



# Ridgeway News

SHARING THE DETAIL AND THE BIGGER PICTURE WITH OUR COMMUNITY



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## Ridgeway Academy

### Headteacher's Message

At the end of this most extraordinary year, we thank and pay tribute to all in the Ridgeway Academy community for their adaptability, support and inspiration. Throughout the year, staff have risen to meet challenge after challenge, from successfully delivering online curricula, to rolling out lateral flow tests, to teaching in bubbles. As national guidelines have changed time and again, these enormously difficult tasks have been completed with calmness, grace and professionalism.

The understanding, support and encouragement of parents/carers has been incredible. There were many times, such as during those fearful days of January when transmission rates soared, where a grateful email, kind word or knowing smile made all the difference.

Our students continue to inspire. Faced with unprecedented disruption to their education, they have shown remarkable resilience, determination and commitment to be the best they can be. These young people offer such potential and hope for our future.

Our prize giving ceremonies yesterday were an opportunity to celebrate hard work, diligence and perseverance. Congratulations to all award winners. Each year group paused to pay tribute to Kostas Koupis, who retires today after a service of 31 years. We have a special staff celebration in his honour this afternoon.

We wish everyone a well-deserved summer break. To those students and staff moving on to pastures new, we wish you every success and happiness.

Enjoy a great holiday everyone and take care.

#### Staff who are leaving at the end of the Academic Year

Mia Beskeen	Teaching Assistant
Amelie Johnson	Teaching Assistant
Alice Rudd	Assistant Subject Leader Maths
Catriona Meechan	Assistant Subject Leader Maths
Chelsea Digweed	PE Teacher
Glenn Merrigan	Director of KS4

Lucy O'Brien	Higher Level Teaching Assistant (SEMH)
Regan Carolan	School Games Organiser/ School Sports Co-ordinator
Steve Booth	Assistant Headteacher
Tia Halliday	English Teacher (career break)
Dawn Hornsey	Behaviour Support Officer
Lorraine Koupis	Sixth Form Student Support/Administrator
Kostas Koupis	Director of Learning Year 8

#### Staff who are joining the school in September 2021

Dan Smith	Deputy Headteacher
Helen Jenner	Assistant Headteacher
John Baranowski	Maths Teacher
Carl Daly	Director of Learning Year 8
Allison Hicks	Early Career Teacher Business Studies
Te Larnii Kathage	Maths Teacher
Gerard Loftus	Early Career Teacher History
Rivae Pendaer	KS5 Lead Teacher Science
Giovana Picone	Early Career Teacher English
Amy Price	Early Career Teacher PE
Michelle Shearer	Assistant Subject Leader Maths
Charlotte Wesson	Learning Mentor
Sam Cooper	School Games Organiser/School Sports Co-ordinator
Simon Turner	Counsellor

Mrs Sarah Mitcherson  
**Headteacher**

### Returning to School

We have a staggered return to School to give our new Year 7's and 12's the opportunity to navigate around the site and settle in. Other years will come in on Friday to collect timetables and planners.

<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:25am	<b>Years 7 and 12</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	8:25am	<b>Years 7 and 12</b>
	1:30pm	<b>Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	8:25am	<b>All Year Groups</b>

