



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Remembrance

HERO: Joe Bullock SONG OF NEXT WEEK: We'll Meet Again

By Vera Lynn CAREER OF THE WEEK: Firefighter



Headteacher's Introduction

As we reach the end of this half-term, I would like to begin by thanking all students, parents and carers for the tremendous support you have given in helping us achieve a significant improvement in attendance compared to last year. Every day in school matters, and the additional hours of learning gained through improved attendance will have a positive impact on students' progress, achievement and future success. Just as importantly, being in school regularly helps students feel connected, valued and part of our school community, enabling them to thrive both academically and personally. The improvements we are seeing in lessons, alongside the dedication shown by students and staff, demonstrate the difference that a strong commitment to attendance can make.

Last night, we were delighted to welcome more than 260 students to our annual Halloween Disco. As always, students and staff embraced the occasion with an incredible array of imaginative costumes, making it a fantastic evening for everyone involved. Students enjoyed an evening of music, dancing and a variety of activities, including apple bobbing, the mummy race, face painting and our popular fancy dress competition. I would particularly like to thank the students who took the time and effort to carve pumpkins and help decorate both the hall and stage. Their creativity and enthusiasm helped create a wonderful atmosphere and made the event such a memorable success.

This half-term has been filled with so many achievements, opportunities and moments of success that it is impossible not to feel proud of our students. I would like to thank everyone who supported our

YoungMinds Hello Yellow fundraising activities and cake sale, helping to raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health. Congratulations to the students who represented the school in the Springboard FutureChef competition, our Bungello group for their visit to the Roman city of Wroxeter, and the many students who participate each week in our Friday morning darts competitions. We continue to be inspired by the outstanding artwork showcased throughout this newsletter and by the dedication and achievements of our cross-country athletes. It has also been fantastic to see house competitions becoming increasingly competitive, with students showing great pride in representing their houses. We celebrate our weekly 100% attendance students and especially those who have maintained perfect attendance throughout the year so far. Finally, I would like to recognise the students who participated in and helped lead our Primary School Rugby Festival, demonstrating excellent leadership, teamwork and ambassadorial skills.

We look forward to welcoming as many Year 7 parents and carers as possible to the Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening on Thursday 12th November from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Information regarding appointment bookings will be shared shortly, providing an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. Finally, I would like to thank students, staff, parents and carers for their efforts, resilience and support throughout what is always the longest half-term of the year. I hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable and well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for another successful half-term.

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Positives
This Week



Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7KKI – Mrs King	96.52%
YEAR 8	8TR – Mrs Roe	97.33%
YEAR 9	9DBA – Mr Barker	95.83%
YEAR 10	10PS – Mrs Strachan	99.23%
YEAR 11	11EP – Mrs Hayward-Perry	97.85%

ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1



Year 7: Jacob P. Year 8: Taliane M. Year 9: Scott F.
Year 10: Abigail A, Emelia F, Olivia H, Poppy H, Jimi M.
Year 11: Joshua S.

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 5th Nov (Week A)

Staffordshire Army Recruitment Trip

Friday 6th Nov (Week A)

Year 10/11 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!

YOUNGMINDS

Hello Yellow



For **World Mental Health Day**, we supported the **YoungMinds Hello Yellow** campaign, raising funds through a bake sale. Students also took part in assemblies led by **Mrs Toro-Pearce**, tutor activities, and reflection tasks in **ACHIEVE** lessons, helping to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing.



A spooky Halloween-themed background featuring a large skull on a wooden sign, glowing jack-o'-lanterns, and a dark, misty graveyard scene with tombstones and bare trees under a full moon.

Halloween Disco

Thurs 22nd Oct

6:00pm – 8:00pm



More than 260 students enjoyed the Ellowes Halloween Disco, with many students and staff dressing up for the occasion. Everyone had a fantastic evening dancing to music and taking part in a range of fun activities, including the fancy dress competition, pumpkin carving, apple bobbing and the mummy race. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success!





Springboard FUTURECHEF

Year 10 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition students recently took part in the Springboard Chef Competition.

