



FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2025

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This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Black History Month Launch

ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Martin Luther King/ Sam Cooke: *What a Wonderful World*

CAREER OF THE WEEK: Writer



Headteacher's Introduction

I am writing this as the school busily prepares to throw open its doors to potential 2026 Year 7 starters. That most of this productive noise comes from our countless student volunteers is, for me, the best feature of today. It is a mark of the health and vitality of our community that over 100 current students have given up their own time to showcase the very best of our school. As I will tell the Year 6 parents this afternoon, a secondary school is to be judged on the health of the relationships on show between staff and students. On the basis of these relationships, children here get to amass those key indicators of success – academic rigour, strong outcomes and participation in a wide range of eclectic extra-curricular endeavours. I am therefore deeply proud of those young people who have come back to give testimony to that fact this evening.

Another indelible marker of a school's culture and success is how young people behave when out in the community. As the old adage goes, when they are in uniform, students represent our values and carry our expectations. A real highlight of this week was therefore receiving a spontaneous email from a member of the public who had ran into a group of our students at a Costa Coffee ahead of their visit to the Walsall Art Gallery. I would urge you to read the email in full in this edition of the newsletter. You can imagine what satisfaction it gives us when a random member of the public takes the time to write to us to say how impressed they were by the calm and courteous way your young people conducted themselves.

It is a reminder of a timeless truth we strive to instil in our students – we want to give them the space and nurture to develop into the best version of the person they wish to be. The person they perfect exists in classrooms and exam halls, yes, but also in the community we trust them to one day lead.

WEEK A

Monday 29 September

KS4 Art Cornwall Trip (Returns Thursday 2 October)
09.15 – 10.00 Year 7 September 2026 Entry Open Morning. [RSVP](#).
Year 11 After-School Intervention: English

Tuesday 30 September

09.15 – 10.00 Year 7 September 2026 Entry Open Morning. [RSVP](#).
Year 11 After-School Intervention: Science

Wednesday 1 October

09.15 – 10.00 Year 7 September 2026 Entry Open Morning. [RSVP](#).

Thursday 2 October

09.15 – 10.00 Year 7 September 2026 Entry Open Morning. [RSVP](#).
Year 11 After-School Intervention: H&SC; Design; Food; Art; Music;
GCSE Business; BTEC Enterprise

Friday 3 October

Macmillan Coffee Morning
BTEC Sport St George's Park Trip

7,197 Positives This Week



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 7: Callum O
Year 8: Ethan J
Year 9: Ruby O
Year 10: Millie R & Kitty S
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	7OM – Mrs McEvoy	98.3%
YEAR 8	8PBJ – Ms Britten-Jeavons	94%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Ms Rigby	96%
YEAR 10	10GEV – Mr G Evans	94.1%
YEAR 11	11BH – Ms Hughes	98.2%



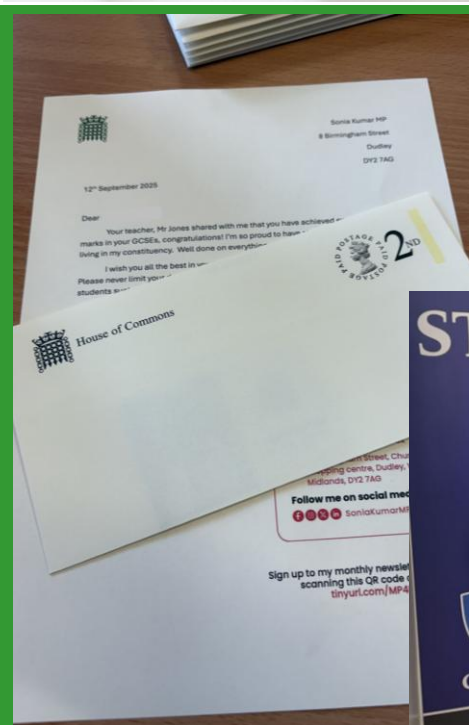
	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
7	Scarlett W	Jake H	Charlie B
8	Alfie W	Ewan H	Isabella P
9	Amy K	Erin D	Mis P
10	Lilia W	Isla J	Riley F
11	Rubie W	Asiyaa K	Kaitlyn T

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](#).



