



FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2025

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This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Anti-Bullying Week

ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Christina Aguilera / *Fighter* by Christina Aguilera

CAREER OF THE WEEK: Politician



Headteacher's Introduction

We have had a busy and eventful return to school after the Autumn Half Term. Biblical rains played some mischief on our flat roofs mid-week causing some disruption to corridors and canteen services. I must thank our Site Staff for their creative responses to the challenges! What was most impressive, however, was the adaptability and maturity shown by your young people as they responded to these disruptions, including in Assembly, where Year 9 calmly and without question adapted their usual routines.

That our students respond to challenges so maturely is no accident. It reflects the culture we have worked so hard over the past few years to inculcate – that we are a community which pulls together as one, while proud of the distinct and diverse contributions each individual can make to

the whole.

Nowhere was this more on show than in the response we have received to our annual Harvest Appeal for Black Country Food Bank. Your generosity over this past few weeks has amassed a staggering 134kg of food – enough to generate almost 300 meals for the most vulnerable members of our wider community.

Reminding students of their responsibilities to others has also been at the heart of this week's Remembrance commemorations, culminating in Friday's event and in the Two Minutes' Silence we will honour on Monday morning. Students have been reminded that the extraordinary opportunities they enjoy as British citizens are not to be taken lightly – they were won by generations of brave men and women who were prepared to lay down their lives in our service. We aim every day to offer an education worthy of that sacrifice.

WEEK B

Monday 10 November

Year 11 After-School Intervention: Maths

Tuesday 11 November

Year 11 After-School Intervention: History/Geography

Wednesday 12 November

INSET Day: School Closed to All Students

Thursday 13 November

The Grace Foundation Careers Trip to The Gate
Year 11 After-School Intervention: H&SC; Design; Food; Art; GCSE Business; Computer Science

Friday 14 November

Children In Need/Mary Stevens School Charity of the Year Non-Uniform Day. £1 donation can be made via ParentPay.



7,395 Positives This Week



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 7: Callum O

Year 8: Harry P

Year 9: Lily G

Year 10: Kiera B

Year 11: Daisy T



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	99.4%
YEAR 8	8RP – Mr Patel	98.2%
YEAR 9	9FS – Ms F Scott	95.2%
YEAR 10	10NKH – Ms Nightingale-Harris	94.1%
YEAR 11	11ASA – Ms Sabadas	96.4%



	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
7	Kaleb L	Alyssia M	Sparx Science records scores slightly differently, but well done to all who completed this week's!
8	Alfie W	Ryley G	
9	Hollie-Mae B	Olivia C	
10	Evie H	Alfie D S	
11	Isabella H B	Maizee-Jai B	

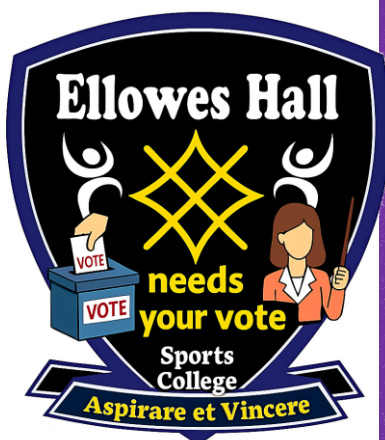
Don't forget... students needing support with their Sparx, or simply a place to go to complete it, can attend Mrs P Jones' Bright Sparx Club every Tuesday After School at 4pm.



Rotary



Huge congratulations to our Rotary Young Chef Award Winners, who this received their prizes for triumphing in our school heats! A huge thank you to our local Rotary branch for their support for this important initiative to promote kitchen creativity!



PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE!

Ahead of our annual Awards' Evening, in which we celebrate the achievements of our students over the previous Academic Year, we would like to invite our parents/carers to cast their vote for Teacher of The Year and Professional Services (Support Member of Staff) of The Year.

Awards like these enable us to recognise the excellent work done by our staff in the service of your young people.

Please cast your vote here by Monday 17 November 2025.



PHONES FOR FUTURES: UGANDA

As many of our parents and carers will know, we have had a longstanding community partnership with several schools in Uganda. The link has enabled our KS3 students to exchange letters, building relationships and learning about life on a different continent! Fundraising last year enabled us to send the schools sports kit to improve their experience of PE.

Now, we are asking for your help again! Ahead of a December visit to the country, our contact is collecting any old, unwanted mobile phones with chargers returned to factory settings. These are then offered to professionals like doctors to support local communities. Any donations gratefully received by **Mrs Stobbart!**



Our Reading Ambassadors were excited to take our Free Library to Sedgley's Humbugs cafe (@humbugscOFFEEandcraft) on the last day of half term to help build the love for reading in the community. Students helped build and stock the library, and wish to thank the Humbugs team for allowing us to base it there.

Students will be checking in on the library to make sure that there are plenty of choices to pick from. Please feel free to take a book or leave a book if you have one spare and are willing to donate!

SEND Inclusion Update

A group of our students have worked hard in their Nurture Group over the last year and have recently gained their ASDAN Level in Volunteering. To gain this qualification, the students had to engage in a variety of activities such as litter picking, helping at school events, and even visiting a local care home. We would like to say a big well done to those Year 9 and Year 10 students involved!





