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This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Importance of Resilience/World Refugee Day
HERO: Freddie Mercury **SONG OF NEXT WEEK:** I want to break free by Queen **CAREER OF THE WEEK:** Health Visitor.



Headteacher's Introduction

As Year 11 approach the end of their examination period, with their final exam taking place on Monday, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work, resilience and determination throughout their time at Ellowes Hall. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to parents, carers and staff for the support, encouragement and guidance they have provided throughout their secondary school journey, particularly during the demanding final few months.

As we move into the final half-term of the academic year, we are keen to ensure that standards remain high and that we finish the year in a positive and purposeful manner. A number of new attendance incentives and initiatives have already been launched to encourage excellent attendance, but we will also be placing a renewed focus on our expectations regarding uniform, behaviour and attitudes to learning. Tutors and Heads of Year will be discussing these expectations with students over the coming week and, for the vast majority, this will simply serve as a reminder of the high standards that have always been a key part of life at Ellowes Hall.

Following the success of our Year 10 students on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition, it is now the turn of our Year 9 participants to undertake their expedition next week. I am confident that they will represent the school superbly and continue the excellent tradition of achievement within this prestigious award programme. We also have Year 10 mock examinations beginning in just two weeks' time, and both staff and students are already preparing thoroughly. Before then, our youngest students will begin their end-of-year assessments, experiencing formal examinations in the Sports Hall in the same way as other year groups. To support their preparation, staff will be reviewing key content in lessons

next week, while students in the core subjects will take part in a special revision workshop during lessons 1 and 2 on Monday 15th June. The workshop will include a range of engaging revision activities, along with prizes and rewards, and should provide an enjoyable and valuable opportunity for Year 7 students to prepare confidently for their assessments.

We continue to be delighted by the sporting achievements of our students, both within school and in external competitions, as well as the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities available across the school. It was particularly pleasing to see so many of our students visit New Road in Worcester to watch England take on South Africa, where they also benefited from coaching and educational activities delivered by the ECB.

There are many other exciting articles featured throughout this newsletter, including our Media Ambassadors interviewing Jennie Bimson, an Olympic Gold Medallist, alongside stories celebrating students' achievements outside of school and details of the many opportunities and support programmes available to our young people.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Year 11 students the very best of luck in their final examination on Monday. They have shown tremendous perseverance throughout the examination season and should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. As we look ahead to the final few weeks of the academic year, I encourage every student to make the most of the opportunities available to them, whether through their studies, extra-curricular activities or the many experiences that enrich life at Ellowes Hall. Thank you, as always, to our parents and carers for your continued support and partnership. By working together, we can ensure that every student finishes the year successfully and continues to aspire, excel and succeed.

Wednesday 17th June (Week A)

Year 9 Personal Development Day

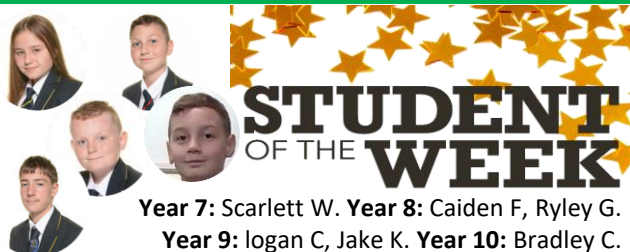
Friday 19th June (Week A)

Science Big Band Fair

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7OM – Mrs McEvoy	94.44%
YEAR 8	8JG – Dr Green	96.15%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Miss Rigby	92.42%
YEAR 10	10GN – Miss Norton	97.22%
YEAR 11	11BH & 11DJ	100%

ABSENT PLEASE RING 01384 686600 Option 1



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!





Some of our KS3 students had a fantastic time at New Road Worcester on Tuesday, watching England Lions against South Africa Day. After the frequent downpours, our students had the chance to watch top level Cricket that they can then try and mirror in lessons. They also managed to have a great time during an ECB lesson putting their practical skills to the test.



BE HERE, BE COUNTED, BE A WINNER.



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



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!





Congratulations to Lacie came 1st in a competition last weekend gaining a grade point. Two more points and she becomes a champion.

Our Media Ambassadors had the privilege of interviewing Jennie Bimson, a Gold Medal Olympic Champion for the Ellowes Podcast. The podcast will be released in the near future, and we can't wait for you to hear it. Stay tuned for more info



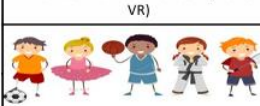


Louie Truss completed his first 5k run last night since his injury, he ran a fantastic time of 24.29



Year 9 Students are working on their watercolour paintings based on the theme 'Food Glorious Food'.