## End of Summer Term Awards - Outstanding Effort and Progress

<b>Headteacher Award</b>		Form 10C	Cydnee Turner	Y8 - Lucia Allen
Year 7	Fabian Jacques		Stephen Barnes	Y9 - Denis Frunza
	Matylda Lech	Form 10K	Wanessa Radwan	Y10 - Carolina Matos
Year 8	Freddie Holmes		Will Lane	
	Katie Dawson	Form 10D	Carolina Matos	English Literature
Year 9	Luke Hornsey		Samuel Bentley	Y12 - Isabelle Milsom
	Megan Clapham	Form 10O	Shakira Griffith	
Year 10	Nana Adawiah		Cian Rowley-Connelly	Media Y10 - Harry Eplett
	Rhianna Russell	Gold	Shannon De-Lacy	Y12 - Ronnie Coles
Year 12	Ali Muhamed		Tony Temple	
	Daisy Fryer-Kelsey			Film Studies Y12 - Mia Currie
<b>Director of Learning Year 7</b>		<b>Director of Learning Sixth Form</b>		
Form 7E	Aiden Galvin	Form 12E	Megan Dhondee	Ethics & Philosophy
	Dora Sarkozi		Jack Burgoyne	Y7 - Fabian Jacques
Form 7C	Daniel Smith	Form 12K	Imogen Munt-Hall	Y8 - Angel-Rose Wager
	Jasmine Robinson		Owen Pilborough	Y9 - Laura Harris
Form 7K	Kyle Packard	Form 12O	Maisie Berry	
	Maddie Hamm		Joshua Walters	Food Tech / Hospitality & Catering
Form 7D	Daniel Hornsey	Gold	Emily Nicolson	Y7 - Harley Schobs
	Sophie Brown		Josh Walters	Y8 - Coby Cooper
Form 7W	Callum Howse			Y9 - Millie Foster
	Evie Hamm	<b>Subjects</b>		Y10 - Charlie Starkey
Form 7O	Maximo Harris	Art	Y7 - Daisy Hackett	
	Millie Taylor		Y8 - Chase Rason	Geography Y7 - Millie Taylor
Gold	Finley Pennell		Y9 - Amy Olsen	Y8 - Ava Burlingham
	Kaytelyn Lockyear		Y10 - Abbie Casserley	Y9 - George Robinson
				Y10 - Thomas Oldridge
				Y12 - Tara Adenubi
<b>Director of Learning Year 8</b>		Business	Y10 - Lucy Amos	
Form 8E	Annie Dykes		Y10 - Harry Eplett	
	Nathan Hill	<i>A Level/CTEC</i>	Y12 - Jodie Sargeant	Health & Social Care
Form 8C	Eloise Howse		Y12 - Josh Walters	Y10 - Georgia Fowler
	Archie McLean			Y12 - Emily Nicolson
Form 8K	Lucy Oldridge	Biology	Y7 - Oliver Housego	
	Jack McMillan		Y8 - Kayden Brown	History Y7 - Megan Cassidy
Form 8D	Katie Dawson		Y9 - Maia Matthew	Y8 - April Warwick
	Freddie Holmes		Y10 - Carolina Matos	Y9 - Josh Brooks
Form 8W	Grace Gregory		Y12 - Natasha Warner	Y10 - Alex Sarkozi
	Chase Rason			Y12 - Fearne Leak
Form 8O	Keira Galvin	Chemistry	Y7 - Ashley Chapman	Y13 - Bethan Gallo
	Callum Channa		Y8 - Brooke Pyett	
Gold	Lucy Claridge		Y9 - Niamh Harris	ICT/Computing
	Kayden Brown		Y10 - Shakira Griffith	Y7 - Ella Goudge
				Y8 - Lucy Claridge
				Y9 - Igi Lech
				Y10 - Lucas Downer
<b>Director of Learning Year 9</b>		Dance	Y10 - Alyssa Abrahamse	
Form 9E	Davidia Joseph	Design & Technology		
	Isaac Brocklehurst-Macer		Y7 - Marley Glenville	Law Y12 - Fearne Leak
Form 9C	Laura Harris		Y8 - Katie Hart	
	Alex Ferris		Y9 - Hannah Mockridge	Library Y7 - Freya Harris
Form 9K	Hannah Mockridge		Y10 - Lucas Downer	Y7 - Charlie Cushing
	Baylin Harvey			Y8 - Ryan Stenson
Form 9D	Liberty O'Brien	Drama	Y7 - Maia Keaveney	Y8 - Riley Josh 8E
	Sam Lewinton		Y8 - Chloe Southcott	Y9 - Jamie Frewin
Form 9O	Jasmine Botchway		Y9 - Libby O'Brien	Y9 - Luke Hornsey
	Botond Hajczinger		Y10 - Ginevra Ruberti	Y10 - Lucy Nicholson
Gold	Sara Ross		Y12 - Chloe Sancier	
	Sam Emms			Maths Y7 - Grace Barton
		Economics	Y12 - Connor Munro	Y8 - Lucy Claridge
<b>Director of Learning Year 10</b>				Y9 - Lucy Nicholson
Form 10E	Ginni Ruberti	English	Y7 - Marley Glenville	Y10 - Rhianna Russell
	Louis Isherwood			Y12 - Kieran Limacher

## End of Spring Term Awards - Outstanding Effort and Progress continued...

MFL - French	PE Boys	Y7 - Harley Hayes	Physics	Y7 - Stanley Stevens
Y7 - Faye Bailey		Y8 - Andrew Aguilar		Y8 - Cameron Jones
Y8 - Callum Channa		Y9 - Will McNeill		Y9 - Kelly Hewison
Y9 - Alice McLoughlin		Y10 - Louis Isherwood		Y10 - Francisco Morales
Y10 - Baptiste Sancier				Y13 - Hugo Gasseau-Dryer
	PE Girls	Y7 - Nadia Ziolkowska		Y13 - Lauren Somerville
MFL - Spanish		Y8 - Lucy Claridge	Psychology	Y12 - Freya Bye
Y7 - Maximo Harris		Y9 - Cleo Cockram		
Y8 - Rose Knight		Y10 - Shakira Griffith	Sociology	Y10 - Zara Chimalilo
				Y12 - Ellie Rayner
Music	Performing Arts Stars			
Y7 - Megan Cassidy		Y7 - Megan Cassidy		
Y8 - Oliver Paramor		Y8 - Alfie Jarvis		
Y9 - Scarlett Beskeen		Y9 - Scarlett Beskeen		
Y10 - Shian Kennelly		Y10 - Matt Osborn		

## Celebrating Diversity

This half term students at Ridgeway Academy have entered a competition to design a poster celebrating the diversity of our Ridgeway community.

Equality is promoted throughout the curriculum and assembly programme by encouraging students to challenge prejudice, stereotyping and intolerance on the grounds of disability, gender, race, age, religion or belief, sexual orientation or any other form of diversity.

Competition was fierce as we received 30 submissions from many forms. Students and their Form Tutors voted for the top three form entries to be considered by the Vice Chair of the Governing Body and Chair of HR Committee Governors Liz Tillett. It was important that the winning entry celebrated our commitment to challenging all forms of prejudice and celebrating equality and the overall winning entry, by Evie Read 7C, encapsulated this.



Evie shared the inspiration for her design, 'Our community is made up of lots of different people and we are all equally important. The colours on my poster represent all the different people and that we look better and brighter together.' Evie wins 50 house points for Anderson house and her poster will be featured on the school website and displayed throughout the school from September.

Runners up were: Oliver Winnan and Faye Bailey who both earn 20 house points for Mandela and Hawking houses respectively.

Mrs Caroline Maddocks  
**Assistant Head Inclusion**

## Computer Science News

Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games?

At Code Club, you can learn how to make cool games, animations, and websites too!

