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CANCER SUPPORT**

FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2025

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This week at Ellowes Hall

THEME OF NEXT WEEK: Giving Back/Macmillan Cancer Support
ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Kylie Minogue/ Mariah Carey: *Hero*
CAREER OF THE WEEK: Biomedical Engineer



Headteacher's Introduction

As we move into the third week of the new term, it has been really encouraging to see so many positive signs of commitment and ambition from our students. At Key Stage 3, the completion rates for online homework have been very strong, showing that students are taking responsibility for their learning beyond the classroom. This engagement builds the habits of independence and resilience that will serve them well in the years ahead. I realise that navigating new IT systems brings its complications and frustrations – this being the nature of the world we all inhabit means it is important for us to teach students the skills and aptitude to find ways of meeting these challenges of technical onboarding.

Equally encouraging has been the excellent turnout to recent events.

Our Student Leadership Fayre was a real celebration of aspiration, with many pupils stepping forward to put themselves forward into roles that will allow them to make a difference to our school community. We are pleased to highlight the important work the Eco Club carry out in the background in order to make our working environment as tidy and productive as possible. Last night's Year 11 Revision Evening was also extremely well attended, with students and families demonstrating their determination to prepare thoroughly for this important year.

Alongside these events, every child this week has been issued with a pencil case of essential equipment – including black, green and purple pens, pencil, ruler, rubber and highlighter. We would be hugely grateful if you would support us in ensuring your child brings these tools into school every day. Less teacher time wasted equipping students with basics means more time on the important business of teaching and learning.

8,324 Positives This Week



STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Year 7: Isabella Q

Year 8: Oliver D & Dexter P

Year 9: Lilly YP

Year 10: Anthony B & Kitty S

Year 11: Charlotte LW & 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!

WEEK B

Monday 22 September

Year 11 After-School Intervention: Maths

Tuesday 23 September

Year 9 Walsall Art Gallery Trip

Year 11 After-School Intervention: History/Geography

Wednesday 24 September

Year 11 Geography Birmingham Fieldwork Trip

Thursday 25 September

13.30: School Closes To All Students at 13.30

16.00 – 19.00 Year 7 September 2026 Entry Open Evening. [RSVP](#).

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

Friday 26 September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Year 11 Geography Birmingham Fieldwork Trip

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance This Week...

YEAR 7	7DH – Mr Hamilton	97.7%
YEAR 8	8PBJ – Mrs Britten-Jeavons	96.7%
YEAR 9	9SRI – Ms Rigby	98.4%
YEAR 10	10GEV – Mr G Evans	95.3%
YEAR 11	11BH Ms Hughes & 11KKI Mrs Richards	98.3%



	Sparx Reader	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
YR 7	From next week, we will be sharing the names of students who are topping the tables in completing their online Sparx homework. For this term, all homework for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be on Sparx, which they must log into weekly to complete set tasks designed at boosting their recall in key subject areas. They also have Love to Learn Booklets. Students in KS4 must also complete Sparx Maths weekly and work through their special GCSE Homework Booklets.		
YR 8			
YR 9			
YR 10			
YR 11			

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](#).

This week's well-attended annual Student Leadership Fayre, in which the Ambassador groups try to recruit new members...



Student Leadership UPDATE



For the last four years, **Eco Club** has been making a real difference at Ellowes Hall. Every Thursday after school, volunteers give up their time to:

- Collect wastepaper from classrooms for recycling
- Create recycling bins from scrap materials
- Design posters and signs to promote recycling and save electricity.

In spring and summer, the club grows fruit and vegetables on site. Last year's bumper harvest of raspberries and rhubarb even produced homemade jam! This year, we're planning to add potatoes and pumpkins for a winter crop.

Eco Club members also support school events by litter picking. It's always surprising how much litter can be collected – but with many hands, it's quickly cleared.

Detentions

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



Last week, our assemblies have focused on an important theme: **Who we are and who we want to be**. Led by the Grace Foundation team and our amazing Year 11 leaders, these sessions have been both inspiring and reflective. A big shoutout to Neve, Carter and Daisy for doing a brilliant job and setting a high standard in living out our school principles here at Ellowes!



Congratulations to a number of our brilliant Year 11s who enjoyed a Pizza Party with Ms Sullivan in celebration of their having voluntarily gone above and beyond with Summer Revision Homework. Well done!

