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Week 1

Ridgeway Academy

## Headteacher's Message

Every year, the Royal British Legion supports Remembrance events across the UK. I led a series of assemblies to mark 100 years of remembrance and to honour the sacrifice of the Armed Forces from Britain and the Commonwealth, serving across the world.

We paid tribute to emergency services who continue to put service before themselves and Make sacrifices to ensure the safety of civilians. We acknowledged civilians who have lost lives in conflict and acts of terrorism. At Ridgeway Academy, we hold an annual Remembrance commemoration led by Reverend Seymour, Minister of Panshanger Church. At the core of these events is the Act of Remembrance.

The Act of Remembrance consists of the following:

The Exhortation is recited:

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left  
grow old*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years  
condemn*

*At the going down of the sun and in the  
morning*

*We will remember them.*

The Last Post is sounded.  
(A Piper Lament may be included in Scotland.

The Two Minute Silence is observed.

Reveille is sounded.

The Kohima Epitaph is recited:

*When you go home, tell them of us and  
say,*

*For your tomorrow, we gave our today.*

We played recordings of The Last Post and Piper Lament and would like this to be live in November 2022. We will pay for a student to learn to perform The Last Post on the bugle - please ask them to see me if they are interested.

Inspired by the theme of remembrance, Year 10 student, Molly Clarke wrote a poem Lest we Forget, which I read to start our service:



### 'Lest We Forget'

*Lest we forget  
The soldiers that ran  
From field to field in stride*

*Lest we forget  
The pitiful trenches  
Where our men in blood died*

*Lest we forget  
The sense of fright  
Of whether they would make it  
Out from a bloodshed fight*

*Lest we forget  
The armistice  
They made that faithful day  
They restored peace and justice*

*Lest we forget  
The blooming poppy's taking their place  
On Flanders field with their embrace*

*Lest we forget  
The memories they had  
Every year hand in hand*



*Lest we forget  
The times  
Where soldiers stood for men and country,  
unphased, on the front lines*

*Lest we forget  
Their badges with glory  
The tales we unfold of their meaningful  
story*

*Lest we forget  
While sitting in peace  
The silence we hold, while thoughts and  
minds meet*

*Lest we forget  
Their tales we portray  
On the 11th hour, the 11th month and on  
the 11th day.*



**Molly Clarke**  
Year 10

## Remembrance Service

We were delighted to welcome County Councillor Dr Thusu and from Hertfordshire Constabulary PCSO Andrews and PCSO Devine as special guests at our service. We are incredibly proud of the students who participated in the cadet organisation wreath parade.

- Harvey Adkins
- Rebecka Baughan
- Scarlett Beskeen
- Pawel Bielecki
- Bailey Carter
- Alex Ferris
- Alfie Jarvis
- Maksymilian Nieckarz
- Oliver Noble
- George Robinson
- Thomas Savage
- Charlie Starkey



Mrs S Mitcherson  
Headteacher

## Social Media

Please discuss this with your child. Recently we have been made aware of an increase in inappropriate use of social media in relation to posting comments, messages or images of their school staff. Despite repeated and consistent attention given to promoting appropriate and positive online behaviour, it has come to our attention that some TikTok (and potentially other) accounts are creating videos using images of staff from the school website and posting them online.

While some of these videos are positive, others are intended to be unkind and in rare cases malicious. I want to make it clear to all parents, carers and pupils that the police are and will be contacted where the contents of the videos could be considered harassment or malicious communication under the law. You should also be aware that the law applies not only to those who make such videos but also to those who share them or store them on a device.

In addition to reporting to the police I must also remind you that our Behaviour Policy makes it clear that making a malicious and unfounded allegation against a member of staff or another pupil may result in an exclusion from the school.

If a pupil receives such a communication they should report it to the school, including who the sender was, and pass on screen shots of any inappropriate material before deleting them. We would also like to remind you that the minimum age for a TikTok account is thirteen years old under their terms and conditions.

For further information about keeping your child safe from online abuse or being accused of inappropriate behaviour online themselves please visit the following resources by clicking on the icons.