Code Club takes place here on:

Day: Tuesday (Year 7) , Wednesday (Year 8)

Time: 3pm - 4pm Room: G2

Contact: Ms. Chaudhry

## Personal Development Statement

We are proud of the Personal Development offer we provide at Ridgeway. The opportunities and values we represent give our students the path to the next stage in their education and career.

We are currently taking part in an excellence award for personal development and look forward to updating you with our progress towards the award.



Mrs S Merrigan  
**Head of Sixth Form**  
**Subject Leader Business Studies and Careers**

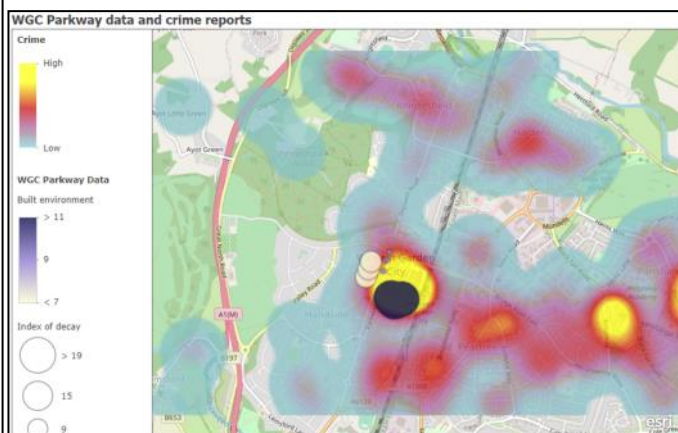
## WGC Centenary Project Presentations

Following a successful day of primary data collection, students at Ridgeway Academy have worked hard to prepare a series of presentations for members of the Welwyn and Hatfield Council and the Groundwork Charity.

Students in Year 7 focused on the wellbeing of aquatic micro-ecosystems on the school site. After conducting a pond dipping experiment, students were able to draw conclusions on the health of the pond using the Trent Biotic Index, which looks at the presence of bioindicators to make inferences on the health of the habitat. Our school pond was abundant in species which were hardy and tolerant to low levels of pollution but lacked the species found in cleaner waters. Overall, students concluded that our school pond is slightly polluted, a little acidic and is relatively soft in hardness. The students proposed that a red cabbage indicator solution would form part of an affordable method for monitoring the health of our pond. It has also been suggested that further research into appropriate ways of increasing the hardness (calcium and magnesium content) is needed in order to support increased biodiversity.

In Year 9, students analysed primary findings from a town centre perception study. The map below is one from a series created by students using the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) platform 'Arc GIS'. This map plots a 'built environment - likelihood of crime index' (colour of shaded circle, where blue suggests a higher likelihood of crime) against an 'index of decay' (size of plotted circle, where an increase in size reflects more urban decay).

This primary data has been mapped against secondary data downloaded from <https://data.police.uk/data/> on reported crime in the month of May 2021, which is presented using a heat map (warmer colours represent higher crime).



This is a snapshot of some of the work and progress that students at Ridgeway Academy have made toward the Welwyn Garden City Centenary Project, which will be presented on Thursday 15th July. Ultimately, this work will provide a valuable baseline

data set for the school to measure ecological progress against over the coming years.

Mr R Sutton

**KS3 and KS5 Coordinator of Geography**

## The Scholars' Programme

### Congratulations to the graduates of The Scholars' Programme.

Despite the challenges of working through a pandemic, ten Year 10 students from Ridgeway have completed and graduated The Brilliant Club's Scholars' Programme this year. Designed to help students access highly selective universities, the course offers youngsters an insight into the university experience. Students were taught by a PHD student for one hour a week over seven weeks whilst staying abreast with their usual studies. Undertaking independent research, they then collated their learning into a 2000 word dissertation. Each dissertation was graded using the university grading system and, on Tuesday 6th July Ridgeway academy hosted a graduation ceremony for students and their families attended by Mrs Mitcherson, and Mrs Garland, our Chair of Governors. Both commented on how impressed they were by the resilience, Growth Mindset and determination shown by these students and how much they appreciated the opportunity to celebrate their success face to face. The graduating students were **Alex Amaricai** (First Class), **Alfie Amos**, **Abbie Casserley**, **Chaela Cassidy**, **Cameron Eagleton**, **Harry Eplett**, **Shakira Griffith** (First Class), **Skye Hughes**, **Oisin Tims** and **Cyra Wilkinson**.



Mrs Caroline Maddocks

**Assistant Headteacher**

## School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

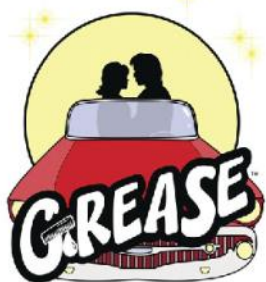
### Teacher of English (Fixed Term contract)

Closing date: 9am Wednesday 28th July  
Interview date: Wednesday 11th August  
Start date: September 2021

For further information, please visit our website:  
<https://ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Mrs K Biss  
Human Resources Officer

## Drama News - Key Dates



### Greece Show Dates

Wednesday 8th,  
Thursday 9th  
Friday 10th December.

Tickets will go on sale in the Autumn term.

### Quiz Night Fundraiser





Friday 8th October (details to follow soon).

Anyone with a local business who would like to sponsor our show, please get in touch.

Miss S Standage  
Drama and Dance Subject Leader

## House Points

In the lead currently are **Hawking** with **30965 points**.

