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## This week at Ellowes Hall

**THEME OF NEXT WEEK:** Children's Mental Health Week & Safer Internet Day. **HERO & SONG OF NEXT WEEK:** Adele & Adam's Song by Blink 182. **CAREER OF THE WEEK:** Photographer

### Headteacher's Introduction

I would like to begin by once again thanking everyone for their resilience and patience during what has been a frustrating and unsettled time for our school community. Following the failure of two industrial-sized generators in less than a week — circumstances entirely beyond our control — we have taken the decision to move to online learning for students in Years 7–10 on Monday 2nd February. Face-to-face lessons will continue for Year 11, based in H Block and X Block.

Please be assured that we are doing everything possible to resolve the situation and will continue to work tirelessly with all relevant parties until the school is fully operational once again. The safety, wellbeing, and continuity of learning for our students remain our absolute priorities.

Despite these challenges, school life has continued in many positive and meaningful ways. A wide range of extra-curricular activities has taken place, including visits such as the Iceland Trip, the Poetry Live event at Symphony Hall, and the Alexandra Theatre trip to see *The Woman in Black*. In addition,

### Monday 2 February (Week B)

National Storytelling Week

### Tuesday 3 February (Week B)

Y10 Results Release

### Friday 6 February (Week B)

Y8 King Edward Sixth Form Visit

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students have benefited from a workshop delivered by the Beacon Centre, highlighting the support available for people experiencing sight loss. Some of our RE students have also represented the school superbly at the Dudley RE Debate. We have also recently heard from the school in Uganda that we support, sharing how the equipment generously donated by our students is already making a real difference.

These moments are a powerful reminder of the strength, adaptability, and spirit of our school community. Even in challenging circumstances, our students continue to learn, contribute, and represent the school with pride.

Finally, I would like to thank parents and carers for your continued support, understanding, and partnership. Your patience and encouragement mean a great deal, and together we will continue to navigate this situation with resilience, optimism, and a shared commitment to our students.

### 4077 Positives This Week



**Year 7:** Liam A, Chloe M, Orla M, Corey R, Rachael R.

**Year 8:** Olivia J. **Year 9:** Emelia F, Lily S.

**Year 10:** Rohan C, Luke F, Millie R. **Year 11:** Lewis D, Ria G, Lottie H, Abigail U, Carly W.

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

<b>YEAR 7</b>	7LN – Mrs Chaudhury-Patel	99.3%
<b>YEAR 8</b>	8JG – Dr Green	100%
<b>YEAR 9</b>	9SRI – Miss Rigby	99.28%
<b>YEAR 10</b>	10JVI – Miss Vincent	100%
<b>YEAR 11</b>	11WJ – Mr Jenkins	95.85%

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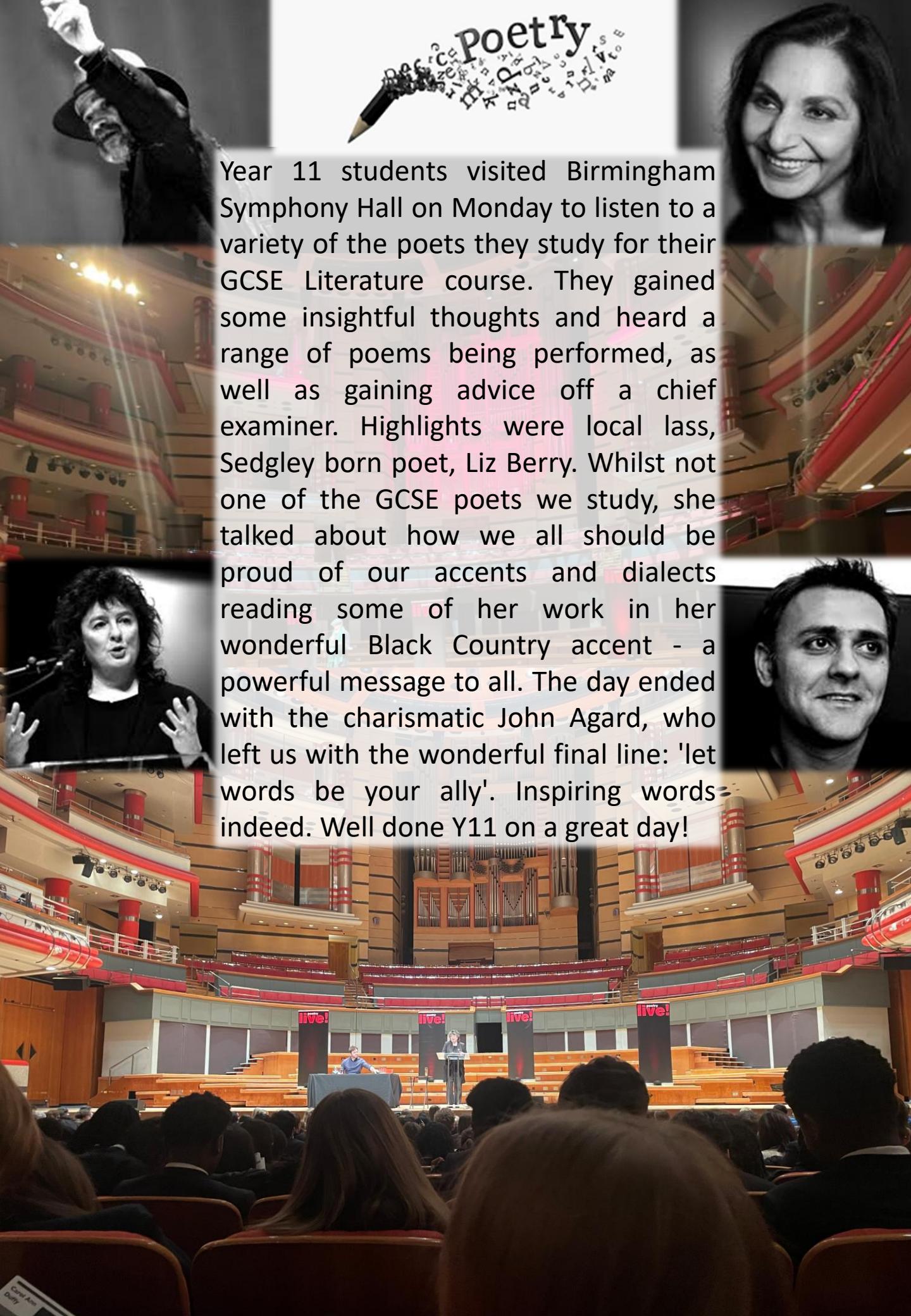
# THE WOMAN IN BLACK

