



# Ridgeway News

SHARING THE DETAIL AND THE BIGGER PICTURE WITH OUR COMMUNITY



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## Ridgeway Academy

### Headteacher's Message

This week our Year 6 into 7 Transition welcome programme continued with the launch of Induction evening presentation and further preparation for 'virtual' secondary transfer day on 8 July. We are sad that we are unable to host our new Year 7 in school and are planning the best possible alternative. Our Summer School open to all new Year 7 students has proved popular with over 80% of Year 6 students signed up to attend over the holidays. Our thanks go to Mrs Picariello is leading the team of staff who will run this programme and I know lots of exciting activities are being prepared.

Ms Standage and Mr Sarjeant have today released our cast for the school production of Grease in December. All students were fantastic in the auditions, thank you to all staff who supported this process. Our staff and students are really excited and looking forward to being part of something that involves our whole school together and showcases all the individual talents. In sport, we've had District athletics last Friday with excellent individual and team performances which you will find in this edition.

As you know, we are undertaking the National Excellence in Personal Development Award and are continuing our preparation for assessment in 2022. Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the survey to support our application.

Year 10 have now completed their exams. Providing them with these mock experiences really helps them get a feel for what's to come. Their positive attitudes are excellent, and they have dealt with exam pressure with such maturity, well done to all of them after such a difficult and unpredictable year. Today we publish our Pastoral teams for 2021-22, please see Mr Booth's article for the full list of Tutors and Director of Learning teams.

Finally, you may be aware that yesterday we had to close a Year 7 class bubble, please can I remind you to continue to home test. I do understand the pressures on our families when we are required to self-isolate children, and you are at the forefront of my mind when managing the

process. However, we are still required to follow guidance from Public Health England, and the local Public Health team who are keeping us regularly updated to ensure we are adapting to the ever-changing situation.

Thank you to all those affected this week, your prompt responses to collecting and testing are really appreciated to keep on top of this virus.

Mrs Sarah Mitcherson  
**Headteacher**

### Lateral Flow Tests

We are continually monitoring our rapid testing results dashboard and have seen a decrease in test results logged since last term. As you will be aware there has been spike in positive cases in the area, therefore with only a few weeks of the summer term remaining, it is vital that both staff and students continue to test twice a week until the end of term. We have reissued tests kits for students again this week.

Mrs M Ring  
**School Business Manager**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Form Induction

The 6<sup>th</sup> Form induction programme started on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, students met at Ridgeway to begin their post 16 Journey.



Students will follow their usual timetable to get a full flavour of all their chosen subjects in 6<sup>th</sup> form. They will finish the week with an inspirational speaker before continuing with their transition work which can be found on our 6<sup>th</sup> Form website. It was such a pleasure to welcome the new Year 12 into the school.

Mrs S Merrigan  
**Head of Sixth Form**

## 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**

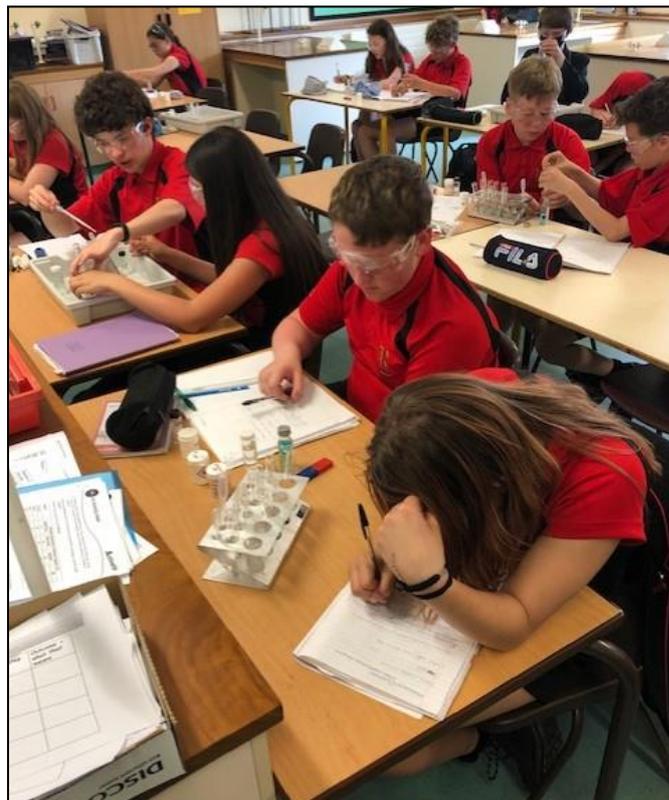
## Presentations and Workshops for Parents and Carers

