



# Ridgeway News

SHARING THE DETAIL AND THE BIGGER PICTURE WITH OUR COMMUNITY



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Week 1

## Ridgeway Academy

### Headteacher's Message

#### Ridgeway Academy Video

As we reach the end of a busy first month, you can now see our video which premiered at Open Evening on our website. This concludes with the R formation involving all staff and students on the field. Do take some time to watch with your friends and families, it summarises what it means to be at Ridgeway Academy.

#### Open Events

Over 100 families toured lessons and spoke with staff and students last week during Open Mornings. These have been so popular that we have added a further 5 sessions over the next few weeks as families make choices before the 31st October deadline. We will be over-subscribed again in Year 7 in 2020 for the 180 places offered. Families complimented the mature and knowledgeable student guides and the calm and purposeful atmosphere for learning at Ridgeway.

#### Camps International Costa Rica 2021

Over 15 families with children in Year 9 and above attended the Camps International parents evening last week to find out more on the expedition and fundraising activities. This is a fantastic opportunity which we support wholeheartedly and will be exploring fundraising opportunities. If you, or your company have ideas or could be of help; please contact Mr Richard Sutton, The Camps International lead.

#### Home Based Learning

Research proves that young people who spend time at home each evening studying and completing homework score on average at least a grade higher in every subject than peers who only attend all lessons. In order to build stamina for studying, please support your child by asking them about their homework, checking on the Show My Homework app, ensuring they have a quiet and device free place to study. Homework club is available everyday until 4pm, where children are supported with their learning by experienced staff. Excellent habits and routines are built overtime and what we do everyday matters.

#### Enrichment

An enormous array of extra-curricular activities are open for your child. This week, Mrs Mel Lewin is leading a residential trip to France for students to sample the culture, food and test out their language skills. Ms Sarah Standage is leading a KS4/5 visit to The Bunker theatre to see We Anchor in Hope, produced by The Bunker and W14 Productions and in association with the Royal Court written by Anna Jordan (who co-wrote Killing Eve). Mr Regan Carolan has coordinated a tag rugby festival and Cross Country events for our primary schools, supported by our excellent Sports Leaders.

Sarah Mitcherson  
Headteacher

### Parent/Carer Reminder

Please do not block or reverse into our neighbours' driveways during drop off/pick up. Be mindful of the young people crossing the roads and be considerate. The evenings will begin to draw in, so please ensure your child has a coat and can be seen when travelling to and from school in the dark.

Sarah Mitcherson  
Headteacher

### 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

## 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's Got Talent

On Saturday 21st September Year 11 pupil Maisie Berry was one of the Irish dancers accompanying golden buzzer act Stavros Flatley on Britain's got talent!



Miss S Vaughan  
PE Teacher

## Design & Technology on Instagram

The D&T department have now got an Instagram account. Students, parents and colleagues alike can now follow us on @ridgewaytechnologydept



Ms L Krantz  
Design Technology Subject Leader

## Vehicles on Site

Can you all please be aware that the speed limit on site is 5MPH.

Can parents dropping off or collecting students do so from outside the gate, unless you have an arrangement or appointment with the school.

Please keep the zigzag lines at the front of the school clear and park considerately around the roadways. This is to help prevent accidents and keep everybody safe during a very busy time of the day.

Mr P Ephgrave  
Site Manager



## Camps International Fundraising

We are holding a parent/carer Camps International Fundraising Support Evening on Monday 7th October from 6:30pm. Please email to confirm attendance: richard.sutton@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk



Mr R Sutton  
KS3 and KS5 Coordinator of Geography

## Quote of the Week

"Poetry is a beautiful way of expressing feelings - happy, sad, angry, caring. It's also a way that we share with other people, to help them with those feelings."

**Mattie Stepanek** was an American poet (or, as he wanted to be remembered, "a poet, a peacemaker, and a philosopher who played") who published seven best-selling books of poetry and peace essays.

## Half Termly Theme

# GROWTH MINDSET

## What Kind of Mindset Do You Have?



I can learn anything I want to.  
When I'm frustrated, I persevere.  
I want to challenge myself.  
When I fail, I learn.  
Tell me I try hard.  
If you succeed, I'm inspired.  
My effort and attitude determine everything.



I'm either good at it, or I'm not.  
When I'm frustrated, I give up.  
I don't like to be challenged.  
When I fail, I'm no good.  
Tell me I'm smart.  
If you succeed, I feel threatened.  
My abilities determine everything.

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# 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
30.09.19	LUNCHTIME			Run Scene 6-7		
WEEK 1				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	

## Drama News

### Theatre Trips

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

#### **SHOW: Everyone's Talking About Jamie**

Apollo Theatre, London  
Wednesday 16th October 2019 leaving @ 5.30pm  
Cost: £36 on Wisepay or see Julie in Finance

#### **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

## 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

## New KS4 Courses at Ridgeway

This year at Ridgeway we have seen the introduction of 4 new courses. We have students who have begun their learning on:

- Level 2 Health and Social Care
- Level 3 Health and Social Care
- Sociology A Level
- Level 2 BTEC in Enterprise

This is a really exciting time for the students who are learning new skills to take them into careers in the care sector or go on to University and study a L4 course in the social sciences.

