



FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025

'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: World Mental Health Day
ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Usher/ Usher: *I Cry*
CAREER OF THE WEEK: Occupational Therapist



Headteacher's Introduction

This week has seen the launch of our Black History Month celebrations in school, kicked off by an eclectic and moving assembly led by various members of staff and student leaders. Further reflections on the important contributions made by Black people to our society will feature in lessons this month, and we look forward to our next panel, taking place later in October in which we invite in a line-up of impressively high-achieving members of the Black community to share their stories with our young people. That students reacted maturely and enthusiastically to this launch is a given.

We place such an importance on Black history because it is one of many ways in which we encourage students to be thankful for the creative opportunities they enjoy from living in a modern, multicultural democracy.

We also know, however, that the human experience contains moments of trial as well as joy and last week saw our community come together to raise money for the incredible work done by Macmillan Cancer Care. This fundraising stood alongside the brilliant work we have done since last December to raise funds for the Mary Stevens Hospice locally.

We are proud that our connection to our community remains a deep one. This week, several of our students were shortlisted to represent their generation on a West Midlands Police youth initiative. Others headed to Abbey Street Park to litter pick, and some to the Firs Care Home to provide some entertainment and company to residents.

All these initiatives – and the generosity which lies beneath them – represent our community at its best. I wish to thank all of those staff and students who give up so much time to make all of these magical, and educational, moments possible.

WEEK B

Monday 6 October

Year 11 After-School Intervention: Maths

Tuesday 7 October

KS4 Poland Trip (returns Friday 10 October)

Year 11 After-School Intervention: History/Geography

Wednesday 8 October

Thursday 9 October

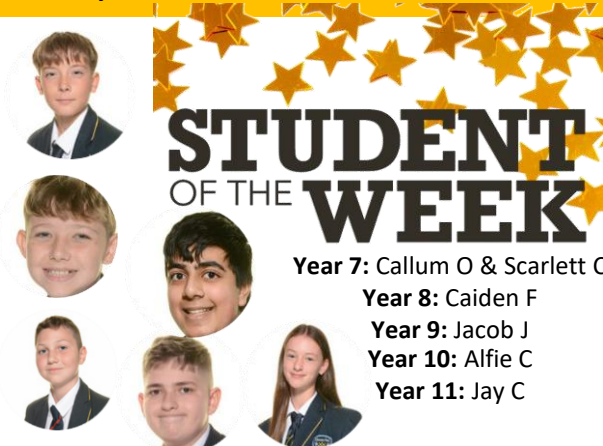
15.30 – 16.30 Year 7 Form Tutors Settling-In Afternoon. [RSVP](#).

Year 11 After-School Intervention: H&SC; Design; Food; Art; GCSE Business; Computer Science

Friday 10 October

World Mental Health Day

6,381 Positives This Week



Year 7: Callum O & Scarlett C

Year 8: Caiden F

Year 9: Jacob J

Year 10: Alfie C

Year 11: Jay C

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	7RW – Ms Ward	95.2%
YEAR 8	8LN – Mrs Neale	94.8%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Ms Rigby	95.3%
YEAR 10	10GEV – Mr G Evans	96.6%
YEAR 11	11ASA – Ms Sabadas	94.9%



	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
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8			
9			
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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.



The Working Lunch

As a part of our commitment to widening the aspirations and ambitions of our Year 11 students, we are on the lookout for parents/carers/members of our local community who might be interested in coming into school over a lunchtime to share their career journeys with small groups of students! If you would be happy to do this for us, please contact our Heads of Year 11 – [Mr Green](#) or [Ms Sullivan](#).



Thanks to the generosity of our students, staff and friends, we raised over £500 for Macmillan Cancer Support at last week's Coffee Morning!





Year 11 Geographers completed fieldwork in Birmingham city centre last week, showing both creativity and creativity in evaluating regeneration.

SEND Update

Interventions for the Autumn Term have already started, and a massive 129 students are taking part in an intervention with the SEND Team. The types of intervention sessions offered this year have also increased, with more options for supporting our students than ever before. Our staff are working with students to boost skills in literacy and numeracy, improve social communication, and help foster a sense of positive wellbeing. We can't wait to celebrate our students' success!



