

**Dear Parents**

**Uniform**

All students are expected to be in full school uniform when Ridgeway Academy reopens post lock down. Students will be greeted on the gate each morning where uniform checks will be conducted. Students without correct uniform, will be expected to return home to change before coming back to school appropriately dressed. Please note trainers are not permitted.

Please email Mr Booth at the email address below by Tuesday 2nd March if you are experiencing financial difficulties, the school may be able to help provide items of uniform if you meet the criteria required.

[steve.booth@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:steve.booth@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

**Vacancies**

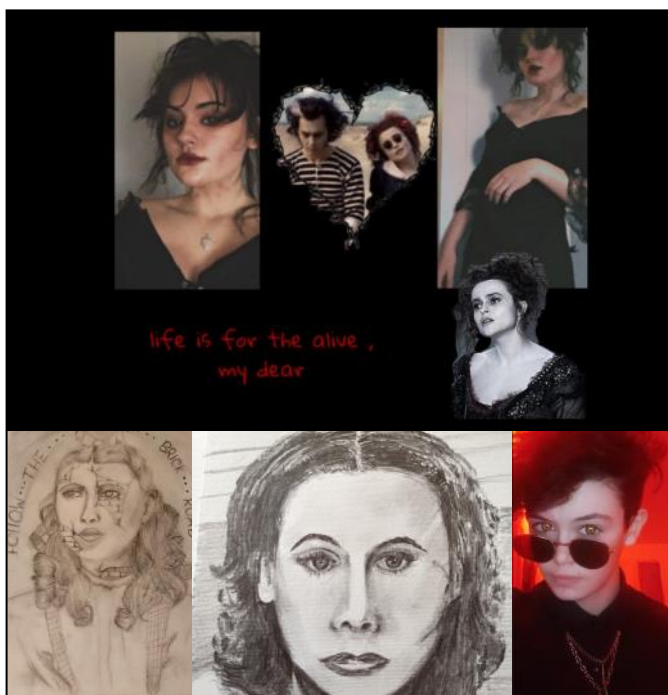
Newly Qualified Teacher of History  
Closing date: **9.00am Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
Interview date: **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021**  
Start date: **28<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Iconic House Challenge Competition Winners**

Congratulations to Shannon D in Year 10, for winning our Performing-Art-History Competition with her Helen Bonham Carter recreation.

Shannon gained 50 house points for Mandela. Runners up Amy O in Year 9 Hawking, Noah M in Year 10 Hawking and staff Mike Broad in Hawking gained 30 points for their houses.

From left to right: Helen Bonham Carter by Shannon D, Judy Garland by Amy O, Hedy Lamarr by Mr Mike Broad, Crowley from Good Omens by Noah M.



**Careers Week**

It is National Careers week next week, the following booklet contains lots of useful information.

**Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

- **25th March 3:15pm to 4:15pm**  
Year 10 and 11 Navigation Session, on the school site.
- **25th March 6:00pm to 6:30pm**  
Year 10 and 11 Expedition Information Evening for parents. Google Meet.
- **29th May 10am to 4pm**  
Year 10 Training Day. On school site and surrounding area.
- **30th May 10am to 4pm**  
Year 11 Training Day. On school site and surrounding area.
- **3rd and 4th July**  
Year 10 and 11 Qualifying Expedition.

**Computers and WIFI**

In order to support your child's remote learning we are continuing to loan students a Chromebook. If your child is having to share a computer at home or does not have one please email [caroline.maddocks@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:caroline.maddocks@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) writing **Computer Loan** as

the Subject and we will arrange the loan of a Chromebook. A parent will need to sign the loan agreement and collect the device from school. If you do not have WIFI at home please email [caroline.maddocks@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:caroline.maddocks@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) writing **WIFI** as the Subject and we will organise this for you.

### Lined Paper and Sanitary Products

Parents and carers of students who qualify for Pupil Premium can collect a pad of lined paper, sanitary towels and tampons from the foyer outside reception. In order to manage the number of people onsite please follow the rota below:

Mondays	Year 7
Tuesdays	Year 8
Wednesdays	Year 9
Thursdays	Year 10
Fridays	Year 11

### RA Click & Collect Library Service

We would like to encourage all students to use the **Click & Collect** service to borrow books from the Library. On the school website click **Portals** then **Accessit Library**. You can search the Library catalogue from here as a **Guest**, but to reserve or renew books or to write a book review, you will need to log in. At the top right of the page, click **Guest** then click on the blue **SSO** button and enter your full school email address. Click **Next** then enter your password when prompted. The next time you log in, clicking the SSO button will take you straight to the Accessit Library App. If you have any problems, email [library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) with the details of the books you would like to borrow. There is a tutorial you can view which shows you how to search the catalogue. Scroll down the Library page and click on **How to search the Web App** to view this tutorial. Mrs Lawrence will email your Ridgeway email account to let you know when your books are ready to collect from the Library door at these times:

**Students on site:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1.15pm until 1.50pm  
**Students at home:** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.15pm until 4.00pm

### Ridgeway Academy on Social Media

You can follow Ridgeway Academy on Social Media to get all the latest news, photos and information about the school!

**Official Ridgeway Academy Account**  
[@Ridgeway\\_AC](https://twitter.com/Ridgeway_AC)

**Ridgeway Academy Sports Centre**  
[@RASportsCentre](https://twitter.com/RASportsCentre)

**Ridgeway House System**  
[@RwaHouse](https://twitter.com/RwaHouse)

**Ridgeway Leadership Academy**  
[@RidgewayLeaders](https://twitter.com/RidgewayLeaders)

**Ridgeway Maths Department**  
[@RidgewayMaths](https://twitter.com/RidgewayMaths)

**Ridgeway Library**  
[@LibraryRidgeway](https://twitter.com/LibraryRidgeway)

**Ridgeway English Department**  
[@RidgewayEng](https://twitter.com/RidgewayEng)

**Ridgeway Geography Department**  
[@RWAGeography](https://twitter.com/RWAGeography)

**Ridgeway Performing Arts Department**  
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**Ridgeway Technology Department**  
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**Ridgeway PE Department**  
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Best wishes  
 Sarah Mitcherson  
 Headteacher