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Week 1

Ridgeway Academy

Headteacher's Message

The formal exam season continues with the Year 10 and Year 12 Mock examinations running through June. Well done to the large number of students who have taken advantage of the Super Learning sessions run by teachers. It is important that all students maintain good habits for studying both in lessons and independently at home in preparation for the exams.

This week we have been working in partnership with Welwyn Hatfield Council on 'This Girl Can', an initiative which aims to inspire female students to become more active through a variety of extra-curricular offers for **girls only** between Monday 13th - Friday 17th of June 2022 supported by female staff. A great project to support our girls in trying new sports, build their confidence and help them create new healthy habits that last a lifetime.

Saturday 25 June is Armed Forces Day, a chance to show our support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets. At Ridgeway, to show our support to our military community both serving and retired, at home and abroad, I will attend the Flag Raising ceremony run by the Council each year as recommended by the Chief of the Defence Staff. I am proud and delighted that four Year 10 Cadets will accompany me to the ceremony: Harvey, Pawel, Roxanna and Oliver in their Cadet Uniform. The Mayor will raise the Armed Forces Day Flag outside the Council Offices at 11.30am. Afterwards tea, coffee and light refreshments will be served in the Foyer of the Council Chamber.



Tonight we hold our quiz to raise funds for the summer performance of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Performed on Friday 8 July, tickets can be purchased directly from the Sandpit Theatre at Sandringham. Thank you to Ms Standage and her team for their leadership and tickets are available on the door if you have not yet purchased.

<https://sandpittheatre.co.uk/SandpitTheatre.dll/WhatsOn>

On Monday 20th June, we are running a Staff V Student distance challenge to raise funds for the Youth Sport Trust. Running, power walking or rowing, students can participate at break and lunch to achieve the furthest distance. Good luck everybody and photos to follow. If you can donate, the link will be sent out via school comms.

Please remind children that they should cross Hens Lane at the traffic lights. Sadly, this week a student was hit by a car while crossing directly outside of the school from the service lane. We wish the student a speedy recovery. We reinforce this message in tutor times and assemblies, but if you drop off, please tell them to walk down to the crossing to cross safely.

Thank you for your support, particularly during this week of warmer temperatures. We aligned across the five Welwyn and Hatfield Secondary Schools to adjust our uniform. For the remainder of term, students may leave blazers at home, but are expected in full school uniform. We appreciate your support of our Behaviour Policy and high standards and expectations. It is imperative that we work together and not against each other with mixed messages to our young people. If you have an issue / concern you would like to address, please email the Form Tutor / Subject Teacher in the first instance so we can resolve together. Contact details and our communications policy can be found on our website.

Since Feb half term 59024 reward points have been issued

400 students will be attending a trip to Thorpe Park in July for attendance and behaviour rewards

Congratulations to students who have excelled in the Scholar's Programme, House events, Commendations, Students of the Week, Extended Learning Day, Science Week, Art Exhibition, Athletics Championship, RAA Programme, We are proud of their achievements and will recognise in our annual award ceremonies in July. I hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting events in this edition.

Mrs Sarah Mitcherson
Headteacher

Half Termly Theme - Health and Wellbeing

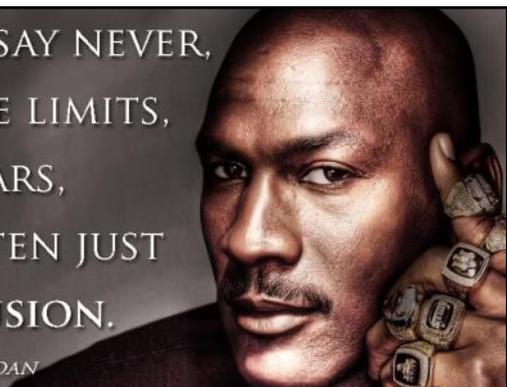
Health and well-being can be described as the achievement and maintenance of physical fitness and mental stability. Higher levels of well-being are associated with decreased risk of disease, illness, and injury; better immune functioning; speedier recovery; and increased longevity.



Quote of the Week

NEVER SAY NEVER,
BECAUSE LIMITS,
LIKE FEARS,
ARE OFTEN JUST
AN ILLUSION.