Our student volunteers took to our community this week to help litter pick, including Abbey Street Park. We are proud to help keep our community clean!



Meanwhile, others visited a local care home and entertained residents with special Harvest performances!



The Art Department Trip to Cornwall...



ELLOWES WEEKLY PE ROUND UP...

YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TEAM GET OFF TO WINNING WAYS!!!

On Tuesday, Year 7 hosted Bishop Milner in the first game of the league season. Students knew it was going to be a difficult challenge against a strong opposition however were more than up for the task.

A bumpy start due to lack of cohesion however the team battled it out for a fantastic 4-2 win at home.

Goal Scorers: Noel G x2, Taylor P, Callum O

Player of the Match: Noel G



Strike Youth

UNITE PLAY LEAD



A huge thank you to Strike Youth for sponsoring our Year 7 Football team this academic year!



Year 8 Netball team success!

Year 8 travelled to St James on Tuesday in the first of the Netball league season. After dipping their toes into a couple of friendly fixtures last year, they hit the ground running with this one.

In tough conditions and playing outside, the team worked together extremely well which was rewarded with a convincing 10-2 win.

Player of the Match: Sienna S

Extra Curricular Timetable:

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday
 BTEC Sport Intervention VA (10-11) SE / BG / LM / JW	 Netball (7-8) SP Rugby (7-8) SE Badminton (7-8) BG
Wednesday	Thursday
 Basketball (7-8) Black Country Basketball	 Boys Football (7-8) SE / LM / BG Girls Football (7-8) JW Trampoline (7-8) LM
Friday	Notes
 No Clubs!	Line up outside the Sports Hall Full PE Kit Fixtures take priority over training!

NEXT WEEKS NEWS:

- BTEC Sport attend St Georges Park
- Year 10 Football host Bishop Milner
- Year 8 & 9 Netball host Dormston
- 7, 8, 9 & 10 Football against Pegasus
- Year 11 Netball enter Kinver Netball Tournament
- Year 9 Netball travel to Kingswinford

Next week, our Year 7s start their community project for which any student/family in any year group is invited to support. Please bring your Harvest donations into our Reception. Every single one is gratefully received!



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



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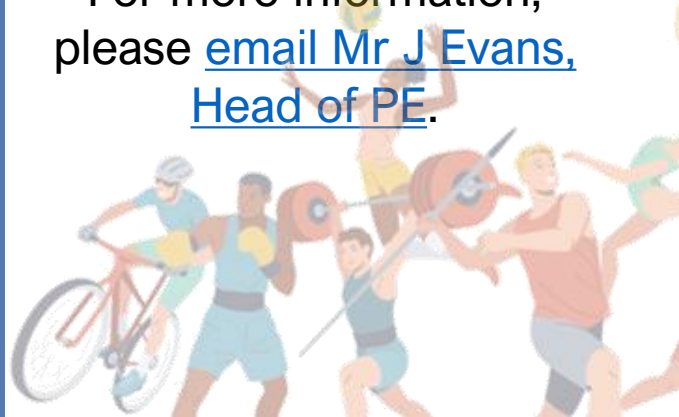


Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025

	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 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.

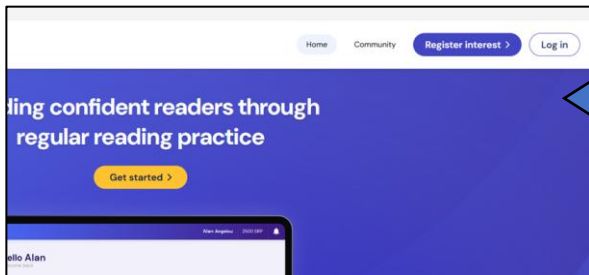
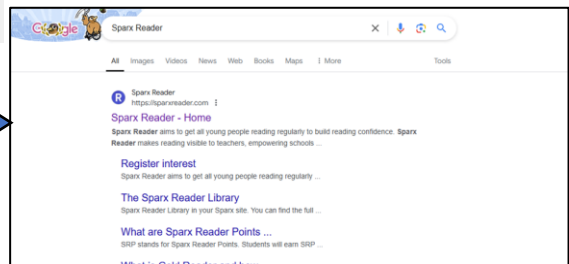
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

