



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: STEM Week.
HERO & SONG OF NEXT WEEK: Ada Lovelace & Space Oddity
by David Bowie. CAREER OF THE WEEK: Mechatronics Engineer.



Headteacher's Introduction

The highlight of this week has been our celebration of International Women's Day, which we marked throughout the week across the school. In Reception, students began by discussing and writing the names of inspiring women on large display sheets, while lessons across the school incorporated related activities and discussions. Staff also joined in by wearing purple sashes, on which they wrote the names of influential women who have made a difference, sharing their stories with students. The week culminated in a panel event featuring inspiring local women who spoke about their lives and experiences. They answered questions from students in front of a packed theatre of around 500 attendees. Our visitors commented on how mature and gracious our students were, and how impressed they were with the thoughtful questions asked. Once again, our Year 9 students visited residents at The Firs Care Home, where they entertained them by reading short stories and poetry. Thank you to Mr Bates for supporting the students during this visit.

This week, all Year 10 students also took part in a Personal Development Day, participating in workshops focused on coping with exam stress, healthy relationships and future careers. I would like to thank the Grace Foundation for supporting

Mrs Toro-Pearce in organising this valuable event. Once again, our volunteer visitors commented on the exemplary conduct and engagement of our students.

Year 10 students were also privileged to hear from speakers representing the Jon Egging Trust and Babcock Aviation, who delivered an inspiring assembly aimed at motivating the next generation. This marks the beginning of our wider focus on STEM, which will really gather momentum next week.

Over at the Bungello, our students have been preparing for spring by building planters, sowing wildflower seeds, preparing the vegetable plot and carrying out a litter pick, alongside completing their daily mile walk.

Today we also welcomed back students and staff from the Paris trip. Judging by the photos and the visit to Disneyland Paris they had a fantastic time. We all look forward to hearing more about their experiences and seeing additional photos from this wonderful cultural visit to Europe.

Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers of our Year 8 students that we hope to see as many of you as possible next Thursday, 19th March. It is always extremely valuable to meet with you, discuss the progress of your children, and consider how we can continue to work together to support them in their education at Ellowes Hall.

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Positives
This Week

Monday 16 March (Week A)

Y11 GCSE Business Exam, Skills Revision Day Tutor2U Trip

Wednesday 18 March (Week A)

STEM Day Event, The Red Shoes Dance Trip to the Hippodrome

Thursday 19 March (Week A)

Y8 Parent Teacher Meetings

Tutor Groups with the Best Attendance

YEAR 7	7OM – Mrs McEvoy	97.22%
YEAR 8	8JMI – Mr Ming	97.62%
YEAR 9	9LM – Mr Martin	96.6%
YEAR 10	10RJ – Mr Jackson	95.63%
YEAR 11	11ASA – Miss Sabadas	98.55%



Year 7: Brooke H. **Year 8:** Arlie C.
Year 9: Holli-Mae B, Amelia B. **Year 10:** Nathan A-C, Rhys F, Ella-Mai S. **Year 11:** Aden 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!



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Ellowes Hall Sports College

Sparx Reader



Students in your school have read

3482 books

this year in Sparx Reader, well done!

Sparx Reader

sparxreader.com



Sparx Reader

Students in your school completed

6184 hours

of careful reading this year in Sparx Reader. Great effort!



Year 9 Reading Ambassadors and Poetry Ambassadors gave a treat today for our elderly residents at the Care Home. "Poetry by heart" all about care was read beautifully by all and the residents were once more captivated by the students.





PARIS



Year 10 Personal Development Day

We had our first Personal Development Day of the year, with year 10 students participating in a day of sessions, with the aim of developing their skills for the wider world. Sessions consisted of:

- Employer carousel – meeting with 6 employers and chatting about their career paths
- Employer talks – aspirational talks from employers and Dudley College
- Careers workshop – team building challenge to develop skills
- Exam stress workshop – working with the Grace Foundation on coping strategies
- Healthy relationships workshop – delivered by the Grace Foundation on how to treat each other

Feedback has been positive from students, as well as employers. We would like to thank the Grace Foundation for supporting event, plus the volunteer employers who gave up their time for our students.



SPRING



Now Spring has hopefully sprung! Students in the Bungello have been busy getting outdoors this week. We have completed the daily mile every morning and students did a litter pick around school. We have been sowing wildflower seeds in our pots and students have done a great job building our planters in preparation for our veg patch! Let's hope the dry weather and sunshine is here to stay!



Year 10 had the privilege of listening to our speakers on Thursday from the Jon Egging Trust and Babcock Aviation who very kindly conducted an assembly to inspire the next generation. Vicky and Tom both work closely together to support young people on their career paths in aviation and in STEM. It was extremely interesting to hear how Tom's career has developed and the interesting projects he now works on including Cosford Air Show. Our year 10's showed an exemplary attitude as always and we look forward to working with Jon Egging Trust on more projects in the future.



Year 9 Girls attended a T1 touch rugby event at DK Rugby club on Tuesday 10th March. The girls took to it really well and showed continued improvement with the specific coaching from the DK women's coach.

They have a second session on Tuesday 17th March.