ADAPTED BY  
STEPHEN MALLATRATT



On Thursday 29th January, GCSE Drama students from Year 10 & 11 and a selection of Year 9 students travelled to Birmingham to see a performance of The Woman in Black to develop their critical thinking skills, exploring both acting skills and technical elements such as lighting, sound and costume to support and develop a wider appreciation of Drama production from page to stage and the multitude of careers that are available in the industry all while preparing them for upcoming exams. They represented the school excellently and the Performing Arts Faculty are incredibly proud of them.





Year 11 students visited Birmingham Symphony Hall on Monday to listen to a variety of the poets they study for their GCSE Literature course. They gained some insightful thoughts and heard a range of poems being performed, as well as gaining advice off a chief examiner. Highlights were local lass, Sedgley born poet, Liz Berry. Whilst not one of the GCSE poets we study, she talked about how we all should be proud of our accents and dialects reading some of her work in her wonderful Black Country accent - a powerful message to all. The day ended with the charismatic John Agard, who left us with the wonderful final line: 'let words be your ally'. Inspiring words indeed. Well done Y11 on a great day!

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.**



# Enrichment Activities – Spring Term 2026 (Jan - Feb)



Before School	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 (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	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>  	Bright Sparx in V2 (PJ)  Baking Club 15:15 – 16:15 D6 for KS3 See Miss Harris due to numbers  Netball Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JOP)  Barcelona Training on Astros (RG)  Rugby Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JEV)  Musical Theatre Club in X4 (EH)  Film Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (ES)	Lego Club 15:15 – 16:15 – Grace Foundation Rooms (VR)  Volleyball in Sports Hall (WJ)  Basketball (Y7 – 10) 15:15 – 16:15 in Sports Hall  Y7, 8 (X4) & 9 (X3) Dance Club (RG/EH)  WELCOME TO SUCCESS ENJOY YOUR JOURNEY	Dodgeball (Y7 – 10) in Sports Hall (LK)  Eco Ambassadors 15:15 – 16:15 in D4 (JMI)  Badminton Y7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (LM)  Girls Football 7 – 11 15:15 – 16:15 (JW)  Parallel Club 15:15 – 15:45 in M10 (AR)	Advanced Guitar Club 15:15 – 16:00 in X1  Y11 Dance Rehearsals in X3 (RG) PE Kit Needed  

## Jujutsu Self-Defence 4 -Week Course

With 6<sup>th</sup> Dan instructor Shihan Robert Tiene, with over 40 years of experience and part of Taijutsu Kai Schools of Jujutsu.

**LIMITED SPACES**  
BOOK NOW!

New Dates:  
**02nd, 09<sup>th</sup> & 23rd February, 02nd March**

**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**



# Uganda Update



The equipment sent along with all the letters have made it to our school in Uganda. Well done to all the students who supported this charity event, Mrs Stobbart has amazing video footage of the children receiving the equipment and this will be shared with students.

