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This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: The Importance of Leadership
HERO: Dame Julie Walters SONG OF NEXT WEEK: Thunder
by Imagine Dragons CAREER OF THE WEEK: Helicopter Pilot.



Headteacher's Introduction

This new academic year has started positively, with students returning looking smart, focused and ready to learn. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back and see such a positive atmosphere around the school. The enthusiasm and determination shown by students in these first few days have set an excellent tone for the year ahead. We are also pleased to celebrate another year of improved examination outcomes, reflecting the hard work and commitment of our students, staff and families. These successes continue to strengthen the reputation of our school and demonstrate what can be achieved when our community works together.

Last year, our theme was ambition, encouraging students to embrace every opportunity available to them. This year, we want to build on that foundation with a clear mission for every student to feel a strong sense of belonging at Ellowes, to thrive both personally and academically, and as a result, achieve their very best. Alongside this, we will continue to promote our Trust values of Respect, Resilience and Relationships.

A sense of belonging comes from being actively involved in school life, but it also relies on being in school every day. Excellent attendance remains one of our key priorities because every lesson counts. We are incredibly proud of those students who

achieved 100% attendance last year and encourage them to maintain this fantastic standard. For all students, every day in school provides valuable learning opportunities that cannot be replaced. As a school, we are working towards 95% attendance. Whilst this may seem high, it still equates to almost two weeks of absence across the academic year. Viewed in that way, it is clear how important regular attendance is in helping students achieve their full potential. We greatly value the support of parents and carers in helping us reinforce this message.

Our extensive programme of extracurricular activities is now underway, alongside intervention and support sessions for students preparing for examinations. We encourage every student to get involved and make the most of the opportunities available. Throughout the year, this newsletter will celebrate achievements, showcase events and highlight the many successes of our students. I hope you enjoy reading it and would encourage you to share it with family and friends. You will also find a number of important dates and events included on the last page of the newsletter.

With your continued support, I am confident that this year will be another successful one for Ellowes as we continue to strengthen our school community and help every student belong, thrive and achieve.

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Positives
This Week

**ABSENT PLEASE RING
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Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7DJ – Mr Jones	100%
YEAR 7	7JW – Miss Watson	100%
YEAR 7	7KKI – Mrs Richards	100%
YEAR 7	7RM – Mrs Ming	100%
YEAR 8	8OM – Mrs McEvoy	99.33%
YEAR 9	9RP – Mr Patel	99.29%
YEAR 10	10SRI – Miss Rigby	100%
YEAR 11	11JVI – Miss Vincent	96.52%



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Year 7: Myla C. **Year 8:** Taliane M. **Year 9:** Skye S.
Year 10: Isabella C. **Year 11:** Anthony B, Emilie-Lou F, Adonai W.

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!

Wednesday 16th Sept (Week A)

Student Leadership Lunchtime Fayre

Thursday 17th Sept (Week A)

16.00-18.00: Y11 Curriculum Evening / Whole School Wellbeing Café

Friday 18th Sept (Week A)

Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Birmingham City Centre

FANTASTIC START!

Be here
Be you
Belong

Every day counts!

Our students are making a brilliant start to the new academic year!



ATTEND

LEARN

ENGAGE

ACHIEVE



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!



TOMORROW, students will have the opportunity to win prizes as we celebrate and reward your excellent attendance!

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make attendance a priority and ensuring that every student gets the very best from their time at school.

Let's keep it going - every day counts! ☆

GOOD ATTENDANCE
BRIGHTER
FUTURES.

Learn
Grow
Belong
Succeed

PRESENT
TODAY
BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

A
STRONGER
SCHOOL
COMMUNITY
TOGETHER

dolce
schools catering

INVICTUS
Education Trust

Coming Soon!



FREE breakfast
for every student,
every day!

Bungello

'Students in the Bungello have spent time clearing our garden area ready for the new school year. We harvested our vegetable patch, we had some great carrots! The students also did a fantastic job of clearing the leaves from the garden!'



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.

Careers Convention & Wellbeing Café



Thursday
17th September 2026



3.30pm – 5.00pm



Grab & Go and Theatre

*Your future.
Your choices.*



EXPLORE
LEARN
SUCCEED



**All parents/carers of all year groups
are welcome to attend**



Careers Convention

Meet colleges, universities and employers to explore future opportunities. This is especially valuable for **Year 11** students and parents/carers, but students in **Years 7–10** can also begin thinking about their next steps.



Wellbeing Café

Meet external agencies offering information and advice to support your child's wellbeing, from health and emotional wellbeing to personal safety.



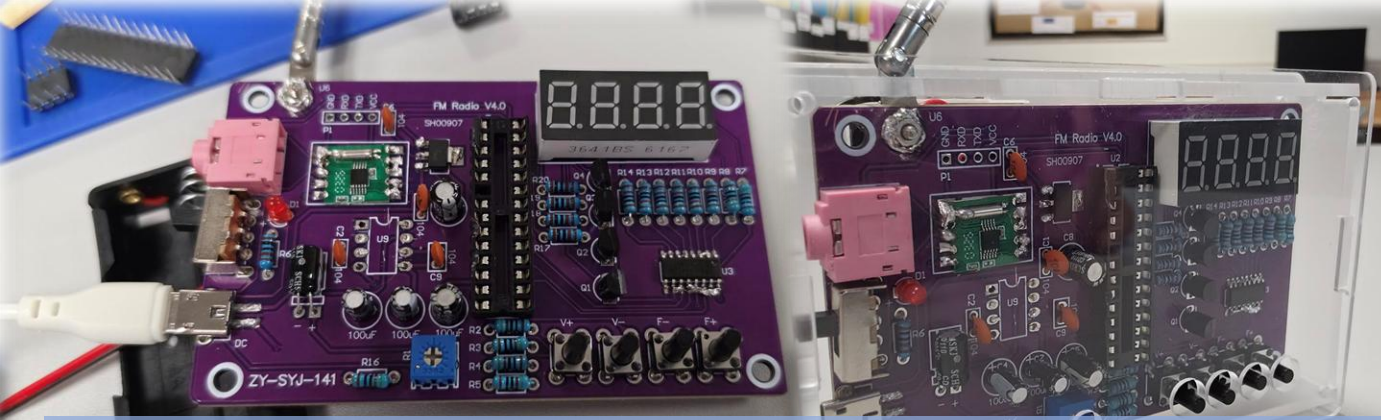
**Please see your emails
for further information.**