THANK YOU

Ellowes Hall Sports College

Thank you so much for collecting food and toiletries for your local community.

We will use all the food you have donated to make emergency food parcels for people in crisis.

You have donated **134kgs** of food and **2.9kgs** of non-food, enough to provide **268** meals and **3** toiletry packs.

This is absolutely wonderful, and we are so thankful that you have supported us in this amazing way.

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Registered Charity No. 1136676

Our Year 7 Team is so grateful to our community for their generous donations to our annual Harvest Appeal for Black Country Food Bank. Thanks to your kindness, we have provided a whopping **268** meals for those most in need.

Thank you.

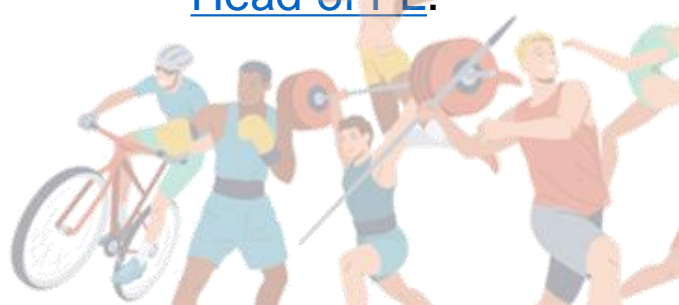
Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025

	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)			

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Monday  BTEC Sport Intervention V4 (Year 10 Only) 3E / RG / LM / 3W	Tuesday  Netball (7-11) 3P  Rugby (7-11) 3E
Wednesday  Basketball (7-10) Black Country Basketball	Thursday  Badminton (7-11) RG  Girls Football (7-11) 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.

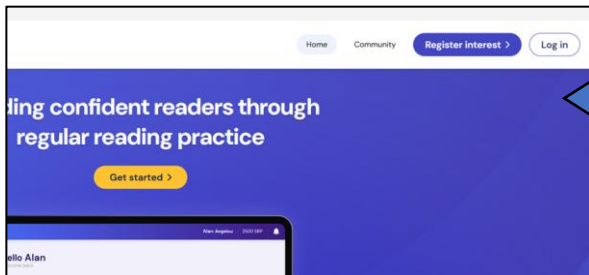
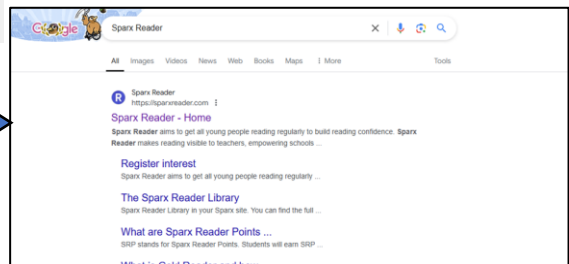
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

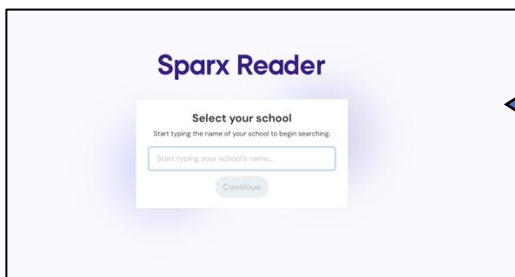


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

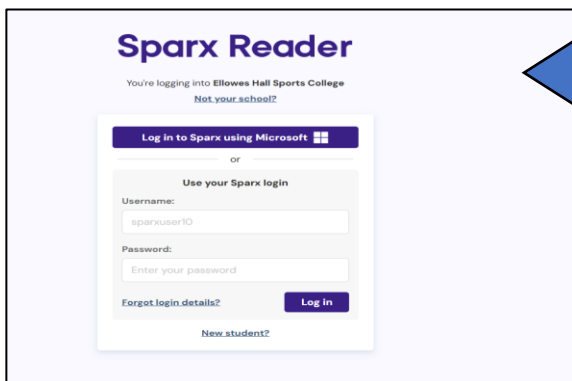
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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

Check in weeks 2025-2026

1. Complete a 20 minute workout	
2. Successfully complete 10 lunges	
3. Complete a 5 minute body weight circuit	
4. Attend a PE class for one half term	
5. Demonstrate a 100m sprint	
6. Attend a PE Trip this academic year	
7. Complete a 500m run in a sprint	
8. Visit any sports stadium in the city	

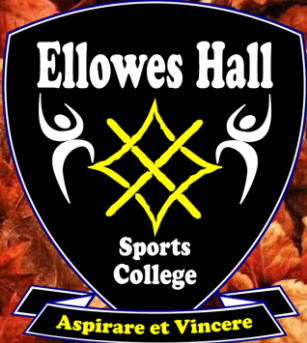
REWARD CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the performance of a professional athlete

DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES

Check in weeks 2025-2026

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 weekend)	
Keep your own knowledge of Drama (Clubs, Festivals & for your class)	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge	
Watch a professional actor and get a photo of stage work 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!



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

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