



Ridgeway News

SHARING THE DETAIL AND THE BIGGER PICTURE WITH OUR COMMUNITY



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Ridgeway Academy

Headteacher's Message

Today we have completed our process and submitted our Assessed Grades for Year 11 and Year 13 students to the Awarding bodies. An enormous volume of work has gone in, from the Year 13 and Year 11 students, the subject teachers, the subject leaders, the senior leadership team, exams officer and external moderators from the Alban Academies Trust and Consortium schools. I would like to extend my personal thanks to everyone involved with special mention to my Deputy, Ms Smith for her excellent leadership of this process.

As outlined in my letter earlier this week, please do continue with reporting results for the twice weekly lateral flow tests, direct links are on our website. This week we have had an external review of our SEND provision led by Specialist Leader in Education, Mrs R Cosgrove from Oxfordshire. During feedback she commented on the positive culture and ethos of the school and good behaviour of students. I will share headline details from the report in the next edition.

This week students in Year 10 and Year 12 have started the cycle of pre-public examinations, which will be used to assess learning and identify gaps for intervention in the Autumn term. These are conducted under examination conditions to give students purposeful practice and develop stamina for writing under controlled, timed conditions. Today we welcomed Year 11 students for their Sixth Form Induction, which includes taster A-level lessons and careers advice and guidance.

Sadly, due to the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, Hertfordshire County Council have advised schools not to hold Y6/7 transition day (8 July) on site. We will move to a virtual transition, supported by a Y6 into 7 Summer School during the summer holidays. We will adjust our return in September for Year 7

and 12 students on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September, with Year 8,9,10,11,13 arriving from 1.30pm on Friday 3 September for assembly and timetables and full return from Monday 6 September.

We do intend to hold remaining events, with risk assessment over June/July. Each year groups will have Prize giving ceremonies, Sports Day and House events maintaining our year group bubbles. Our Duke of Edinburgh events will continue.

I am delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Minnie, our congratulations go to Mrs Singleton-Baker and her family - may they enjoy this special time.

Finally, it is national Thank a Teacher day on Wednesday 23rd June. Although this might seem something more suited to primary school teachers, we all love a card (even an e-card!), so if a member of staff went above and beyond during this year, please send them a note via [this link](#)

Thanks again for your support and wishing you and your families well.

Mrs Sarah Mitcherson
Headteacher



Ridgeway Rewards

In the classroom students can achieve FORCE reward points and outside the classroom they can achieve value points.

Students that have shown all FORCE traits in all their learning and will be receiving the deliveries from the Headteacher this fortnight are;

Year 7	Thomas Casserley Anna-Mae Van Niekerk
Year 8	Logan Webb April Warwick
Year 9	Reese-Ella Ekins Freddie Dutton Matthew Hornsey
Year 10	Charlie Maher Katie Fox
Year 12	Owen Pilborough Jessica Archer

Mrs S Merrigan
Head of Sixth Form

Duke of Edinburgh

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July 2021

Year 10 and 11 DofE Qualifying Expedition.

Mr R Sutton
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



Quote of the Week



"We forge the chains we wear in life."
Charles Dickens

Charles John Huffam Dickens FRSA was an English writer and social critic. He created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded by many as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era.



School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

Key Stage Pastoral Manager:

Closing Date: 9.00am Monday 5 July 2021
Interview Date: Thursday 8 July 2021
Start Date: 1 September 2021

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

Mrs K Biss
Human Resources Officer

Calling All Performers, Musicians, Crew and Designers!

We are looking for a special team and a talented cast for our **Whole School Musical Grease!**

Auditions are **Wednesday 30th June (ALL CAST)** and **Thursday 1st July (MAIN CHARACTERS)** 3.00pm-4.30pm in E1.

Please express your interest in either performing, crew, musical or designing capacity by completing this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdh0cNn0HhxyoBr8votufyNfyFwwSXxsM1LiGsRtivHAMprCg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please speak to the Performing Arts team if you have any questions or queries.

Miss S Standage
Subject Leader for Drama and Dance

Half Termly Theme - Tolerance

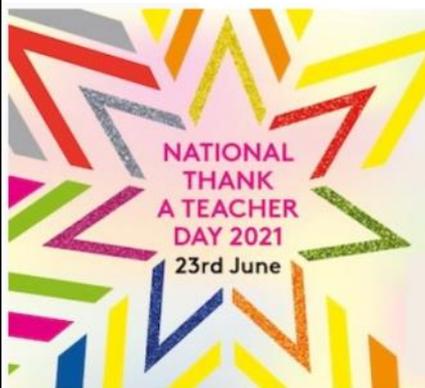
The ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with. The capacity to endure continued subjection to something such as a drug or environmental conditions without adverse reaction.