	Online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.
	Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.
	NSPCC advice for young people and parents.

If you or your child are subject to online abuse or harassment we would encourage you to report it to Hertfordshire Constabulary <https://www.herts.police.uk/Report/Report-Shared/Report-a-crime> as well as to the school.

I am pleased to say that these instances are extremely rare, but it is important that you and your child are fully aware of the potential consequences of pupils' online behaviour.

We know that young people can find it hard to navigate through the online world and it is important that we work together to help them to do so sensibly and appropriately.

## Year 11 Study Support

Year 11 study support starts after the 25th November.

Week 1				Week 2			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Option Block C	Option Block A	English		Science	Option Block B	Maths

Mrs L Hyde  
Assistant Headteacher

## School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Subject Leader for Social Sciences
- Subject Leader for Design and Technology
- Subject Leader for Computing and IT
- Behaviour Support Officers
- Attendance Administrator
- Teaching Assistants
- Pastoral Manager

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

Mrs K Biss  
Human Resources Officer

Ridgeway Academy Presents...

# GREASE



...the musical!

Wednesday

8th December

Thursday

9th December

Friday

10th December

### SEATING PLAN:

Refreshments Available!



Tickets available on WisePay or email us: [finance@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)



Ticket Prices:  
Floor: £7.50  
Raised: £9  
VIP: £12



@ridgewayperformingarts

Hertfordshire Network

Spot the Signs – Youth Suicide Prevention Training  
(Parents/Carers and Family Members)



The aim of this training is to help parents, carers and family members to recognise when their young people are experiencing suicidal thoughts and provide next steps support, along with practical advice, information and signposting.

If you are a parent, carer or family member over 18 and living or working in Hertfordshire, please visit the following link for more information and to sign-up for your FREE space:

[www.hertsmindnetworkcyp.org/training-workshops/spot-the-signs-emotional-wellbeing/spot-the-signs-youth-suicide-prevention-parents-carers-family-members](http://www.hertsmindnetworkcyp.org/training-workshops/spot-the-signs-emotional-wellbeing/spot-the-signs-youth-suicide-prevention-parents-carers-family-members)

For further information about the training, please contact:  
Jess Whittaker – [jessica.whittaker@hertsmindnetwork.org](mailto:jessica.whittaker@hertsmindnetwork.org)

[www.hertfordshiremindcyp.org](http://www.hertfordshiremindcyp.org)



ONLINE (ZOOM)  
UNDERSTANDING  
ANXIETY  
IN CHILDREN  
WORKSHOP FOR  
PROFESSIONALS

TO HELP YOU  
SUPPORT  
CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
WHO MAY BE  
EXPERIENCING  
ANXIETY.

A FREE 2 WEEK TWILIGHT SESSIONS  
OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL STAFF .

- TO UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES OF ANXIETY.
- PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS AND HOW THEY MAY PRESENT IN CHILDREN.
- HELPING CHILDREN TO UNDERSTAND THEIR TRIGGERS.
- STRATEGIES TO HELP A CHILD MANAGE THEIR STRESS AND BUILD RESILIENCE.

**DATES:**  
**WEDNESDAY 17TH  
& 24TH  
NOVEMBER**

**TIME: 3.30- 5.30PM**

To book a place, please use the QR code.



## Remembrance Service

On Thursday eleventh November, Ridgeway Academy marked Remembrance Day with a whole school service and two minutes silence. This year marks one hundred years since our nation's collective Remembrance traditions were first brought together. With our school community assembled, our order of proceedings began with a procession of cadets followed by Mrs Mitcherson, our Headteacher, The Reverend Paul Seymour, of Panshanger Church, Dr. Thusu, Haldens County Councillor, Mr Andrews with Ms Devine, our local PCSOs, Mr Rowe and Ms Wilson, from the Waveney Valley Academies Trust, and Kamil, a Sixth Form student and member of our Student Council.