~MICHAEL JORDAN



Michael Jeffrey Jordan (born 17th February 1963), also known by his initials MJ, is an American businessman and former professional basketball player. He played fifteen seasons in the National Basketball Association (NBA), winning six NBA championships with the Chicago Bulls. He was integral in popularizing the NBA around the world in the 1980s and 1990s, becoming a global cultural icon in the process.

Celebrating Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Ridgeway

At Ridgeway we are committed to developing a culture where equality, diversity and inclusion are celebrated.

Every Thursday lunchtime, students can meet in L2, to discuss how we can promote Diversity within our school. We will be asking students and staff to contribute ideas and celebrate the work we do. Students and staff are welcome to come along and support each other.



**Starting from next week
16th June, at 1.15 -1.50pm in L2**

Mrs K Richardson
Student Wellbeing Manager



School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

Learning Supervisor

Closing date: 9:00am Monday 20th June 2022
Interview date: Thursday 23rd June 2022
Start date: July/September 2022

Teaching Assistant:

Closing date: 9.00am Monday 20th June 2022

Librarian

Closing date: 9:00am Friday 24th June 2022
Interview date: Week commencing 27th June
Start date: September 2022

School Operations Manager

Closing date: 12 noon Monday 27th June 2022
Interview date: TBC
Start date: July 2022

Teacher of Social Sciences to include Health & Social Care (Part Time 0.6 flexible on days and hours)

Closing date: 9:00am Monday 27th June 2022
Interview date: Wednesday 29th June 2022
Start date: September 2022

Inclusion Coordinator

Closing date: 9.00am Wednesday 29th June 2022
Interview date: Friday 1st July 2022
Start date: July/September

Social, Emotional, Mental Health / Safeguarding Support Assistant (SEMH)

Closing date: 9.00am Wednesday 29th July 2022
Interview date: Friday 1st July 2022
Start date: September 2022

Assistant Site Manager

Site Assistant

Mrs K Biss
Human Resources Officer

House Points

Currently in the lead are **Mandela** with **58,497 points**.

Anderson	Hawking	Lytton	Mandela
			
55,428	42,144	52,754	58,497

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.

House News

20th June

Staff V Student Distance Challenge, raising money for the Youth Sports Trust. The 20th will be a casual/sportswear dress code for Staff only. A donation link will be shared prior to the event.

The Heads of House will be sharing a race sign-up link over the next few weeks. Please, sign up for a 10-minute race slot (walk/run/row/cycle categories) if you would like to take part in the competitive element of the day.

11th July

The Great Ridgeway Jubilee Bake Off. 3pm-5pm. We are looking for helpers and judges. Please, let me know if you are able to support in any way.

Mr R Sutton
Associate Assistant Head



Scholar's Programme Class of 22

In the Autumn Term, a group of Year 10 students were selected to take part in The Brilliant Club's Scholar's Programme. Designed to help students access highly selective universities, the course offers young people an insight in to the university experience. Students attended 6 hour long tutorial sessions led by Victoria Law. At the end of these, they submitted a 2000-word assignment that was marked according to university guidelines. All 11 students submitted their final assignment and passed the course. On Tuesday 26th April we held a graduation ceremony for these students and their families to celebrate their hard work and achievements. The graduating students were: Cleo Cockram, Ryan Chapman, Jamie Rodway, Jake Stalley, Erin Limacher, Millie Singleton, Beatrix Smith, Niamh Harris, Jacob Keane, Archie Woodgate, and Morgan Percival Hall. A special mention to Millie Singleton who was awarded a First Class mark.



Miss M Frost
Inclusion Co-ordinator

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Director of Learning Focus

Year 7

As we approach the end of what has been an eventful year we will be celebrating Girls over the next week. Girls Can is an initiative that promotes girls' involvement in sporting activities. I would like to encourage all girls to join us over the coming week. Several Year 7s entered the John Lewis Jubilee Competition and I am delighted to say that judges were very impressed with the standard of Art entries. A number of students will have their work displayed in our Place To Eat restaurant.