Thank A Teacher Day

It is national Thank A Teacher Day on Wednesday 23rd June. If you feel that a member of staff at Ridgeway Academy has gone above and beyond during this year, please send them a note via the website below:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>



Anyone can send a card for **Thank A Teacher Day**. The Thank A Teacher campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and all support staff such as lunchtime supervisors, caretakers and cleaners.

Drama GCSE News

The last week of term the Year 10 Drama students participated in their devised exam; this unit makes up 40% of their overall GCSE.

The students have been working extremely hard on their performances with the theme 'What is home?' From here each group has created an 15-20 minute performance that uses this question as their starting point. I am so proud of the students and what they have achieved, each student has developed their skills both in the technical and performing and created truly unique performances.

The first to perform was an exploration of the decades and how the role of women has changed over time, with a closer examination of the feminist movement and how that affected the male role in the household.

The second was a love story told through the memories of an elderly lady, she reminisces about her life with her husband and the close bond they shared exploring the idea that home is not a place, home is a person.

The third and final performance was an exploration of the idea of family life and how things can affect the dynamic, the story revolves around a military family separated by war.

Each performance was supported by a technical member either creating the set or sounds. Thank you all for a thoroughly entertaining performance we are all so proud of you.

Mrs C Jackson
Drama Teacher

KS5 Film Studies - meeting an Oscar winner

Year 12 recently had an incredible opportunity to meet Oscar winning director Asif Kapadia for a live online Q&A session organised by the British Film Institute. They even had their questions selected to be asked and had a direct answer from Kapadia himself. They are currently studying his Academy Award winning documentary 'Amy' (2015) and the session was a fantastic experience to hear straight from the filmmaker himself.



They have also taken part in a revision session also through the BFI and were praised for the quality and insightful nature of their questions.



The whole class did Ridgeway proud and showed again how incredible our students are.

Mrs D Spanyol
English/Film Studies Teacher

Ridgeway's Spelling Bee

Do you think you could be a spelling bee champion? This half term we will be running a Spelling Bee for Year 7 as a house competition.



Your English teachers have asked you if you would like to sign up and represent your house.

We will practise for a few weeks, we will then do a run through and then you will compete against the other houses!

Do you think you have the bravery and ability to take part? We believe you do!

Make sure you inform your English teacher and your form tutor if you want to take part.

All the details will follow shortly so keep your eyes peeled.

Miss C Digweed
Head of Hawking House

New WisePay App

The WisePay app has been updated. You will be asked to input the Organisation Code to set it up again. Our Organisation Code is: 99964188.

Finance Department



Attendance

Attendance to school each day is mandatory. The government are insisting that schools follow robust attendance procedures including sanctioning non-attendance through Fixed Penalty Notices issued by Hertfordshire County Council. It is vital that students are here every day to ensure they are able to achieve their full potential. Any student with attendance below 90% will have to provide medical evidence for any further absence otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Uniform

Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring that your children arrive at school dressed in full school uniform each day, they look incredibly smart. School uniform is mandatory each day, students arriving at school without the correct uniform will be sent home to change. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please do contact Mr Booth at the address below to see if the school can support.

Mr S Booth
Assistant Headteacher
Steve.Booth@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk

Library News



Eurotoolbox

Would you or your family like to read some foreign language books? Eurotoolbox is a collection of books put together by Librarians from France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Poland and Spain as well as the UK. I am delighted to announce that I have arranged for this travelling collection of books and picture books for children and young people to visit Ridgeway Library from now until the end of the summer term.

Ms Lewin and Ms Mullins from the MFL Department will be making the French and Spanish books available to their students, but all Ridgeway students and staff are welcome to borrow books in any of these languages to use in school or to take home for younger family members.

Please pop into the Library or email library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk if you would like to borrow any of the books in the collection. Here is a small sample of what's on offer.



Mrs D Lawrence
email: library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk



@LibraryRidgeway
ridgewaylibraryteam



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

Year 10 and Year 12 Pre-Public Examinations

Note to students: All bags/mobile phones/watches and ALL other belongings MUST be left in the 6th form block/K2 before all exams. Please be prompt to Osborn quad otherwise the exams will continue into break/lunchtime and after school. Check you have all the equipment you need in a transparent pencil case. Year 12 exams are in **green**, Year 10 exams are in **purple**.

