



# Ridgeway News

SHARING THE DETAIL AND THE BIGGER PICTURE WITH OUR COMMUNITY



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Week 2

## Ridgeway Academy

### Headteacher's Message

We are delighted with the success of Open Evening and I will be writing to thank all student guides and helpers who represented Ridgeway Academy superbly. Many visiting families complimented our students on their conduct, knowledge and excellent attitude. We have Open Morning from 9am each day this week and would encourage you to promote to your friends and neighbours with children in Year 4-6. Booking is unnecessary and they will see Ridgeway in action before having an opportunity to ask me any questions which they may have.

#### Inala

Ridgeway Academy has been selected by Sisters Grimm to a one-off event showcasing 'INALA - a South African dance musical' at The Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 23rd October 2019. This will be a spectacular one off gala starring a cast of over 35 world-class dancers and singers, including 2019 Grammy Award winners Soweto Gospel Choir, current and former dancers from the Royal Ballet, Rambert and Alvin Ailey with a band of some of London's best musicians. This is a celebration for World Ballet day and Black History month.

We have secured 50 free tickets for young people from schools and community groups across London and beyond who otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience a West End show. This year, we intend to target Year 9 students who wish to pursue Performing and Creative Arts at GCSE next year. Do check out the trailer on You Tube.

#### School Communication Protocol

The majority of teacher's time is spent in the classroom and preparing for high quality teaching and learning. This means that they may not respond to parental queries as quickly as parents may wish. Ridgeway Academy's communication protocols are that the Senior Leadership Team will respond to all queries within 24 hours and Subject Leaders, Director of Learning and teachers within 48 hours of any parental communication. Ridgeway Academy observes an email curfew from 7pm to 6am on Monday to Thursday and from 6pm on a Friday evening for the weekend to ensure staff well-being.

#### Travel to and from school

Whilst the vast majority of our students are ambassadors for Ridgeway Academy in the community, I have received a couple of complaints regarding student littering and riding bikes on pavements in cul de sacs where elderly residents live. We all should be mindful of the impact of our actions on others - please discuss with your children and we will raise in assemblies.

#### Considerate Parking

Please be mindful of where you park to pick up your children. It is illegal to wait on the yellow lines outside of school and you are endangering the safety of children crossing the road. We are receiving complaints from neighbours in Daniells as families are parking across and on their driveways. Please arrange to meet your child at Morrisons where you can park and pick up safely. We will contact the Police to report conduct which contravenes the high standards we expect from staff and students at Ridgeway Academy.

#### Parent/Carer Drop-in Session - Thursday 26 September 2019

Ridgeway Academy achieved record GCSE results this summer through the hard work of the students supported by our expert staff and their own families. Progress scores in both English and Mathematics were above national average. We are over-subscribed in Year 7 and expect to be in 2020.

I am holding the first Parent/Carer drop-in session of the year on Thursday 26 September 2019 between 4.00pm and 6.00pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with me and members of the Senior Leadership Team and for us to hear your reflections on Ridgeway Academy. If you would like to attend please email [admin@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

#### Primary Fun Run

We look forward to welcoming Year 5 children from local primary schools on Wednesday for their annual fun run organised by Regan Carolan, School Sport Co-ordinator with the support of Ridgeway student sports leaders.

Sarah Mitcherson  
Headteacher

## School Parent/Carer Governor Opportunity

Ridgeway's Local Governing Body has vacancies for two parent governors and we would like to hear from any parent/carers who think they may be interested in becoming a governor of the school.

Being a governor is a vital and hugely rewarding role which gives the opportunity to make a huge difference to young people and give something back to your local community. Schools need a Governing Body with a range of different backgrounds, experience and skills to make it effective and it is important that we include parents amongst our governors.

We will be advertising our parent governor vacancies this week and really hope that you will consider applying for these.

Any parent/carers who are interested and would like to find out more information about the commitment involved is asked to contact the Chair of Governors via the email address below.

You can find out about our current governors via the school website and there is lots of general information about becoming a governor on the National Governors association website at [www.nga.uk/guidance](http://www.nga.uk/guidance).

Best wishes

Anne Garland  
**Chair of Governors**

Anne.Garland@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk

## Ridgeway Academy on Social Media

FOLLOW Ridgeway Academy on social media. Don't forget you can follow Ridgeway Academy on Twitter @Ridgeway\_AC to get all the latest news, photos and information about school!



