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This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Rewards Week.

HERO & SONG OF NEXT WEEK: Michael Jordan & One Moment in Time by Whitney Houston. CAREER OF THE WEEK: Meteorologist



Headteacher's Introduction

We are pleased to confirm that our recent power supply issues have now been resolved through reconnection to the national grid. Heating across the site is operating close to full capacity, with only the Maths and Science blocks currently supported by temporary heaters. We are also hopeful that all remaining repairs will be completed in time for the start of the next half-term.

I would like to thank everyone once again for their patience, resilience, and support during this challenging period. To provide further clarity, I will be holding a meeting at 4:15pm on Tuesday 10th February for parents who would like to attend and hear an explanation of the recent events and the steps taken to resolve them. I would be grateful if you could [complete this short form before 16:00 on Monday 9th February](#) to register your attendance. In addition, staff will be available to support students after school on Wednesday 11th February until 4:00pm for any students who wish to discuss concerns about their progress following the recent closures. We will also be arranging additional online evening masterclasses for Year 11 students to help address any lost learning time.

It has been a pleasure to welcome back the students

Monday 9 February (Week A)

Y8 Exams

Tuesday 10 February (Week A)

Y8 Exams, Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 11 February (Week A)

Y8 Exams

Thursday 12 February (Week A)

Y8 Exams, Y9 Vaccinations, Valentines Silent Disco

Friday 6 February (Week A)

Y8 Exams, End of Half-Term



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from the Iceland Trip and to hear about their fantastic experiences. A selection of photographs from the trip can be found later in this newsletter. Alongside this, it has been encouraging to see the continued enthusiasm and commitment shown through our extra-curricular activities, including the Holocaust Workshop, the Dudley Boccia event—where many of our students represented Ellowes with pride—and the Year 7 Academic Resilience Programme. Both staff and students have continued to engage fully in school life despite the challenges of recent weeks.

As we approach the end of this difficult half-term, I hope that many of our students will be able to attend our first ever Silent Disco on Thursday 12th February. This promises to be an enjoyable and well-earned opportunity for students and staff to come together and celebrate the positive spirit of our school community.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support, understanding, and partnership with the school. Your encouragement and cooperation have been invaluable during this time, and they play a crucial role in helping us ensure that our students remain safe, supported, and able to thrive.

5187 Positives This Week



Year 7: Nadia F, Archie J, Chloe M, Zack R.

Year 8: Isaac L-P. **Year 9:** Dean S.

Year 10: Rohan C, Luke F, Millie R, Maddie W.

Year 11: Amra A, 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

YEAR 7	7OM – Mrs McEvoy	100%
YEAR 8	8JMI – Mr Ming	98.67%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Miss Rigby	98.37%
YEAR 10	10EP – Miss Perry	98.57%
YEAR 11	11JW – Mrs Watson	98.35%

ICELAND

On early Monday morning, 45 students set off for Iceland to explore the land of Ice and Fire. Students were exemplary and represented Ellowes in a wonderful way! They saw incredible natural Geography including the Northern Lights, Gullfoss waterfall, geysers and the continents splitting apart! They also tried Icelandic foods, visited the Blue Lagoon and Iceland's first swimming baths, and learnt more about the history and culture all while trying to pronounce Eyjafjallajökull! It was a fantastic trip, and we hope students had as amazing a time as we did! - Miss Perry







Holocaust Workshop



Students in year 9 did a VR (VIRTUAL REALITY) session on the holocaust. The students worked in a classroom-based environment that through VR took them to Auschwitz Birkeneau to see the life experiences of a young Hungarian Jewish lady named Sue. Working along side students from our sister school at Pedmore students were able to look at real life experiences of the holocaust.





Enrichment Activities – Spring Term 2026 (Jan - Feb)



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 (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)	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
	Textiles Club in D7 (TJ)	Digital Ambassadors in V3 (OM) KS3 programming club in V3 (DJ)	Keyboard Club in X1 (WJ)	Nurture in SEND (MS/SW)	Orchestra in X1
	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) Psychology Club in E8 (Week B) SRI			
	Science Sparx HWK Club in V7 (DH)	Producers Club (WJ)			
After School Clubs Activities	VOLUNTEER 	Bright Sparx in V2 (PJ)	Lego Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (VR)	Dodgeball (Y7 – 10) in Sports Hall (LK)	Advanced Guitar Club 15:15 – 16:00 in X1
		Baking Club 15.15 – 16:15 D6 for KS3 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
		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 (LM)	
		Barcelona Training on Astros (RG)			
		Rugby Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)	Y7, 8 (X4) & 9 (X3) Dance Club (RG/EH)	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)			

Jujutsu Self-Defence 4 -Week Course

With 6th Dan instructor Shihan Robert Tiene, with over 40 years of experience and part of Taijutsu Kai Schools of Jujutsu.