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

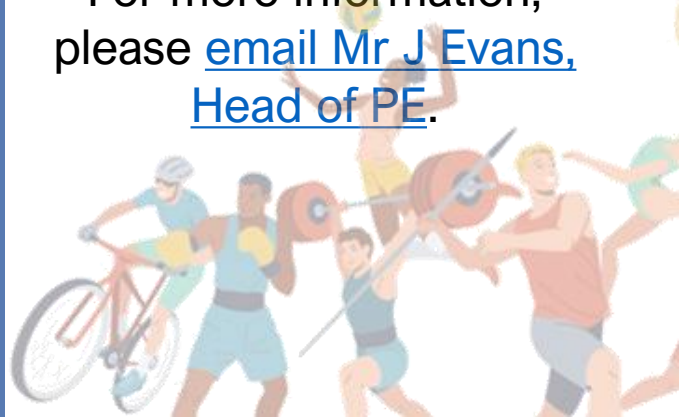


Enrichment Activities – Autumn Term 2025

	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.

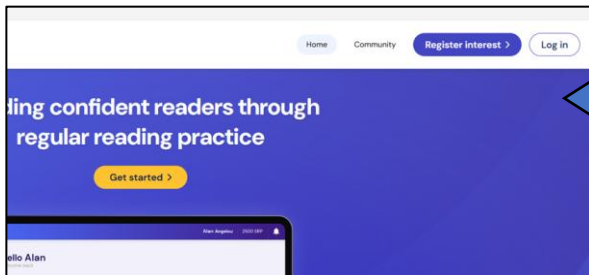
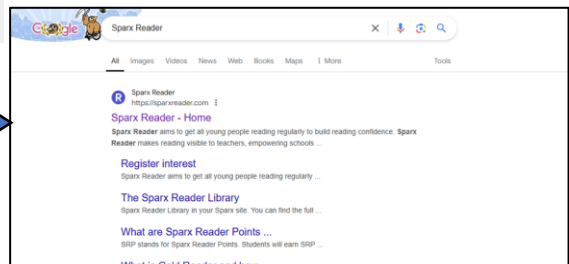
- Monday: Sparx Science
- Wednesday: Sparx Maths
- Thursday: Sparx Reader

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

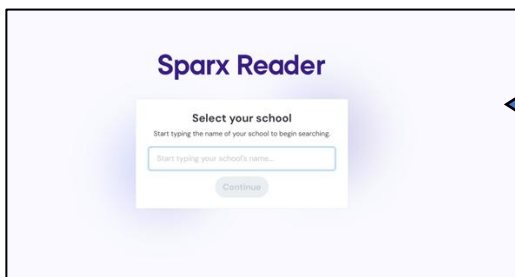


Subject	Homework set	Homework due in	Detention Night
Maths	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
English	Thursday	Thursday	Friday
Science	Monday	Tuesday	Tuesday

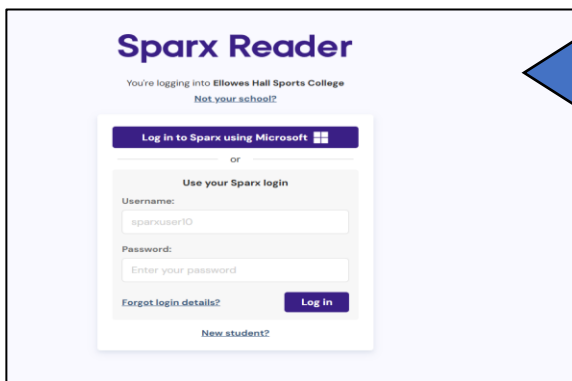
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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

How many of the tasks have you completed? (0-10)

Staff Signature

1. Complete a 20-minute workout
2. Successfully complete 10 lunges
3. Complete a 5-minute bodyweight circuit
4. Perform a PE task for one half-term
5. Demonstrate a 10-second sit-up
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

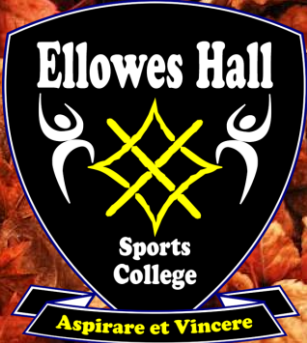
REWARD CHALLENGE:
Watch a video with the professional athlete of your choice

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 (Challenge: Perform 2 for your teacher)
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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