Next term we anticipate being able to restart our programme of presentations and workshops for parents. We have sent out a google form inviting all parents and carers to nominate topics you would be interested in. Naturally, we will ensure Subject Leaders present on changes to what is studied in their subject and tips for supporting your child's progress as well as presentations on supporting your child's revision in advance of exams. We would like to include non-curriculum based presentations that you have selected. We are happy to cover any topic that is of interest to you. We would encourage you to complete this google form so that we can cover areas of interest.

Mrs Caroline Maddocks  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## Hard Working Year 8 Scientists

Hard working Year 8 Kings scientists investigate the chemical reactions between different metals and Hydrochloric acid.



Mr K Koupis  
**Science Teacher**

## Pastoral Teams 2021/22

September 2021 will see some changes in personnel within the Pastoral Team. As you will be aware Mr Koupis is retiring and Mr Merrigan is taking on a new challenge at Nicholas Breakspear school. A hand over of information is already taking place and the new Directors of Learning will be in a strong position to support students from day 1. Please see below for confirmation of which DOL is leading each year group as well as your child's form tutor for the 2021/22 academic year:

### Directors of Learning:

Year 7 - Mrs Tinker      Year 8 - Mr Daly      Year 9 - Mr Pring      Year 10 - Mr Sarjeant      Year 11 - Miss Jenner

### Form Tutors 2021/22:

Form Group	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>DOL</b>	Mrs Tinker	Mr Daly	Mr Pring	Mr Sarjeant	Miss Jenner
<b>Oxford</b>	Mr Loftus	Mrs Johnson	Mr Sutton	Mrs Bezuidenhout	Mrs Jackson
<b>Cambridge</b>	Dr Wheeler	Mr Baranowski	Miss Adeyemi	Miss Syed	Mrs Lewin
<b>Kings</b>	Mr Chappell	Miss Picone	Mr Broad	Ms Chaudhry	Miss Standage
<b>Edinburgh</b>	Mr Osborn	Mr Amstutz	Mrs Mullins	Mr Beka	Mrs Bek/Mrs Hardy
<b>Durham</b>	Miss Kathage	Miss Shearer	Miss Knowles	Dr Hercus	Mr Bezuidenhout
<b>Warwick</b>	Mrs Gaiwad	Miss Price	Mrs Yelland		

Mr S Booth  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## Celebrating Diversity

As part of our ongoing work to ensure that our school offers an inclusive community that welcomes and celebrates differences our Subject Leaders and Pastoral lead have reviewed schemes of learning and assemblies. They have made sure that these promote equality by encouraging and supporting students to challenge prejudice, stereotyping and intolerance on the grounds of disability, gender, race, age, religion or belief, sexual orientation or other form of diversity.

From September Ridgeway News will carry a regular article entitled 'Celebrating Diversity' in which students and Subject Leaders will share their work and experiences. Additionally, all students have been invited to design a poster on the theme of celebrating diversity. The deadline for entry is Monday 5th July and the winning poster will be produced and displayed throughout the school from next term. All students entering the competition will earn 5 house points and the designer of the winning poster will earn 50 house points.

