



FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025



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This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: The Importance of Celebration (Grace Foundation)
ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Sir Jason Kenney / *Hall of Fame* by The Script
CAREER OF THE WEEK: Car Designer



Headteacher's Introduction

I am writing this having just had the pleasure of meeting again with members of our Year 7 parent and carer community who attended tonight's Parents' and Carers' Evening. It is also so encouraging to hear about how brilliantly so many of our newest arrivals have settled into life at Ellowes and to see the pride so many have in introducing their families to the teachers who devote so much time and attention to their academic success.

We know that that parental support is invaluable in driving a child to a successful life of happiness and opportunity. We want all of our children to see themselves as having something important to offer to their wider community and it is why we are so deeply proud that, in a competitive election, two of our students, Amelia and Daisy, will now represent

Dudley as Youth Police & Crime Commissioners for West Midlands Police. To have both of these prestigious roles occupied by Ellowes students is a real feat, and a testament to the commitment to community we seek to instil and promote. I know that Amelia and Daisy will be powerful advocates for their generation in shaping the policing policies which keep us all safe.

For our oldest students, in Year 11, next week marks an important milestone as they approach their GCSE December mock exams. I have seen the increasing energy and urgency which they are devoting to succeeding in these exams, including in before, during and after school revision and I know that many are continuing to study outside of school, alone and in impromptu groups. The mocks give teachers a critical insight into what students can and cannot yet do and are thus invaluable preparation for the testing summer ahead. We know that they will rise to the challenges of this next fortnight with real grit and determination.

WEEK A
Monday 1 December
Year 11 Mock Exams: English Language; Maths
Tuesday 2 December
Year 11 Mock Exams: History Paper 1A/1B; Computer Science; Statistics Paper 1
Wednesday 3 December
Year 11 Mock Exams: BTEC Child Development; BTEC Enterprise; Biology
Thursday 4 December
Year 11 Mock Exams: Maths; Religious Studies
16.30 – 18.30: Awards' Evening (KS3 – Years 8 and 9) 19.00 – 21.00: Awards' Evening (KS4 – Years 10 and 11)
Friday 5 December
Year 11 Mock Exams: GCSE Business Studies; Chemistry

6,394 Positives This Week

Year 7: Dylan B & Brooke H

Year 8: Archie C

Year 9: Holli-Mae B & Evelyn MK

Year 10: Grace D

Year 11: Abigail U

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	98.7%
YEAR 8	8EH – Ms E Harvey	97.5%
YEAR 9	9LK – Mrs Knight	92.3%
YEAR 10	10NKH – Ms Nightingale-Harris	97.9%
YEAR 11	11RM – Mrs Ming	98.7%



	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
7	Leo F	Logan C	Sparx Science records scores slightly differently, but well done to all who completed this week's!
8	Alfie W	Ryley G	
9	Nia M	Jaiden D	
10	Max H	Lucas J	
11	Brooklyn S	Alex-Jai T	

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.



Congratulations to our young chefs who reached the local stages of the Springboard Competition!



west midlands
police and crime
commissioner

We are so pleased to announce that Ellowes now has **BOTH** of the elected West Midlands Police Youth Commissioners for Dudley! Youth Commissioners represent young people across the West Midlands. Youth Commissioners advise the Police and Crime Commissioner on issues affecting them and their peers. We are hugely proud of **Amelia** and **Daisy**!



Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025 (Nov – Dec)

