



Prospectus

2026/2027

INVICTUS

Education Trust

Welcome to our School



Welcome to Ellowes Hall Sports College and thank you for taking the time to visit our school. We've tried to give you a flavour of what it is like to be a student here and the great range of opportunities, both in and out of the classroom.

It is a great privilege and honour to be the Headteacher of Ellowes Hall Sports College, part of Invictus Education Trust. I have an unwavering commitment to transforming the lives of the pupils within the community I am here to serve. I know, from experience as a parent, that our young people thrive when they feel confident and comfortable in the community around them.

Located in a spacious campus, first-class facilities all combine to provide a uniquely rounded learning experience for Ellowes Hall students. That rounded approach is really what sets us apart. From day one, we are dedicated to blending academic excellence with a wealth of experiences beyond the classroom. By helping students to excel in mind, body and spirit, we aim to help them unlock and fully realise their true potential. Today's staff and pupils are living proof of the clear benefits offered by that ethos.

Also reflecting the Invictus Trust's commitment to help bring out the best in all, are our high standards of teaching and a diverse yet rigorous curriculum. The enormous range of activities we offer away from the classroom ensures that each pupil can grow and develop, wherever

their interests and talents may lie. We are passionate about sport at Ellowes Hall. It plays a vital role in the life of all our pupils here and we have a long tradition of producing competitive and successful teams in both major and minor sports. We are proud to say that Ellowes Hall students are regularly selected to represent county and country. The School firmly believes in the unique educational and social values that the experience of playing team sports provides, and considers participation in team sports to be very important – for all ages or ability levels.

Having spent the last twenty-five years in education, including eleven as a Headteacher, I realise the weight of expectation and responsibility this role brings. The biggest thing I have learnt in those years in school leadership is that parental partnership is central to a child's success at school. I believe passionately in open, honest and respectful communication between home and school. My expectations and standards of both staff and students are high and I rely on your support in upholding these expectations with your child.

I believe in providing an education that not only ensures students gain outstanding results, but also teaches them the key ingredients to succeed in today's society, focusing on the importance of respect, integrity, honesty and the willingness to grasp opportunities. I have a sporting background and therefore appreciate the value of belonging, teamwork and pride that comes with the opportunity to showcase skill.

I know that as part of Invictus the opportunities are endless for our students and I am excited to see what the students from Ellowes can achieve. This Prospectus aims to set out what makes Ellowes Hall special, but it is no substitute for coming to see for yourself. We strongly encourage you to come and experience our wonderful setting and meet my colleagues and I and also our students who will be happy to show you around. This will give you an opportunity to discover what it is like to be a pupil at Ellowes Hall and get a feel for day-to-day life at the School.

Mr Kevin Rogers
HEADTEACHER

Ellowes Hall Sports College GCSE Results 2025

Last year, our students **outperformed the national average** in the percentages gaining Grades 5+ in English.

On average, each student left with **at least 6 subjects at Grade 4+**.

A **number of subjects beat the national average** for both 9-4 and 9-5 attainment including **Biology, Chemistry, English Language, Food, Music, Physics, RE, and Statistics!**

Joining our School

We work hard to ensure a smooth transition from primary school. This includes visits to every primary school by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and Transition Leads.

Our incoming Year 7's spend two days at Ellowes Hall in the summer term, familiarising themselves with the site, experiencing lessons and meeting the staff and students. This induction period helps to allay fears about secondary school and allows Year 7 pupils to make a better start in September. We have a team of Junior Prefects in Years 7 and 8 who are on hand to support students in their transition.

Induction Evening, held on the Tuesday of the

Induction Week, gives parents and children the opportunity to meet our Headteacher, Kevin Rogers, senior staff, their Head of Year and, most importantly, their Form Tutor. During this evening, further information is provided about the new term and any last-minute worries and concerns can be addressed.

At Ellowes Hall we pride ourselves on a rewards programme that is fulfilling for all of our students. In the past year we have run rewards trips to Whitemoor Lakes, Alton

Towers, West Midlands Safari Park and many more. We also run a number of trips abroad, including trips to Belgium, Italy, France and even the USA. Furthermore, we have Attendance, Departmental Half-term and our Yearly Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Rewards.

Be a part of our journey and enjoy all the opportunities on offer.



