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Week 1

Ridgeway Academy

Headteacher's Message

This week we have held our end of term prize giving for each year group. Congratulations to all award winners for their consistent hard work and sustained effort. Thank you to Ms Jenner who co-ordinated events and to the Heads of Year for their citations. Award winners are listed in this edition.

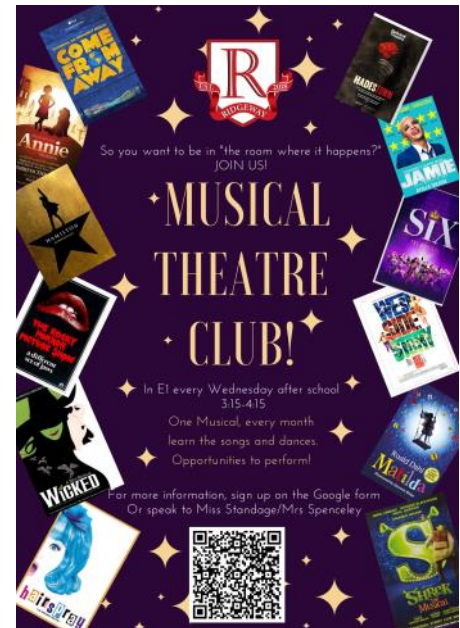
After the holidays we will update you on our school improvement progress since our inspection in the 3 areas of focus, led by the 3 deputies Ms Smith, Mr Bullock and Mrs Hyde.

It was wonderful to meet new Year 7 families at our Blended Learning evening on Tuesday. We look forward to the 121 family meetings in the summer term.

Ms Smith has written to you regards Standards. Please take time to read this communication and discuss with your child to ensure we all have high expectations and work together to maintain these.

I hope you enjoy reading this end of term edition and we wish you a wonderful Easter break.

Mrs S Mitcherson
Headteacher



Please click on the link below to see Spring AAT Newsletter.
[AAT Newsletter.](#)



ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Do you know what your attendance was last school week?

Do you know your overall attendance for the year?

Do you know how many school days you have missed this year?

Do you know how many late marks you have this school year?

Make sure you know of this information, you can ask your form tutor for this, and work hard to improve it each week!

80% & Below

Drastic effect on academic achievement



95% - 90%

Cause for concern



100% - 96%

Excellent!