Mrs M Tinker

Year 8

I am really pleased to see so many Year 8 students working so well in their lessons. We also have had many students involved with the activities running over the past few weeks; athletics, The Jubilee Art competition, This Girl Can and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe rehearsals. Reports go out this Friday and I would like the students to take some time to reflect on their conduct, work and achievement in these last few weeks before the Summer holidays. Well done.

Miss S Standage

Year 9

As we approach the end of the academic year, Year 9 will be focusing on the start of key stage 4 and undertaking GCSE subjects. Students will be looking at independent study and revision techniques in their personal development form times. We also look forward to our Year 9 athletics team competing at the District Athletics event on July 1st and Sports Day at the end of term.

Mr M Pring

Year 10

Congratulations to all Y10 GCSE drama students, who have completed their first controlled assessment performance last week. Miss Standage is really pleased with the efforts and outcomes of all students. It has been excellent to see so many Y10's involved in school extra-curricular; those supporting with the KS3 production of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe and County Athletics, among others.

The intervention timetable is now up-and-running. The timetable has been posted onto google classroom; if you have any concerns or issues regarding intervention, please let me know.

Director of Learning continued

With the pre-public exams (PPE, also known as mocks) now approaching, it is very important that you are making the most of this opportunity for exam prep. Creating a revision timetable around your exams is important for success; prioritising the exams which are next, covering multiple exam subjects in a single revision session and making the most of the time you have whilst maintaining other commitments.

It is not long before you start work experience (just over two weeks). It would be a good idea to contact your employer to check if there is any preparation you need to do before your first day and advice for appropriate attire; there's nothing like turning up to the first day of a job dressed completely differently to everyone else! For those who have been unable to find work experience, Mrs Merrigan has put together a full programme of events with an external provider which looks highly engaging, so you can be assured of an interesting week of activities to prepare you for the world of work.

Congratulations to Cambridge, who came first in the form competition for last half term, beating Oxford into second place by only 4 points, with Durham in 3rd. This term's competition is already in full swing and is looking a lot closer! Let's keep standards high and ensure we are setting the standard for those students in KS3.

Mr W Sarjeant

Year 12

Year 12 have been busy starting their UCAS applications and exploring Post 18 pathways. Last week we were lucky enough to have a speaker in discussing Gap years and making them purposeful. We are now looking at ensuring we are ready for our exams that start next week and welcoming our new Year 12s next week!

Mrs S Merrigan

Headteacher Commendations

For U16 Athletics

Morgan Lilly 90



Students of The Week

Students are awarded house points when they consistently demonstrate our school values in their learning and conduct: Respect, Responsibility and Relationships. In doing so, they develop traits that benefit them for life beyond Ridgeway. Student of the Week is awarded to students who consistently show our school values in their conduct and are great ambassadors for Ridgeway Academy. The following are our most recent achievers:

Jasmine Hobbs 7C	Bethany Newbury 10K
Katie Wesley 8K	Kamil Maczan 12E
Katie Dawson 9D	

Subject Focus

HUMANITIES

Year 7 Sustainability Extended Learning Day

This day was focussed on sustainability and protecting our environment. We all recognise the importance of nature for our mental and physical well-being and ultimately for our survival on the planet. Our students were involved in various wildlife friendly activities throughout the day...

During the Sustainability ELD, groups of Year 7 students worked in the Technology Department, making bird boxes, bug hotels and environmentally friendly signage. These will be used around the site to highlight all the work that Year 7 did on the day.



For many of the Year 7s this was the first opportunity they have had to work in Tech and they produced some amazing work, under the direction of Mr Warren and Ms Pearson. Using off cuts of wood from previous projects, so we were reusing materials, students created leaf shapes to use as decoration for the bird boxes, and drilled holes using some of the equipment for bee hotels. The signs made will be placed around the site to make sure everyone is aware of the work that Year 7 completed on the day. Thank you to Mr Warren and Ms Pearson for your help.

Our wildlife pond in the school eco-garden is having a make over and the Year 7 students helped Mr Amstutz to remove the damaged old pond liner in preparation for the new pond and planting. The new pond will create an important habitat for the frogs, newts and many insects in the garden. This is an ongoing project that students in the school eco-team are working on. Students meet every Tuesday in B5 and are working on projects to increase the biodiversity on our site and various activities to help the environment. If you are interested in joining this group then please see Mr Broad.



