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This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: International Day Of Education

HERO & SONG OF NEXT WEEK: Jane Austen / *This is me* by Keala Settle

CAREER OF THE WEEK: Veterinary Nurse



Headteacher's Introduction

I would like to begin by commending our students for the resilience and maturity they have shown during the ongoing issues with the heating system in the main school building this week. They have approached the situation with a calm and positive attitude, and we are very proud of them.

While our Humanities Building, X Block and Sports Hall all operate on separate heating systems and continue to function as normal, we understand how important it is that all learning spaces are warm and comfortable. Although initial investigations suggested this might be a quick fix, engineers on site today have confirmed that repairs are likely to take place over the next few weeks.

Please be reassured that we have acted quickly to support our students and staff. Over the last couple of days, we have invested in portable heaters and placed them into classrooms where needed. We will continue to closely monitor temperatures and will order additional heaters over the coming days if required. The wellbeing and safety of our school community remains our absolute priority.

Naturally, we do not consider closing the school lightly, as we know how important continuity of

learning is for our students. Closing would always be a last resort. We are hopeful that the measures we have put in place will ensure the school remains warm while repair work continues, and we will of course keep this under regular review.

Beyond these challenges, it has been wonderful to see so many positives across the school this week. We were delighted to welcome students from Wombourne to our first Student-Led Panel Debate, focusing on social media and fake news which is a particularly timely and relevant topic given current global discussions.

The conduct of our Year 10 students during their mock examinations was exemplary, and I would also like to thank all parents who attended the Year 11 Parents Evening. It was fantastic to see so many of you there, and we truly value the shared commitment we have in supporting our young people to achieve their very best.

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating Teaching and Learning next week, including International Education Day on 24 January. This is an important opportunity to reflect on the power of education and the achievements of our school community.

4322 Positives This Week



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Year 7: Noel G

Year 8: Sophie S

Year 9: Freya H

Year 10: Alfie C and Millie R

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!



Tuesday 20 January (Week B)

Girls Basketball host Beacon Hill

Wednesday 21 January (Week B)

London West End Theatre Trip to see Matilda The Musical

Girls Basketball travel to Kinver

Virtual Golf Simulator – see PE staff for more info

Thursday 22 January (Week B)

We welcome many local primary schools to take part in a multi-sport event run by our Junior Sports Leadership Academy

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Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance This Week...

YEAR 7	7OM – Mrs McEvoy	95.97%
YEAR 8	8EH – Miss Harvey	99.23%
YEAR 9	9FS – Miss Scott	98.51%
YEAR 10	10EP – Miss Perry 10NKH – Miss Nightingale-Harris	100%
YEAR 11	11JW – Mrs Watson	99.17%



On Tuesday, we had the pleasure of hosting Wombourne School for the first of our 'student lead debate panels on current affairs within the news'. The topic was on the impact of social media, with a specific focus on how it portrays different religions. Miss Vincent's Year 10 RE students worked very hard to write and deliver thought provoking speeches which were delivered to a live audience. Well done to everyone involved!





Enrichment Activities – Spring Term 2026 (Jan - Feb)



Before School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast in the Diner 8.00 – 8.40am					
	Equality Ambassadors in E3 from 08:20 (BH)				
11:15		Break Time Thrive Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	Break Time Drop in Grace Foundation (ES)	
Lunch Time Clubs & Activities					
	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					
		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)	Y7, 8 (X4) & 9 (X3) Dance Club (RG/EH)	Girls Football 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JW)	
		Rugby Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)		Parallel Club 15:15 – 15:45 in M10 (AR)	
		Musical Theatre Club in X4 (EH)			
		Film Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (ES)			

Sport at Ellowes Hall



Our Year 9 Boys Basketball Team came up against a strong Beacon Hill side on Wednesday this week when they hosted the match here at Ellowes Hall. They did themselves and the school proud with some excellent Basketball on display. Final score was 26-9 to Beacon Hill.



Do you have what it takes to play a round of golf. Next Wednesday we have the Virtual Golf Simulator. More information to follow from the PE Staff.



Watch this space - Trips to Leicester Tigers to watch a premiership Rugby match as well as Birmingham Panthers to watch a premier league Netball game coming soon!





Students enjoyed their first Jujutsu self defence session with **6th Dan instructor Shihan Robert Tiene**, part of Taijutsu Kai Schools of Jujutsu. This is part of a 5 week course in which we still have places available. Please see the poster or email Hharris@ellowes.dudley.sch.uk for further details.

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.



Begins: Monday 19th January – Monday 09th February

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***

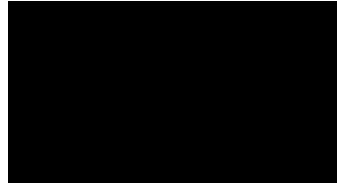
Sparx

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

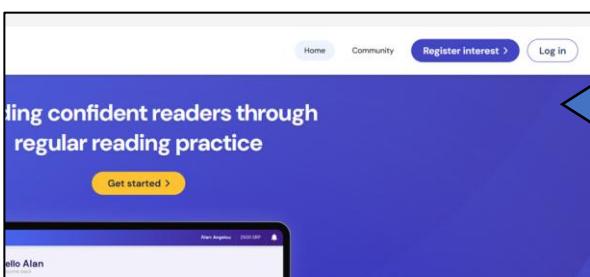
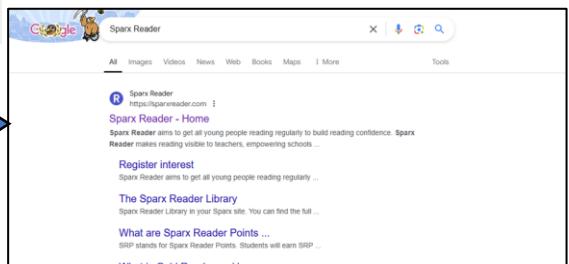


Students can log into Sparx through either [the link on their Arbor page](#) or through a search engine such as Google.