Last Thursday Mr Merrigan took his BTEC Enterprise class into the local community to meet a local Entrepreneur. They took the opportunity to be shown round her Bridal Boutique and ask her questions on how she ventured into Enterprise. The students have now returned to class to begin their coursework about local enterprise. Later on in the year they will be taking part in their own Business trading as part of their assessment for the course. If you would like any information on the new courses we have started please contact Mrs Merrigan.



Mrs S Merrigan  
Business Studies Subject Leader

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.

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## PE Update/Leadership Update

### Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival

On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Ridgeway Academy's school sports partnership welcomed our family primary schools for a Tag Rugby festival. This was the first event within their competition calendar and it was excellent to see the students in full force and ready to participate!

The students started off with a fun warm up of stuck in the mud and then commenced with their fixtures, playing all the schools, showing off their skills and most importantly having FUN. The Tag Rugby on show was of a high standard which is a credit to the students themselves and their school teachers.



A special mention to the three Year 9 students who utilised their training with Saracens Sport Foundation and umpired the games extremely well. This was as well as helping with warming the teams up.

Well done to all involved!

### Netball Club Change

Please be aware of the following changes to the Netball extra-curricular clubs:

Monday after school – Year 7 & 8 Netball – 3pm-4:30pm (finish time dependent on weather, light and staffing)

Thursday lunchtime – Year 7 & 8 Netball – INVITE ONLY – Miss Digweed will make those selected aware.

Thursday after school – Year 8 Netball – 3pm-4:15pm (finish time dependant on weather, light and staffing)

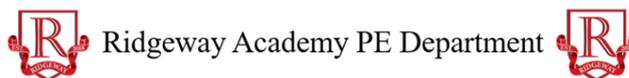
A reminder that in order to be selected for a team, you must attend training sessions regularly, or let the relevant member of the PE Department know why you cannot attend a particular session.

### 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



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

## AGE 11-18 | Pay & Play October Half Term Holiday

Monday 28th Oct 9am to 4pm  
- Friday 1st November

£1  
Per Hour  
RA Students

£2  
Per Hour  
Students

£3  
Per Hour  
Non-Students



✉ [ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

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

	Lunch Clubs	Requirements/Location/Lunch	After School Clubs	Time/Requirements Location
<b>Monday</b>	All Girls FUTSAL (MP)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/SPORTS HALL	Year 9 Football (RTC)	3-4pm/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&8 Netball (CD)	3-430pm/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)	3-4pm/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)	3-4pm/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)	3-4pm/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)	3-4pm/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)	3-4pm/FULL PE KIT with Football Boots/ALL WEATHER PITCH
	Netball Masterclass (CD)	<b>MUST HAVE</b> Trainers/SPORTS HALL/INVITE ONLY (7&8)	Year 9 Basketball (MP)	3-4pm/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)	3-415pm/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)	3-4pm/FULL PE KIT with Football Boots/ALL WEATHER PITCH
			Year 8 Basketball (JC/RTC)	3-4pm/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.**



## Children's Parties

### Step 1 - Choose your package

- £180 Gold - 32 children, 1.5hrs play, 30mins food & drink\*
  - £140 Silver One - 32 children, 1hr play, 30mins food & drink\*
  - Silver Two - 16 children, 1.5hr play, 30mins food & drink\*
  - £100 Bronze - 16 children, 1 hr play, 30mins food & drink\*
  - £200 Runaround Rascals under 5 - 20 children, 1.5hr play, 30mins food & drink\*
- Bronze  Silver 1  Runaround Rascals   
 Silver 2  Gold

### Step 2 - Choose your sport/activity

- Football     Dance     Dodgeball     Multi Sport

(All RA Sports Centre staff are qualified, first aid trained and abide by NGB ratios for coaching sessions. Gold, Silver and Bronze parties are for children aged 5+, Runaround Rascals parties are for children aged under 5. Please contact for more information.)

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## Children's Parties



RA Sports Centre

### Step 3 - Tell us a bit more about your childs party

Details: Preferred date & time: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name & Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of boys/girls attending: B \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ Photo Consent: Y / N

Parent Info: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: Bank Transfer / Cheque / Cash

### Step 4 - I am also interested in...

Party Invites

Table Arrangement & Squash

Anything Else?  
(e.g. face painters)

Please contact [ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) or call 01707 351352 to add this to your package

Please hand this into a member of staff at reception. A member of the RA Sports Centre team will be in contact regarding your party shortly!

\*Food and drink not included. Payment must be made 2 weeks prior to the party.

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# 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.  
All sessions supervised by the RA Sports Centre Team

£10 sibling discount for early & late pick up

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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

Per Hour  
RA Students

### £2

Per Hour  
Students

### £3

Per Hour  
Non-Students

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Youthful  
Minds**



**WELWYN  
HATFIELD**  
Making better together

# Positive Youthful Minds

**Weds 30 October • 9.30am–3.30pm**

**Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School**

**Woods Avenue • Hatfield • AL10 8NL**

**A FREE Mental Health and Wellbeing  
Conference with workshops and information  
stalls. Aimed at secondary school teaching and  
mental health professionals, parents, carers  
and young people living in Welwyn Hatfield.**

For more information, email:  
[communitypartnerships@welhat.gov.uk](mailto:communitypartnerships@welhat.gov.uk)

To book tickets, visit:  
<https://positive-youthful-minds.eventbrite.co.uk>

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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!

#alwaymovingforward

### 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 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	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)