On Thursday 22nd January, Year 10 BTEC Health and Social Care and Child Development students welcomed visitors from the Beacon Centre, who delivered an engaging and insightful session on visual impairment. During the workshop, students had the opportunity to take part in a range of interactive activities, including learning to read braille and experiencing the challenges faced by those with sight loss through the use of VI glasses. The session concluded with an excellent question-and-answer discussion, allowing students to deepen their understanding and explore the real-life impact of visual impairment. This valuable experience will really support the students with their studies. A big thank you to the Beacon Centre for their time.



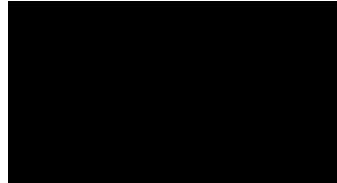
# Sparx

## 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

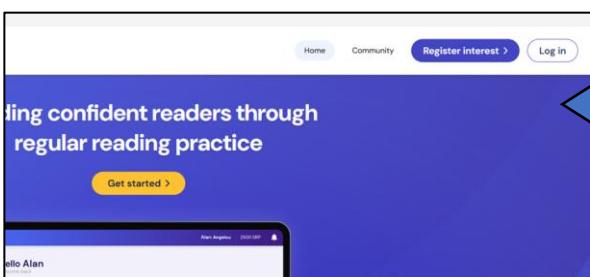
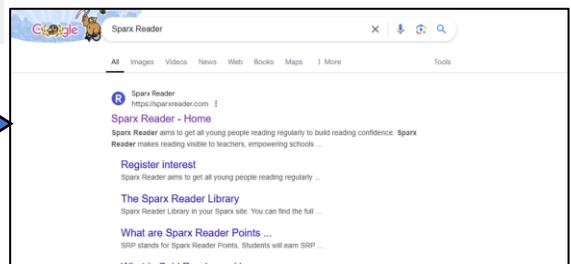


Students can log into Sparx through either [the link on their Arbor page](#) or through a search engine such as Google.



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

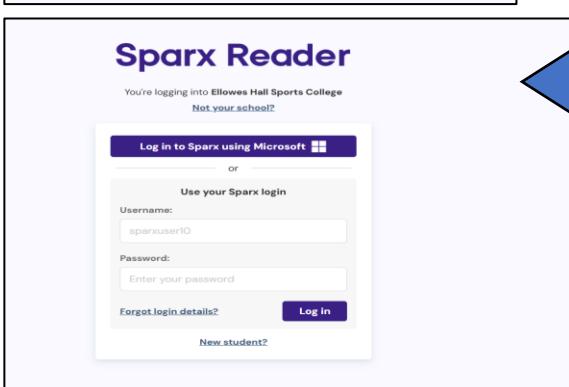
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Spring term: w/c 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Summer term: w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> 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	
<b>BONUS CHALLENGE:</b> 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!**



NHS

Black Country Healthcare  
NHS Foundation Trust

# REFLEXIONS DROP-IN SESSION



Drop-in with Reflexions is open to all students who want support on any issues which are impacting on mental health in a confidential space.

Every Thursday  
Physical and Sensory Room  
1:30 - 2:15



Join us for...

# GAME & CHILL

Join the Reflexions team for a fun day where children, young people and families can enjoy their favourite board games together – a chance to make friends, connect and share laughs in a relaxed, supportive space.

**Parents to accompany children under 13 years old**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

 **12:00 - 3:00**

 **Here4Youth 1 Castle Street  
Dudley DY1 1LA**



**For additional information or brief sign up form to register your attendance, please email [bchft.reflexions@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.reflexions@nhs.net) or feel free to pop in!**



# Key Dates Spring Term 2026

Date	Event
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Y10 Mocks
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Y11 Revision Residential (Whitemoor Lakes)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Y7 Reading Tests
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y10 Art Coursework Prep Trip
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y11 Results Release and 15:30 – 18:30 Y11 Parent Consultation Meeting
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	London Matilda Trip (All Day)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Iceland Trip
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	KS4 Poetry Live Trip
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Y9/10/11 Intermediate Maths Challenge
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Drama GCSE Theatre Trip (The Woman in Black)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y10 Mock Exam Results Release Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y8 Visit to King Edwards Sixth Form Visit
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y8 Mock Examinations Week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Y9 Vaccinations and the Valentines Silent Disco
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	February Half Term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Y8 Reading Tests
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Y10 University of Oxford Trip
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Y10 Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	GCSE Science Live Trip
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y11 Mock Examinations Week
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	KS3 Paris Trip
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Performing Arts Concert (Open Mic 3)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y11 GCSE Business Exam Skills Revision Day Tutor2U Trip
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Birmingham Hippodrome Dance Trip: The Red Shoes (Evening)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y8 Parent Consultation Meetings
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Reading Ambassadors Book Shop Reward Trip
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y9 Mock Examinations Week
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Y11 Mock Results Release
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Ellowes 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	12.00PM: School Closes for Easter Holiday