**LIMITED SPACES
BOOK NOW!**

New Dates:
02nd, 09th & 23rd February, 02nd March

When: Monday's 3.30pm

Where: Sports Hall

For who: All Year groups

Cost: £28 for the full course

JUJUTSU

Speak to Mrs Harris for more info.

Learn the enriching martial art of Jujutsu with:
Taijutsu Kai Schools of Jujutsu



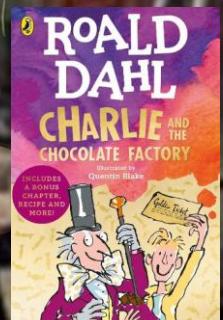
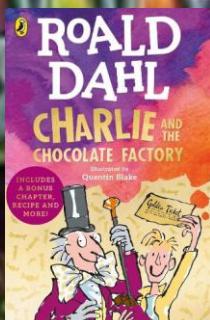
Year 8 sports leaders ran an excellent Boccia event held at David Lloyd for Dudley schools on Thursday. They demonstrated fantastic leadership which enabled the event to run smoothly which was a great success. Our Year 7 & 8 team represented the school as participants and performed amazingly well as they came up against some fantastic opposition from the other schools.





13 year 8 students visited King Edward VI sixth form college for a talk and tour of the campus. They were the youngest students ever to visit the sixth form college, which is testament to the ambition that our current year 8s exhibit. All 13 students said they enjoyed the experience and are now wanting to attend when they are older. Many commented that their favourite part of the campus tour was seeing the library. All students agreed that the number of courses that they offer was a big plus, as well as the opportunities for enrichment activities.





Year 7 students recently completed the Academic Resilience program, a provision introduced to support their Secondary learning journey. These students did a deep dive into the world of Willy Wonka – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Using their literacy, numeracy and problem-solving skills to not only create their own chocolate bar but to use their knowledge to run their own chocolate factory. An excellent achievement all round.



We have the unique opportunity to offer students the chance to attend a one-off Silent Disco event at the end of this half-term (see poster for details). A Silent Disco has all the usual lights, a DJ and loud music but also we switch to headsets which have three selectable channels for your choice of what you listen to. There is a limit on how many headsets and therefore there is a maximum number of only 250 places. This will be a ticket only event with no availability to pay on the door. Payment for your entry will have to be made on parent pay and you will collect your ticket on the door at the event.

Thursday 12th February 2026

Valentines Silent Disco



18:00hrs - 20:00hrs

**This is a TICKET ONLY event and tickets
are available on Parent Pay for £4.00**

**There is a variety of stalls including refreshments of
sweets, crisps and pop. Your £4.00 enables entry to
the disco and your own personal headset.**



Up In The Morning Early (1788)

Cauld blows the wind frae east to west,
The drift is driving sairly;
Sae loud and shrill's I hear the blast,
I'm sure it's winter fairly.



Up in the morning's no' for me,
Up in the morning early;
When a' the hills are covered wi' snaw,
I'm sure its winter fairly.

Welcome to
POETRY BY
HEART

Choose a poem
Learn it by heart
Perform it out loud

The birds sit chittering in the thorn,
A' day they fare but sparsely;
And lang's the night frae e'en to morn,
I'm sure it's winter fairly.

Up in the morning's no' for me,
Up in the morning early;
When a' the hills are covered wi' snaw,
I'm sure its winter fairly.

Robert Burns started life as a ploughman in Scotland but is now one of the world's most celebrated poets. Every January, his life is remembered with singing and dancing on Burns Night. One of Burns' most famous poems, you have probably sung yourself as you welcome in the New Year, is 'Auld Lang Syne'.

Remember! If you want to be a Poetry by Heart **superstar** bring your poem to Miss Britten-Jeavons in E2. Why not use our featured poem to inspire you to try write your own poem about how you feel about early mornings - the cold and frost.



