



FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025

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## This week at Ellowes Hall

**THEME OF NEXT WEEK:** New Year's Resolutions (Grace Foundation)  
**ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS:** Bono / *New Year's Day* by U2  
**CAREER OF THE WEEK:** Astronomer



**Headteacher's Introduction**

It is difficult to believe that we have completed another whirlwind term at Ellowes Hall. I am exceptionally proud of how much your remarkable young people have packed into such a short time – four key parent and carer evenings; trips to universities, Cornwall, Poland, Whitemoor Lakes; key events like Halloween Disco, Remembrance and much more besides. The Year 11s have also handled themselves exceptionally well during this term's mock exams. I know that as teachers furiously complete marking, some scores have begun to be shared. We look forward to being able to give them a complete breakdown in the New Year.

Christmas gives us such joy because traditional celebrations of this festival align so perfectly with our vision. We want our young people to believe in their ability to give of themselves to others, and to

have the inclination to do so. Nowhere is this more on show than at our annual Christmas Community Lunch. Up to 80 students volunteer to wait on tables, entertain our guests with carols or to generally welcome and wait on visitors to school. As ever, those volunteers were exemplary, running the lunch with a warm professionalism and precision. I must record the hugest thanks to our Catering Team who cook for almost 100 guests on top of their existing student lunch service, as well as tackling the huge amount of additional washing-up it generates! To do so with good, festive cheer is a powerful symbol to our students of the joys to be found in giving back to those around us.

As we break for Christmas, I know that many students, staff and families have been struggling through the seasonal snuffles and bugs and darker days which can make this time of year more challenging. I therefore wish you all a really restful and special Christmas time with your families and look forward to welcoming you back in 2026 – our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year!

WEEK B
<b>Monday 5 January</b>
INSET Day: School Closed to All Students
<b>Tuesday 6 January</b>
Year 10 Mock Exams: Maths / English Language
<b>Wednesday 7 January</b>
Year 10 Mock Exams: History or Geography Year 11 Public Examination: BTEC Enterprise
<b>Thursday 8 January</b>
Year 10 Mock Exams: Chemistry / English Literature Year 11 Public Examination: BTEC Sport
<b>Friday 9 January</b>
Year 10 Mock Exams: Physics/ RS/ Media Studies/ Music/ French
Year 11 Whitemoor Lakes Revision Residential (Returns Sunday 12 January)

**2,574 Positives This Week**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Year 7:** Nadia F  
**Year 8:** Lewis JP  
**Year 9:** Stanley M & Lily S  
**Year 10:** Scarlett P  
**Year 11:** Amra A, Jay C and Lilly-Mae P

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	7LN	92.7%
YEAR 8	8PBJ – Ms Britten-Jeavons	95.3%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Ms Rigby	97.1%
YEAR 10	10GN – Mrs Norton	96.2%
YEAR 11	11JW – Mrs Watson	92.4%



Last week some of our students had the fantastic opportunity to visit the Hippodrome Theatre Birmingham to Birmingham Royal Ballet's performance of the Nutcracker. Students were amazed by the wonderful production features and choreography. For many of these pupils it was the first time visiting the Ballet (and for some the Theatre). It was a truly magical experience and our students' behaviour was exemplary!



## French Spelling Finals 2025!

A huge congratulations to the winners of this year's French Spelling Bee:

1<sup>st</sup>: Isabella Q  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Annabelle C  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dylan B  
 4<sup>th</sup>: Harmony-Grace A-T

A huge congratulations to all those that got through to the final. There were a staggering 25 contestants who got through, but only 4 could stay, well done – *félicitations* – to our winners!









# Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025 (Nov – Dec)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	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

LUNCH TIME: **YEAR 11 (SPORTS HALL), YEAR 7 (ASTROS)**

AFTER SCHOOL: **N/A**

### TUESDAY

LUNCH TIME: **YEAR 10 (SPORTS HALL), YEAR 11 (ASTROS)**

AFTER SCHOOL: **RUGBY (JE), NETBALL (JP), BARCELONA TRAINING (RG)**

### WEDNESDAY

LUNCH TIME: **YEAR 9 (SPORTS HALL), YEAR 10 (ASTROS)**

AFTER SCHOOL: **VOLLEYBALL (WJ), BASKETBALL (BCB)**

### THURSDAY

LUNCH TIME: **YEAR 7 (SPORTS HALL), YEAR 8 (ASTROS)**

AFTER SCHOOL: **GIRLS FOOTBALL (JW), BADMINTON (LM), DODGEBALL (LK)**

### FRIDAY

LUNCH TIME: **YEAR 8 (SPORTS HALL), YEAR 9 (ASTROS)**

AFTER SCHOOL: **N/A**

PLEASE NOTE FOR LUNCH CLUBS STUDENTS CAN TAKE PART IN SCHOOL UNIFORM HOWEVER MUST HAVE A CHANGE OF APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR, NO SCHOOL SHOES!



# 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: <a href="#">Ellowes Hall Open Evening for Year 7 September 2026 Entry</a>
Friday 26 September	Macmillan Community Coffee Morning
Monday 29 September – Thurs 2 October	09.15 – 10.00: <a href="#">Open Mornings for Year 7 September 2026 Entry</a>
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



# WHAT'S ON GUIDE

## WINTER 2025



**Click the image above to find information about Dudley Borough Council's programme of Christmas activities and meals during the school holidays...**

## INTRODUCTION



HAF activities are running from **20<sup>th</sup> December 2025 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**

There is a huge range of fun activities and family events on offer, so take a look through this brochure to see what we have in store! Please also read the information below carefully for information on eligibility and the booking process.

### What is HAF?

Dudley Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is a government-funded programme offering free activities and meals during the school holidays, primarily for school-aged children from Reception to Year 11 (inclusive) who receive benefits related Free School Meals.

### The Booking Process

- Bookings open on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025**
- You must be registered on the Dudley HAF website to be able to book activities. If you haven't already registered, please sign up on the [Dudley HAF Website](#).
- Once FSM status has been verified, you will receive an email with login details and a password for your account.
- If you are already registered, you do NOT need to register again - just log in to your account
- When bookings open, you can log in and book sessions for your children.
- For the winter holidays, each eligible child can book up to **4 fully funded places**.