



FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2025



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Diversity in the UK & Anti-Slavery Day
ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Harriet Tubman / Bob Marley: *Redemption Song*
CAREER OF THE WEEK: Game Designer



Headteacher's Introduction

Over the past few weeks, our students have once again shown the very best of what our school stands for — respect, reflection, and responsibility. A group of students recently returned from a deeply moving visit to Auschwitz. Their accounts of the experience have been both powerful and humbling. They spoke of the silence of the site, the stories of unimaginable suffering, and the enduring importance of remembrance. It was clear that the visit left a profound impression on them, reinforcing why education about tolerance, human rights, and compassion remains so vital, even more so in the aftermath of tragic events such as the recent Manchester synagogue attack.

That same urgency to understand and learn from the past runs through our celebration of Black History Month this October.

Across the school, students are exploring the lives and legacies of Black individuals who have shaped history — from pioneering scientists and writers to campaigners for justice and equality. These lessons, assemblies and workshops are not just about looking back, but about recognising how history informs the world we live in today, and how each of us can help to build a fairer, kinder society.

A key part of that, of course, is being present — in every sense of the word. This term, we are placing renewed focus on attendance. Every lesson missed is a lost opportunity to learn, to grow, and to connect. Regular attendance is the single most powerful factor in achieving success, and we are working closely with families to ensure every student is in school, on time, every day. As we reflect on the lessons of history — from Auschwitz to Black History Month — we are reminded that respect for others, and commitment to our shared future, begin with small daily acts of consistency and care. Thank you for supporting us in nurturing those values in every child.

WEEK A

Monday 13 October

Year 11 After-School Intervention: English

Tuesday 14 October

Year 11 After-School Intervention: Science

Wednesday 15 October

Black History Month Panel Livestream

Thursday 16 October

Performing Arts Open Mic Night

Year 11 After-School Intervention: H&SC; Design; Food; Art; Music; GCSE Business; BTEC Enterprise

Friday 17 October

8,154 Positives This Week



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 7: Laila B

Year 8: Lewis JP

Year 9: Jacob J

Year 10: Kitty S

Year 11: Tatenda M

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	7OM – Mrs McEvoy	96.6%
YEAR 8	8JG – Dr J Green	96.8%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Ms Rigby	95.1%
YEAR 10	10GEV – Mr G Evans	97.1%
YEAR 11	11JW – Mrs Watson	98.5%



Key Reminders Regarding Attendance

- In the event of absence from school, parents/carers must call each morning by **08:30am**. It is your parental responsibility to do so, in order that we can maintain our own safeguarding responsibilities.
- Please ensure you leave a voicemail via the absence line (**01384 686 600 Option 1**).
- Please **do not** report your child's absence through Reception or the Arbor in-app message, even if your child will be in at some point during the day.
- Please expect a call from us if you've not registered your child's absence, or if we have concerns regarding your child's attendance to school.



	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
7	Ethan R	Maddie H	Sparx Science records scores differently but well done to all who completed this week's!
8	Hudson B	Dolly R	
9	Finely J	Andrei D	
10	Christian C	Christian C	
11	Archie P	Alexander V	

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.



A huge thank you from Mrs Stobbart, Ms Aubrey and the Year 7 Tutor Team to the over 100 parents/carers who came to last week's Year 7 Meet The Tutor Drop-In. We had some fantastic conversations about the superb start so many of our new students are making at Ellowes Hall!

SPOOKY OFFERS IN OUR SCHOOL STATIONERY SHOP!

A reminder that students can purchase stationery – including our latest Halloween range – from our in-school shop, open before school and at Break and Lunchtime every day!