Students also visited the large pond at the front of the school with Mr Broad and Mr Sutton as part of their day. They used nets and digital microscopes to investigate the range of species in the pond. It was great to see students working together in groups and helping each other to collect samples carefully. Initially, the students thought that all there was to see was a lot of mud, however as they peered more closely through their magnifying glasses they realised that there was a whole miniature world and even their small samples were thriving with life! Their fascination and wonder at the incredible bugs and insects, including tadpoles, various nymphs and mites, was so

Subject Focus continued...

good to see. This project will hopefully spark an interest in the natural world and help students to understand the importance of protecting nature.

Students also took part in various planting events around the school site. Mrs Tinker and Mr Chappell organised a 'Tree-athlon' event where students completed two sporting activities and then planted a tree as part of a new hedgerow. This was a great



success and the students seemed to thoroughly enjoy getting active and doing a bit of digging together. Mrs Hicks, Miss Frost and Miss Atkins showed students how to look after plants and then they planted up various colourful pots, a herb bed and derelict part of the school. We hope that this helps students to value



the environment and it will also help to increase biodiversity on site as part of our Eco-school project. The other events on the day included a 'save the turtles' game and debate about the use of single-use plastic with Mrs Mullins. Students were fully engaged with this and Mrs Mullins said that this was the highlight of the day for her. Mr Loftus worked with students to design and build 'seed bomb launchers' and then sent these seed bombs into various places around the school site! This will hopefully lead to wild flowers coming up later in the summer and again help to improve our school environment and provide a vital habitat for insects.

Mr M Broad
Head of Humanities

SCIENCE

A very successful British Science week in March saw students working on climate change projects, culturing microorganisms and novel rates of reaction experiments using amongst other things; rhubarb, celery and glow sticks. In addition, we were lucky enough to welcome two guest speakers into Ridgeway to give talks on how gene therapy is being used to treat a form of blindness called macular degeneration and on how immune cells are being grown in the lab to treat cancer.

A week following that, Ridgeway Science hosted a quiz night which brought together staff, students and parents for an enjoyable evening and I am pleased to announce that £428 was raised. With this money the science department has been able to purchase two class sets of Leslie cubes and infrared thermometers, that the students will be able to use in lessons to investigate the effect of different surfaces on the rate at which thermal energy is transferred to the surroundings. This means that we have also been able to donate £150 to Action UK a charity set up to support research into childhood diseases. Ridgeway science would like to say a special thank you to Miss Standage and Mrs Picariello who helped plan and deliver this event.

Just before half-term the science department in collaboration with philosophy and ethics spent the day with the Year 10 students exploring the relationship between science and religion. During the day students looked at the role of religions on discovering plants with healing properties that have led to modern day medicines, whether science can provide proof for 'miracles' described in religious stories and whether there is conflict or synergy between the two and if so what they can achieve by working together.

In June and July Ridgeway science plan to offer students even more opportunities to engage with STEM subjects. We are all very excited to be travelling to the 'Big Bang Fair' at the Birmingham NEC on June 24th with Year 8. Here the students will spend the day doing hands on activities, meeting and

chatting to scientists and engineers who work in a wide range of different fields. They will also have a chance to be inspired by young individuals who will be presenting their own research at the fair, some of who may only be a year older than our students. Perhaps this will inspire some of our young people to begin their own research projects with the aim to be doing the same in 2023.

Finally, we also have two more opportunities in the pipeline; we are pleased to announce that Dr Susie Hallie who works for the British Antarctic Survey has again kindly offered to come to Ridgeway to talk to the students about her research and experiences of working in this amazing part of the world. Furthermore, we will be taking a small group of students to the living rainforest in Berkshire as a reward trip.

I'd like to finish by making a recommendation, there is a BBC Four series 'Secrets of Size', this is narrated by the excellent scientist and broadcaster Jim Al-Khalili. I have watched the first two episodes so far and can confirm that a) the science is spot on and b) he describes the science in the most accessible and engaging way.

Dr B Hercus
Science Assistant Subject Leader

Behaviour - Half Termly Focus

Standards

Usually referred to as a level of quality or attainment. This half term we need to raise standards for all.