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All students follow a common curriculum covering all aspects of the National Curriculum. The curriculum has been designed to provide breadth and balance whilst enabling each student to develop their particular interests and talents to prepare them for study in Years 10-11. This setting is flexible and reviewed regularly to ensure that students are most appropriately placed. In all subjects we aim to build on the learning that has taken place in the primary setting at Key Stage 2. Assessment is continuous via regular diagnostic quizzes and more formal assessment points. It is important for our students to enjoy each of their subjects and to also have time to take full advantage of the extra-curricular opportunities on offer.

In addition to this, our curriculum is committed to personal development. Our Achieve programme ensures that as well as academic progress we focus on developing our students as people who are ready for the real world and the challenges it provides.

Our curriculum is delivered through the subjects found below:

KEY STAGE 3

Weekly: English, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, Art, Music, Computing, French, RE, Achieve and PE.

Taught on rotation: Drama, Dance, DT, Food Nutrition and Preparation and Textiles.

KEY STAGE 4

All students study: English Language, English Literature, Maths, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), History or Geography, Core PE and a range of typical GCSE/Vocational option subjects.

OUTSIDE OF THE CURRICULUM

Students receive additional opportunities to experience personal, social, moral and cultural education via our Tutor programme, assemblies and via visitors and “one-off” events. We also have a careers team who work with students and organise special events in all years. We offer all Year 10 students the opportunity to take part in Work Experience.



Pastoral Support Team

At Ellowes Hall Sports College we pride ourselves on the fact that each student is known and knows that they are known. A student's happiness and well-being are recognised as the foundation for their success.

Effective pastoral care underpins school life and there is always someone to whom the students can turn for help and advice. Every adult has a responsibility for students' welfare and security and there are many layers of care in place.

Our pastoral care system has a structure based on year groups which sees two Heads of Year working closely with their Form Tutor team to ensure that we get to know every student.

Students are individually valued and well-supported. Students see their Form Tutors every morning and should be first point of contact for parents. Heads of Year should be the second point of contact for parents who have concerns or looking for guidance.

Heads of Year have overall responsibility for the efficiency and effectiveness of their Form Tutor teams, an overview of student progress and the general welfare and behaviour of students within the year group.

Our pastoral care system aims to promote our ethos of respect, pride and learning without limits. We are committed to a positive approach and, we run an inclusive rewards programme. Praise and rewards are used to motivate and encourage the students. There is a clear code of conduct which students are expected to follow at all times and this is underpinned by appropriate sanctions, as set out in the school's Positive Conduct Policy.

House System

Our pastoral structure is represented by our House system, a powerful and effective way for students to feel part of the school. Each student is a member of one of four Houses: Clent (Blue), Envile (Green), Himley (Red) and Kinver (Yellow). The House system supports the extra-curricular programme and creates many opportunities for students to

participate in school life as they take part in house competitions and events. There is great competition between the Houses to become the Champion at the end of the year if you gain the highest number of points. Points are awarded for commitment, attendance and inter-house competitions in football, rugby, netball, badminton and many more.

Pastoral Support Team

Our pastoral team is a large team made up of a lead Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher focussing on Safeguarding, Attendance, Code of Conduct, SEND, Heads of Year, and pastoral and admin support. Together this team can support with any queries or concerns you may have as parents or students.

Student Leadership

We believe students should be given responsibilities whilst attending school to encourage confidence and leadership skills. Students in Year 10 can apply to become a Student Leader where they represent the school in a variety of roles, for example assemblies, mentoring, student voice, lunch time duties, supporting staff with events and much more. The Student Leaders work in teams that focus on supporting the school improvement within the three areas of; Teaching and Learning, Inclusion and Pastoral, Culture and Ethos. Within the Student Leader body there is a group of Senior Student Leaders who work closely with the Headteacher and Deputy Headteachers. As a Sports College we also have an opportunity for students in Year 10 to apply to be Sports Prefects and support the PE Department with running the wide range of curricular and extra-curricular sporting activities. There is also a

School Council to support and lead on school events whilst also providing a platform for student voice. This is made up of students from each year group that are elected by their peers. Similar to our Student Leaders of Year 10 and Year 11 we have the opportunity for students in Year 7 to apply to be a Junior Prefect which if successful they take on the role until the end of Year 8. There are many similar responsibilities to the older students however the main focus is on supporting transition from Year 6 to Year 7 and supporting the various staff who work closely with our feeder primary schools.

