self-mark your answers. Be honest as your teacher can see!



CAROUSEL LEARNING







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!

Join the Cat in the Hat as he takes you on a journey into the fantastical, bombastical and songtastical world of Dr Seuss.

smile MUSICAL YOUTHTHEATRE

PRESENTS

SEUSSICAL

Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE

Based on the works of DR SEUSS

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International
All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk

FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2026 | 7.30pm
SATURDAY 25th JULY | 2.30 & 7.30pm

THE DORMSTON MILL THEATRE,
MILL BANK, SEDGLEY, DUDLEY DY3 1SN.

CONCESSIONS TICKETS £15
OAP's & Children Under 16

ADULT TICKETS £18

EARLY BIRD OFFER
All Tickets £14
Closes 31st March 2026

Tickets available online at www.seaty.co.uk/seussical or via email smilemusicalyt@gmail.com

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YOUTH SERVICE

LET'S GO!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

ENROL YOUR CHILD TODAY

21ST JULY – 3RD AUGUST 2026

AWESOME!

FREE SPORT, NATURE, FOOD, AND CULTURE ACTIVITIES FOR DEAF, DEAFBLIND, HARD OF HEARING, AND CODA YOUTH.

DEAF BADMINTON –

21ST JULY AT KORE WELLNESS (WEDNESBURY LEISURE CENTRE)
&
3RD AUGUST AT SHIRELAND CBSO

WONDER IN NATURE –

24TH JULY AT SANDWELL VALLEY FARM

DEAF PUNK CHEF –

27TH JULY AT YEW TREE AND TAMEBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM –

28TH JULY AT DUDLEY

TIME: ALL FROM 10AM TO 2PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

AGE: 8 – 17

YES!

FREE!

HOT/COLD FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

BADMINTON COACH RAJEEV BAGGA

Wonder in Nature

Register Now

INTERESTED IN A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD AT THE HAF SUMMER SCHEME?

PLACES ARE MAINLY FOR SANDWELL RESIDENTS AND PUPILS ATTENDING SANDWELL-FUNDED SCHOOLS, ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

WE MAY ALSO CONSIDER CHILDREN LIVING OUTSIDE THE BOROUGH.

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

SDCA

Sandwell Deaf Community Association

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

if you would like more information, please get in with :

Craig Pothecary
Wellbeing Coach
Email: craig_pothecary@sdca.co.uk
Text / WhatsApp / FaceTime: 07791 921011

Department for Education

SANDWELL Holiday Activities

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Sandwell Deaf Community Assocation

Two Important Upcoming Sessions.

For young people aged 8 - 17 years.

Delivered by the Children and Young People Team at SignHealth.

These sessions are for young people who are:

- Deaf
- Hard of Hearing
- Deafblind
- Hearing aids users
- Cochlear Implant or other hearing device users

These sessions will be delivered by Children and Young People Team SignHealth and are a chance for you to learn about important topics, share your views, ask questions, and get practical advice in a safe and supportive environment.

Monday 29th June
Internet safety and harm

Monday 6th July
Taking care of your wellbeing

Time:
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Location:
Dorothy Parkes Centre, Church Road, Smethwick, B67 6EH

WE ENCOURAGE ALL ELIGIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ATTEND THESE INFORMATION AND ENGAGE SESSIONS.

For more information, please contact
Craig Pothecary
email: craig_pothecary@sdca.co.uk
Text / WhatsApp / FaceTime: 07791 921011

Beacon

WED 5TH AUGUST AND
WED 19TH AUGUST
10AM -12PM

BEACON PRESENT'S

RELAXED HOLIDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. INCLUSIVE OF ALL DISABILITIES ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS SIBLINGS AND CARERS

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

FUN!

CHERRY STREET SEND AND SENSORY HUB WV3 0QW

FUN FOR THE FAMILY
CRAFT ACTIVITIES• ENJOYMENT

Please Call 01902 880 111 or Email enquiries@beaconvision.org for further information.

Beacon

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Join us for these free activities over the summer for children and young people living with sight loss and inclusive of all disablities

VI Cricket

WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION

Wednesday 29th July and Thursday 13th August 11am - 12pm, Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road east, WV4 6AZ

Holiday Hub

Wednesday 5th August 10am - 12pm, Cherry Street Sensory Hub, Cherry Street Wovlerhampton, WV3 0QW

Holiday Hub

CITY OF WOLVERHAMPTON COUNCIL

Wednesday 19th August 10am - ,12pm Cherry Street Sensory Hub, Cherry Street Wolverhampton WV3 0QW

Wolves Foundation

Wednesday 26th August 10:30am - 12pm, Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road East WV4 6QW

For further information or to book onto these event's please email enquiries@beaconvision.org or call 01902 880111

Wolves Foundation

Beacon

WED 26TH AUGUST

MIXED SPORTS SESSION

10:30AM - 12PM

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE INCLUSIVE OF ALL DISABLITIES

SPORTS AND GAMES

BEACON CENTRE, WOLVERHAMPTON, WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD EAST, WV4 6AZ

TO BOOK ON TO THIS FREE SESSION PLEASE CONTACT ENQUIRIES@BEACONVISION.ORG OR CALL BEACON RECEPTION ON 01902 880 111

Wolves Foundation

WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET FOUNDATION

SEND cricket & sports sessions

FREE INCLUSIVE CRICKET SESSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. INCLUSIVE OF ALL DISABILITIES ALONG WITH THEIR PARENTS SIBLINGS AND CARERS

Wednesday 29th July and Thursday 13th August 11am - 12pm

Beacon Centre, Wolverhampton Road East WV4 6AZ

For more information and or to book on please call 01902 880 111 or email enquiries@beaconvision.org

Beacon

TFA

COACHING CAMPS

SUMMER FOOTBALL TRAINING CAMPS

CAMP 1

TUES 28TH, JULY

WEDS 29TH JULY

THURS 30TH JULY

CAMP 2

TUES 11TH AUGUST

WEDS 12TH AUGUST

THURS 13TH AUGUST

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

£30/DAY OR £75/3 DAYS

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

ONLINE REGISTRATION
WWW.THEFOOTBALLERSACADEMY.CO.UK

CAMP INCLUDES

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

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RUSS PENN &
JIMMY O'CONNOR

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