Uniform

- Wear shoes not trainers!
- Tuck your shirt in!
- Don't roll your skirt up!
- No facial piercings
- No false eyelashes/nails

Mobile phones

- Not to be used in school
- Your phone will be confiscated if you are seen using it for any reason

Attendance

- Be in school every day
- Arrive on time to school
- Arrive on time to lessons

Equipment

- Bring the correct equipment for learning
- Pencil case, calculator, pens, pencils, PE Kit, books
- Be ready to learn!

Conduct

- Be polite to ALL members of staff
- Use the bins provided
- Don't use inappropriate language
- Follow rules
- Use the opportunity to self-regulate

The RidgeWAY

- **Respect** the school rules, each other and our community
- Take **Responsibility** for your learning, conduct and attitude
- Develop **Relationships** that enable you to lead a happy, safe and healthy life

Mr D Bullock
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance Requirements

Can you please ensure that your child signs in and out in H block when arriving late to school or leaving early.

I also require proof of appointment before students can leave site for an appointment in order to authorise the absences.

Mrs K Dargan
Attendance Officer

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Families with at least one child who is 5-15 years old, has a BMI > 91st centile and lives/goes to school/is registered with a GP in Hertfordshire...but the whole family is encouraged to participate together!

To be eligible for the HENRY programme you must have a child age 0-5 and be registered with a GP in Dacorum, St Albans & Harpenden, Watford & Three Rivers or Hertsmere.

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LWW News

ASLAN

We are very excited to announce that we will have a giant lion puppet made to order by Nick Ash, a professional puppeteer who is currently working on a commission for Julia Donaldson! Check out his website: <https://scratchbuiltproductions.com>.



SANDPIT THEATRE

Performance date is Friday 8th July at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets are on sale through the Sandpit Theatre www.sandpiththeatre.co.uk. All tickets are £7.



COSTUMES

Updates will be uploaded on Google Classroom.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

All band and cast involved with our Summer Production of 'The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe' to check the rehearsal schedule and keep up to date with announcements on Google Classroom. Here is the link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LUotizwAEC79djO-E0hLicZchUceBq3sPZrKdW5-eqc/edit?usp=sharing>

Miss S Standage

Drama and Dance Subject Leader



Top 10 House Point Achievers

Name	Form	House	Points
Year 7			
Evan Dawson-Taylor	7Oxford	Anderson	35
Bailey Carter	7Oxford	Anderson	34
Alisa Avram	7Oxford	Anderson	31
Isabella Newwell-Pentney	7Oxford	Lytton	28
Iris Dillon	7Warwick	Mandela	27
Megan Upton	7Oxford	Anderson	27
Princess Buckland	7Edinburgh	Anderson	25
Tia Dickens	7Oxford	Anderson	25
Charlie Debus	7Oxford	Anderson	24
Taylor James	7Oxford	Anderson	24
Year 8			
Lauren Hill	8Cambridge	Anderson	27
Kyle Packard	8Kings	Hawking	25
Kya Finch	8Durham	Hawking	24
Maia Keaveney	8Durham	Hawking	24
Shae Cassidy	8Durham	Hawking	23
James Douglas	8Edinburgh	Lytton	23
Marley Glenville	8Edinburgh	Lytton	22
Fabian Jacques	8Oxford	Lytton	22
Kaytelyn Lockyear	8Edinburgh	Anderson	22
Aiden Galvin	8Edinburgh	Lytton	21
Year 9			
Albie Johnson	9Edinburgh	Lytton	27
Jamal Nibigira	9Cambridge	Anderson	27
Annie Dykes	9Edinburgh	Lytton	25
Nathan Hill	9Edinburgh	Lytton	25
Evie Hornsey	9Edinburgh	Lytton	25
Olivia Mann	9Edinburgh	Lytton	25
Amy Miller	9Edinburgh	Lytton	25
Isla Poulter	9Kings	Hawking	24
Jojo Laci	9Durham	Mandela	23
Maya Basra	9Edinburgh	Lytton	22
Year 10			
Alfie Rushbrooke	10Oxford	Mandela	26
Sam Emms	10Cambridge	Mandela	25
Jasmine Botchway	10Oxford	Mandela	24
Oliver Noble	10Edinburgh	Lytton	23
Ruby-Mai Bartmeier	10Cambridge	Mandela	21
Holly Brassett	10Oxford	Mandela	21
Riley Carroll	10Edinburgh	Mandela	20
Niamh Harris	10Cambridge	Mandela	20
Ben Willson	10Edinburgh	Lytton	20
Giuliana Avram	10Oxford	Mandela	19

Period 23/5/22 - 10/6/22

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The Art Dept Needs You!

