

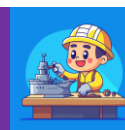


FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2025



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Where Can A Career Take You?

ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Florence Nightingale / *Life is a Highway* by Tom Cochrane

CAREER OF THE WEEK: Marine Engineer



Headteacher's Introduction

There is a moment around this point in every Academic Year in which our Year 7 students truly start to make their mark on school life. Having gone through the necessary transitional phase, in which they must adapt to the secondary world of changing classrooms and all the new routines around homework and uniform, Year 7 are beginning to have a fantastic impact on our culture - as this week's edition of *Ellow Ellow* will demonstrate.

A huge number of them have been braving the cold snap to throw themselves into all the opportunities on offer on our annual Year 7 residential to Whitemoor Lakes. They have conquered fears and really gelled as a year group. Back in school, Year 7 girls' footballers put in an impressive performance by defeating Crestwood in a friendly game held earlier this week.

Ensuring that our youngest students find their voices and refine a confidence in who they are and in the gifts they possess are so important. Our oldest students, Year 11, have next week to make the difference in the mocks they will face from 1 December. Year 10 are busily preparing for their own mock examinations which begin on their return from the Christmas holidays. We find that students always do well when they have the confidence in themselves which comes from exposure to opportunities, and if they believe that their staff want the best for them; something demonstrated by the dedication of those currently at Whitemoor Lakes giving up time with their own loved ones to facilitate the trip.

Last year, our students beat national average performance in English and chased it at 5+ in Maths. These mock exams will enable our current Year 10 and 11 to see whether they are, as we all hope and expect, on track to beat their predecessors.

WEEK B

Monday 24 November

Year 11 After-School Intervention: Maths

Tuesday 25 November

Year 11 After-School Intervention: History/Geography

Wednesday 26 November

Thursday 27 November

Year 11 After-School Intervention: H&SC; Design; Food; Art; GCSE Business; Computer Science

15.30-18.30: Year 7 Parents & Carers' Evening 2025

Friday 28 November

6,335 Positives This Week



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 7: Maliha A

Year 8: Lewis JP

Year 9: Mia B

Year 10: Emma B

Year 11: Amra A

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!

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance This Week...

YEAR 7	7DH – Mr Hamilton	98.2%
YEAR 8	8DBA – Mr Barker	98.3%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Ms Rigby	96%
YEAR 10	10EP – Ms Perry	95.8%
YEAR 11	11RM – Mrs Ming	98.7%



	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
7	Izzy P	Kaleb L	Sparx Science records scores slightly differently, but well done to all who completed this week's!
8	Alfie W	Ryley G	
9	Emelia F	Daisy C	
10	Mitchell B	Tymofii H	
11	Lily F	Aaron B	

Don't forget... students needing support with their Sparx, or simply a place to go to complete it, can attend Mrs P Jones' Bright Sparx Club every Tuesday After School at 4pm.



Last week our Bungello students bought their learning around Remembrance Day to life with a visit to RAF Cosford Museum. We had a fantastic trip and learnt lots about the impact of war and the roll of our airmen and women.



Bungello – Birmingham Dogs Home Partnership

In the Bungello, as part of our life skills learning, we have been learning about charity work in our local community and we have chosen a charity to support over this half term. We recently visited **Birmingham Dogs Home** to find out about the work they do, and of course meet some of the lovely dogs in their care!



The home looks after over 2000 stray or abandoned dogs per year across their Birmingham and Wolverhampton sites.

As part of this, we **will be collecting bedding and towels to donate to the home. Any old bedding or towels are accepted**; they do not need to be new items, any unwanted items will be of use to create comfortable, homely kennels for the dogs. All we ask is that they cleanly laundered.

Alongside this, if anyone wishes to **donate dog food or treats**, these would be more than welcomed!

Year 9 students did another fantastic visit to **The Firs Care Home** this week, with students sharing arts and crafts with residents... as well as hosting their weekly game of Bingo!





Year 7 have had a fantastic time braving the elements and bonding on their Whitemoor Lakes trip...!

Some fantastic anti-bullying poetry done by one of our Year 7s this week...

Bullying is a... by crystal

Bullying is a path with no future.
Every step you take on it turns darker,
and the pain you give circles back
until it finds you.

Don't waste your time tearing others down.
You could be building something real,
something that lifts you instead of
breaking someone else.

Bullying is a key with no door--
you turn and turn it,
but it never opens anything.
It only shuts you out
from kindness,
from friendship,
from the person you could've been.

It doesn't make you strong.
It makes you lonely,
poor not in money,
but in the people who once cared for you
and slowly stop.

Bullying is a life of heaviness--
a weight you carry long after the moment
is over.
It wounds the people around you,
and it stains you with regrets
you can't always wash away.