In preparation for the two minutes of silence, the school reflected and honoured the sacrifices of those who have and continue to defend our democratic freedoms and ways of life. This included the reading of a poem, written by one of our Year 10 students, and speeches from Mrs Mitcherson, the Reverend Paul Seymour and Kamil. Charlie, a Year 11 cadet for St. Johns Ambulance, led the cadets to our Remembrance Tree where our school wreath has been placed, alongside six commemorative icons from The Royal British Legion. The Last Post sounded to remind us of the military lives lost and mark the two minutes of silence.



The students marked the occasion with utmost respect and diligence. It was a moving experience to witness the unitedness of the school and local community. Thank you everyone.

Mr R Sutton  
**Acting Assistant Headteacher**

## Free School Meals

As a result of COVID-19, many of our financial circumstances have changed. If you think that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), please click the link below:

[https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ufs/HCWH.eb?ebd=0&ebz=1\\_1633953220728](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ufs/HCWH.eb?ebd=0&ebz=1_1633953220728)

If you would like any further information or support with completing the forms, please contact [megan.frost@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:megan.frost@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk).

If your child qualifies for FSM, they will also benefit from the Pupil Premium funding that the school receives. Full details of how we use this to meet their academic, social, and pastoral needs can be found here:

<https://ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/pupil-premium/>

Mrs C Maddocks  
**Assistant Headteacher Inclusion**



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

We run the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Ridgeway Academy and this year is looking to have the highest sign-up rate to date! It would be a real shame to have to place a cap on the number of places we offer for 2021-22 but we do not currently have enough Staff Leaders, Supervisors or Assessors for the projected number of applicants. If you would like to support the running of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Ridgeway, please speak to Richard Sutton. It would be great to meet to go over the different roles and discuss which you might be interested in.

Richard Sutton  
**Acting Assistant Headteacher**  
**Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator**  
**90 Form Tutor & Geography Teacher**

Email: [Richard.Sutton@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Richard.Sutton@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

@RWAGeography @rwadofe @RwaHouse



## Covid-19 Latest Update

### Common Symptoms

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a:

- high temperature;
- new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours;
- loss or change to sense of smell or taste - this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

### What to do if you or your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

- Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) as soon as possible: [Get a PCR test to check for COVID-19 on GOV.UK](#).
- Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get a negative test result – they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate - please [click here](#) for NHS advice.

### Contact Tracing

If a child tests positive for COVID-19, NHS Test and Trace will now contact close contacts directly, replacing communications from the school. Please engage with NHS Test and Trace if they contact you about your child, you will not be contacted or advised by the school about what steps you need to take.

### Local Outbreak

As mentioned in previous communications, in addition to our Risk Assessment, the school also have a Management Plan in place which we use in the event of an outbreak and we can also seek support from the local Education Public Health team.

Thank you for continuing to be vigilant as we all continue to do all that we can to keep each other safe.

Mrs Sarah Mitcherson  
**Headteacher**

## Personal Development

We are a school aiming for Personal development excellence. We are committed to ensuring that we review our Personal development provision and listen to your views on what Ridgeway has to offer.

We would love you to be involved in the process and if you are interested in helping us improve our personal development please contact me via email: [sarah.merrigan@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.merrigan@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

The awarding body will be contacting all our parents and students to hear your views.

Mrs S Merrigan  
**Associate Assistant Headteacher**



## House Points

Currently in the lead are **Mandela** with **7491** points.

Anderson	Hawking	Lytton	Mandela
			
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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.

## Site Security

To protect students on site and control unplanned visitors to the school site, automated security gates are installed at the two entrances on Hens Lane. This is a reminder that parents/carers and other visitors will not be given access to the school site without a pre-booked appointment. There will be no vehicle access to the school site for parents.

Students arriving to school by car should be dropped safely outside school. When dropping off and collecting, please park mindfully of our local neighbours and avoid parking in the hazard yellow lines. If anyone is found parking on these lines, their registration plate will be reported to the Police.

When walking, students have been instructed to cross Hens Lane using the traffic lights which are supervised.

Y9 parents who collect from the Sports Centre exit are able to drive into the Sports Centre and turn around in the car park so that there is no turning round in Appletree Way.