Key Stage 4 Poland Trip 2025

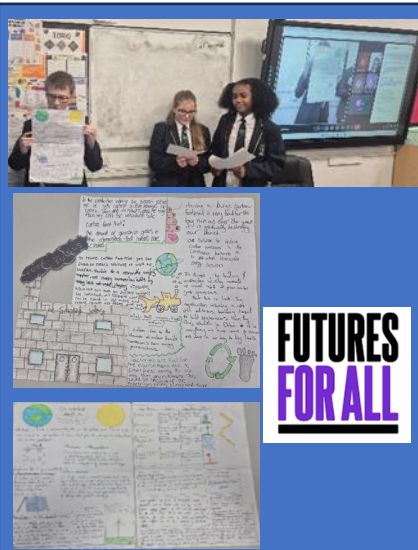
Over fifty of our KS4 students enjoyed an incredible week in Poland, exploring its rich history and culture. They sampled plenty of traditional Polish food, took part in an evening of music and dancing, and clocked up over 30,000 steps in a single day exploring Kraków's beautiful Old Town and Jewish Quarter.

A particularly moving part of the trip was the visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Students showed great maturity and respect as they learned about the tragic events that took place there — an experience none of them will forget. The group also visited the stunning Wieliczka Salt Mine, marvelling at its underground chapels and sculptures.

It was a memorable and meaningful trip that brought history to life in the most powerful way.



FOR EVER LET THIS PLACE BE
A CRY OF DESPAIR
AND A WARNING TO HUMANITY
WHERE THE NAZIS MURDERED
ABOUT ONE AND A HALF
MILLION
MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN,
MAINLY JEWS
FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES
OF EUROPE.
AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU
1940 - 1945



**FUTURES
FOR ALL**

Year 9 Virtual Work Experience | 1 – 3 October 2025

Our Year 9 students have been busy with three days of virtual work experience, coordinated by Futures for All. Each class were assigned to an employer who worked with them on a project linked to their industry. At the end of the week, students had to present their project ideas to the employer and all other Year 9 classes from across the Invictus Education Trust. We are extremely proud of how well our students performed over the course of the week and how they represented our school. The skills they developed during the project will be invaluable for their career journey. We would like to thank the employers below for supporting and engaging with our students: **Bad Bear Studios; Creative Portal; Jackson Civil; Joined Up Care; The Grange Spa; United Living.**



Our BTEC Dance groups and Year 9 Dance Company enjoyed an inspiring workshop with visiting professional company Linden Dance. Students gained an insight into life as part of a touring dance company and the creative process behind their latest production, *Caged*. They enjoyed a live performance of the piece, followed by a Q&A where they explored the dancers' career journeys and shared their reflections on the show.



From The Bungello

This half term we have welcomed our first cohort of Year 7's into the Bungello. We are very proud of how well they have adjusted and managed the move from Primary. The group access a mixed curriculum of academic learning, therapeutic intervention and life skills. This half term we have focused on building relationships between peers and staff and prioritising emotional well-being. We have also welcomed over visiting teachers from the main school who are joining us to teach a wide range of subjects include languages, RE, PE, Maths and English. Last week, students started learning British Sign Language, taught by one of our teaching assistants, Miss Jones. They learnt how to introduce themselves and share a fact about themselves. Pupils worked so hard throughout the week perfecting what they had learnt, we invited some of the school senior leadership team to visit on Friday morning to show off their new skills.

Please bring your Harvest donations into our Reception. Every single one is gratefully received!

A huge congratulations and thanks to 7JAEV who have brought in many generous donations this week...!



SHOPPING LIST

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE/CHILLI)
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- BARS OF SOAP
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY



ELLOWES WEEKLY PE ROUND UP...

BTEC SPORT STUDENTS HAVE A TASTE OF ELITE SPORT...

Last Friday, 36 BTEC Sport students attended a trip to St Georges park to see what was included in an elite sport environment.

Students had an indepth pitch side session taking part in multiple fitness tests, this supports there knowledge for both their coursework and upcoming exam.

The pitch session was followed by a gym session where more fitness tests were completed, finishing the day with some hot and cold therapy in the pools.

We cant wait to run this trip again next year!!!



Year 9 Netball make positive progress

Year 9 travelled to kingswinford Academy on Thursday to play their second league fixture of the year winning 10-4 putting on a dominant performance.