There is an opportunity for all students to develop leadership skills and this begins in September with the Student Leadership Fayre where any student can sign up to be part of an ambassador group. Currently there are more than 250 students who have responsibilities within a wide range of roles that include; Anti-Bullying, Art, Careers, Design, Digital, Eco, Equality, Food & Nutrition, Grace Foundation, Health, Inclusion, Performing Arts, Reading, Science, Sport and Textiles. All of the groups meet on a weekly basis and work towards supporting assemblies and events, particularly those which raise money for different charities like the Christmas Market and the Summer Fayre. There are other opportunities within KS3 where students can take a lead role in giving back to the local community. In Year 7 students focus on supporting the local food banks and providing a soup kitchen whilst Year 8 students focus on the environment taking part in litter picks at school and in the surrounding area of the local community. In Year 9 students visit local care homes talking to residents and delivering activities such as bingo and quizzes, and sometimes music performances or poetry.



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Invictus Education Trust was created in March 2015 by a group of like-minded schools: Crestwood, Ellowes Hall Sports College, Kinver High and Wombourne High School. Two schools have since joined us, Leasowes High School in Autumn 2016 and Pedmore High School in September 2018. Rufford Primary School became the first primary school to join us in September 2021 further strengthening an already thriving Trust.

Invictus Education Trust is proud to be a leading educational institution that is dedicated to providing our pupils with an exceptional education, unique opportunities and elite experiences. With a focus on academic excellence, holistic development and a passion for unlocking our students' limitless potential, we stand at the forefront of educational innovation.

Through our commitment to personalised learning, a wide array of enriching experiences, Invictus Education Trust offers a transformative educational journey that puts our pupils at the heart of everything we do. The list is endless.

Academically, our teachers are supported by a team of subject directors who have proved themselves to be at the forefront of their professions with a history of improving student outcomes. Our Headteachers, and their teams, focus relentlessly on teaching and learning, ensuring students are challenged to achieve their very best. Our pastoral teams work hard to ensure young people are cared for, focusing on their emotional and physical welfare, allowing them to integrate fully in school life. We believe that everyone involved in our schools should be well supported in an inclusive, supportive environment. Personal development is a strength in all our schools.

We do our utmost to prepare our young people for life outside and beyond school. There are many different leadership opportunities across our schools. These include Head Students, Prefects, subject Ambassadors and Librarians. The range of enrichment activities across the Trust is varied.

ENCOURAGING

We offer extra curricular opportunities which reflect pupils' interests whilst encouraging them to try activities that they may not have experienced or even thought they could do at school.

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OUR SCHOOLS



Our Invictus values always place our students at the heart of everything we do

Every great story begins here!

Outstanding inclusion, care and well-being where all can thrive and flourish

MISSION

'Excellence everyday, unlimited ambition and transforming lives'

Excellent teaching and learning where we have knowledge-rich staff within their area of expertise

VISION

'To create a community of inclusive schools where people choose to learn with us, work with us and belong with us, so that everyone succeeds.'

Ambitious careers and enrichment provision give meaning and purpose to education

VALUES

Respect
Resilience
Relationships

Our schools sit at the heart of our communities

Physical Education

and School Sport

Ellowes Hall PE Department is committed to placing students' needs at the centre of our approach. The Physical Education curriculum is based on a concept and knowledge pedagogical approach which is sequenced and opportunity-rich, enabling students to explore, experience and understand what it is to lead a healthy and active life. A provision to develop motor confidence in Sport and physical activity.



Our ethos in Physical Education strongly reflects a pathway for personal development that promotes skill development and provides a foundation to lead a positive active and healthy lifestyle. We deliver a knowledge rich curriculum that enables the application of skills that are designed to meet the aims of the National Curriculum for Physical Education, but more importantly, nurtures the skills that are needed for students to be successful.

All of our students have full access to our extensive range of facilities whilst undertaking the Physical Education curriculum. These include opportunities for cross-curricular learning inter-House competitions, Invictus Trust sporting competitions, educational sports trips, an extensive array of inter and intra sporting fixtures, extra-curricular clubs and activities, and life skills taught through swimming, personal survival and lifesaving in our swimming pool. Students will even have the opportunity to experience outdoor climbing on our own purpose-built climbing wall!