Our local Member of Parliament, Sonia Kumar MP, has this week written to several of our top performers in this year's GCSE exams. Congratulations again to all!



After impressing in a regional trial last Thursday at Stourbridge RFC, we are extremely proud of both Nathan and Carter in Year 11, who have successfully gained a place in Coventry Rugby Academy. We wish you all the best in this next chapter!



Fw: Compliment [Summarise](#)

To: Ellowes Hall Sports College <info@ellowes.dudley.sch.uk>
Subject: Compliment

You don't often get email from
Good afternoon,

I was in Costa, Walsall with my Mom this morning having a coffee and a catch up when a large group of your students came in whilst they waited for the Art Gallery to open.

I just want to commend you all on their behaviour and conduct. The students wanting to buy a drink waited patiently and sensibly whilst the other students took seats around the cafe. Yes, the noise level went up but only to excited chatter, which was a joy to hear! All the students sat down and just chatted in their small groups, at no point did anyone shout out or be silly, myself and my Mom were very impressed.

I have worked with teenagers in varying roles so I know how behaviours can vary, especially when out in the community and the expectations surrounding them so your students and staff should be congratulated and I hope they have had an enjoyable day.

I hope you don't mind me emailing, I just wanted to share something positive that I had witnessed today.

Kind regards

This week, KS3 students took part in a printmaking workshop based on desserts and had a tour of The New Art Gallery Walsall. We were thrilled to receive a lovely email from a member of public who had spotted our students on the trip...



SEA CADETS

Huge congratulations to Bailey R who was elected by his fellow Sea Cadets to host their Royal Navy Police visit this week. Bailey was also promoted to Cadet (First Class) and was presented with a Good Conduct Award. Well done, Bailey!



Detentions

Notifications of detention will be shared via the Arbor Parent App. Guidance on using Arbor Parent Portal/App is available [here](#).

Medical/Injury/Appointments

Please can we ask you to give us advance notice (via [Reception](#)/your child's Form Tutor) if your child has injured themselves at home and is returning on crutches/in plaster. This will enable us to ensure we are prepared as possible to support your child during recovery. If your child is leaving school early for an appointment, we also appreciate advance warning to minimise any delay in collecting your child.

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



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

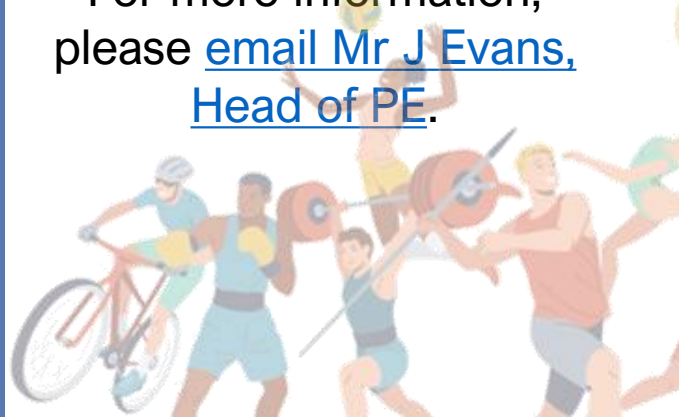


Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025

	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.