Player of the match = Kyra C

Miss Parkers player of the match = Sienna WM

The year 11 tournament is now being played next Wednesday at Kinver

PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday
10:00-11:00 Sports Development 11:00-12:00 12:00-13:00	10:00-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-13:00
Wednesday	Thursday
10:00-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-13:00	10:00-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-13:00
Friday	Saturday
10:00-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-13:00	10:00-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-13:00

Football Results:

Year 7:
3-2 WIN Vs Pegasus

Year 8:
11-0 WIN Vs Pegasus

Year 9:
6-2 WIN Vs Pegasus

NEXT WEEKS NEWS:

- Year 11 Football host Wordsley in the Dudley Cup
- Year 8 & 9 Football host St James



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...



FREE FAMILY SEASON TICKETS FOR ELLOWES STUDENTS

BLACK COUNTRY BASKETBALL CLUB



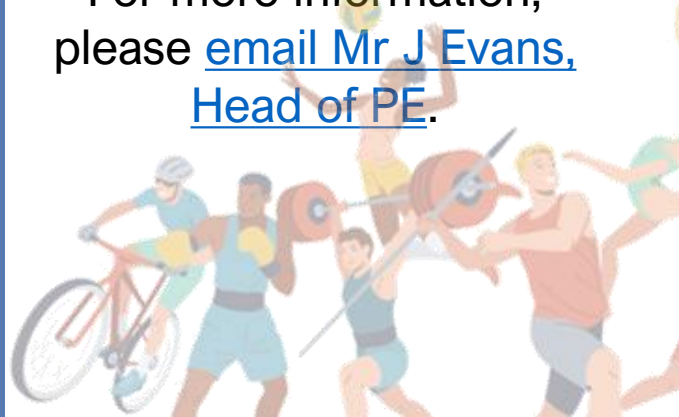
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Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025

	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 Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
		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)	Chamber Choir in X1 (WJ)	Drama Games Club in X4 (EH)	Beginners Guitar in X1 (WJ)	KS4 Dance Club 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)	
		Chess in S2 (DH)			
After School Clubs Activities		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
		Climbing Club 15:15 – 16:15 (from 23 rd Sept)	Orchestra 15:15 – 16:00 in X1	Eco Ambassadors 15:15 – 16:15 in D4 (JMI)	
		Netball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JOP)	Basketball (Y7 – 11) 15:15 – 16:15 in Sports Hall	Boys Football 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV/LM/RG)	
		Badminton Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (RG)	Y9 Dance Club in X3 (RG)	Girls Football 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JW)	
		Rugby Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)		Trampolining 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (LK)	
		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)			

Monday  BTEC Sport Intervention V4 (10-11) 9E / RG / LM / 9W	Tuesday Netball (7-11) 9P Rugby (7-11) 9E Badminton (7-11) RG
Wednesday  Basketball (7-11) Black Country Basketball	Thursday Boys Football (7-11) 9E / LM / RG Girls Football (7-11) 9W Trampolining (7-11) LK
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.

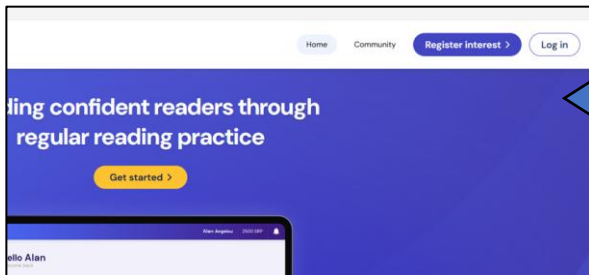
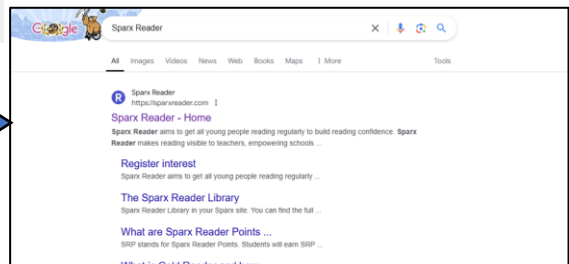
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