Anderson	Hawking	Lytton	Mandela
			
<b>24630</b>	<b>30965</b>	<b>28340</b>	<b>26787</b>
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson was an English physician and suffragist. She was the first woman to qualify as a doctor in Britain and was the founder of the country's first hospital for women.	Stephen Hawking was the noted physicist who contributed deeply to our understanding of the physical world and space, and worked despite suffering from Motor Neurone Disease.	Constance Lytton was the suffragette, writer and speaker who campaigned for prison reform and women's rights under an alias to avoid special treatment due to her family connections.	Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa, who after being imprisoned for twenty seven years, was freed and led a multi-ethnic government to bring an end to apartheid.

## Library News

### Ridgeway Reads Issue 3

The 3rd issue of the Library newsletter, Ridgeway Reads is now available on the school intranet or on the school webpage. Click on the link <https://ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/the-library/> then scroll down to select the issue you want to read. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Luke Hornsey 9D for taking on the post of Editor this term. His dedication and creativity are greatly appreciated.

### Returning your Library Books

Don't worry about any overdue Library books, just keep them safely at home over the summer and return them to the Library in September. Remember that you can renew books you have borrowed by going to the Accessit Library webpage <https://uk.accessit.online/rdg01/#!dashboard> and logging on to your account. Just follow the log on instructions under the Click & Collect section.

### Myon and the i Newspaper will be on the Accessit Library Webpage over the summer

Don't forget to check the Accessit Library webpage over the summer and following us on Twitter and Instagram to keep up with what's happening in the book world.

Renaissance Learning, who provide our Accelerated Reader Programme, are once again making Myon available to students over the summer holidays. As soon as we have access, I will put the details up on the Accessit Library webpage and you can click on the Myon link to access thousands of books and news articles. There are even articles in French and Spanish for students studying those languages. Let me know what you think of this service and how you've used it over the summer by emailing me.

Don't forget that you can continue to read the i newspaper online for free over the summer holidays. Log on to the school intranet, click Library then select Digital Access to i newspaper for the login details. If you are a new student and don't have access to the school intranet yet, email me for the login details.

You can continue to write your book reviews on your Accessit Library account, or email your reviews to me, and earn housepoints.

### Chess Club and the Debate Society will be back in September!

Watch out for news of the Chess Club lunchtime sessions when you return in September. If you would like to take part, pop into the Library to sign up, or email me and I will add your name to the list. See Ridgeway News Issue 3 for an update on the Debate Society.

I look forward to seeing you all back and to welcoming our new Year 7 students to the Library in September.

Mrs D Lawrence  
Librarian mail: [library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

# Grease Cast List



## MAINS

ROLE	NAME
Danny	Matt Osborn
Sandy	Scarlett Beskeen
Rizzo	Shian Kennelly
Kenickie	Noah McClelland
Frenchy	Erin McLean
Marty	Libby O'Brien
Jan	Maia Matthew
Doody	Abbie Casserly
Roger	Emily Cole
Sonny	Charlie Starkey
Miss Lynch	Chloe Southcott
Patty	Alice McLoughlin
Eugene	Nathan Hill
Vince Fontaine	Alfie Jarvis
Johnny Casino	Leila Caulfield
Cha Cha	Bethany Newbury
Teen Angel	Jayson Lester
Radio Singer	Zara Chimalilo

## GREASERS AND PINK LADIES

ROLE	NAME
Greaser	Bobby Manning
Greaser	Lewis Jones
Greaser	Harvey Adkins
Greaser	Albie Johnson
Pink Lady	Katie Hart
Pink Lady	Megan Cassidy
Pink Lady	Angel Wager
Pink Lady	Sara Ross
Pink Lady	Honey Monk
Pink Lady	Holly Abbott

## CHORUS

Charlotte Byott	Emma Payne
Charlie Elliott	Rose Knight
Molly Lewis	Lily Wright
Roxy Monaghan	Sophie Savage
Giuliana Avram	Claudia Costrasel
Rebecka Baughan	Lauren Hill
Brooke Pyatt	Aimee Franklin
Jo Jo Laci	Maddie Hamm
April-Rose Warwick	Keira DeLacy
Kaci Lack	Ava Surry
Evie Reed	Aland Ibrahim
Jason Rolfe-Pilley	Mia Rutter
Jessica Pilborough	Sophie Brown
Cody Hennessey	Nellie Ntasi
Ellie Manning	Thomas Casserley
Ellie Anastasi	Jessica Auburn
Katie Begbie	Louise Dawson
Macy Hoad	Macey Jacques
Maia Keaveney	Megan Limacher
Dora Sarkosi	Lily-Ann Wickes

## UNDERSTUDIES

ROLE	NAME
Rizzo	Sara Ross
Kenickie	Charlie Starkey
Frenchy	Katie Hart
Marty	Angel Wager
Jan	Megan Cassidy
Doody	Harvey Adkins
Roger	Laila Caulfield
Sonny	Alfie Jarvis
Miss Lynch	Rose Knight
Eugene	Charlie Elliott
Johnny Casino	Bobby Manning



## REHEARSAL ASSISTANTS

NAME
Megan Wiseman
Tilly Morris
Freya Bye



Mrs S Standage  
Drama and Dance Subject Leader

## Attendance - Absence

If a student is going to be absent from school, please remember to inform us as soon as possible. We have an email address especially for this [attendance@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) or by telephone to 01707 351350 Extn 315. If emailing, please ensure you use this email address only.