Week 1				Thursday 17th June		Friday 18th June	
Morning 9am				Art Y10	Art Y12	Art Y10	Art Y12
				Photography		Photography	
Afternoon 1pm				Art Y10	Art Y12	Art Y10	Art Y12
				Photography		Photography	
Week 2		Monday 21st June	Tuesday 22nd June	Wednesday 23rd June	Thursday 24th June	Friday 25th June	
Morning 9am	Eng Lit Paper 1 135 mins	Film Studies Component 1 100 mins	Business Studies Paper 1 120 mins	Product Design Paper 2 120 mins	Business Studies 90 mins		
		Sociology Paper 2 90 mins		Sociology 105 mins	Dance 90 mins		
		Media Studies 105 mins B20		Product Design 90 mins	Geography 90 mins		
		French (Writing) 70 mins		French (Reading) 60 mins, (Listening) 50 mins			
Afternoon 1pm	Computer Science 90 mins	Product Design Paper 1 120 mins	Maths 1 90 mins	Eng Lit Paper 2 135 mins	Film Studies Component 2 120 mins		
	Music 90 mins J block			Enterprise 90 mins	History Paper 2 90 mins		
				Drama 105 mins			
				History 90 mins			
Week 1		Monday 28th June	Tuesday 29th June	Wednesday 30th June	Thursday 1st July	Friday 2nd July	
Morning 9am	Biology 75/105 mins	Maths 2 90 mins	Chemistry 75/105 mins	Physics 75 mins	MOP UP		
					Music Recordings 150 mins		
Afternoon 1pm	English Literature 105 mins	English Language 105 mins	Maths 3 90 mins	PE 60 mins	MOP UP		

Dance and Drama Clubs



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

Junior Maths Challenge

UK Mathematics Trust Junior Maths Challenge

Huge congratulations to the pupils below, who achieved certificates in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge! This is a fantastic achievement and the mathematics department are hugely proud of you all. A big well done also to everyone who participated.

Gold Certificates:

Year 8s:
Robyn Cross
Ethan Hutcheson
Jojo Laci

Silver Certificates:

Year 8s:
George Amaricai
Codi Rowley-Connolly

Year 7s:
Jada Cobbson
Oliver Housego

Bronze Certificates:

Year 8s:
Andrew Aguilar
Ava Burlingham
Conor Divers
Annie Dykes
Freddie Holmes
Alfie Jarvis
Max Mcparland
Amy Miller
Kane Nymn
Jonny Seeley
Daniel Stackman
Ryan Stenson

Year 7s:
Liam Dossett
Harry Edwards
Kaitlyn Harridge
Lauren Hill
Isla Timms
Oliver Winnan

Miss C Meechan
Assistant Subject Leader – Mathematics

House Points

In the lead currently are **Hawking with 23845 points.**

Anderson	Hawking	Lytton	Mandela
			
18115	23845	22390	20130
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 thirty years, was freed and led a multi-ethnic government to bring an end to apartheid.

Hertfordshire Young People's Helpline



Helpline opening hours:

Mon: 1pm - 4.30pm
Tue: 5pm - 7.30pm
Wed: 1pm - 4.30pm
Thu: 5pm - 7.30pm
Fri: 1pm - 4.30pm
Sat: 10am - 1pm

01923 256391

Families Feeling Safe

Supporting families with Protective Behaviours

ONLINE course starting June 2021

A FREE course for Dads, Step-Dads and Male Carers



Wednesday evenings Online
7.30-9.00pm
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June, 7th & 14th July
Sessions will run on Zoom - we can help you with this

Are you looking for some strategies and new ideas to help improve family life? This course can help you to

- ◆ Understand the links between Feelings, Thoughts and Behaviour
- ◆ Understand what may be influencing your child's behaviour
- ◆ Respond to a range of feelings e.g. stress, anger, anxiety and worries
- ◆ Improve communication to build better relationships
- ◆ Build on your own and your child's strengths
- ◆ Learn strategies to help you and your family feel safe and have problem-solving skills for life

"I wish I had done the course sooner"

Places are funded by HCC and there are eligibility criteria
For eligibility and to book your FREE place please email: enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk
Tel: 07748 332606



Facebook icon: Please like us on Facebook for further updates @familiesfeelingsafe



Families Feeling Safe Protective Behaviours Services has been funded through HCC to provide Families Feeling Safe programmes across Hertfordshire. We deliver Protective Behaviours training for professionals and provide programmes and workshops to children and their families. www.familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk E-mail: enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk



Attention Deficit Disorder

Dyslexia

Specific Learning Difficulties advice line

01442 453 920

Monday and Thursday
9.30am - 12pm
(term time only)

Dysgraphia

Dyscalculia

Auditory Processing Disorder

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
<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

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 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

PE Department/Leadership Academy Update

Summer Term 2 Extra-Curricular Clubs List

Please see the PE Department Clubs list for this half term. A reminder of rules is stated at the bottom of the list, as well as information relating to each club.