During the school heats, students were challenged to prepare a main meal for two people on a limited budget within one hour, demonstrating a range of practical skills, creativity and presentation.

All participants impressed with their independence, organisation and excellent culinary skills. Congratulations to competition winners **Lucy and Ethan**, and runners-up **Maggie, Minnie and Corey**.

Two students will now progress to the next round of the competition, which will take place at another school in November



On Monday, the Bungellos Saturn group visited Wroxeter Roman City as part of their current History topic. The visit brought students' classroom learning to life, giving them a valuable opportunity to explore how Roman towns functioned and to experience first-hand the rich history they have been studying. The students were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.





**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 CHALLENGE!

**Congratulations to...
Imogen B of Y9**

HOW 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!

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

**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!





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.

Mr J Evans

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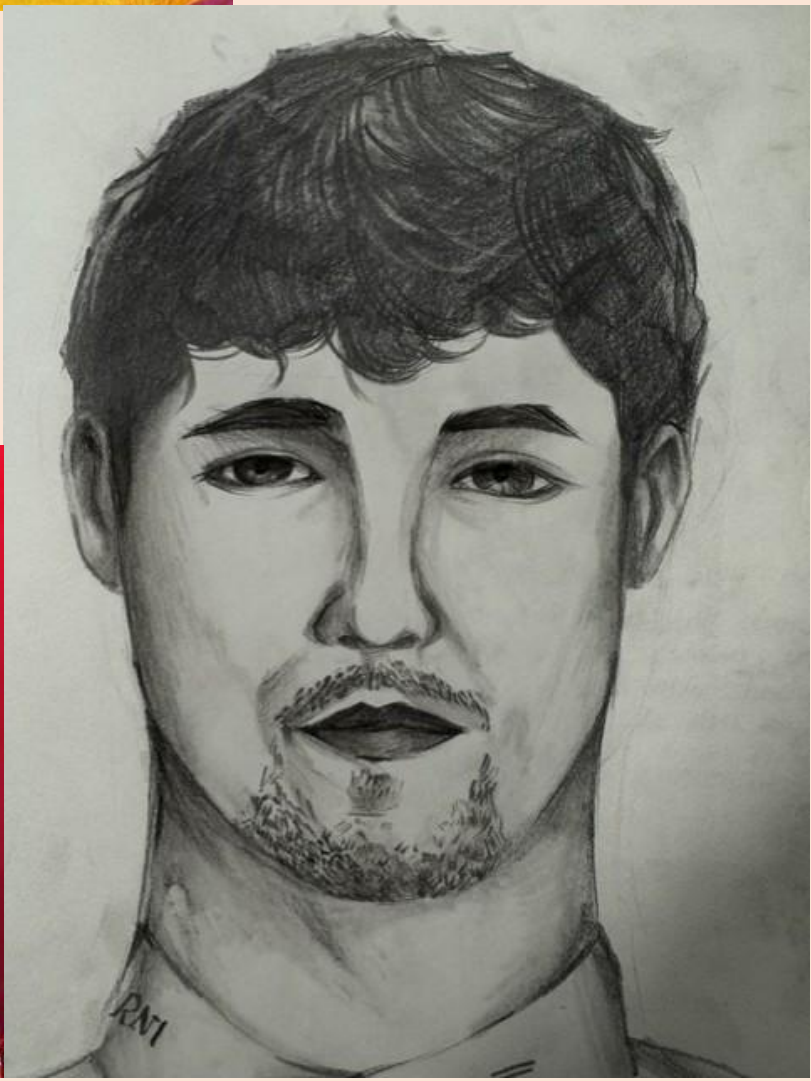
A huge well done to all of our students who represented the school at the Regional Cross Country event at Himley Hall on Saturday. Competing over a challenging 2km hilly course, every student demonstrated outstanding grit, determination and resilience as they pushed themselves to achieve their very best. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their effort, commitment and excellent representation of the school. Well done all!





This amazing oil pastel cake was created by Joseph Gibson in Year 9. Inspired by the work of American artist Wayne Thiebaud, Joseph has produced a vibrant and eye-catching piece that demonstrates excellent use of colour and technique.