Mrs Sarah Mitcherson  
**Headteacher**

## Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening

Please note that this year's Year 9 Parents Evening will be held virtually on 18<sup>th</sup> November from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Bookings are available online. If you have any queries please contact reception on: [admin@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

## School Clubs



### Homework Club

New homework club days and times for all years are as follows:

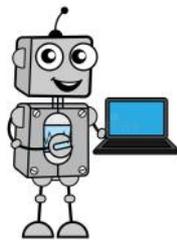
Monday	K2	3pm-4pm
Tuesday	K2	3pm-4pm
Wednesday	B15	3pm-4pm
Thursday	K2	3pm-4pm
Friday	K2	3pm-4pm



### Code Club

Learn how to make your own computer games. Room G2. See Ms Chaudry.

Tuesday	Y7	3pm-4pm
Wednesday	Y8	3pm-4pm



## Attendance Process

For safeguarding reasons, a message will be sent home each day around 9.30am informing of any students who have not been registered on site that morning. Not all messages from parents will have been read or listened to by this time. If you have already sent an email or phoned in to say why the student is not in school you do not need to reply to this message again.

Towards the end of the day, if we still have not heard a reason as to why the student is absent you will receive a second message to ask for the reason of absence. If you receive this message in the afternoon please assume that we have not received a message already sent in that day and send it again.

Going forward, our preference would be to receive messages via email to [attendance@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk). If you are not able to send an email then please ring the attendance voicemail on 01707 351350 ext 315.

Please remember we need to receive a message every day, unless you give us a date of return. We need to know the detail of the illness, we cannot accept phrases such as unwell, poorly or under the weather.

### Attendance Office

Ridgeway Academy will take part in our 5th Christmas Toy Collection this year. All gifts will be donated to the Children's Ward at Lister Hospital, Stevenage.

With the help of the local community we have now collected over 500 toys, including 180 in 2019. We have seen first hand the impact the gifts have on the young people at Lister Hospital and the joy it brings them at Christmas time.



## RASC CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION



**IMPORTANT:** All donated items **MUST** be brand new and unwrapped. Please bring your gifts to the Main Reception (Herns Lane) or Sports Centre (Appletree Way)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01707 351352, [ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

## Year 11 PPE

Year 11 PPE's will run Friday 12<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> November. Students will receive their individual timetables before half term.

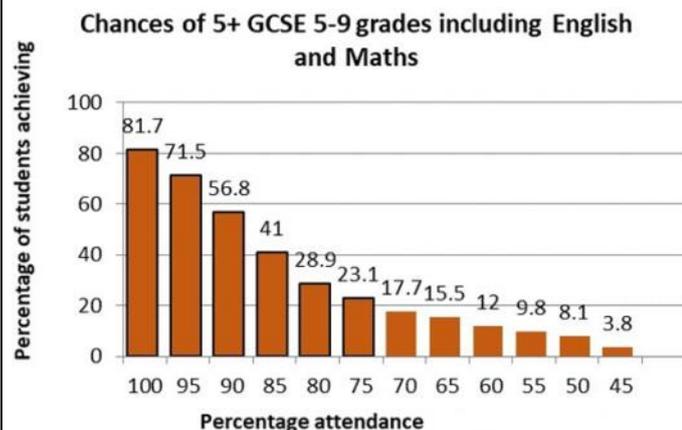
WEEK 1					Friday 12 November
Morning 9am					Business / Media / Hospitality / Geography 1
Afternoon 1pm					English Language
WEEK 2	Monday 15 November	Tuesday 16 November	Wednesday 17 November	Thursday 18 November	Friday 19 November
Morning 9am	English Literature	Biology	Maths 2	Chemistry	Geography 2 / History 1 / Dance / Sociology 1
Afternoon 1pm	Computer Science 1 / French Writing / Drama	Maths 1	Music	Hospitality Practical - 3 hours / French Reading and Listening	
WEEK 3	Monday 22 November	Tuesday 23 November	Wednesday 24 November	Thursday 25 November	
Morning 9am	Geography 3 / History 2 / H&SC	Physics	Maths 3	Music Recordings - 3 hours - MOP UP	
Afternoon 1pm	Hospitality Practical - 3 hours	Computer Science 2 / Product Design	Dance Practical - 2 hours	MOP UP	

Miss A Smith  
Examinations Officer

## Why Is Attendance So Important?

Regular school attendance is vital in ensuring students have the best chance of achieving their academic potential. We encourage parents/carers to send your children to school each day and reinforce with them the importance of attendance and the impact that missed learning will have on their development. The importance of attendance to school has become even more vital after the lost learning that has occurred as a direct impact of lockdowns and isolations.