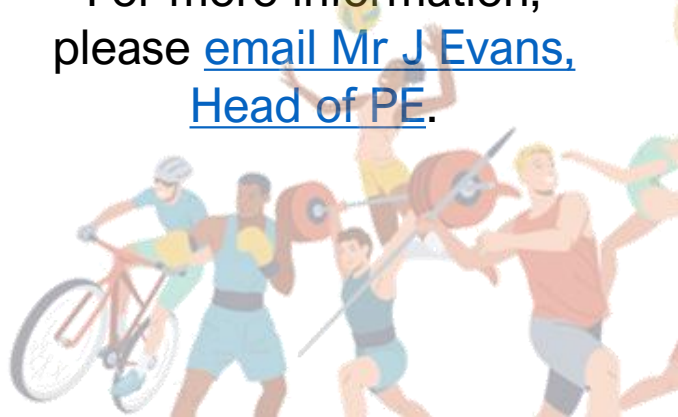


	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	Breakfast in the Diner 8.00 – 8.40am				
11:15		Equality Ambassadors in E3 from 08:20 (BH)			
		Break Time Thrive Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
Lunch Time Clubs & Activities	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)	HAVE FUN	Nurture in SEND (MS/SW)	GET INVOLVED
	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)			
	Science Sparx HWK Club in V7 (DH)				
After School Clubs Activities	VOLUNTEER	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)	WELCOME TO SUCCESS ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY	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) 3E / RG / LM / 3W	Tuesday Netball (7-II) 3P Rugby (7-II) 3E
Wednesday Basketball (7-10) Black Country Basketball	Thursday Badminton (7-II) RG Girls Football (7-II) 3W 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.

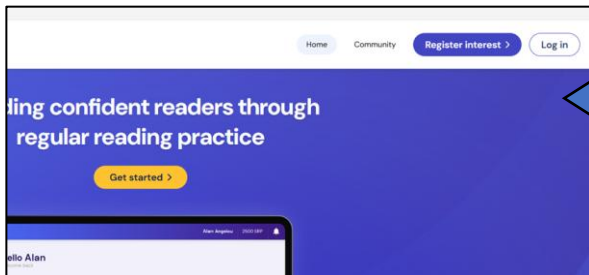
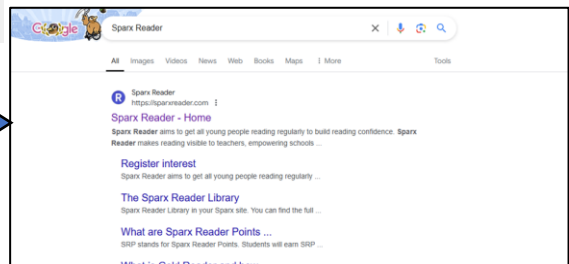
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

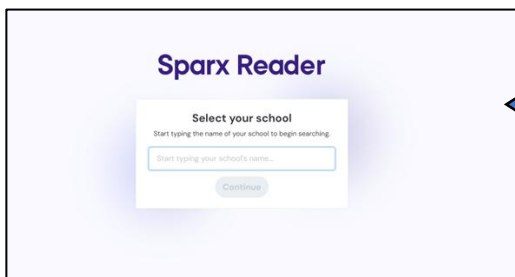


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

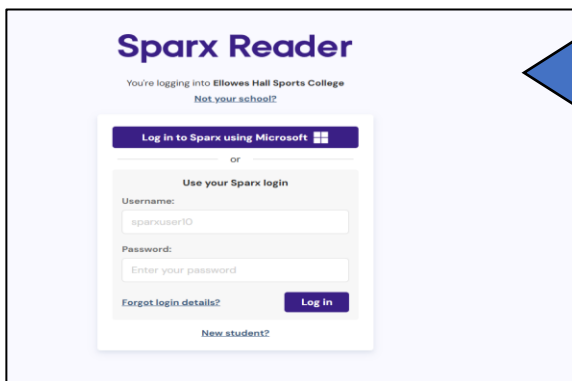
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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 the 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. Perform a PE task for one half-term	
5. Demonstrate a 10-second sit-up	
6. Attend a PE trip this academic year	
7. Perform a PE task as a special of your choice	
8. Visit any sports facilities in the school	

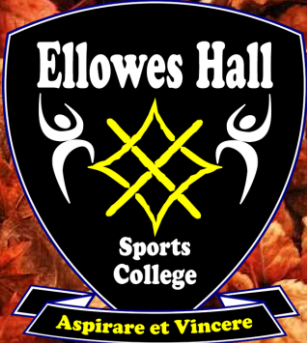
BONUS CHALLENGE: Watch a video on the importance of physical activity

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 Challenges for 2 weeks	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design Challenge: Watch a musical and put a photo of a stage actor in a hat	

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

Ellowes Hall Christmas Market
Thursday 11th December 16:00—18:30hrs
40+ Stalls & Santa's Grotto, Food, Drinks and Music.





BLACK COUNTRY CLUB

Thanks to our partnership with Black Country Basketball Club, we are thrilled to share their generous gift of free Family Season Tickets for our students. Please use the QR Code below to access more information...



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