## Cycling to School Safety

Children that cycle to school are to wear helmets and show excellent conduct when travelling to and from school for their own safety and as they represent Ridgeway Academy.

Mr S Booth  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## Save the Date - Quiz Night

To raise funds for our production of We Will Rock You in December, Mrs Hornsey and Mrs Picariello are arranging a quiz night on Friday 18th October for parents and staff. More details and tickets will be available soon. Chip supper, refreshments, and a raffle also on offer.

Save the date and start arranging your teams now.

Mrs D Hornsey  
**Behaviour Support Officer**

## After School Detentions

If a student has been issued a detention you will receive an email home approx 2-3pm in the afternoon. The detention will normally be on the following day. If there is no detention on the following day, you will be advised accordingly in that same email.

If your child is not able to attend the detention please reply to the email that same evening stating the reason why. The detention will then be re-arranged to the following detention session and you will receive a new email informing you of the next day's detention. We would like to avoid parents ringing in at the time of the detention to tell us of appointments, etc.

Details of the behaviour logged will be available to view via the My Child At School website. To see the detail comment logged by the teacher, click on the 'More' tab within Behaviour, then select that day's date.

Mrs D Hornsey  
**Behaviour Support Officer**

## My Child At School (MCAS)

To view behaviour events logged for your child, both positive and negative, it is essential that you set up your account on My Child At School. If you haven't already, please look for the email sent last term with your account set up details. If you cannot find that email please request it to be sent again.

MCAS also shows Attendance, Progress Reports, Timetable, and will in the future be used to book appointments on Parents Evenings and for electronic communication with the school. It is therefore a very useful tool to have, and we would like all parents to access it as soon as possible.

Mr S Booth  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## Ridgeway Sixth Form Leavers Destinations

Surname	Forename	University	Studying
Aguilar	Andre	Anglia Ruskin University	Biomedical
Ajesh	Trisha	University of East Anglia	Biomedical
Billson	Cinzia	University of Manchester	History and Sociology
Boyd	Scott	Apprenticeship	Welwyn/Hatfield Council
Carolan	Regan	1) Ridgeway Academy 2) The Open University	1) School Sports Co-ordinator 2) Sports Education
Corbey-West	Chelsey	Apprenticeship	Marketing
Delacy	Emily	Acting School	
Docherty	Georgina	University of Winchester (deferred entry - GAP year)	Journalism
Drage	Sarah	Bournemouth University	Applied Psychology
Evans	Jack	Farnham University of Creative Arts	Film Production
Hall	Mollie	University of Leicester	Law (LLB)
Hedley	Rebecca	London South Bank University	Baking Science Technology Management
Hendriks	Kira	Apprenticeship	Computing
Hill	Nathan	Apprenticeship	Computer Science
Hutchison	Ashley	University of Manchester	Events Management
Ingrey	Charlotte	University of York	Sociology and Criminology
Kamaly	Tanisha	King's College London	Biomedical Science
McNally	Lily-Beth	University of Portsmouth	Psychology
Nicolson	Megan	University of Lincoln	Education (BA)
Palmer	Jessica	University of Kent (deferred entry - GAP year)	English and History
Rolt	Stephanie	Apprenticeship	Marketing
Schechner	Ben	Loughborough University	Geography
Sinha	Satvika	University of Birmingham	Medicine

## Promotion for uptake for HPV Vaccination

In association with Sir John Lawes School, Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust (HCT) have produced a short information film intended for both schools and parents to encourage uptake of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. From September 2019 Year 8 boys are also eligible to receive the vaccine as well as the Year 8 girls, and we are especially keen to promote the vaccine.

We know that 5% of all cancers worldwide are linked to HPV. In the next 40 years the vaccine is expected to prevent 29,000 cancers in UK men and over 64,000 cervical cancer cases in women. Across Hertfordshire current uptake is very good at 91%. This uptake has dramatically increased in the past few years thanks primarily to the technological transformation and ongoing efforts and of HCT's School Age Immunisation Team. HCT aims to improve on this uptake and increase coverage to the national target of 95% with the help of a promotional film and a Social Media campaign. The film can be viewed on YouTube via the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6IMryf71Lk&feature=youtu.be>

We also intend to produce three similar films for:

- Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination
- Diphtheria, Polio, Tetanus Vaccination
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccination

Please make contact with the School Aged Immunisation Service if your school is keen to collaborate with HCT in this venture. It is a great opportunity for Media Students and Departments to be part of such an important Public Health matter.