Mrs C Maddocks  
Assistant Headteacher

## Library News - Chess is Back!

Chess Club is starting again next week in the Library during lunchtimes. If you would like to take part, pop into the Library this Friday lunchtime at 12.30pm or 1.30pm to sign up and maybe have a quick game. If you can't make it on Friday, email me at [library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) and I will add your name to the list.

Sessions will take place on different days and in separate lunchtimes to avoid mixing year group bubbles. We will arrange this on Friday.

### Debate Club Postponed

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel Debate Club until next term. Sixth Former Tara Adenubi will be in contact with you in September to let you know when sessions will begin again.

**Don't forget to return all Library books by Friday 16th July at the latest!**

Mrs D Lawrence  
email: [library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:library@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)  
@LibraryRidgeway  
ridgewaylibraryteam



## Duke of Edinburgh

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Year 10 and 11 DofE Qualifying Expedition.

Mr R Sutton  
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



## House Points

In the lead currently are **Hawking with 24029 points.**

Anderson	Hawking	Lytton	Mandela
			
19259	24029	21357	20335
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson was an English physician and suffragist. She was the first woman to qualify as a doctor in Britain and was the founder of the country's first hospital for women.	Stephen Hawking was the noted physicist who contributed deeply to our understanding of the physical world and space, and worked despite suffering from Motor Neurone Disease.	Constance Lytton was the suffragette, writer and speaker who campaigned for prison reform and women's rights under an alias to avoid special treatment due to her family connections.	Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa, who after being imprisoned for twenty seven years, was freed and led a multi-ethnic government to bring an end to apartheid.

## 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 Kobie Nevill and Rhys Linton  
Year 8 Lia Cameron and David James  
Year 9 Bethany Newbury, Miller Arm, Alex Ferris, Maia Matthew and Hailie Skutela  
Year 10 Chaela Cassidy and Cameron Eagleton  
New 6th Form Matthew Hill, Amy Atkinson, Joshua Sutton, Macey Knowles



Mrs S Merrigan  
Head of Sixth Form

## 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](mailto:Steve.Booth@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

## Dance and Drama Club



**Drama 3pm-4pm**

**KS3 Musical Theatre Club**

Wednesday - E1

**Year 10 GCSE Drama Rehearsals**

Thursday - E1/E2

**Year 12 Drama Rehearsals**

Monday - E1



**Dance Club 3pm-4pm**

**Year 7 and 8 Thursday**

Sports Hall Dance Studio

**Year 9 and 10 Monday - E2**

**Homework Club in K2**

New homework club days and times are as follows:



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

## Healthy Eating Week

**Next Week, 5th-9th July is Healthy Eating Week at Ridgeway!**

Ridgeway will be having a range of activities set up for students to participate in across the week, during form time, PD time and also cookery lunch time club, where students can cook their healthy lunch and eat it. This runs on both lunch times, so everyone has an opportunity to participate.

Monday	Easy Thai Chicken Curry
Tuesday	Chinese Stir Fry
Wednesday	Savoury Lunchtime Pancakes

Students need to sign up on the google doc so you don't miss out, as only the first 20 signed up to each session will be able to join in. Please only sign up for one session so everyone can participate.

**Ridgeway Academy Healthy Eating Week 2021**

**"Find your healthier you"**

**Nutrition**

'Find your healthier you' is supported by five themes across the week

- Know the facts
- Make a healthier choice;
- Plan for success;
- Be the chef;
- Keep moving.

Monday lunch club - Thai chicken curry

Tuesday lunch club - Chinese stir fry

Wednesday lunch club - savoury pancakes

Come and join in, learn something new and have some fun!

Various activities for during form time and PD

Free cooking club Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday!