Please be aware that when a register is taken and the teacher marks a student as absent this will show as an unauthorised absence. If the reason for the absence is authorised then the mark will be changed as appropriate. This does take time, and we would ask that you please wait until the end of the day to check whether the mark has been changed to authorised before querying why it is still showing as unauthorised. If a student's absence percentage has dropped below 90% we cannot authorise that absence, even though you have informed us of the illness. Any query regarding an exceptional situation being authorised while under 90%, such as bereavement, mental health, etc., should be emailed to the student's Director of Learning in the first instance.

### Ridgeway Attendance

## Dance and Drama Club



### Drama 3pm-4pm

#### KS3 Musical Theatre Club

Wednesday - E1

#### Year 10 GCSE Drama Rehearsals

Thursday - E1/E2

#### Year 12 Drama Rehearsals

Monday - E1



### Dance Club 3pm-4pm

Year 7 and 8 Thursday

Sports Hall Dance Studio

Year 9 and 10 Monday - E2

### Homework Club in K2

New homework club days and times are as follows:



Year 7	Monday	3pm-4pm
Year 7	Friday	3pm-3.40pm
Year 8	Tuesday & Thursday	3pm-4pm
Year 9	Wednesday	3pm-4pm

## Divas Only Wellbeing

11-16 years

Thursdays  
5pm - 7pm

Roe Hill Hall  
Briars Ln  
Hatfield  
AL10 8EY

For more information please contact Susan  
Muchmore on 07593 529 030 or email  
[susan.muchmore@oneymca.org](mailto:susan.muchmore@oneymca.org)

This activity is following Covid-19 government guidelines and measures  
are in place for your safety.



## YMCA

### Hatfield Youth

[oneymca.org/youth](http://oneymca.org/youth)

#### 11-17's Youth Club

Wednesdays 4pm to 6pm

#### 11-17's Youth Club

Fridays 4pm to 6pm

The Hive  
Jim McDonalds Centre  
McDonald Court  
High View  
Hatfield  
Hertfordshire  
AL10 8HR



If you would like to attend the above session please email  
[Anthony.parris@oneymca.org](mailto:Anthony.parris@oneymca.org) to be placed into a bubble group.  
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## CYP GANGS & SCHOOLS TEAM



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## Find the support you need at the **Families First Portal**

Families First is the name for early help in Hertfordshire. It is a way of getting extra support for your family to help you manage problems early on.

Families First is available to all Hertfordshire families with children under 18 (25 if they have a learning need or disability).

Visit the [portal](#) for more information, with direct links to:-

- 👑 Relationship Support
- 👑 Parenting advice and childcare
- 👑 Money advice
- 👑 Emotional and mental health
- 👑 Domestic abuse support
- 👑 Staying healthy
- 👑 Online Safety
- 👑 SEND Local Offer

and many other useful links



@FamiliesFirstHerts



@FFHerts

[hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst)

"I am struggling to cope with everything at present, so feeling overwhelmed."

"I'm worried about money"

"I'm worried about my child's behaviour in school and at home"

"I need reassurance and support"



## Services for Young People Summer Holiday Activity Programme 2021

Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People provides free youth work projects, information, advice, guidance, work related learning and wider support for young people  
[www.servicesforyoungpeople.org](http://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org)



Exciting free and local opportunities for young people aged 12-16 during the Summer school holidays

- Fun and informal workshops to help with a healthy physical and emotional lifestyle
- Free lunch / food
- Physical activities such as: Sports, Dance and Games
- Meet and socialise with other young people

Contact Us

Email: [sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk)  
Call: 01992 588220 Text: 07860 022943

Please visit Be HAPPY - practical resources - Herts Sports Partnership ([sportinherts.org.uk](http://sportinherts.org.uk)) for details of other organisations delivering activities at Summer



@SFYP.WelwynHatfield



@WelwynHatfieldTeam



Services for  
Young People



## LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE AND DEVELOPING BETTER BIKE CONTROL COURSES (SUMMER)



One of the best skills children can learn, opening up opportunities for fun, independence, activity and health for a lifetime

### LEARN TO BALANCE AND RIDE (L2BR)

- For children typically aged between 3.5 and 10
- 85% + of children are normally riding after 2 sessions
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Balance bike and quality lightweight pedal bike for each child included
- 1 hour 5 min sessions

### DEVELOPING BETTER BIKE CONTROL (DBBC)

- Follow-on course for new or inexperienced riders
- Covers key skills of starting, stopping, turning, looking, riding close to others, gears and signalling
- 1 Instructor to max 5 children
- Bike provided if required (extra £2.50)
- 1 hour 5 min sessions

Full course details at: [www.hertsbalance.uk/course-descriptions](http://www.hertsbalance.uk/course-descriptions)

**Wednesday July 28th and Thursday July 29th**

**Venue:** Tudor Primary School, Hemel Hempstead. HP3 9ER

**Wednesday August 4th and Thursday August 5th**

**Venue:** The Ridgeway Academy, Welwyn Garden City. AL7 2AF

**Tuesday August 10th and Wednesday August 11th**

**Venue:** Bernards Heath Junior School, St Albans. AL3 5HP

**Thursday August 12th and Friday August 13th**

**Venue:** Cassiobury Junior School, Watford. WD17 3PD

**Cost:** £30 for two sessions. £17 for one session.

For more information and to book, go to [www.hertsbalance.uk/public-schedule-booking](http://www.hertsbalance.uk/public-schedule-booking) email [phil@hertsbalance.uk](mailto:phil@hertsbalance.uk) or call Phil on 07941 061717.