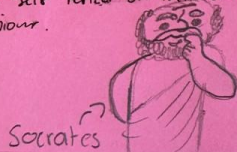
Students in Year 10 have been studying portraiture in Art. This remarkable charcoal drawing of Formula 1 driver Charles Leclerc was created by Aria Breeze and showcases excellent attention to detail and technical skill



Friday 16th October 2026 Teddy Fullwood
what have I learnt in this unit

Socrates and truth

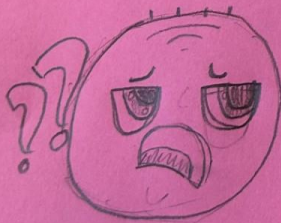
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He thought the only way to have a good life is to live it in a moral way.
He believed that in order to become a good person needed to learn and self reflect on their own life and behaviour.



Socrates

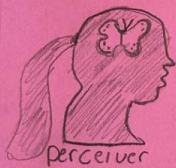
Three waves of doubt

Illusion - How can I trust my senses if I know I can be tricked?
dreaming - what if I am dreaming and this is all really a dream
deception - what if everything is a trick and I am in a simulation



Direct realism

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This means that we experience the world directly with no filter



Perceiver



Object

Problems against direct Realism

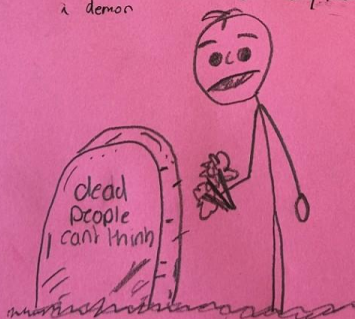
Time lag problem - we experience things with a slight time delay
illusions - light can reflect and refract to trick our eyes
Hallucinations - we can see things that aren't there
perceptual variation - everyone experiences colour and shape differently



brain

Eogiko ergo Sum

I think therefore I am - if I am thinking I am alive.
This proves that we are not being tricked by our senses, that we are not in a dream or being tricked by a demon



Plato's cave

An allegory which explores whether religion can be believed by everyone on the surface it is a story about prisoners in a cave who are questioning what shadows are the hidden meaning is god is like people questioning what is the truth not every body experiences the truth



Year 9 have been looking at big philosophical thinkers in RE and have been evaluating the impact of Socrates and Descartes' thinking on modern philosophy. Examples; Teddy Fullwood (top) and Isla Griffiths (bottom).

Friday, 16th October 2026

what have I learnt in this unit

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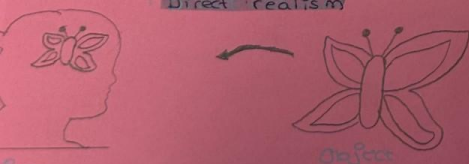


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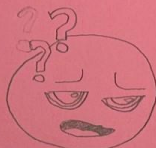


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Three waves of doubt

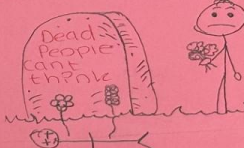
Illusion - How can I trust my senses if I know I can be tricked.
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Deception - what if everything is a trick and I am just in a simulation.



confused questioning face

Problems against direct realism

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Hallucinations - we can see things that aren't real at all.
perceptual variation - everyone experiences colour and shape differently.



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brain



HOUSE POINT TOTALS



KINVER

8118
points



HIMLEY

7971
points



CLENT

7900
points



ENVILLE

7201
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

Ting Y and Aysha S

Year 8

Ethan B and Brooke H

Year 9

Lucy H and Christopher P

Year 10

Jacob J and Lily S

Year 11

Michaela S and Layton N



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

**Dudley Kingswinford
RFC**



Our Year 10 Sports Leaders demonstrated fantastic leadership at a primary rugby festival at DK Rugby Club. Supporting pupils from 20 primary schools, they led activities with enthusiasm, confidence and excellent teamwork. They were fantastic ambassadors for Ellowes Hall and a real credit to the school.