Our aim with extra-curricular on the return to school is to give students an opportunity to be active. We are delighted to announce that Ridgeway Academy will continue to participate in county league athletics fixtures over this half term; as well as district athletics taking place at the end of June.

Students taking part in any extra-curricular activity (including Dance and Performing Arts) must not wear their PE kits to school (unless they have PE). If they don't have PE on a day they would like to do a club, they must wear their school uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag to change in the Sports Hall changing rooms at the end of the day.

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

If you have any further questions, please speak to the PE Department.

County League Athletics @ St Albans on Thursday 10th June

The athletics season continued on Thursday 10th June where the athletics squads from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 travelled to St Albans. Ridgeway Academy attended the athletics fixture which was held at Westminster Lodge in St Albans which saw Sandringham, St Georges and Queenswood in attendance.

Some highlight results were as follows:

Sara's 1st place in Long Jump, with a personal best!

Cleo's 1st place in Javelin.

Lily's 1st place in Long Jump.

Charlotte's 1st place in Triple Jump.

Nadia's 2nd place in Discus with a new personal best!

Abi's 2nd place in High Jump.

Patrick's new personal best in Shot Put, something he has worked towards in training sessions and previous competitions.

Our students brought a high level of talent and contributed to a fantastic competition where competing schools were strong. All of the students have made us very proud due to all of their efforts. Despite the heat, students continued to work incredibly hard.

Ridgeway Academy's final county league athletics fixture is on Friday 25th June for District Athletics, which is an all-day event held at Ridlins Stadium in



PE DEPARTMENT SUMMER TERM 2 CLUBS LIST 2021

	<u>Lunch Clubs</u>		<u>After School Clubs</u>	<u>Time/Requirements</u>
	LUNCH 1	LUNCH 2		<u>Location</u>
<u>Monday</u>		Year 7 Basketball / Netball (KAM) Sports Hall Trainers	Year 9 Football (MP)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT with Boots and Shin Pads/FIELD
			Year 10 CNAT Intervention (KAM/CD)	3-4pm /BOOKS AND LESSON RESOURCES/B15 & G1 or SPORTS HALL
			Year 7&8 Dance (SS)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT/E2 Dance Studio
<u>Tuesday</u>	Year 8 Netball (CD) Sports Hall Trainers		Year 7 Netball (CD/SV)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT/SPORTS HALL
			Year 9&10 Dance (SS)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT/Sports Hall Dance Studio
<u>Wednesday</u>			Years 7-10 Rounders (RTC/SV)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT with Trainers/FIELD
			Year 9&10 Gym/Fitness (MP)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT/B BLOCK FITNESS ROOM
			Year 7&8 Basketball (External)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT with Trainers/SPORTS HALL
<u>Thursday</u>	Year 9&10 Badminton (MP) Sports Hall Trainers		Year 7&8 Boys and Girls Football (MP/KAM)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT with Boots and Shin Pads/FIELD
<u>Friday</u>			Year 9&10 Basketball (JC)	3-4pm /FULL PE KIT with Trainers/SPORTS HALL

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 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.**

PE Department/Leadership Academy Update continued...

Stevenage. Please keep an eye on social media and noticeboards for fixture and team information!



County League Athletics @ St Albans on Thursday 27th May

Another recent athletics fixture saw the squad compete against Samuel Ryder, St Albans School and Townsend on Thursday 27th May, again held at Westminster Lodge in St Albans.

Some highlight results were as follows:

U16 Boys' 2nd place in the relay with their best time!
 Cleo's 2nd place in Javelin.
 Abi's 1st place in High Jump.
 U16 Girls' 2nd place in the relay, again another best time!
 Bethany's 2nd place in the 800m.
 Sara's 2nd place in the 100m.
 Charlotte's 2nd place in the 300m and Triple Jump.
 The U16 Girls finished in the overall position of 2nd, behind St Albans High School for Girls.