Kind regards

### Immunisation Administrative Team

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust  
Harpenden Memorial Hospital, Carlton Road,  
Harpenden, AL5 4TA.

Tel: 01582 711 581

Email: [admin.imms@nhs.net](mailto:admin.imms@nhs.net)

Twitter: @HCTNHS

## Alban Academies Trust News

The **Summer 2019** AAT Newsletter can be found on our website:

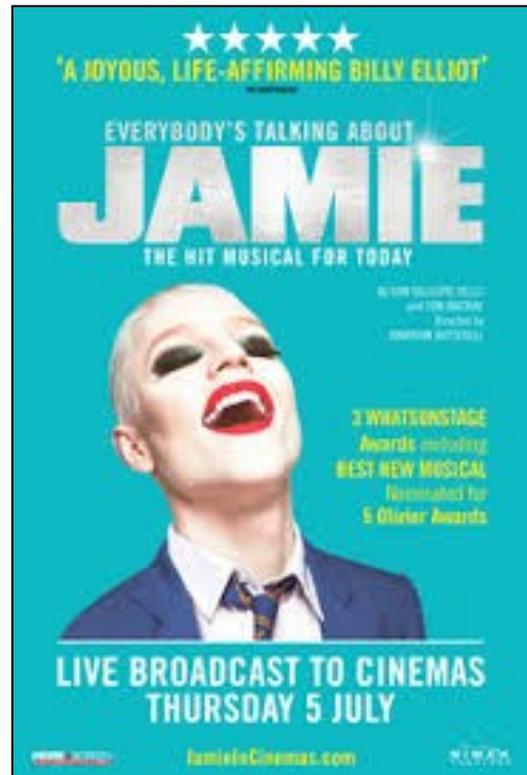
<https://www.ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/aat-newsletter/>



Alban Academies Trust

## Drama News

Ticket's for EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE are now on sale.



**Wednesday 16th October, leaving @ 5.30pm**  
**Apollo Theatre, London. Price £36**

If you would like to come please pay on Wisepay or see Julie in Finance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNxoj3aBICs>

## Theatre Trips

We are in the process of booking up a range of theatre trips. Information so far:

### **SHOW: Some Like it Hip Hop**

Sadlers Wells (Peacock Theatre), London

Thursday 7th November 2019

For Year 10 and 11 GCSE Dance students.

Cost: £17

### **SHOW: Dr Faustus (Splendid Productions)**

Quarry Theatre, Bedford

Tuesday 26th February 2020

For Year 10 Drama students.

Cost: TBC

### **SHOW: Blood Brothers**

TBC

For Year 10 Drama students.

Mrs S Standage

**Drama Subject Leader**

## We Will Rock You Rehearsal Schedule (Version 3) September to October

MONDAY: DRAMA   
 TUESDAY: SINGING/CHORUS   
 WEDNESDAY: DANCE/SOLOISTS   
 THURSDAY: BAND

Week beginning:	TIME	MONDAY DRAMA STUDIO	TUESDAY START MUSIC ROOM	WEDNESDAY DRAMA STUDIO MUSIC ROOM	THURSDAY MUSIC ROOM	OTHER
WEEK 2	LUNCHTIME	DRAMA: Scene 2 – Virtual High School Pop, Khashoggi, Gaga Leads, Teacher, Scaramouche, Galileo Page 5 - 9	DRAMA Run Scene 3-5	LEAD DANCERS - NOONE BUT YOU (Contemporary)	DRAMA Run Scene 1- 2 Pop, Khashoggi, Gaga Leads, Teacher, Scaramouche, Galileo	
	AFTER SCHOOL (3-4.30pm)	Scene 6 – The Hospital Scene 7 – Killer Queen's Control Room Galileo, Scaramouche, Khashoggi, Killer Queen, Page 17 - 25	<i>It's A Kind of Magic</i> Killer Queen, Yuppies, Khashoggi	<i>Radio Gaga</i> Gaga Kids and Leads  <i>It's A Kind of Magic</i> Killer Queen, Yuppies, Khashoggi Run Scene 6-7	*IT'S A KIND OF MAGIC* I WANT TO BREAK FREE KILLER QUEEN	SATURDAY REHEARSAL 9 - 12
WEEK 1	LUNCHTIME			LEAD DANCERS - NOONE BUT YOU (Contemporary)		
	AFTER SCHOOL (3-4.30pm)	Scene 8 – The Wasted Land Britney, Meat, Galileo, Scaramouche, Page 25 - 36	<i>I Want to Break Free</i> Scaramouche, Galileo, Gaga Leads	<i>Radio Gaga and One Vision</i> Gaga kids and leads  <i>I Want It All (Song)</i> Britney, Meat, Youth Chorus	*I WANT IT ALL* *I WANT TO BREAK FREE* HEADLONG NOONE BUT YOU	