Enrichment Activities – Spring Term 2026 (Feb - Apr)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School	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	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) & Textiles Club in D7 (TJO)	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
	Boost in Ethos Room 1 (Invitation from VR)	Digital Ambassadors in V3 (OM) KS3 programming club in V3 (DJ)	Keyboard Club in X1 (WJ)	Nurture in SEND (MS/SW)	Orchestra in X1
	Connect - invite only (VR/MS) In Safeguarding Office	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		The Lunch Bunch in Ethos 2 (MST & VR)	
	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)
		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)		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)					

DUDLEY! THIS IS YOUR NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY!

JOIN US TO EXPLORE THE NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY AND
WHAT IT MEANS IN YOUR LOCAL AREA.

OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO LEARN MORE,
SHARE THEIR VIEWS, OR GET INVOLVED IN SHAPING THE
NATIONAL YOUTH STRATEGY IN THE WEST MIDLANDS.

30TH MARCH 2026
1PM – 3PM

DUDLEY COLLEGE
BROADWAY
DUDLEY
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SEEN AND HEARD

THE NATIONAL YOUTH
STRATEGY IN THE WEST
MIDLANDS



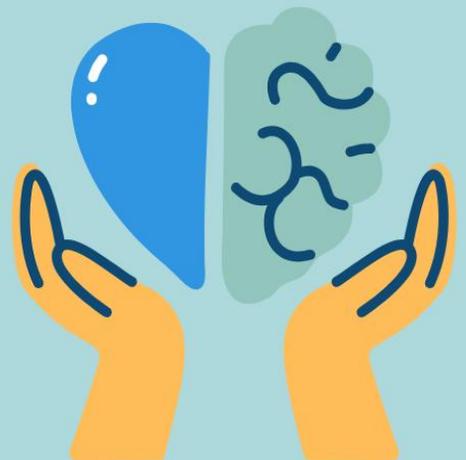
REFLEXIONS DROP-IN SESSION



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**



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

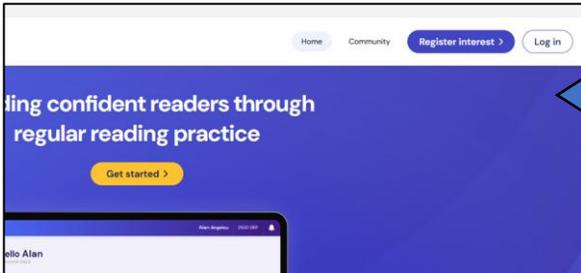
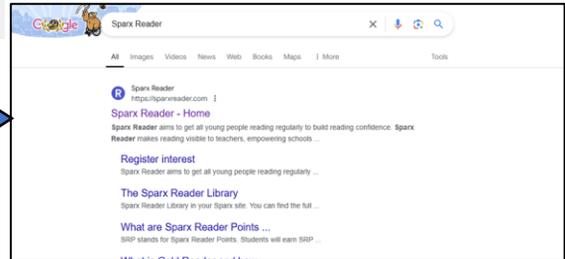


Students can log into Sparx through either [the link on their Arbor page](#) or through a search engine such as Google.



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

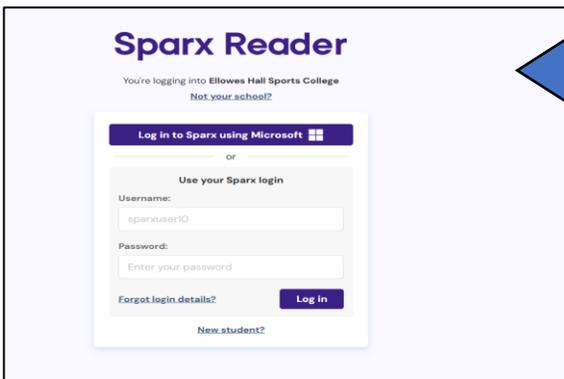
If accessing via Google, students will need to type Sparx Science/ Sparx Maths/ Sparx Reader into Google and select the first search result that appears.



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

**ELOWES 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 LEARNING CHECK LIST

1. Complete a 30-minute walk

2. Successfully complete 10 minutes of

3. Complete a 10-minute walk

4. Attend a PE day for your school

5. Attendance at a local fitness club

6. Attend a PE day for your school

7. Attend a PE day for your school

8. Attend a PE day for your school

9. Attend a PE day for your school

10. Attend a PE day for your school

HOME CHALLENGE:

DRAMA LOVE TO LEARN CHALLENGES

1. Create a Poster of the Physical Skills and their addresses

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 (either writing or backstage)

5. Write your own dialogue for a play

6. Design a new set for your favourite play or film

7. Write a play script

8. Write a play script

9. Write a play script

10. Write a play script

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!



YOUTH SERVICE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

AWESOME!

ENROLL YOUR CHILD TODAY

YES!

APRIL 2026

LET'S GO!

TUES 7TH - FORGE MILL FARM

WED 8TH - BRITISH CYCLE & HYDRO POOL

THURS 9TH - BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

FRI 10TH - PUNK CHEF

TIME 10AM - 2PM (SUBJECT TO CHANGES)

**D/DEAF, HOH,
DEAFBLIND, COCHLEAR USER**

AGE: 8 - 17 **FREE!**

HOT/COLD FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED.

YEAH!



**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST, AS IT IS FIRST-COME
FIRST SERVED AND PLACES ARE LIMITED.**

**Book via QR code or copy & paste the link below.
Make new friends and have fun this Easter!**

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Association**

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Summer Lane,
West Bromwich, B71 4JA**

If you would like more information, please get in with:

**Craig Potheary
Wellbeing Coach**

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Key Dates Spring Term 2026

Date	Event
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