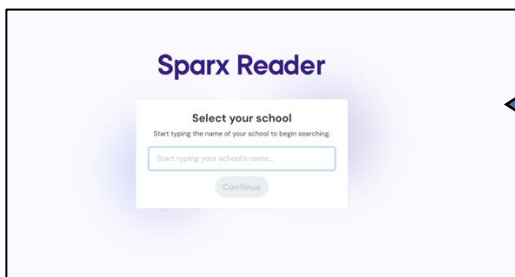


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

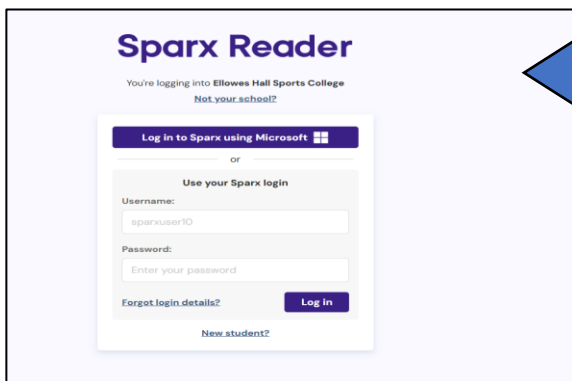
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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) PE Staff Signature

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 Trip this academic year	
7. Complete a 10-minute sprint	
8. Watch any sports matches in the school	

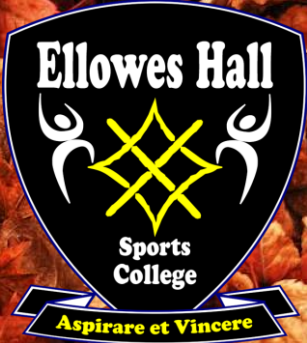
REWARD CHALLENGE:
Watch a video with the professional athlete.

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 Challenge: Watch a professional play and get a photo of stage work with a staff 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!



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

POETRY BY HEART

Choose a poem

Learn it by heart

Perform it out loud

This anonymous poem entitled '*The Unbroken Chain*' explores 'slavery' in all its horror - at the same time it writes of hope and change for a free world.

Write your own poem about freedom and oppression and bring to E2 by 18th October! Prizes for the best!

Word of The Week

BRAND = an identifying mark burned on livestock or (in former times) criminals or slaves with a branding iron.

The speaker of the poem talks about all the ways slaves were confined, beaten and chained by their 'owners'. They talk of the shame, humiliation, the scars and anguish that were suffered by those in captivity. You will notice the poem has a volta beginning with the line 'But freedom's flame, it will not die' At this juncture we experience a change in tone. The poem explores a more positive outcome speaking of justice and freedom for all. Try to include a volta in your own poem!

Poem of the Week 06th October

From sun-scorched lands, a human tide,
In chains and anguish, where they hide.
A brutal trade, a shameful stain,
That brings the world but bitter pain.
Though reason pleads, the heart still cries,
As man to man is bartered, sold, and lies.
The lash descends, the scars remain,
A soul in torment, loss and shame.
What sacred right, what gentle grace,
Can justify this dark disgrace?
To steal the breath, the life, the thought,
And brand them with the chains they've bought.
But freedom's flame, it will not die,
A whisper turning to a cry.
For every chain, a will to break,
For every soul, a cause to make.
The voice of reason, strong and bold,
A future story to unfold.
Let mercy's hand now loose the bind,
And freedom's banner lift for all humankind.
Let every heart with justice glow,
And plant the seed for free souls to grow.
No more the human soul be sold,
A tale of liberty, forever told.



The poster has a yellow background with a large white speech bubble in the center. At the top is a circular logo with a rainbow and the text 'Parents • Children • Carers' and 'We care about everyone'. The speech bubble contains the text 'Unheard Voices' in red and 'SEND carers support group' in purple. Below this, in blue, is the text: 'WE ARE A SEND SUPPORT GROUP RUN BY PARENTS TO HELP OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS. THE SUPPORT GROUP WILL BE A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOU CAN COME FOR A CUPPA AND HAVE A TALK, RANT, ASK FOR HELP OR EVEN CRY IF YOU WANT TO. COME ALONG TO OUR FRIENDLY CARERS SUPPORT GROUP.' At the bottom, there is a heart icon and the text: 'FRIDAY 10:30 - 12:00 JUBILEE HALL, LADIES WALK, SEDGLEY, DUDLEY DY3 3UA FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EMAIL UNHEARDVOICES13@YAHOO.COM'.

Unheard Voices
SEND carers support group

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