Mrs L Krantz  
**Food Technology**

## Special Educational Needs

### OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:

Dear Parents and Guardians

#### SEN Services in the Local Area

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### ADD-vance

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

Contact Details: Foundation House, 2-4 Forum Place, Fiddlebridge Lane, Hatfield, AL10 0RN

Tel: 01727 833963 - Mon to Fri: 9am-1pm

Email: [herts@add-vance.org](mailto:herts@add-vance.org)

<http://www.add-vance.org/parents/>

#### Get support from SENDIASS

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

#### Can SENDIASS help?

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

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

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

You can contact SENDIASS by:

Phone 01992 555847

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

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

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

#### Within Ridgeway

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

Ms P Adjei

**Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)**

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

## PE Department/Leadership Academy Update

### Sports Day – Monday 19th July

I am delighted to announce that Sports Day will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Ridgeway Academy. Students will be off-timetable all day to take part in a variety of sports and races. The focus of the day is on participation, fun and getting involved! This week, students have observed an assembly which provided them with all the details about the running of the day.

In addition, each form group was allocated a country competing in the Tokyo Olympics. Form tutors and form groups are encouraged to wear colours linked to their countries. Additional points will be allocated to the tutor groups who make additional decorations, for

**Ridgeway Academy Sports Day**  
**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
 "Don't be afraid of failure. This is the way to succeed."  
 - LeBron James

example flags. In previous years, students have worn face paint, which is permitted for Sports Day.

Over the next couple of weeks, form groups will be working on their team sheets and preparing their team for their allocated country. This is an incredibly exciting day, and I look forward to seeing the students of Ridgeway Academy engaging in the day.

Unfortunately, parents are not able to watch the Sports Day – this has been the case for several years and is not a decision linked to COVID-19.

If you have any queries or questions relating to Sports Day, please do not hesitate to contact me: [Regan.Carolan@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Regan.Carolan@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

### Year 7 CONNECT Transition Programme: Week Two

The Year 7 CONNECT Programme continued for week 2 on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, with the CONNECT Leaders working on co-ordination and teamwork through a range of activities including human knot icebreaker and rope geometry.

The CONNECT leaders and athletes both participated in a fun and active performing arts session delivered by PQA Welwyn Garden City. The students thoroughly enjoyed doing something new and learning a piece of choreography from Hairspray, put together by Louise.



## PE DEPARTMENT SUMMER TERM 2 CLUBS LIST 2021

	<u>Lunch Clubs</u>		<u>After School Clubs</u>	<u>Time/Requirements</u> <u>Location</u>
	LUNCH 1	LUNCH 2		
<b><u>Monday</u></b>		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
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	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
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>			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
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	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
<b><u>Friday</u></b>			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...

A special thank you to Louise Lawton from PQA who ran a fantastic session for our CONNECT students.

Well done to all involved, we continue to look forward to joining the CONNECT students on their journey and working with them on transition events later on in the year and in September with the new Year 7 students.



### District Athletics 2021

Ridgeway Academy's athletics season concluded today with the District Athletics at Stevenage, Ridlins Stadium against all of our local secondary schools. The event was all day, meaning it was a tiring and long but great day for our athletes and all of our staff.

District Champions from Ridgeway Academy: 1<sup>st</sup> place Patrick Shot Put, 1<sup>st</sup> place Ed Long Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> place Sara Long Jump and 1<sup>st</sup> place Maximo High Jump.

Some other final results from Ridgeway Academy: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Cleo High Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Cleo Javelin, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Shakira Discus, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Abi High Jump and 100m, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Bethany 800m, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Year 7 relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Andrew Discus and Shot Put, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nadia Discus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Harley Long Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Lily Long Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Kayden Javelin and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ed 200m.

A long list and we hope all of our students are proud of their fantastic achievements. A special mention to all of our students who supported each other, which included the older students supporting and coaching the younger students.

So that's it, the athletics season for 2021 is over and it has been fantastic to be back competing after a year

away due to COVID-19! A HUGE well done to each and every student who has given up hours of their time and shown resilience to learn new events, attend practice sessions and attend the competitions after school. We, as a school, could not be prouder of the athletics squad this year.