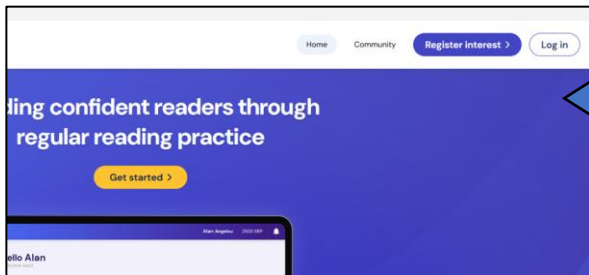
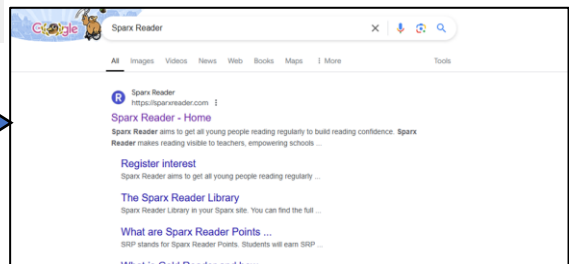
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

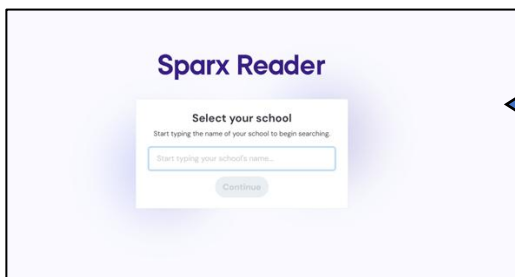


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

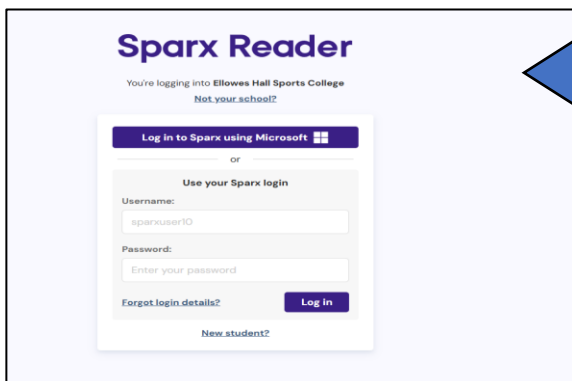
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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**

Complete the tasks and have them checked by the PE Staff Signature

1. Complete a 2 kilometre walk
2. Successfully complete 10 lunges
3. Complete a 5 minute body weight circuit
4. Perform a PE task for one half term
5. Demonstrate a 1 mile time trial
6. Attend a PE Trip this academic year
7. Perform a PE task as a special of your choice
8. Visit any sports facilities in the school

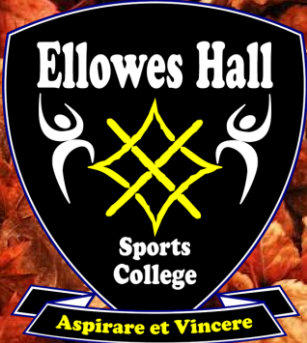
REWARD CHALLENGE:
Watch a video with the professional athlete

**DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN
CHALLENGES**

Staff Signature & Date

1. Create a Poster of the Physical Skills and their definitions
2. Design a costume for a new action movie
3. Attend a Drama Club for a half term
4. Get involved in a Performing Arts showcase (afternoon or Saturday)
5. Keep your own knowledge of Drama Challenges for a half term
6. Design a new set for your favourite TV show or film
7. Drama Challenge: Watch a professional actor and put a photo of stage actor with a real character

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



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

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: dkrfcschlaison@gmail.com
- Follow us:

f DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD RFC @dkrugbyclub www.dkrfc.co.uk

DUDLEY & KINGSWINFORD

calling ALL girls

11-16 years

THE DETAILS...

- When? Sunday 5th 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 try!
- 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: dkrfcschlaison@gmail.com

touch RUGBY festival...

SUN 05 OCT
12noon til 2pm



Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers.

Yes, we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing.

But, we also get to hang out with our friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.

Join the Adventure!

Squirrels

4-6yrs
Wednesday
16:30 - 17:30

BEAVERS

6-8yrs
Wednesday
17:45 - 19:00

cubs

8-10½yrs
Thursday
18:00 - 19:30

SCOUTS

10½-14yrs
Thursday
19:45 - 21:15

1st Gornal Scout Hut, Cotwall End Road, Lower Gornal, DY3 2JL

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