### Ridgeway Academy Costa Rica Expedition 2021

Come to the Parents Presentation  
WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
 Meet in the Main Hall at 6:30pm  
 Please register your interest at <https://form.campsinternational.com/register>




### Oxbridge Evening

A reminder to Year 12 students and parents that an information evening will take place on Monday 30th September starting at 7.00pm at Monk's Walk School, Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City AL8 7NL and will take place in the Drama Studio. The meeting should last about one hour. Ample car parking space will be provided (turn into the school drive and bear right to the big car park at the far end of the school).

Mrs S Merrigan  
**Head of Sixth Form**

### School Vacancies

The following vacancies have been advertised on our website and on the Teach in Herts/TES websites:

**Assistant Subject Leader for Maths**  
Closing date: 10:00am Friday 27 September 2019

Mrs H Smith  
**PA to Headteacher**

FREE



Parent Network



Parent Network support & information drop in sessions for parents caring for children and young people with any additional needs, chronic health condition and/or disability

Siobhann & Billie-Jean are SEND parents and trained Families in Focus CIC facilitators who are running FREE Parent Network support & information drop in sessions in Hatfield. For parents/ adoptive parents and grandparents caring for children and young people with either a diagnosis or awaiting assessment/diagnosis of Special Education Needs. Caring support groups for parents by parents caring for a child with any special education needs. No need to book just turn up. No matter where you live, come and join other parents living in families similar to yours; share experiences and knowledge gained along the way in a supportive and non-judgemental environment. Each session will also have a 'Families in Focus Guide to...' learning topic:

Oxlease House  
Travellers Lane,  
Hatfield, AL10 8TJ

First Thursday  
evening of each  
month

7pm to 9pm



**First Thursday of each month:**

**5<sup>th</sup> September** Meet Parent Facilitators Siobhann & Billie-Jean and also A guide to HCC services

**3<sup>rd</sup> October** Sensory world through a child's eyes

**7<sup>th</sup> November** How to make your child's EHCP work for you with Helena + SENDIASS 1:1 appts ([booking essential: francine@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:francine@familiesinfocus.co.uk))

**5<sup>th</sup> December** Practical Tips for a calm Christmas

**9<sup>th</sup> January** YC Herts Parents guide to body changes during puberty & hygiene & young people with SEND

**6<sup>th</sup> February** PDA Society speaker Q & A

**5<sup>th</sup> March** Beverley Hamilton: Managing behaviours that challenge

**2<sup>nd</sup> April** Understanding & managing Sibling issues

The Lottery funded Parent Network support & information groups also in Hemel Hempstead (x2 groups) Watford, Stevenage, Harpenden & Biggleswade.

[www.familiesinfocus.co.uk](http://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk) [info@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:info@familiesinfocus.co.uk)

Join Families in Focus on



Parent Network support & information groups are a safe space for parents to get together and receive emotional support, information and share knowledge. Each session will include a topic of discussion as well as support and information by trained facilitators who are also parents of children with SEND

Sessions are free and funded by the Big Lottery.



## How WE can help you

- ▶ Gain knowledge and support through tried and tested tips and strategies, developed through evidence based research
- ▶ Learn through shared experiences
- ▶ Meet others parenting families similar to your own
- ▶ Receive emotional support
- ▶ Speakers on specialist subjects
- ▶ Signposting to local services



## How YOU can help others

- ▶ We train parent carers to become volunteer hosts and facilitators to open up new networks
- ▶ Turn your life's experience into helpful skills for others
- ▶ Accredited CPD training
- ▶ Building local community support

Come along to any Parent Network session to find out more about the training we offer



### It's FREE simply come along

To find out your nearest Parent Network support & information group in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, as well as dates, visit our website [www.familiesinfocus.co.uk](http://www.familiesinfocus.co.uk)

### For more information

Contact Lesley or Francine on the following details:  
**tel:** 01442 219720 | **email :** [info@familiesinfocus.co.uk](mailto:info@familiesinfocus.co.uk)  
**f** families in focus CIC

## Supporting parents caring for children with special educational needs & disabilities (SEND)



**Parent Network**

In partnership with Families in Focus CIC

Our support & information groups warmly welcome parents of children with any kind of additional needs or disability, undiagnosed, awaiting assessment or diagnosed.