### Year 8 Inclusion Champions Update

Over the past couple of weeks, the Year 8 Inclusion Champions have been working incredibly hard to cover the content of the Herts Inclusion training. They have completed modules 1 and 2 which have focused on introducing the students to their new role, outlining the course aims and outcomes, youth voice and identifying different skills, qualities and responsibilities of a leader.



They finished module 2 understanding the skills, qualities and responsibilities of a leader. They used this information to then select the skills, qualities and responsibilities they would like to work on and improve. We will use this information going forward to ensure there is plenty of opportunity for progress to take place.

Well done Lucy, Maya, Grace and Kayden! I look forward to continuing working with them until the end

## PE Department/Leadership Academy Update continued...

of the term, where they will finish the course content and begin to plan their provision for the new academic year, to start in September 2021.

### Year 7 CONNECT Transition Programme: Week Three

Week 3 of the Year 7 CONNECT Programme took place on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, with the CONNECT Leaders working on the key theme of respect through a range of activities including team mastermind and praise game. The keys to success in this session included mental toughness, people skills and breaking barriers.

The CONNECT leaders and athletes both participated in a fun and active self-defence session delivered by The Forest School of Karate. This was yet another opportunity for the students to try a new activity, which some of them have never participated in before. It was brilliant to see them engaging well and learning new skills.

A special thank you to Vijay from the Forest School of Karate who ran a fantastic session for our CONNECT students.

You will also notice from the photo that the students have received their brand-new t-shirts, showing they are part of the CONNECT programme. They look fantastic!



### Panshanger Primary School Sports Day

Well done to the Year 8 and 9 Sports Leaders who represented Ridgeway Academy on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Panshanger Sports Day.

In the morning, the leaders officiated 2 turbo cricket games for Year 2 and 3 where the students were competing for their house groups. In the afternoon,

the leaders were tasked with leading different stations for Reception and Year 1 including: nerf throw, speed bounce and target throwing.

It must be said that for many of the students, it was their first leadership experience and they did fantastically! The leaders were able to lead confidently and enthusiastically keeping the children engaged and motivated. All this whilst making an incredible name for our school!

A hugely successful day, well done to you all.

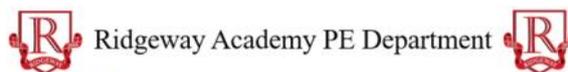


### Social Media

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) and [www.twitter.com/ridgewaypedept](http://www.twitter.com/ridgewaypedept)

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



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

## Sports Centre Update

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

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

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

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

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

or call **01480 467 567**

### KICKS

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



### Social Media

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

Mr R Goodship  
**Sports Centre Manager**

Tel: 01707 351 352

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Activities include:

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

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

**Contact Andrew on 07717832355**

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

**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**

**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

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

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

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

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

### **In-store Fitting Appointments:**

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

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

### **Online Ordering:**

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

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

### **Customer Services:**

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

### **Safe Shopping**

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

### **120 day returns policy**

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

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Secure places now and we'll happily change dates later!  
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AGE 11-18  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

9 till 4

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



- All Weather Pitch Usage Only
- Limited spaces
- Please note: We will be unable to give out equipment

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

<b>£1</b> Per Hour RA Students	<b>£2</b> Per Hour Students	<b>£3</b> Per Hour Non-Students
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6th Form, College and Uni students must bring Student ID\*

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

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

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

**WOODHALL**  
YOUTH HUB

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

Mill Green Road  
Welwyn Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
AL7 3XD

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

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For more information:  
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07432 565 885

## Dates for Your Diary

### Summer Term 2021

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 and 11 DofE Qualifying Expedition
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 10 Martin Van der Spoel - Glia Learning
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer Taster Day (to be confirmed)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7 Martin Van der Spoel - Glia Learning
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Term 12.30pm

### Autumn Term 2021

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