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

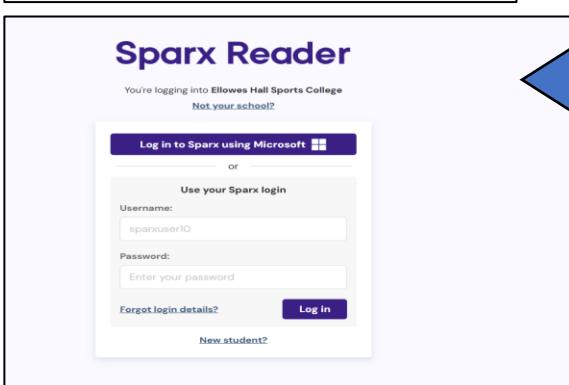
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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
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

STAFF SIGNATURE & DATE

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 historical site	
BONUS CHALLENGE: Complete any extra challenge	

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 (you're the star).

Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film.

HOME CHALLENGE:
Watch a piece of theatre and get a photo or sketch done 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!

All parents and carers have been emailed the latest copy of the Dudley Health and Wellbeing magazine. It contains some really useful information so please have a read and forward to anyone you know who may benefit.

Spring 2026

Health & Wellbeing Update



for children and families in Dudley

FREE
HEALTHY LIFESTYLE
SUPPORT FOR
YOUR FAMILY

Commissioned by Dudley Council

Arrange free one-to-one support with a Dudley Family Wellness Coach who will help you and your kids eat well and move more

Ready for a healthier lifestyle? Talk to the Your Health Dudley team today.

01384 732 402
www.yourhealth.dudley.co.uk/your-wellness-journey

Phases physical activity programme

"Great opportunity for the family to improve fitness and wellbeing" - Phases parent / carer.

"I really enjoy PHASES Programme and I look forward to coming every Saturday" - Phases participant.

Find out more about the free gym-based physical activity programme for 11 – 16 year olds by scanning the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](http://HealthyDudley).



PHASES

FREE gym-based physical activity programme*

Keeping up-to-date with vaccinations

Find information on immunisations including flu, MMR and vaccinations during pregnancy, which help to protect everyone, at every age. Scan the QR code to visit [Healthy Dudley](http://HealthyDudley).



HealthyDudley
long.eastmidlands.nhs.uk

What? The What? Community Fund

FUSION

The Fusion Project
Through this project, we offer individual mentoring, group support, and family support to people living in the Dudley borough, aged 15-18 years.
Ethnically diverse backgrounds

Or
Identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community

Support available

- One-to-one mentoring
- Self-Referral
- Online Support
- LGBTQ+ Groups

Asian women's group
Family Support
Support for other professionals

For more information, contact us:

The What? Project
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NHS Healthy Choices Quiz

Get your score in just 5 minutes. Take the free NHS Healthy Choices Quiz to find where you could make some changes to live a healthier life and receive support and guidance to get going. Scan the QR code to visit the NHS website and start the quiz!



Free street cricket

Sessions take place in Brierley Hill, Lye, Central Dudley and Bromley Pensnett. Scan the QR code to visit Worcestershire Cricket Foundation for more information.

CRAVENSTOKE

Coffee Morning

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE USE?

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS, SHARE EXPERIENCES AND BUILD CONNECTIONS.

HAVE AN INFORMAL CHAT WITH A TEAM MEMBER AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS ABOUT PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD.

EXPERIENCE A SUPPORTIVE, NON-JUDGMENTAL SPACE TO ASK QUESTIONS AND FIND HELPFUL RESOURCES.

EVERY MONDAY BETWEEN 9:30 - 10:30AM
HERE YOU TILL I CASTLE STREET, DY1 1LA

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT OUR SERVICE SCAN OR CALL OR CONTACT DATES ON 01384 248490

Babies, children and young people team, Public Health, Health & Wellbeing, Dudley Council

Year 10 Work Experience

We would like to remind all Year 10 students and parents that work experience placements should have been secured. If not, please try your best to confirm one as soon as possible so that we can start the risk assessments. Work experience week is Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July 2026. If you need a new form, please contact:

Mrs Toro-Pearce, Careers Leader –
atoropearce@ellowes.dudley.sch.uk

Miss Webb, Work Experience Coordinator –
twebb@ellowes.dudley.sch.uk



Year 11 Destinations

All Year 11 students have had a careers guidance meeting with a Careers Adviser and should have applied to colleges and/or apprenticeship providers. If not, we recommend the following actions:

- Apply online if you know what to apply for
- Attend college open days – these are advertised on their websites
- If unsure of what to apply for, contact Mrs Toro-Pearce, our Careers Leader, for access to your action plan and guidance



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.**



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