It is a proven fact that attendance is directly linked to achievement, every day and every lesson count. Our own results show that those students attending school for a minimum of 97% achieve excellent results. The table below shows the direct impact that attendance



percentage can have on students' chances of achieving their potential.

### Why is 90% not good enough?

90% attendance might sound high but if your child has 90% attendance this is the equivalent to missing half a day every week. Government statistics now class 90% attendance as Persistent Absenteeism.

The table below shows what the percentages mean in real terms.

Percentage Attendance	Amount of time off school
98%	4 days a year
95%	10 days a year
90%	Half a day every week
80%	1 day off a week or the equivalent of a whole year over from years 7 to 11

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support in encouraging excellent attendance however should you need support please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor in the first instance who will be happy to help and support.

Further information can be found on the school website.

Mr D Smith  
Deputy Headteacher

## Grease Production Update

### Show Tickets

Things are a bit different this time, our performances will take place at the back of Osborn Hall. Audience rows will be in a horseshoe shape with an option for raised seats. See below for more information.

GREASE AUDITORIUM

Performances start at **7pm on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December**. Tickets are now on sale, prices are £7.50 for a floor seat, £9 for a raised seat or £12 for a VIP seat on the stage. Please pay on Wisepay, tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Contact [finance@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk) for more information.

### Sponsors

Local businesses please get in touch if you want to advertise in our programme and on our social media. Advertising spaces range in price from £25, £50 or £100.

### Costume, Set and Props

We require scarfs, thick rimmed glasses, blouses, bow ties and even an old car! Please check out this

list of items we are in need for the show and let us know asap if you can donate or help source anything.



[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rN\\_NYaw5SSNvRRrE5KIQcHKd245xsK\\_jXdzZsYlBsvk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1rN_NYaw5SSNvRRrE5KIQcHKd245xsK_jXdzZsYlBsvk/edit?usp=sharing)

### Individual Costumes

Your son/daughter has had information on what costumes they will need for the show. Please let us know asap if you have any issues. See Google Classroom for more details.



<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FikBg0B2iopgdf6-LbxNitSHfxN9QbzpmjD2J9CSpE/edit?usp=sharing>

### Fundraising Events

Keep an eye out for more fundraising events and follow us on Instagram on @ridgewayperformingarts.

### Rehearsal Timetable

[Click here](#) for more information on the upcoming rehearsals. Please ensure your son/daughter know when they are needed. Most after school rehearsals are until 4pm.

Miss S Standage

**Subject Leader for Drama and Dance**

[sarah.standage@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.standage@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)



## PE DEPARTMENT AUTUMN TERM 1 CLUBS LIST 2021

	<u>Lunch Clubs</u>	<u>Location</u> <u>LUNCH TIME</u>	<u>After School Clubs</u>	<u>Time/Requirements</u> <u>Location</u>
<b>Monday</b>			Staff Meetings HCC Positive alternatives Programme (External) Year 11 CNAT Int (KAM)	Staff Meetings Sports Hall & AWP  B15
<b>Tuesday</b>	Inclusion Champions	Sports Hall (Trainers) MT	Year 7, 8 & 10 Football (MPR/RG/SC) Year 9 & 10 Netball (SV) Year 8 & 9 Basketball (KAM) Just Dance (MT)	Field – 3-4pm (Boots & Shin Pads) Tennis Courts – 3-4pm (Trainers) Sports Hall – 3-4pm (Trainers) Sports Hall Dance Studio – 3-4pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Year 9 Football Girls Basketball	AWP (Trainers) MPR Sports Hall (Trainers) JC	Girls Football (APR) Year 9 & 10 Girls Basketball (JC) Cross Country Club (CC/EN) Year 9 RA programme (RG)	Field – 3-4pm (Boots & Shin Pads) Sports Hall – 3-4.30pm (Trainers) Field – 3-4pm (Drinks & Inhalers) Gymnasium 3-5pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 7 & 9 Basketball	Sports Hall (Trainers) KAM	Year 7 & 8 Netball (APR/CC) Year 10 & 11 Basketball (JC) Year 9 Football (MPR)	Tennis Courts – 3-4pm (Trainers) Sports Hall – 3-4:30pm Field – 3-4pm (Boots and Shin Pads)
<b>Friday</b>				