We are looking for donations to the art department. If you have any of the following and are happy to donate them please drop them off in F6. Thanks in advance!

- LOADS of Newspapers (suitable for students to use)
- Topical magazines e.g. Fashion, nature etc.
- XL flattened cardboard boxes - the bigger the better
- Flattened Cereal boxes

Mrs K Parsons
Art Subject Leader



Ridgeway GCSEs Summer 2022

Please click below to view

Exam Date	Exam Series	Board	Qualification	Examination Code	Subject	Title	Exam Time	Exam Duration
18/05/2022	Jan 2022	OCR	GCSE	J27701	Computer Science	Computer systems	PM	1h 30m
18/05/2022	Jan 2022	WJEC	GCSE	C200476A	Biology	Biology Component 1 (2 hours)	PM	1h 45m
17/05/2022	Jan 2022	AQA	GCSE	8464B/1F	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	AM	1h 15m
17/05/2022	Jan 2022	AQA	GCSE	8464B/1M	Combined Science: Trilogy	Combined Science: Trilogy - Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	AM	1h 15m
17/05/2022	Jan 2022	AQA	GCSE	8464B/1F	Biology	Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	AM	1h 45m
17/05/2022	Jan 2022	AQA	GCSE	8464B/1M	Biology	Biology Paper 1 (both tiers)	AM	1h 45m
18/05/2022	Jan 2022	AQA	GCSE	370011	English Language	English Language Paper 1	AM	1h 45m
18/05/2022	Jan 2022	AQA	GCSE	8501/1W	Drama	Drama	PM	1h 45m
18/05/2022	Jan 2022	AQA	GCSE	8502/1H	Italian	Italian Paper 1	PM	45m
18/05/2022	Jan 2022	AQA	GCSE	8502/1W	Italian	Italian Paper 2	PM	1h
18/05/2022	Jan 2022	Pearson	GCSE	7HA-16-10	History	Paper 1: Thematic study and historic environment	AM	1h 15m

Duke of Edinburgh - Upcoming Dates

Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th June	Chesham	Qualifying Expedition Cohort Band Y	Chesham to Kings Ash
Thurs 23rd June 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm	Lecture: Osborn Hall Workshops: Leader's Classroom	Debrief and Presentation Preparations	
Thurs 30th June	Teacher's classroom	Drop-in sessions	Any questions regarding sections or the e-dofe? Pop along to speak with your leader between 3pm and 3:30pm
Thurs 14th July 3:15 pm - 4:30 pm	Lecture: Osborn Hall	Student Presentations	
Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th September	Chesham	Qualifying Expedition Additional Date	Chesham to Kings Ash
24th - 28th Oct	South Wales	Gold Qualifying Expedition	
DEC '22	Sports Hall	DoFE Achievers Celebrations	Completed Award celebrated in end of term assembly

Mr R Sutton
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



PE Update

County League Athletics 2022

Ridgeway Academy competed yet again in another strong County League athletics competition. The respective U14s and U16s teams were made up of students from Years 7,8,9 and 10. The students competed at various athletics tracks ranging from Stevenage, Ware and St Albans demonstrating resilience, teamwork and excellence against other schools from around the county.

The U14 team was made up of the following athletes: Anna VNK, Nadia Z, Phoebe W, Kaytlin L, Kayla S, Rayhana M, Fabian J, Patrick C, Krzysztof K, Kyle P, Dexter R, Theo B, Dexter A and Oscar S whilst the U16s were made up of: Freddie D, Josh B, Teejay W, William M, Miller A, Edward C, Alex F, Rowan RS, Morgan L, Jamie R, Cleo C, Jasmine B, Lexie B, Sara R, Reese E, Lucy C, Maia M.