We offer examination qualifications in Physical Education, which are selected to provide an appropriate challenge, based on each pupil's stage of development in Key Stage 4.



Ellowes Hall's very own sporting specialism programme.

At Ellowes Hall we have an elite sporting programme. This programme allows us to be selective in our intake, where we accept 5% of students based on their sporting aptitude.

The programme is designed to nurture talent and support our students' sporting success but more importantly academic success. We truly believe that there is

a strong correlation between truly gifted and talented PE students and academic success. Both require the identical skills set: determination, perseverance, high motivation and focus, organisation and a certain amount of talent.

To be selected onto the programme students need to complete a series of tests which assess different abilities and sporting aptitude.



At Ellowes we deliver the DofE Award to everyone from Year 9 and beyond.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a life changing experience and an opportunity to discover new interests and talents. A tool to develop essential skills for life and work, and a recognised mark of achievement respected by employers.

- Bronze • Silver



You will learn skills in navigation, camp craft and leadership whilst completing physical, volunteering and skill-based challenges. You will be required to participate in a weekend away to prepare you for an expedition which lasts for two days and one night at Bronze and two nights and three days at Silver. The expeditions involve walking and camping in some of the most beautiful parts of Shropshire, Wales and Staffordshire.

School Productions

At Ellowes Hall we pride ourselves on producing West End quality productions which provide students and staff the opportunity to get involved in all aspects of musical theatre production, for example, stage management, set/ prop design, costume/ makeup, etc.

Previous productions include; *Billy Elliot*, *Chicago*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Les Misérables*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Miss Saigon*, *Oliver*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Sweeney Todd* and *The Sound of Music*. We recently won a competition to be one of only eleven schools in the UK to produce the full version of Disney's *Frozen* Musical. Other than a selection of schools in America and both Broadway and the West End, the show has not been produced anywhere else in the world.

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Unique Opportunities & Elite Experiences

Ellowes Hall Sports College offers a large range of extra curricular activities, clubs, trips, international expeditions and sports tours. The school supports many different activities and there really is something to suit all abilities and interests. The programme includes everything from technology clubs, climbing, cooking club and an array of sports - and more.

Enrichment activities are a key part of the curriculum at Ellowes and across the Invictus Trust. Extra-curricular activities help students to learn about themselves and develop and use their skills and knowledge in different contexts. We run extra-curricular and co-curricular events across the year offering all students additional programmes and learning experiences that complement what our students are learning in school. Extra-curricular activities include: dance, drama, music events, our own high ropes course, golf, sports, DT club, science clubs, cooking club, opportunities to go on a wide variety of trips and a fantastic provision of sports teams and fixtures.

The Rotary Young Chef Competition

In November, Ellowes was fortunate to host the local school heats of the Rotary Chef supported and organised by Dudley Rotary Club.

To earn a place in the school heats, students had already competed against each other to demonstrate their culinary skills by producing a 2-course meal. This next stage of the competition required them to prepare, cook and present a 3-course meal to serve 2 people for under £22 with a healthy theme.

All students that compete in this competition do exceptionally well and we have had winning entries in multiple competitions. This was a wonderful opportunity to participate in a unique event.

I hope this competition will continue for many years to come.

High Ropes

We are very privileged at Ellowes to have the amazing high ropes & climbing wall facility on site. This year we have trained six Ellowes staff to be able to deliver sessions to the students. This is already becoming an asset; we can offer the opportunity to more of our students over the coming years. Additional to our own school use, it has been used this year by Invictus Year 7 students and integrated into our Ellowes Hall School timetable. The facility helps to develop students' cultural capital, team building skills and confidence.

Cadet Force

We are thrilled to have a Cadet Force detachment at Ellowes Hall. Our Detachment known as the 'Ellowes Hall Detachment', is part of Staffordshire and west Midlands (North Sector) AFC and is affiliated to the Mercian Regiment. This is of some significance as there are not many of these cadet units outside the public school sector and actually represents a great opportunity and experience for our students.



What our students think:

"I just wanted to personally say thank you for taking the time to learn how to use the climbing frame and letting us go on it."

Jai P

"I am e-mailing to say thank you for including me in today's Year 8 High Ropes. I had a great time and really enjoyed myself during the experience."

Harry W





1966-2026: Celebrating 60 Years