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)		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)	
	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)
 		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)	Y7, 8 (X4) & 9 (X3) Dance Club (RG/EH)		
		Cricket/Softball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)	Girls Football (External Coaches)		
		Musical Theatre Club in X4 (EH)			
Film Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (ES)					



Rehearsals this week

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 – Summer nights and Grease is the word	T Birds – Greased Lightning – X1	Marty – Freddy My Love – X1 Scene 5 - X4	Doody – Those Magic Changes - X1	
After School – 3.15-4.15		After School – 3.15-4.15	After School – 3.15-4.15	After School – 3.15-4.15
Scene 5 – X4		Doody – Those Magic Changes - X1	T Birds – Greased Lightning – X1	All Cast – Grease is the word and Greased Lightning - X1
Marty – Freddy My Love – X1			Scene 4 – Pyjama Party - X4 Dancers – We Go Together - X3	Dancers – We Go Together - X3



Sandwell Deaf Community Association



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.

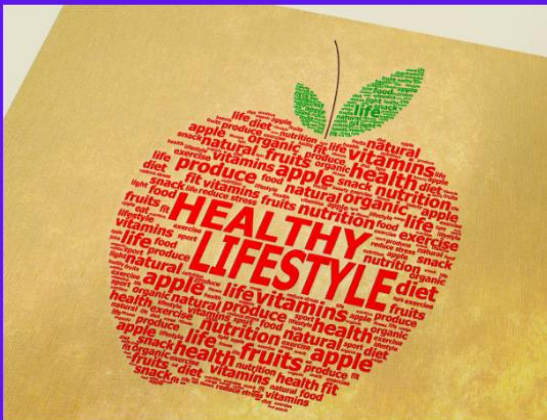
For more information, please contact
Craig Potheary
email: craig_potheary@sdca.co.uk
Text / WhatsApp / FaceTime: 07791 921011

Ell-cafe
June 25th
12:30pm-2pm
Ellowes Hall

Parents, carers you are warmly invited to come and receive support and information from a BANT Registered Nutritionist and Life Coach, Jayne Deeley

Healthy habits for busy families who don't have time for perfection

Topics covered



- How to build healthier habits without pressure.
- What balanced eating looks like on a budget.
- Simple routines that support the whole family.
- Practical meal planning tools to make life easier.

FREE lunch provided
Booking essential



For more information and to book your free place, please contact the Ethos Family Support Worker - Mrs Rose - 01384 686 600



**Swim safe
this summer**

**Avoid
open water**

Open water may be much colder and deeper than it appears.

Most accidental drownings happen inland, not at the coast.

Children and young men are more likely to accidentally drown.

If a person is in trouble in the water, phone 999, roll over to float on their back and throw them a rope - **DO NOT** enter the water.

**STAY SAFE NEAR OPEN
WATER, LAKES, RIVERS
AND CANALS DURING
HOT WEATHER**

**DON'T LET IT
BE YOU!**



**South Yorkshire
FIRE & RESCUE**

**STAY SAFE
NEAR WATER**

#BEWATERAWARE



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



WMFS
**West Midlands
Fire Service**


Lifeboats

**If you're
struggling in the water ...**

**Tilt your head
back with ears
submerged**

**Relax and move
your hands to help
you stay afloat**

FLOAT TO LIVE





GORNAL DC GIRLS FOOTBALL

CURRENT U13 GIRLS WANTED

CURRENT YEAR 7s & 8s WELCOME TO TRIAL



CONTACT

+44 7411 424181



Training Thursdays
Matchday Saturdays

EMAIL:



contactus@gornaldc.com

STOP PRESS

Polite Notice to Parents and Carers

We kindly ask for your cooperation in helping to keep our school site safe and accessible for everyone at the end of the school day (3.15pm).

Please do not bring vehicles beyond the first set of school entrance gates under any circumstances. In addition, parking is **not permitted** in the area between the entrance gates and the access point to the staff car park. **This space must be kept completely clear at all times.**

These restrictions are in place to ensure the safety of pupils, staff, and visitors, and to maintain clear access for emergency vehicles. Vehicles in these areas create significant safety risks and obstruct essential access routes.