Parent Network also offer a fantastic opportunity for parent carers to train and become volunteer hosts and facilitators, opening up new networks.



Parent Network sessions are fully funded by The Lottery. Parents can simply drop into any **FREE** session across Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire.

in partnership with



## PE Update/Leadership Update

### Leadership Training with Saracens Sport Foundation

Young leaders from Welwyn, Hatfield attended Monks Walk for leadership training led by Saracens Sport Foundation. Leaders from Ridgeway Academy were in attendance.



The aim of the session was for the leaders to be competent enough to officiate Tag Rugby games. The students started by discussing what made a good sports leader, with some brilliant answers including; trust, honesty, knowledge, confidence and many more! They then went on to discuss and learn the rules of Tag Rugby!

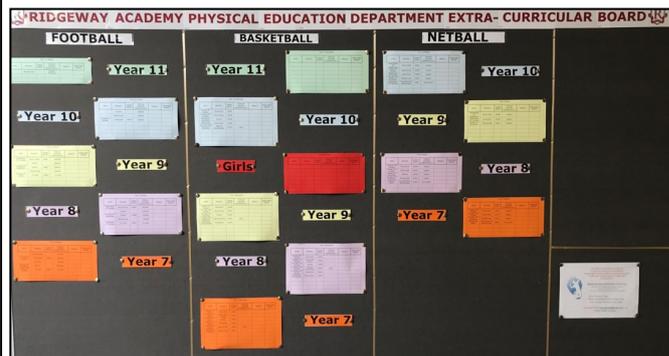
The rest of the afternoon was practical and at the start of the session, the leaders completed a risk assessment, set up the activity area, checked the first aid bag and many other duties that would need to be completed to ensure a fun and safe competition. To finish, students got involved with Tag Rugby, learning the rules and even having a chance to referee!

It was brilliant to see our students fully engaged and ready to referee some games very soon.

### Fixtures Noticeboard

Please see the NEW fixtures noticeboard in the sports hall (by the Sports Centre front reception) which features all the fixtures for this terms Basketball, Football and Netball games. Students are encouraged to check the noticeboards to see all the opportunities given to them and be responsible for checking when their games are and noting it down in their planner.

If you want any information on the different extra-curricular sports available at Ridgeway Academy please speak to a member of the PE Department.



### Meet the Year 10 Gold Ambassadors

Further to you being introduced to the Leadership Academy last week, please see the Year 10 Gold Ambassadors who are continuing their leadership roles, after being Silver Ambassadors last year.



### New PE Department Autumn Term Clubs

Please see the PE Department Clubs list for this half term. A reminder of rules is listed at the bottom of the list.

Last year we saw over 13,600 attendances at the different clubs offered over the course of the 2018/19 academic year. For this academic year, the target is to reach a HUGE 14,050 different attendances!

This term we have aimed for a range of clubs that are accessible to all abilities, allowing every student in the school the opportunity to try something new and keep active during lunchtimes and after school. We feel with increased participation and growing confidence within a sport, we can start to select a vast amount of our students to represent the school at upcoming School Games competitions.

Not only this, once becoming comfortable with the formalities of a sport, students can be selected to referee, umpire and officiate different sports at primary and secondary school events in the community, representing Ridgeway Academy as a Sports Leader.

Extracurricular fixtures this half term: Years 7-11 Football, Years 7-11 Netball, Year 8, 10 and 11 Basketball, Girls FUTSAL, Girls Football, All Years Badminton.

We suggest that every student tries at least 2 different clubs, to get involved with extra-curricular opportunities given to them. Why not try a new club? Do you want to join a sporting team?