Our Year 7 girls played in a friendly against Crestwood on Tuesday evening. The team worked well together, showing brilliant strength and determination, resulting in a 1-0 win. Well played to all the team who showed real resilience and commitment throughout the game!

Goal Scorer:
Maddie H
Mr Evans' Player of the Match: **Lyla N**
Miss Parker's Player of the Match: **Maliha A**



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to one of our lovely parents who threw open her Halloween-decorated home to raise money for our outgoing School Charity of the Year. Thanks to her creativity and kindness, another £133.00 was raised for the Mary Stevens Hospice!



Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025 (Nov – Dec)

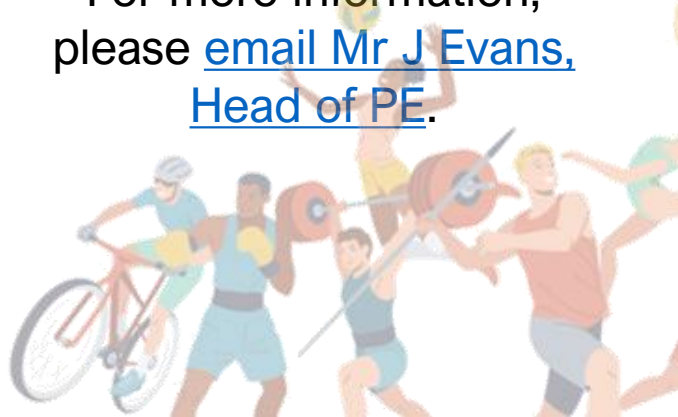


Before School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Breakfast in the Diner 8.00 – 8.40am				
11:15		Equality Ambassadors in E3 from 08:20 (BH)			
		Break Time Thrive Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
Lunch Time Clubs & Activities	The Library open to all every lunch time				
	Y7 Football in PE	Y11 Football in PE	Y10 Football in PE	Y8 Football in PE	Y9 Football in PE
	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)	Christian Union / Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Equality Ambassadors & Space in E3 (BH)	Y7/8 Dance Club in X4 (EH) PE Kit Needed
	Textiles Club in D7 (TJ)	Digital Ambassadors in V3 (OM) KS3 programming club in V3 (DJ)		Nurture in SEND (MS/SW)	
	Enough - invite only (VR/MS) In Grace Foundation	Working Tuesdays (Careers and Health Ambassadors) in V6 (ATP/SR)		Drama Performance Club in X4 (EH)	
	KS4 Drama Rehearsal in X4 (EH)	Art Club in D5 (HHA)		Y7 Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
	Media Ambassadors in E8 (KRI)	Chess in S2 (DH)			
After School Clubs Activities	Science Sparx HWK Club in V7 (DH)				
		Bright Sparx in V2 (PJ)	Lego Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (VR)	Jujitsu 16.15 – 17:15 Sports Hall See Miss Harris due to a cost	Advanced Guitar Club 15:15 – 16:00 in X1
		Baking Club 15:15 – 16:15	Orchestra 15:15 – 16:00 in X1	Eco Ambassadors 15:15 – 16:15 in D4 (JMI)	KS4 Dance Drop-in in X3 (RG) PE Kit Needed
		Netball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JOP)	Basketball (Y7 – 10) 15:15 – 16:15 in Sports Hall	Badminton Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (RG)	
		Rugby Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)	Y9 Dance Club in X3 (RG)	Girls Football 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JW)	
		Musical Theatre Club in X4 (EH)		Parallel Club 15:15 – 15:45 in M10 (AR)	
		Film Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (ES)			

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Monday BTEC Sport Intervention V4 (Year 10 Only) JE / RG / LM / JW	Tuesday Netball (7-11) JP Rugby (7-11) JE
Wednesday Basketball (7-10) Black Country Basketball	Thursday Badminton (7-11) RG Girls Football (7-11) JW BTEC Intervention (Year 11 Only)
Friday No Clubs! 	Notes Line up outside the Sports Hall Full PE Kit Fixtures take priority over training!

Fancy trying a new sport? Why not be a part of one of our new partner clubs based here on school grounds. This opportunity isn't just for our students, put young people in the wider community also. For more information, please [email Mr J Evans, Head of PE.](#)



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.