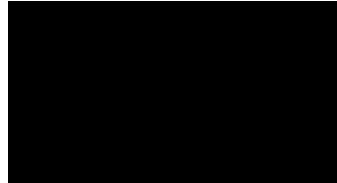
Sparx

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.

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.

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

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
① 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



ELLOWES 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

LOVE TO LEARN CHECK LIST

DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES.

Staff Signature & Date

1. Complete a 2 week task	Staff Signature
2. Successfully complete 10 literacy tasks	
3. Complete a science body challenge	
4. Attend a PE club for over half term	
5. Get involved in a local history activity	
6. Attend a trip this academic year	
7. Create a fact file on a sport of your choice	
8. Visit any local museum or attraction	
BONUS CHALLENGE: Complete any extra challenge	

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 (Performing or Backstage)	
Surprise your classmate with a dramatic performance (e.g. your friend)	
Create a new set for your favourite TV show or film.	
Bonus Challenge: Watch a piece of theatre and get a photo of stage door with a cast member.	

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!



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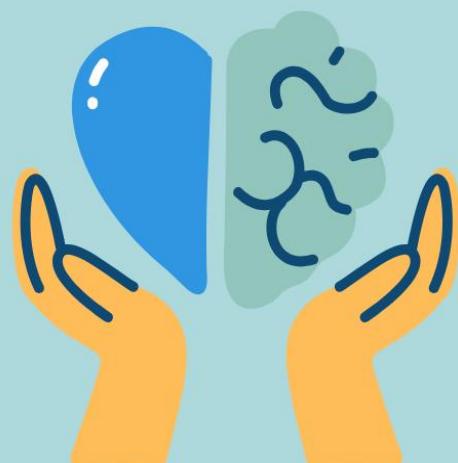
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REFLEXIONS DROP-IN SESSION



Drop-in with Reflexions is open to all students who want support on any issues which are impacting on mental health in a confidential space.

Every Thursday
Physical and Sensory Room
1:30 - 2:15



Join us for...

GAME & CHILL

Join the Reflexions team for a fun day where children, young people and families can enjoy their favourite board games together – a chance to make friends, connect and share laughs in a relaxed, supportive space.

Parents to accompany children under 13 years old

Wednesday 18th February

 **12:00 - 3:00**

 **Here4Youth 1 Castle Street
Dudley DY1 1LA**



For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email bchft.reflexions@nhs.net or feel free to pop in!



Key Dates Spring Term 2026

Date	Event
Tuesday 6 th – Wednesday 14 th January	Y10 Mocks
Friday 9 th – Sunday 11 th January	Y11 Revision Residential (Whitemoor Lakes)
Monday 12 th January	Y7 Reading Tests
Wednesday 14 th – Thursday 15 th January	Y10 Art Coursework Prep Trip
Thursday 15 th January	Y11 Results Release and 15:30 – 18:30 Y11 Parent Consultation Meeting
Wednesday 21 st January	London Matilda Trip (All Day)
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th January	Iceland Trip
Monday 26 th January	KS4 Poetry Live Trip
Wednesday 28 th January	Y9/10/11 Intermediate Maths Challenge
Thursday 29 th January	Drama GCSE Theatre Trip (The Woman in Black)
Friday 3 rd February	Y10 Mock Exam Results Release Day
Friday 6 th February	Y8 Visit to King Edwards Sixth Form Visit
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th February	Y8 Mock Examinations Week
Thursday 12 th February	Y9 Vaccinations and the Valentines Silent Disco
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	February Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	Y8 Reading Tests
Tuesday 24 th February	Y10 University of Oxford Trip
Wednesday 25 th February	Y10 Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 26 th February	GCSE Science Live Trip
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March	Y11 Mock Examinations Week
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th March	KS3 Paris Trip
Wednesday 11 th March	Performing Arts Concert (Open Mic 3)
Monday 16 th March	Y11 GCSE Business Exam Skills Revision Day Tutor2U Trip
Wednesday 18 th March	Birmingham Hippodrome Dance Trip: The Red Shoes (Evening)
Thursday 19 th March	Y8 Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 20 th March	Reading Ambassadors Book Shop Reward Trip
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th March	Y9 Mock Examinations Week
Wednesday 25 th March	Y11 Mock Results Release
Thursday 26 th March	Ellowes 60 th Anniversary Event
Friday 27 th March	12.00PM: School Closes for Easter Holiday