Year 7 CONNECT Transition Programme

Ridgeway Academy has received a substantial amount of funding in order to run a range of different programmes; the Year 7 CONNECT programme is the first, with the rest to follow in the 2021-22 academic year.

The aim of the Year 7 CONNECT Transition Programme is to bridge the gaps within transition, connecting targeted students to a range of opportunities to increase physical activity, wellbeing and self-esteem. These students will then support with the transition events taking place in the Summer Term including: Year 6 Transition Day, Year 6 Transition Evening and Year 5 and 6 sporting events. 24 students in Year 7 are taking part in this fantastic

opportunity as a CONNECT Leader or CONNECT Athlete. The CONNECT Athletes will take part in a variety of sporting activities including self-defence and archery. The CONNECT Leaders will do the same, as well as participating in a range of different workshops.

We look forward to joining the students on their journey, where they will then be able to impact their younger peers to support the challenge of moving to secondary school.

The photo shows the students participating in their first sporting session which was Archery and their first workshop which focused on orientation!



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
 Instagram: www.instagram.com/RidgewayPEDept/
 Twitter: www.twitter.com/ridgewayleaders and www.twitter.com/ridgewaypedept

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



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: 26th July – 27th August

Open October: 25th – 29th October

Book now at 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



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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 8th 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 (10th Dan) and qualified Master Instructors Andrew Lee (6th Dan) and Master Andrew Parsons (4th 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*

PREMIER LEAGUE KICKS

MEET UP WITH MATES, GET INVOLVED IN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS WITH OTHER PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS, VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES PLUS FUN WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7-8:30PM
RIDGWAY ACADEMY SPORTS CENTRE,
HERNS LANE, WELWYN GC, AL7 2AF

Premier League Kicks
#GREATER TOGETHER

BACK TO NETBALL

Date: Mondays from 17th May 2021
Time: 6-7pm
Venue: Ridgeway Academy, Herms Lane, Welwyn Garden City AL7 2AF
Contact Details: 07834500189
lucy.prestedge@englandnetball.co.uk
Price: £5 - Booking essential

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOPPING SUMMER 2021

Your local branch is St. Albans

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

Tel: 01727 853262

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

28th June – 1st July: Open for walk-in customers
Monday- Friday 9.00am- 3.30pm and then for pre-booked appointments only on Evenings and Weekends.

12th July - 14th August: Open for pre-booked appointments and Click&Collect only

15th 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 26th July until 1st 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 1st 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.

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June 2021 Zoom Parent Network

Parent Network is open to ANY parent in the UK caring for a child with any Special Education Needs including those awaiting assessment or diagnosis.

If you would like to join us, email bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk and we'll send you the Zoom codes

Early Years zoom with Tracey and Georgie	Wednesday June 9th 9.30 - 11.30am	Modelling self care for your children
zoom with Francine and Lesley	Monday June 14th 7pm - 9pm	The voice of the child in EHCP and in secondary school
Teens 15+ zoom with Finola and Karen	Tuesday June 15th 7-9pm	Building a community of shared experiences
zoom with Francine and Lesley	Thursday June 17th 9.30-11.30am	Tips for being assertive and 'meeting ready'
zoom with Siobhann	Monday June 21st 9.30-11.30am	Happy meal times tips and ideas with Helen Allen
zoom with Vicky and Sharon	Wednesday June 23rd 9.30 - 11.30am	Let's pop the kettle on - SEND chat, giggles and a cuppa
zoom with Siobhann	Thursday June 24th 7-9pm	Sensory issues explained

Parents who have attended previous sessions will receive a text invitation to join the virtual meetings

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Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term 2021

Mon 28 th June	Virtual Year 7 Induction Evening
Sat 3 rd and Sun 4 th July	Year 10 and 11 DofE Qualifying Expedition
Wed 7 th July	Extended Learning Day
	Year 10 Martin Van der Spoel - Glia Learning
Thurs 8 th July	Secondary Transfer Taster Day (to be confirmed)
Fri 9 th July	Year 7 Martin Van der Spoel - Glia Learning
Wed 21 st July	End of Term 12.30pm

Autumn Term 2021

Wed 1 st Sep	Inset Day
Thurs 2 nd Sep	Back to School Years 7 and 12 only
Fri 3 rd Sep	Back to School from 1.30pm Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 (details to be confirmed)
Thurs 16 th Sep	Open Evening
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th Oct	Half Term
Thurs 25 th Nov	Academic Review Day
Fri 26 th Nov	Occasional Day
Tue 21 st Dec	End of Term