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/RidgewayPEDept)  
 Instagram – [www.instagram.com/RidgewayPEDept/](http://www.instagram.com/RidgewayPEDept/)  
 Twitter – [www.twitter.com/ridgewayleaders](http://www.twitter.com/ridgewayleaders) & [www.twitter.com/ridgewaypedept](http://www.twitter.com/ridgewaypedept)

Mr R Carolan  
**School Sports Co-Ordinator**

**AGE 11-18 | Pay & Play**  
**October Half Term Holiday**  
**Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st November** **9am to 4pm**

**£1**  
Per Hour  
RA Students

**£2**  
Per Hour  
Students

**£3**  
Per Hour  
Non-Students

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 6th Form, College & Uni students must bring student ID\*

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

### Do you want to join a sporting team?

Do you want to join a sporting team but unaware of when the training days are for that specific sport? Please see the detailed guide below to see how the different sports are included into our extra-curricular programme.

	Football	Girls Football	FUTSAL - Girls	Netball	Basketball	Badminton
Year 7	Monday Afterschool 3-4pm	Wednesday Afterschool 3-4pm	Monday Lunchtime	Monday Afterschool 3-4pm	Wednesday Lunchtime	Tuesday Lunchtime
Year 8	Thursday Afterschool 3-4pm	Wednesday Afterschool 3-4pm	Monday Lunchtime	Thursday Afterschool 3-4pm	Wednesday Lunchtime/Friday Afterschool 3-4pm	Tuesday Lunchtime
Year 9	Monday Afterschool 3-4pm	Wednesday Afterschool 3-4pm	Monday Lunchtime	Tuesday Afterschool 3-4pm	Friday Lunchtime/Wednesday Afterschool 3-4pm	Tuesday Lunchtime
Year 10	Tuesday Afterschool 3-4pm	Wednesday Afterschool 3-4pm	Monday Lunchtime	Tuesday Afterschool 3-4pm	Friday Lunchtime/Monday Afterschool 3-4pm	Tuesday Lunchtime
Year 11	TBA			TBA	Monday Afterschool 3-4pm	



## PE DEPARTMENT AUTUMN TERM CLUBS LIST 2019

	<u>Lunch Clubs</u>	<u>Requirements/Location/Lunch</u>	<u>After School Clubs</u>	<u>Time/Requirements Location</u>
<b>Monday</b>	All Girls FUTSAL (MP)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/SPORTS HALL	Year 9 Football (RTC)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT with Football Boots/ALL WEATHER PITCH
	Year 7 REWARD Football Kick About on AWP (MTI)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/ALL WEATER PITCH/INVITE ONLY	Year 7 Netball (CD)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT/SPORTS HALL or OUTDOOR COURTS
<b>Tuesday</b>	KS3 + Year 10 Badminton (RTC)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/SPORTS HALL/Competition Selection	Year 7 Football (MP)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT with Football Boots/ALL WEATHER PITCH
	Primary Competitions	Sports Hall closed for Primary Competitions unless otherwise stated.	Year 10/11 Basketball (KA/JC)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT with trainers/SPORTS HALL/TEAM PLAYERS ONLY
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 7 + 8 Basketball (MP)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/SPORTS HALL/TEAM PLAYERS ONLY	Year 10 Football (KA)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT with Football Boots/ALL WEATHER PITCH
	Year 10 REWARD Football Kick About on AWP (GM)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/ALL WEATER PITCH/INVITE ONLY	Year 9 + 10 Netball (CD/SV)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT/SPORTS HALL or OUTDOOR COURTS
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 8 REWARD Football Kick About on AWP (WS)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/ALL WEATHER PITCH/INVITE ONLY	All Years Girls Football (RTC)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT with Football Boots/ALL WEATHER PITCH
	Netball Masterclass (CD)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/SPORTS HALL/INVITE ONLY	Year 9 Basketball (MP)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT with trainers/SPORTS HALL/TEAM PLAYERS ONLY
<b>Friday</b>	Year 9 + 10 Basketball (KA)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/SPORTS HALL/TEAM PLAYERS ONLY	Year 8 Netball (CD)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT/SPORTS HALL or OUTDOOR COURTS
	Year 11 REWARD Football Kick About on AWP (GM)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/ALL WEATER PITCH/INVITE ONLY	Year 8 Football (MP)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT with Football Boots/ALL WEATHER PITCH
			Year 8 Basketball (JC/RTC)	<b>3-4pm</b> /FULL PE KIT with trainers/SPORTS HALL/TEAM PLAYERS ONLY