Private L2BR, DBBC and Bikeability sessions are available for children and adults and families. Details at [www.hertsbalance.uk/private-sessions](http://www.hertsbalance.uk/private-sessions)



## 5-a-side Football

[oneymca.org/youth](http://oneymca.org/youth)



Drop in Sessions with 5-a-side matches on a 3G pitch

**Under 17s**

Thursday - 6.30pm to 7.45pm

**Over 18s**

Thursday - 7.45pm to 9.00pm

Roehill Fields  
Briars Lane  
Hatfield  
AL10 8EY

If you would like to attend the above sessions please contact Anthony [anthony.parris@oneymca.org](mailto:anthony.parris@oneymca.org) or 07067 886 089

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## Special Educational Needs

### OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Dear Parents and Guardians

#### SEN Services in the Local Area

I am writing to confirm the SEN Services in the local area.

**The Hertfordshire Local Offer** lets parents and young people know what SEND services are available in the local area, including things to do during the half term holiday and courses.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/things-to-do/find-courses-and-things-to-do-new?service=eventLocalOffer&pageIndex=0>

There are Creative Spark Sessions for 13-17 year olds, a project that helps young people to improve their social and communication skills through fun and interactive sessions.

There are also sessions that provide an introduction to the topic of understanding and supporting your child's sensory self-regulation, executive functioning and Education Health and Care Plan webinars.

**Educational Psychologists from Hertfordshire County Council**, work directly with schools to help meet the needs of children and young people aged 0–25. Educational Psychologists aim to understand how people think, learn, feel, behave and develop.

A contact line is provided for parents who want to speak to an Educational Psychologist on Wednesdays, from 2.00pm until 4.30pm. Telephone number 01992 588 574.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/services-for-children-and-young-people/educational-psychologists.aspx>

**Speech, Language, Communication and Autism (SLCA)** are a team of qualified teachers and specialists who support children and young people who have needs relating to speech, language, communication and autism.

The SLCA Needs advice line is available to help with any queries, anyone can contact the advice line on 01442 453 920 during term time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

**The Specific Learning Difficulties Team** are experienced teachers qualified in assessing and working with pupils who have specific learning difficulties (SpLD).

What are specific learning difficulties? Specific learning difficulties (SpLD) is an umbrella term for a

certain group of learning difficulties. This includes a range of conditions such as dyslexia, dyscalculia and dyspraxia. Specific Learning Difficulties Advice Line can help answer any query you may have. It's available on 01442 453 920 during term time on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am - 12pm.

#### ADD-vance

ADD-vance are a group of dedicated professionals who are also parents of children affected by ADHD and/or autism. ADD-vance's mission is to support families and increase understanding of these conditions. They offer support meetings, 1:1 parent support, parent training courses and have a Facebook page. They also have a closed Facebook page just for parents that you can ask to join.

Contact Details: Foundation House, 2-4 Forum Place, Fiddlebridge Lane, Hatfield, AL10 0RN  
Tel: 01727 833963 - Mon to Fri: 9am-1pm  
Email: [herts@add-vance.org](mailto:herts@add-vance.org)  
<http://www.add-vance.org/parents/>

#### Get support from SENDIASS

Hertfordshire SENDIASS provides information, advice and support which is accurate, confidential and accessible for young people and parents. They aim to promote independence and self-advocacy to enable guardians and students to participate in making informed decisions about SEN.

#### Can SENDIASS help?

- Are you or the young person you are looking to get support for aged 25 or under?
- Do you (the young person) or the young person you are looking to get support for have a special educational need and/or a disability?

If the answer is yes to both, then you can get information, advice and support about extra help you might need.

#### How can I get in touch with SENDIASS?

You can contact SENDIASS by:

Phone 01992 555847

Email: [info@hertssendiass.org.uk](mailto:info@hertssendiass.org.uk)

SENDIASS can come and meet you, the child or talk to your parents or carers if you prefer.

<https://www.hertssendiass.org.uk/home.aspx>

#### Within Ridgeway

You may contact me on 01707 351350 or email [Patience.Adjei@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Patience.Adjei@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) with regards to students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 who may have a SEN. You can also contact me, if you have any questions or queries with regards to SEN or if you would like to collaborate, consult and give your views on SEN or SEN Policy at Ridgeway Academy.

Ms P Adjei

**Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)**

[Patience.Adjei@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Patience.Adjei@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

## PE Department/Leadership Academy Update

### Year 7 CONNECT Transition Programme: Week 4

Week 4 of the Year 7 CONNECT Programme took place after school on Monday 5th July, with the CONNECT Leaders working on the key theme of trust and communication through a range of activities including trust falls and trust tunnels. The keys to success in this session included mental toughness and planning for success.



The CONNECT leaders and athletes both participated in a fun and creative Food Workshop delivered by the Food Teacher. This was another opportunity for the students to try something different. The students prepared their very own Nachos, whilst focusing on knife safety, food preparation and creating something tasty and healthy.

A special thank you to Katharine who ran a fantastic session for our CONNECT students.

### Year 7 CONNECT Transition Programme: Week 5

Week 5 of the Year 7 CONNECT Programme took place after school on Monday 12th July, with the CONNECT Leaders working on the key themes of teamwork and competition through a range of activities including domes and dishes and all aboard. The keys to success in this session included working together, having the desire to achieve and breaking down barriers.

The CONNECT leaders and athletes both participated in a fun and energetic Fitness session delivered by Lindsey Fitness. This was yet another opportunity for the students to try something different.