We appreciate that collection times can be busy, and we thank you for your understanding and cooperation in parking considerately in the surrounding area and respecting these rules.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.



PARENT/CARER'S GUIDE TO **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE**

*Join us for an informal, relaxed session
looking at understanding online
behaviour, setting safety controls and
having open conversations.*

**THURSDAY 11TH JUNE
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
ELLOWES HALL**

**For more information and to book
a free place, please contact
Mrs Rose - Ethos Family Support
Worker.
01384 686 600**



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.

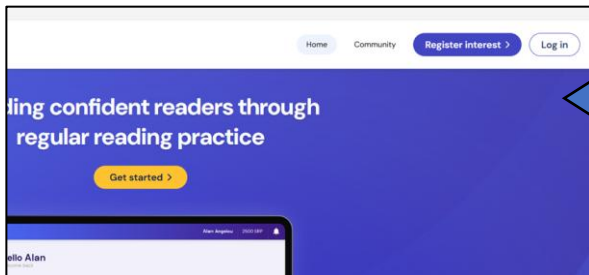
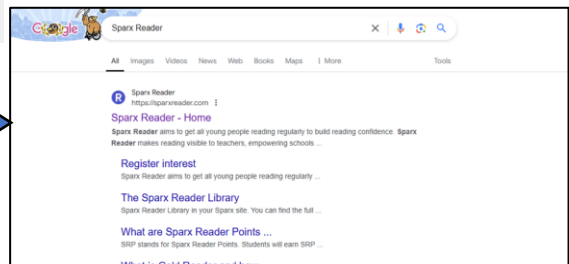
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

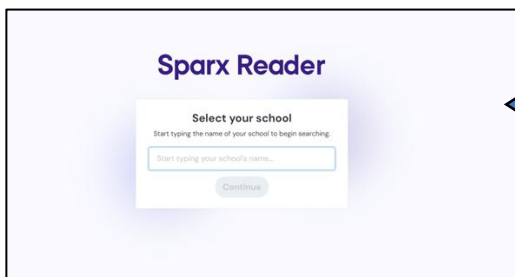


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

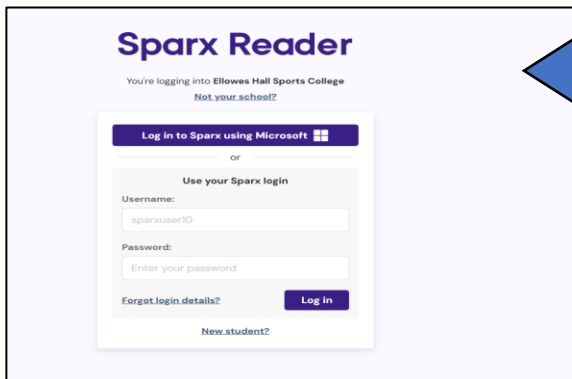
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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 yourself to 10 questions)	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your friends	
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 Summer Term 2026

Date	Event
Wednesday 17 th June	Y9 Personal Development Day
Friday 19 th June	Science Big Bang Fair
Friday 19 th June	Y7 Inflatables Opportunity
Monday 22 nd June	Love to Learn homework check in week
Monday 22 nd – 26 th June	Y7 Mock Exams
Wednesday 24 th June	09.00-12.00 Year 8 Vaccinations Catch-Ups
Wednesday 24 th – Thursday 25 th June	Y9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh
Friday 26 th June	Reading Ambassadors - Book Shop Reward Trip
Monday 29 th June	Oracy Week - Year 8
Monday 29 th June	Y6 Parent Teacher Meeting
Monday 29 th – Tuesday 30 th June	Y6 Induction Days
Monday 29 th June – Friday 3 rd July	Y10 Mock Exams
Wednesday 1 st July	Performing Arts Summer Showcase
Thursday 2 nd July	09.00-11.00: Year 11 Graduation
Thursday 2 nd July	Yr 11 Prom
Friday 3 rd July	Lakeside Trip (PE)
Monday 6 th – 10 th July	Y7 and Y9 Oracy Week
Monday 6 th – 10 th July	Y10 Work Experience Week
Friday 10 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 14 th July	Y9 and Y10 Graduations
Tuesday 14 th – Thursday 16 th July	Y7 Bikeability
Thursday 16 th July	Attendance Rewards Celebration
Thursday 16 th July	Ellowes Party in the Park
Friday 17 th July	12.00PM: School Closes for the Summer Holidays