Only students participating in a club must be in the facility, with trainers. There **MUST NOT** be any spectators at clubs or people in the Sports Hall corridors during Lunchtime. Students must get and eat their lunch first and then enter the club, unless otherwise stated. Once a club is full, no more students can participate. **Please note that all clubs are subject to change, especially due to extra-curricular fixtures, please always check the noticeboards.**

# October Half Term

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov  
9am - 4pm

£60 Unlimited Weekly Card\*\*

Age 5-14 Pay & Play

£3 Per Person Per Hour    £2.50 Per Sibling Per Hour

Extended Hours\*  
8-9am and 4-5pm

\*This must be booked with 1 weeks notice.  
£10 sibling discount for early & late pick up

All sessions supervised by the RA Sports Centre Team

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## AGE 11-18 | Pay & Play

Term Time Friday 4-7pm

Followed by **kicks** 7-9pm FREE

Open to Boys and Girls 11-17    Run by

Please check social media pages as times and availability will vary on a weekly basis.

£1

£2

£3

Per Hour    Per Hour    Per Hour

RA Students    Students    Non-Students

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## Sports Centre Update

### Summer Review and October Half Term

As we started the new academic year on Tuesday 3rd September at Ridgeway Academy, we can reflect on what has been a record breaking summer for Ridgeway Academy Sports Centre.

We were open for the entire 6 weeks and had provision of activities for children aged 5-18 on each day with some incredible stats: Total Children - 543, Total Hours of Play - 2408.

The stats above are solely for our own programmes however we also had lots of other activities going on across our school site including:

Multi-Active  
Choice Tutors  
PQA Welwyn Garden City  
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council  
NCS - National Citizen Service project with Herts  
Disability Sports Foundation

Thank you to everyone who attended over the summer, we now look forward to welcoming our regular hirers back and the countdown for October Half Term is well and truly on!

#alwaysmovingforward

### DiPPs Charity Football Tournament

On Sunday 15th September we hosted the 4th annual DiPPs charity football tournament.

DiPPs is a charity which raises awareness of the necessity for readily accessible defibrillators in public places.



This has been an amazing fundraiser in the past for the charity that does great work in the local community. We are delighted to announce that the day made well over £1000, enough for a new

defibrillator! Well done to 'Men Talk' who beat Sandridge in the final.

### Back to Netball

Back to Netball continues to run here at Ridgeway every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) from 7-8PM. The session is run by qualified Netball coaches and is perfect for those that have not played for a while or want to play for the first time!



The cost of the session is just £5 for an hour full of Netball drills and fun games. If you would like to play, simply turn up on the evening and play! If you would like any further information please contact Lucy on: Lucy.Prestedge@englandnetball.co.uk

### Children's Birthday Parties

Looking for a brand new state of the art venue that offers affordable and value for money children's birthday parties?

Why not celebrate a birthday with us here at Ridgeway Academy this year? Our staff are qualified to lead fun and exciting activities in a variety of sports including; Football, Dodgeball and a Multi-Sport option!

Our packages start from just £100 – if you would like to find out some more information or to book please do not hesitate to contact:

Ross.Goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk  
or call us on: 01707 351 352

### KICKS

Every Friday in term time, we run an 11-18 year old Pay and Play session for those wanting to do Football on the all-weather pitch. Times may vary, so please keep up to date with the pay and play times as posted on social media.

Friday Night KICKS will also be here again at #RASC every Friday night on the all-weather pitch from 7-9pm.

This will be completely FREE and open to boys and girls aged 11-17, You can come and have a game of football and have FUN. These sessions are led by Stevenage Football Club Foundation and Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council. For more information, please contact the above organisations or see the poster.

Mr R Goodship  
**Sports Centre Manager**

## Autumn Term 2019

Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Years 7-11 Camps International Parents' Information Evening
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	4pm –6pm Parent/Carer drop-in Session with Headteacher & SLT
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 7 and 8 French Trip
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 10 Martin Van Der Spoel Talk
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 11 Consortium Careers Fair
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 10 and Year 11 Battlefield Medicine Workshop
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct - Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Half Term
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 11 Christmas Carol in Osborn Hall
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 11 Consortium Information Evening
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 9 Reports home
w/c 18 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 11 Pre-public Exams Week
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Year 8 Reports home
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Occasional Day (school closed)
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 7 Harry Potter Studio Trip
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term

## Spring Term 2020

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Inset Day
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Term
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inset Days
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Term

## Summer Term 2020

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Start of Term
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Monday and Half Term
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> - Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Inset Days (school closed)