The students were worked incredibly hard as they completed a fitness circuit. It must be said, they showed great resilience to ensure they kept on going.



Well done all.

A special thank you to Lindsey who ran a fantastic session for our CONNECT students. A special thanks must also go to Harry in Year 12 and Mr Chappell who ensured the session could go ahead, due to other staff absence.

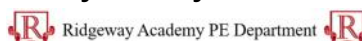
Unfortunately, the final CONNECT session due to take place on Monday 19th July has been postponed. We plan to run the final session in early September, when the students are in Year 8. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all of the students who have engaged fully with the programme and as a result have gained lots from it.

### Social Media

Please follow the PE Department/Leadership Academy on social media for news about what we are doing around the school and within the community including fixtures information, lesson information and other interesting links and resources!

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/RidgewayPEDept](https://www.facebook.com/RidgewayPEDept)  
Instagram: [www.instagram.com/RidgewayPEDept/](https://www.instagram.com/RidgewayPEDept/)  
Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ridgewayleaders](https://www.twitter.com/ridgewayleaders) and [www.twitter.com/ridgewaypedept](https://www.twitter.com/ridgewaypedept)

Mr R Carolan  
**Head of the Sports Leadership Academy**  
**School Sports Co-ordinator: PE Department and Family Primary Schools**



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**SCHOOL GAMES** <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/sir-frederic-osborn-school/>

## Sports Centre Update

### Barracudas Activity Day Camps at Ridgeway Academy in the Summer

Barracudas Activity Day Camps, the UK's favourite school holiday provider for children aged 4½ to 14 years will be open at Ridgeway Academy for the first time this summer and October half term! 80+ exciting activities including fencing, archery, aqua slide, football, dance and much more! Barracudas camps are Ofsted registered and have high staff to child ratios, plus parents of Ridgeway Academy receive an extra £10 off per week if you quote code HSCH21 at the time of booking.

**Open Summer: 26<sup>th</sup> July – 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**Open October: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Book now at [www.barracudas.co.uk](http://www.barracudas.co.uk)

or call **01480 467 567**

### KICKS

The popular KICKS programme is BACK! Run by Stevenage FC Foundation, students can come and play football completely FREE of charge on our Astro pitch with qualified coaches leading the activities. Sessions run every Friday night from 7-8:30, simply turn up to PLAY!



### Social Media

Search for Ridgeway Academy Sports Centre on Facebook or @RASportsCentre on Twitter and Instagram for regular updates.

Mr R Goodship  
**Sports Centre Manager**

Tel: 01707 351 352

Email: [Ross.Goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Ross.Goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)



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### Tang Soo Do, a traditional Korean Martial Art

Join our new class on Tuesday Evening, 5.30-6.30pm Ridgeway Academy. Starting June 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.

In today's busy world, there are increasing demands and distractions that can keep both children and adults from being at our best. Whether this be social media, gaming, the regular commute or stress and strains of work and everyday living. However, everyone can potentially benefit from regular practice of this martial art.

Through learning its complex pattern of movements and developing class based skills you can develop:

- Physical and mental wellbeing
- Focus and concentration
- Self-discipline and confidence
- Leadership and communication skills

Grand Master Kang UK Lee (10<sup>th</sup> Dan) and qualified Master Instructors Andrew Lee (6<sup>th</sup> Dan) and Master Andrew Parsons (4<sup>th</sup> Dan) are ready to welcome you.

Class £5. Members of Federation (£25) complete all training activities and are fully insured.

Activities include:

- Meditation
- Basic movements
- Hyung (patterns)
- Sparring (no contact)
- Breathing

Learn about the history of Tang Soo Do and bring its benefits to life.

**Contact Andrew on 07717832355**

*United Kingdom Tang Soo Do Federation  
Recognised by Sports England*



# SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOPPING SUMMER 2021

## Your local branch is St. Albans

131-135 Victoria Street, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 3XS

Tel: 01727 853262

**31<sup>st</sup> May – 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Walk-in customers welcome.  
Monday – Saturday 9.00am – 5.30pm

**28<sup>th</sup> June – 11<sup>th</sup> July:** Open for walk-in customers  
Monday- Friday 9.00am- 3.30pm and then for pre-booked appointments only on Evenings and Weekends.

**12<sup>th</sup> July - 14<sup>th</sup> August:** Open for pre-booked appointments and Click&Collect only

**15<sup>th</sup> August onwards:** Walk-in customers welcome.  
Please refer to our website for information on extended opening times.

### In-store Fitting Appointments:

Following the success of our service last year, appointments will take the same format this summer. They are recommended for new starters (rather than online ordering) and will be bookable online. Pre-register now, if you don't already have an online account, and we'll send you an email in advance of booking opening.

**The recommended appointment window for your school is 26<sup>th</sup> July until 1<sup>st</sup> August.** Please, where possible, book during this window. This helps us to maximise school specific stock and reduce the time taken to serve you.

### Online Ordering:

Our website will continue to operate as normal. **Orders should be placed by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, to ensure in stock items can be delivered for the start of the autumn term.**

If you choose our 'Click&Collect' service when ordering you can collect, even when our branches are open 'by appointment only'. However, we may need to ask you to queue to pick up your order, while we manage social distancing in our stores.

### Customer Services:

Want to talk to a member of our team? Our phone lines are open Monday – Saturday 9am-5.30pm. Your branch contact number is **01727 853262**

### Safe Shopping

We continue to follow government guidance to provide 'safe shopping' for our customers and staff. So, customers visiting us are kindly asked to wear a mask (over the age of 11), observe social distancing measures and sanitise their hands on entry to our branches. Where possible, payment by credit/debit card is preferred.