HOUSE POINT LEADERS OF THE WEEK



HIMLEY

Sophia
Massingham-Wood



ENVILLE

**Izabel
Smith**



CLENT

**Emily
Hyde**



KINVER

**Ethan
Jones**





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)	

ENGLISH WRITING HOUSE COMPETITION WINNERS

YEAR 7



HIMLEY

Dorian Radolinski
Jacob Patrick
Emir Carter



ENVILLE

Zack Khumalo



CLENT

Aria Norton
Toby Bates
Ting Yee



KINVER

Jacob Hill
Havana-Grace
Middleton

YEAR 9



HIMLEY

Liam Taylor
Grace Dempsey



ENVILLE

Milly Cornbill
Kacne Naylor



CLENT

Darcie Vaughan
Naomi Wright
Aaliyah Beckford



KINVER

Will Davies
Archie Chillington
Rosie Hall

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.

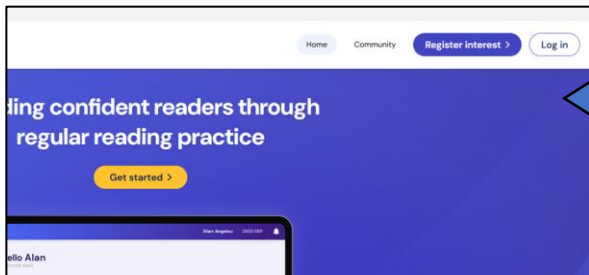
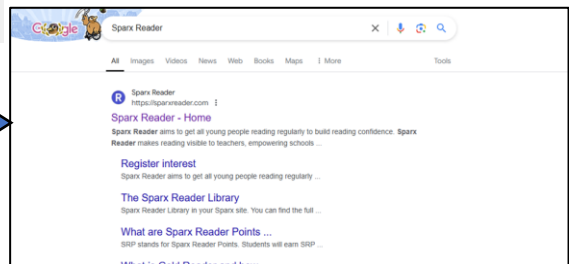
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

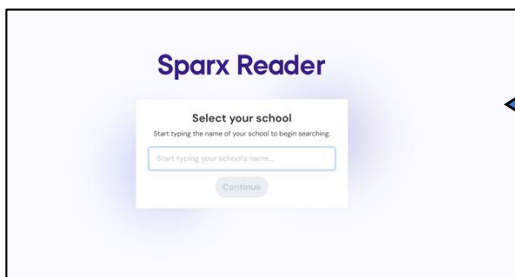


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

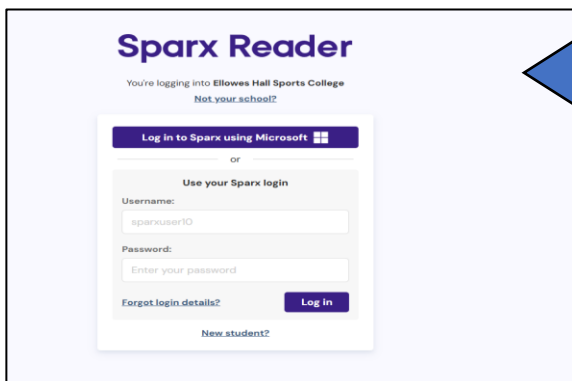
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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

Check in weeks 2025-2026

1. Complete a 20-minute workout	
2. Successfully complete 10 minutes of a circuit	
3. Complete a 5-minute bodyweight circuit	
4. Attend a PE class for one half-term	
5. Demonstrate a 10-minute circuit	
6. Attend a PE class for one half-term	
7. Complete a 10-minute circuit	
8. Attend a PE class for one half-term	
9. Complete a 10-minute circuit	
10. Attend a PE class for one half-term	

REWARD CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the importance of PE

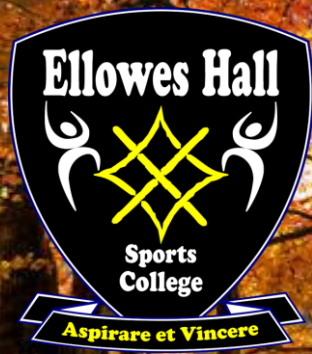
DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES

Check in weeks 2025-2026

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 (afternoon or Saturday)	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
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REWARD CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the importance of Drama

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
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