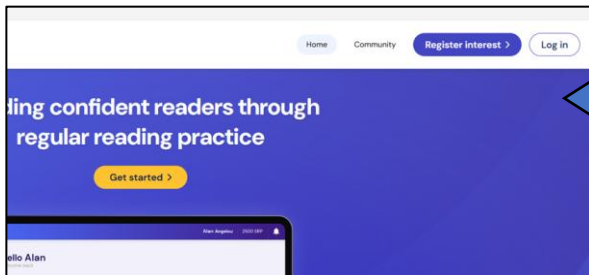
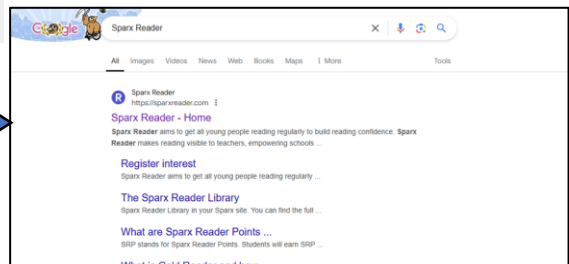
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

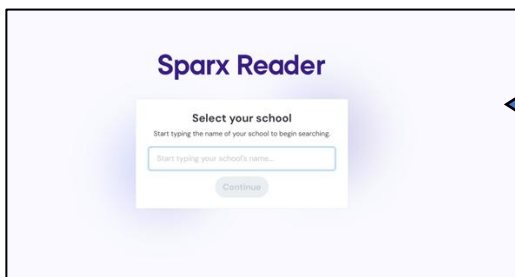


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

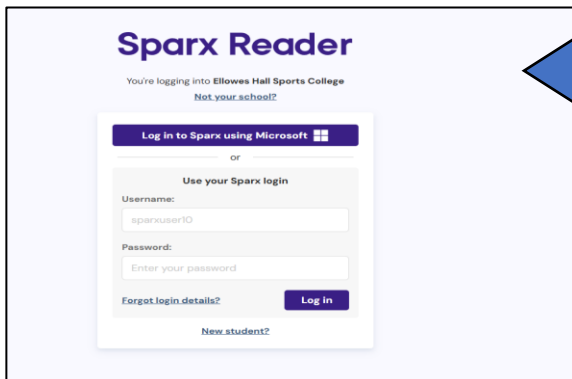
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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	

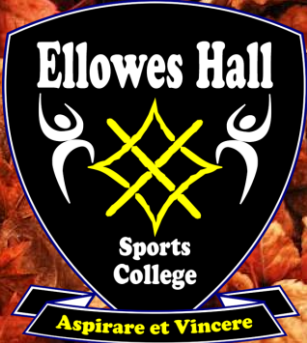
BONUS CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the importance of physical activity

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 for Years 7 & 8)	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your favourite TV show or film	

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 2025

Date	Event
Thursday 18 September	15.30 – 17.00: Careers Convention, Wellbeing Café 17.00 – 17.30: Year 11 Parents' Information Evening
Friday 19 September	BTEC Sport Wolverhampton University Taster Day
Tuesday 23 September	Year 9 Walsall Art Gallery Trip
Wednesday 24 & Friday 26 September	Year 11 Geography Birmingham City Centre Fieldwork Trip
Thursday 25 September	13.30: Students dismissed for Open Evening preparation 16.00 – 19.00: Ellowes Hall Open Evening for Year 7 September 2026 Entry
Friday 26 September	Macmillan Community Coffee Morning
Monday 29 September – Thurs 2 October	09.15 – 10.00: Open Mornings for Year 7 September 2026 Entry
Monday 29 September – Thurs 2 October	KS4 Cornwall Art Trip
Tuesday 7 October – Friday 10 October	KS4 Poland Trip
Thursday 9 October	15.30 – 16.30: Year 7 Parents/Carers Form Tutor Drop-In Sessions
Thursday 16 October	Performing Arts Department Open Mic Night
Tuesday 21 October	Year 7 X Band Birmingham Think Tank Trip
Thursday 23 October	Year 7 Y Band Birmingham Think Tank Trip Halloween Disco
Friday 24 October	Flu Vaccinations (Year 11 & Catch-Ups)
Monday 27 – Friday 31 October	October Half Term
Monday 3 November	08.45: Student Return to School
Friday 7 November	Flu Vaccinations (Catch-Ups)
Wednesday 12 November	INSET Day (School Closed to All Students)
Wednesday 19 – Friday 21 November	Year 7 Whitemoor Lakes Trip
Thursday 27 November	15.30 – 18.30: Year 7 Parents' & Carers' Evening
Monday 1 – Friday 12 December	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thursday 4 December	Awards' Evening
Monday 8 December	KS3 Love to Learn Homework Check-In 1
Thursday 11 December	Birmingham Royal Ballet <i>Nutcracker</i> Trip
Thursday 11 December	Christmas Market
Friday 12 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 16 December	Year 7 Christmas Carol Service
Wednesday 17 December	Community Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 December	Performing Arts Department Christmas Concert
Friday 19 December	12.00PM: School Closes for Christmas Holiday

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