Only students participating in a club must be in the facility, with trainers. Students must go and have their lunch first before the club.

Please note that all clubs are subject to change, especially due to extra-curricular fixtures, please always check the noticeboards.

## Special Educational Needs

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 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

Website details: <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** 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?

Are 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.

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

### Ridgeway Academy

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)**

## Sports Centre Update

### Christmas Toy Collection

We are delighted to announce that Ridgeway Academy will take part in our 5th Christmas Toy Collection on behalf of the Children's ward at Lister Hospital. In 2019 we managed to collect 180 presents, bringing our overall total to 500. We are keen to make this our biggest year yet!

We are again asking for your help to make this possible and to make more children happy at Christmas time (and throughout the year).

All toys, books and games that are collected must be brand new and in original packaging. The gifts are then distributed at Christmas time and throughout the year on birthdays so the gifts do not necessarily have to be Christmas themed.

Full details can be found on the poster or if you would like to find out more please contact Ross on [ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ross.goodship@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk)

Please drop donations in to the Sports Centre (Appletree Way) or Main School Reception (Herns Lane).

Thank you in advance for your support.

<https://www.whitimes.co.uk/news/ridgeway-academy-lister-hospital-toy-collection-8474682>

School asking for donations to Lister Hospital toy collection

Dan Mountney

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Ridgeway Academy are asking for brand new toys for their collection. - Credit: Ross Goodship

A Welwyn Garden City school is asking for donations to their annual Christmas toy collection as they look to provide festive cheer for the children's ward at Lister Hospital.

Ridgeway Academy wants new toys in their original packaging, with the school aiming to make this their best year yet.

### 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**  
**The RAA Programme**

## The RAA Programme

### Week 6 of the RAA Programme

Realise | Aspire | Achieve was a great success with students taking part in Archery and cooking up burgers and chips as requested by the students!

A big thank you to the returning Mr Carolan for leading the Archery session and Katharine - The Food Teacher, the Year 9 students had a great afternoon!

That is the final session The Food Teacher will lead for our students. We would like to thank her for her knowledge and enthusiasm over the past 6 weeks and can't wait to welcome Katharine back in January.

For the final session, students received their very own cookbook as well as the opportunity to meet Harry Lomas (MBE) who is currently culinary director of Wembley Stadium, previously working for the Royal Family.

It has been fantastic to work with Code Ninjas for the second half term of the programme. You can keep up to date with the programme on social media.



Mr R Carolan & Mr R Goodship  
**RAA Programme Leads**



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 8 FEB 2022 5-8pm  
 27 APR 2022 5-7pm

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 9 FEB 2022 5-8pm  
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Through learning its complex pattern of movements and developing class based skills you can develop:

- Physical and mental wellbeing
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- 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.

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**Contact Andrew on 07717832355**

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# BACK TO NETBALL

**Date: Mondays starting 6th September 2021!**

**Time: 7-8pm**

**Venue: Ridgeway Academy Sports Centre, Appletree Way, Welwyn Garden City AL7 2FE (indoors)**

**Contact Details: 07834500189  
 lucy.prestedge@englandnetball.co.uk**

**Price: £5.25**



# Dates for Your Diary

## Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 9 Virtual Parents Consultation Evening 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Academic Review Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Occasional Day (School closed)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 8 Virtual Parents Consultation
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccination (Year 7 to 11)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	School Production of Grease
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Presentation Evening (Virtual)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Extended Learning Day (end of term)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Inset Day (school closed)