Thank you to students working with Grace Foundation our flower beds are being look after.

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)	
		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)				
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)		
						

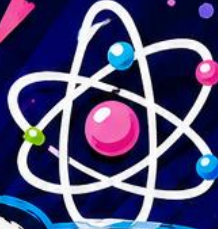


Ellovate students have been busy developing their vocational skills in nail design and electronics. They have proudly displayed their creativity through a range of nail designs while building valuable practical skills, including soldering and electronic assembly.





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch – 1.45-2.05	Lunch – 1.45-2.05		Lunch – 1.45-2.05	
Roger - Mooning	Teen Angel - Beauty School Drop Out – X1		Rizzo – Look At Me	
After School – 3.15-4.15	After School – 3.15-4.15	After School – 3.15-3.45	After School – 3.15-4.30	After School – 3.15-4.15
Scene 6 – X4	Dancers	Doody – Those Magic Changes	Dancers	T Birds – Greased Lightning
Sandy – Hopelessly Devoted			All Cast – We Go Together, Summer Nights, Grease	Scene 7



ELLOWES HALL

SCIENCE CLUB!



FOR YEAR 7 & YEAR 8



**MONDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL**

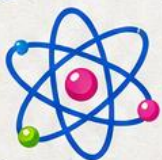


IN S8



3:15PM - 4:00PM

**EXPLORE!
EXPERIMENT!
DISCOVER!**



**SEE
MRS BAGGOTT**
FOR MORE DETAILS

OR

SPEAK TO
YOUR FORM TUTOR

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.

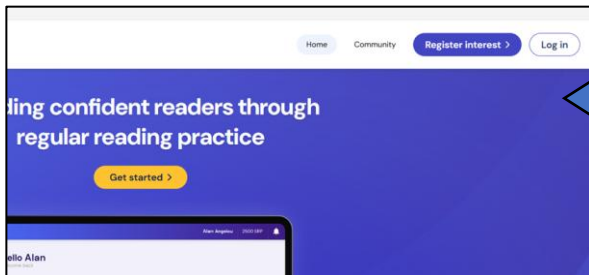
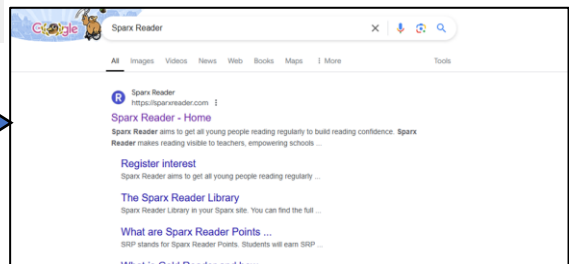
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

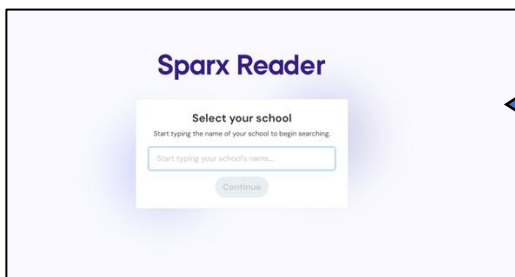


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

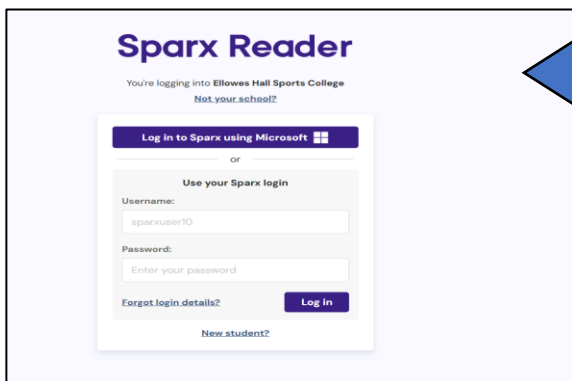
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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 these 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. Attend a PE class for one half-term	
5. Demonstrate a 10-second sit-up	
6. Attend a PE Day this academic year	
7. Complete a 10-minute sprint	
8. Watch any sports matches in the school	

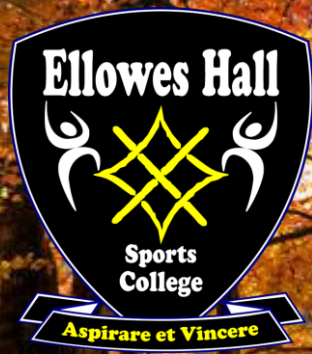
BONUS CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the importance of physical activity

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 points for your teacher)	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your class	
Watch a general interest film and get a photo of a stage actor 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
Wednesday 16 th September	Student Leadership Lunchtime Fayre
Thursday 17 th September	16.00-18.00: Year 11 Curriculum Evening/Whole School Wellbeing Cafe
Friday 18 th September	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Birmingham City Centre
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