Ridgeway Pupils with 100% Attendance - 17th - 23rd March 2023

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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 7 Anderson | Isaac Redmond | Finn Cockram | Willow Beer | Olga Potocka | Amelia Brownlee |
| Megan Beck | George Sadler | Lexi Gorman | Amanda Boadu | Roisin Roberts- | Princess Buckland |
| Toby Bishop | Olivia Scott | Mason Grant | Brian Brahimetaj | Mcneilly | Louie Corbit |
| Rosie Cameron | Grace Stickland | Lois Grostate | Cameron Burt | Abigail Slater | Alfie Culver |
| Anna Cebula | George Taylor | Cassie Messer | Lacey Cullum | Archie Suant | Nancy Delacy |
| Ellis Elliott | James Thake | Olivia Miller | Benjamin David | Precious Taylor | Luke Emms |
| Didi Elue | Owen Thorogood | Chloe Monk | Kingston Davis | Maxwell Thomas | Ben Fahmy |
| Samuel Grimsley | Charlie Tuvey | William Owen | Emmie Devine | Solara Turner | Oliver Farr |
| Sam Harris | Kiera Williams | Elliot Phillips | Jack Ferris | Poppy Wheeler | Tyler Farrer |
| Eva Harrison | Austin Woods | Sienna Stevens | Kaila-Kelly Grice | Luke Windle | Ruby Hammond |
| Amilie Hopkins | Nathan Young | Alfie Stride | Ruby Hillard | | Frankie Harris |
| Sophia Kowalczyk | | Ruby Walker | Caitlyn Monk | 8 Hawking | Jessica Hart |
| Johann Laxa | 7 Lytton | Lewis Webb | Ben Preston | Macie Beck | Amelia Hembury |
| Katie Luckins | Kayla Archer | Jayde Wildash | Paige Redhead | Beau Brewster | William Housego |
| Halle Miles | India Arm | | Frank Rozanek | Brennan | George Isherwood |
| Kurtis Murphy | Jayden Benford | 7 Parks | Ella-May Shield | Brocklehurst | Isabella Jose |
| Riley Musk | Bobby Bliss | Zachary Arnett | Samuel Smith | -Macer | Demi Kruger |
| Ellie O'Connor | Leah Culver | Jasmine Bamgboye | Maika Taylor | Molly Day | Alex Panayi |
| James Seeley | Bella Flaherty | Keelie-Ann | Niamh Taylor | Anhua Fernandez | Oscar Poulter |
| Summer St John | Rai Fremichael | Beaumont | Chloe Thompson | Dalila Fernando | Libby Richmond |
| Libby Tanner | Angelina Jhankur | Dylan Bragg | Thomas Timlin | Jessica Fouracre | |
| Layla-Belle Taylor | Billy Jones | Jack Cronin | Benjamin Weetman | Finley Griffin | 8 Mandela |
| Jasper Timms | Sanjana Kerai | Sophie Dargan | | Poppy Handley | Rihan Aajiz |
| Hayden White | Ranulya Kotalawela | Lewis Farenden | 8 Anderson | Archie Hoad | Ellen Aitken |
| Mati Wierzbinski | Bobby Marsden | Rafael Hilario | Aimee Andrews | George Mann | Jude Brady Bennett |
| | George Mcandrew | Grace Hines | Chloe Banham | Dominic Mccarthy | Daniel Brassett |
| 7 Hawking | -Miller | Lily Hobbs | Konnie Berry | Elizabeth Mcneill | Isabel Caballero |
| Mitchell Carolan | Salvador Rodrigues | Elizabeth Mcmillan | Jack Cooper | Alfie Peel | Eve Daley |
| Amie Davies | Lilly Rogers | Drake Nymn | Ryan Currell | Joe Rayment | Keirnan De-Lacy |
| Kaysie Davies | Kieran Smith | Emily Ratcliffe | Ella Dickens | Ryley-James | Gracie Durrant |
| Connor Freed | Jack Smith | George Rhodes | Angelo Garkov | Sullivan | Lily Fagan |
| Lois Friend | Bianca-Maria | Tom Rhodes | Clara Haworth- | Kalen Tarbox | Lenny Fisher |
| Sophia Groom | Stanciu | Finn Stratton | Maggs | Olivia Watt | Eric Grostate |
| Sinead Kimber | Miley Thomas | Rhys Stride | Clara-Louise Hickey | Amber Whorlow | Eva Gunning |
| Timur Kurbanov | Layla Worcester | Chloe Tibbert | Jasmine Hobbs | Charleigh Wylde- | Kitty Kelly |
| Kameron Lagunas | | Henry Wilson | Alex Holton | Montague | Andy La |
| -Kayima | 7 Mandela | | Harley King | | Kristina Lewinton |
| Noah Matthews | Dougie Baker- | 7 Turing | Joiah-Ray Mbang | 8 Lytton | Millie Moat |
| Lola Mchugh | Fiveash | Nyla Allen | Cameron Nicolson | Hsian Aguirre | Michael Olabanji |
| Laurie Pugh | Olaf Banaszak | Gino Anastasi | Alexander Noble | Felicity Atkins | Phoenix Overton |
| Felicity Rawles | Harvey Carroll | Louis Barnett | Archie Pickles | Lucy Bailey | Sam Slatter |