### 120 day returns policy

You can buy now and still be able to exchange unused garments 120 days later if your child has a sudden growth spurt before the start of school.

For more information  
about us visit  
[www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)

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SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTFITTERS

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... for great rates!

**EXCITING ACTIVITY WEEKS & DAYS**  
for 4½- 14 year olds in the school holidays!

**OPERATING AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL THIS YEAR!**  
Quote discount code **HSCH21** to get £10 off the weekly rate  
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**Have fun! ....**

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Earn £10 for you, £20 for your friend!

**COVID-19 SECURE CAMPS**  
COVID-19 financially RISK-FREE bookings!

**FLEXIBLE DATES**  
Secure places now and we'll happily change dates later!  
(Up to 21 days before your child is due to attend, or later with our flex option)

**Visit barracudas.co.uk**  
or call 01480 467567

Giving every child such an **AMAZING EXPERIENCE** they can't wait to come back!

Trustpilot 5\* as of May 2021

Ofsted Good Provider

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

## PAY & PLAY

AGE 11-18

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Weeks Commencing 26th July, 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August

**9 till 4**

**£1** Per Hour RA Students  
**£2** Per Hour Students  
**£3** Per Hour Non-Students

**CASH PAYMENTS ONLY** **NO BOOKING REQUIRED** **MAX 2 HOUR SESSIONS**

**6th Form, College and Uni students must bring Student ID\***

**For booking enquiries:**  
Email: [ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)  
or Contact us via our Social Media Channels below

**f** /RASportscentre **ig** RASportscentre **tw** @RASportscentre

[www.ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/sportscentre](http://www.ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/sportscentre) **01707 351352**

Non students must attend with a student. \*Failure to provide ID will result in non student rate

# WOODHALL YOUTH HUB

Tuesday | 5.30-7pm | 11-16 year olds

Mill Green Road  
Welwyn Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
AL7 3XD

The aim is to improve young people's mental and physical wellbeing by building their self esteem, resilience, confidence, independence, health outcomes and social inclusion by meeting their individual specific needs whilst connecting them with other young people. We will do this through:

Mentoring | Informal sports | Gaming sessions | Crafts

For more information:  
[ashley@foreveryoungpeople.com](mailto:ashley@foreveryoungpeople.com)  
07432 565 885

herts sports partnership

FYP FOREVER YOUNG PEOPLE

HERTFORDSHIRE SPORTING CHANCE

## Dates for Your Diary

### Autumn Term 2021

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep	Inset Day
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Back to School Years 7 and 12 only - 8.25am
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Back to School from 1.30pm Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Open Evening 6pm - 8.30pm - School closes at 1.15pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sep	School opens at 10.50am
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Academic Review Day
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Occasional Day
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of Term



# Safer Schools Newsletter

July 2021



HERTFORDSHIRE  
CONSTABULARY

## CYP GANGS & SCHOOLS TEAM



#STOPKNIFECRIME

**Welcome** to our newsletter from the Herts Police Gangs & Schools Team. We are a dedicated team that work with local Officers and partners to prevent youth related crime. We conduct a range of prevention and engagement work to raise awareness of knife crime, gang & criminal exploitation to keep you safe.

## What are 'county lines' and Child Criminal Exploitation?

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks who bring drugs into an area and sell them using dedicated mobile phone lines. The perpetrators are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons.

Children as young as 12 years old can be exploited or used by gangs to courier drugs in and out of their local area; 15-16 years is the most common age range. Both males and females are at risk of being exploited. Social media is often used to make initial contact with children and young people.

Criminal exploitation can be broader than just county lines and can include children forced to commit theft or take part in sexual activity. The victim may have been criminally exploited even if they appear to be taking part consensually.

**Hertfordshire is a very safe place. Overall, crime in our area is down from last year.**

## Knife crime - know your facts

- It is illegal to carry any knife if there is intent to use it, even defensively, as a weapon; even if the knife belongs to someone else, such as a friend, girlfriend or boyfriend.
- Police can and will search someone if they believe they are carrying a knife.
- Carrying a knife could mean being arrested, going to court and ending up with a criminal record or even a prison sentence. This can seriously affect the rest of someone's life. Having a criminal record can prevent that person getting a job, going to university or college or even travelling abroad to some countries.



For more information about the work that we do go to [@HertsCYP](https://twitter.com/HertsCYP)

## Cannabis Edibles

Laced with a mood altering ingredient from cannabis, cannabis edibles are an illegal and really strong "sweet" aimed at young people/teenagers. They come in the form of sweets, chocolate and drinks. Although cannabis edibles contain an element of cannabis they do not have the smell or appearance of cannabis. Instead they look and smell like a shop bought item but are much stronger than other cannabis products, they are generally purchased through social media.



Young people can report crime 100% anonymously at [www.fearless.org](http://www.fearless.org)

If you need to contact the Police please call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency. You can also speak to us online and find more info at [www.herts.police.uk](http://www.herts.police.uk).

**This Summer**  
things are looking much happier



**Monday 26 July to Friday 27 August**

## HAPpy Holidays are here!

This summer, thousands of free weekday spaces are available at activity camps happening across the county for children aged 5 to 16, who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals! Choose from an exciting programme of fun sports, healthy meals and enriching activities!

Scan the code to book your activity

Your school will have sent you your **HAPpy Booking Code**, which you need to access bookings. Please speak to them if you have not received it.



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