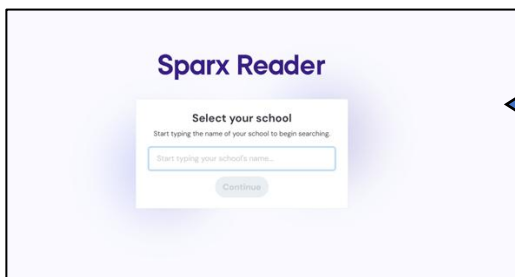


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

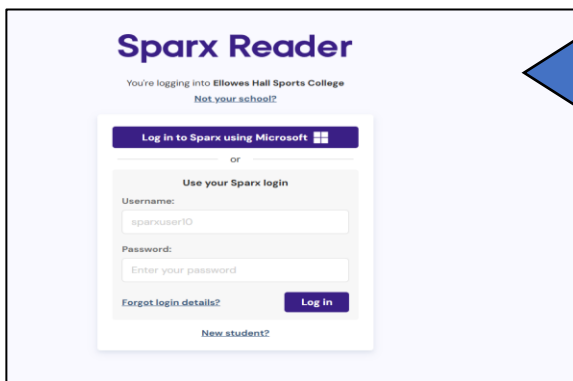
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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 these have you done this week? PE Staff Signature

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 10 second sit-up	
6. Attend a PE day this academic year	
7. Complete a 100m sprint in a week of your choice	
8. Visit any sports stadium in the city	

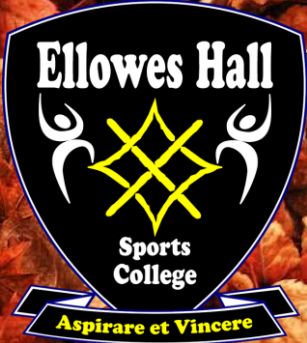
BONUS CHALLENGE:
Watch a video on the professional athlete of your choice

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 a week	
Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film	
Design a challenge for your favourite TV show or film	
Watch a professional actor get a photo of stage work in a suit	

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
Monday 15 September	Year 11 After School Revision Programme Launch
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 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

National Poetry Day

02.10.2025

PLAY

As part of National Poetry Day, you are being invited to write a poem on the theme of 'Play'

It does not have to rhyme.
You must have at least 10 lines.
It can be an irregular structure!

Think about all the things you might associate with play – you can write in the first or third person!

Hand your poems to Miss Britten-Jeavons in E2 by 10th October 2025 for the chance to win a prize.

As Creatives

Playing with POETRY

National Poetry Day

Unheard Voices

SEND carers support group

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.

FRIDAY 10:30 - 12:00
JUBILEE HALL, LADIES WALK, SEDGLEY,
DUDLEY DY3 3UA

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT EMAIL
UNHEARDVOICES13@YAHOO.COM

#weareduke

DUDLEY & KINGSWINFORD NOW recruiting

boys

11-14 years

be part of our rugby journey

WHY JOIN US?

- Top-class coaching
- No experience needed
- Build confidence On and Off the pitch
- Make friends, get active, enjoy a team sport
- Training Wednesday or Thursdays and Sunday mornings
- Venue: Dudley Kingswinford RFC
- Contact: dkrfcschliaison@gmail.com
- Follow us: [f DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD RFC](https://www.facebook.com/dudleykingswinfordrfc) [@dkrugbyclub](https://www.instagram.com/dkrugbyclub) www.dkrugbyrfu.club

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DUDLEY & KINGSWINFORD calling ALL

girls

11-16 years

THE DETAILS...

- When? Sunday 5 October What Time? 12noon til 2pm
- No experience needed, be part of a new girls' rugby session
- Fun, friendly taster session - bring a friend and give it a go!
- What shall I wear? Just PE kit and bring a water bottle
- Training Wednesday 6.15pm until 8pm and Sunday mornings 10.15am until 12noon
- Venue: Dudley Kingswinford RFC... the perfect time to join!
- Contact: dkrfcschliaison@gmail.com

touch RUGBY Festival... **SUN 05 OCT** 12noon til 2pm