The 1st July sees the school competing in the annual District athletics competition at Ridlins Track,



Stevenage. The school will compete against local schools including Stanborough, Monks Walk, Bishops Hatfield, Chancellors and Dame Alice Owens.

Mr J Chappell
PE Subject Leader



PE DEPARTMENT SUMMER TERM CLUBS LIST

	<u>Lunch Clubs</u>	<u>Location</u> <u>LUNCH TIME</u>	<u>After School Clubs</u>	<u>Time/Requirements</u> <u>Location</u>
<u>Monday</u>	Basketball (KS3)	MPR	Rounders (all years) AP / SV	Field
<u>Tuesday</u>	Basketball (KS4)	SV	Athletics (7 & 8) All staff	Field
<u>Wednesday</u>	Rounders	APR	Athletics (9&10) All staff	Field
<u>Thursday</u>	Cricket	KAM / APR	Cricket (KS3) APR	Sports Hall /Field
<u>Friday</u>	Basketball (Girls)	MPR	Fitness Year 9&10 MPR	Fitness Rooms

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.

Sports Centre News

We are very pleased to announce the appointments of two new members of Sports Centre staff – Dylan and Terri. They will be joining us over the summer, keep an eye out for new staff pictures in our brand new uniform which is coming soon.



We are delighted to be hosting Barracudas once more in the Summer Holidays. They will be running 4 weeks (WC 1st / 8th / 15th / 22nd August) with some very special courses. Please take a look at the poster which gives Ridgeway Academy parents an exclusive discount code.

RAA Programme

We are now over half way through our third and final instalment of our RAA programme in partnership with Herts Sports Partnership. The Realise, Aspire, Achieve programme has targeted 72 of our KS3 students to challenge them to be more active and socially aware.



The project has been fully funded by Herts Sports Partnership which has allowed us to welcome in key speakers/coaches and go on school trips. So far this term, our 24 Year 7 students have been learning how to cook with Katharine Tate from the Food Teacher UK which included a visit by Harry Lomas, who is currently the Head of Culinary at Wembley Stadium. He has also previously served her Majesty the Queen. He was telling us all about the plans for the Queen's Jubilee!



Students have also taken part in Basketball, Drama, Self Defence, Boxing, Archery and Table Tennis! We look forward to the final 5 weeks of this project with some coding and a trip to Stanborough Lakes for Kayaking!

Social Media

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



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Mr R Goodship
Sports Centre Manager



School Term and Holiday Dates 2022-2023

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Friday 2nd September to Wednesday 21st December

Half term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

Inset Day 1 (school closed to students): Thursday 1st September

Open Evening (school closed half day to students): Thursday 15th September

SPRING TERM 2023

Friday 6th January to Friday 31st March

Half Term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

Inset day 1: (school closed to students) Thursday 5th January

Inset day 2: (school closed to students) Thursday 9th February

Inset day 3: (school closed to students) Friday 10th February

SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 17th April to Wednesday 19th July

Half Term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

Shadow Inset Day 1: (school closed to students) Thursday 20th July

Shadow Inset Day 2: (school closed to students) Friday 21st July



Dates for Your Diary

SUMMER TERM 2022

Thursday 16 th to Friday 17 th June	Year 12 Art and Photography Exams
Friday 24 th June to Friday 1 st July	Year 11 into 12 Induction
Monday 20 th to Friday 23 rd June	Year 12 Exams
Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 8 HPV2 Vaccination
Friday 24 th June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 27 th June	Year 11 Careers Conference
Monday 4 th to Friday 8 th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 5 th July	Year 6 into 7 Transition Meetings (Osborn Hall)
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 6 into 7 Virtual Meetings Year 12 Exam results to parents
Thursday 7 th July	Sports Presentation Evening
Thursday 7 th and Friday 8 th July	KS3 Summer Musical
Thursday 14 th July	Secondary Transfer Day
Friday 15 th July	Thorpe Park Reward Trip
Monday 18 th July	Sports Day
Tuesday 19 th July	Charity Day and End of Term 12:30pm
Wednesday 20 th July	School closed/bank holiday (in lieu of Jubilee)