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| Kaitlyn Taggart Rafa Viezzer Lois Welsh | Joseph Taylor | Francis Culibao Ruby English Roman Flack Rhea Ganatra Sophie Gearing Olivia Ghumania Maximo Harris Fabian Jacques Charlie Jarvis Dejoie Joseph Connor Kennedy Ethan Newvell- Pentney Maksymilian Nieckarz Alfie Parkin Archie Parkin Finley Pennell Honey-Mae Tate Amalia Taylor Anna-Mae Van Niekerk Ruby Wells | Heather Bradley Jake Culibao Katie Dawson Theo Dawson Freddie Holmes Riley Kleiser Jack McHugh Kayleigh Mead Kyle Ncube Tommy Ngo Bailey Phillips Codi Rowley- Connolly Isobel Sterling Rhys Stratton Rebecca Wood | Morgan Lilly Lewis Pilborough Brooke Pyett Freddie Roads Charlie Sadler Chloe Southcott Reuben Thompson Hollie Turner | 11 Hawking Lana Bodic Charlie Cousins Jamie Frewin James Hobbis Luke Hornsey Mahad Idrees Molly Lewis Erin Limacher William McNeill Mia Messer Lucy Nicholson Nellie Ntais Rowan Richards- Savino George Robinson |
| 8 Parks Aaron Ansell Shylah-Malia Buena Verity Burnham Bailey Carter Evan Dawson- Taylor Diya Dhondee Tia Dickens Tyrese Finch Priya Flack Lily Freeman Harley Ingham Taylor James Joshua Knight Alicja Lowczyk Niamh Matthews Jayna Raiytt Dexter Rodway Ria Seetaram Alyssa Stalley Blake Walker- Mitchell Lucas Willcox | 9 Hawking Sonny Anderson Faye Bailey Sophie Brown Aydan Burrows Ava Carter Louise Dawson Ella Dillon Mimi Dillon Harry Edwards Kya Finch Daniel Hornsey Maia Keaveney Gracie-Jayne London Rayhana Mohamed Oscar Rowe Jaden Taylor Isla Timms | 9 Turing Ellie Anastasi Joshua Blackburn Jada Cobbson Charles Cranfield Callum Gabi-Byrne Jack Gatrell Evie Hamm Emily Horsley Callum Howse Alfie Jewitt Matylda Lech Harley Schobs Edward Smith Joseph Thorpe Luke Wells Jake Williams Oliver Winnan Corby Wood Nadia Ziolkowska | 10 Lytton Luca Barley Maya Basra Max Bentley Rose Clayton Ryan De-Lacy Annie Dykes Shay Flaherty Keira Gray Harley-Ann Grice Nathan Hill Albie Johnson Riley Josh Lenny Lewis Olivia Mann CJ McBride Alfie Noakes Libby Owen Kenji Reynolds Jonathon Seeley Harrison Taylor Ted Wood | 10 Turing Josh Baker Poppy Briggs Leona Caulfield Kiyra Cumberbatch Daniel Eplett Lily Hall Jack Johnson Cameron Jones Rose Knight George Lee Cody Mainer Archie Metcalfe Cameron Musk William Paton Chase Rason Lacey Temple Logan Webb Riley Wells | 11 Lytton Kian Buckley Riley Carroll Josh Daley Freddie Dutton Summer Ingham Davidia Joseph Oliver Noble Ella Sharman Teagan Smith Ben Willson |
| 8 Turing Jared Allen Louise Brogan- Williams Violet Clayton Timothy Cranfield Mia Davis Iris Dillon Charlotte Egan Emily Hardy Amber Josh Alan Kedzierski Ebonie Peters Harry Rice Vladimir Rotar Charlotte Smith Olivia Turner Daisy Wakefield | 9 Lytton Theodore Basra Riley Birney-Goff Patrick Caulfield James Douglas Marley Glenville Ella Goudge Harley Hayes Macey Jacques Sean Lennox Kaytelyn Lockyear Dora Sarkozi Oliver Smith Elise Stride Ava Surry Jade Turner Phoebe Ware Carson Wiese Mitchell Wood | 10 Anderson Sameeh Ahmeddeen Lilith Albrecht Max Ambler Archie Bell Cameron Charlton Keira Galvin Leo Gordon Maisie Hames Tia Hammill-Petch Katie Hart David James Ethan Luckins Samuel Moore April Warwick | 10 Mandela Aylin Bonser Xander Burt Callum Cubis Jude Deether Daegan Den Heijer Ethan Hutcheson Jonnell Mbang Jack McMillan Max McParland Lucy Oldridge Oliver Paramor Ollie Perry Phoebe Shadbolt Ryan Stenson Chloe Treglohan | 11 Turing Hamish Bradley Megan Clapham Laurence Cross Malakai Fox Emil Gyori Botond Hajczinger Jayson Lester Bethany Newbury Leo Rason Denny Read Millie Singleton Hailie Skutela Jake Stalley Srna Stojanovic | 11 Mandela Bethany Cooper Baylin Harvey Aland Ibrahim Hannah Mockridge Amy Olsen Billie Richardson Jamie Rodway Jason Rolfe-Pilley Mia Thomas Aaron White |
| 9 Anderson Kian Baldwin Aimee Franklin Daisy Hackett Lauren Hill Krzysztof Kowalczyk James Markham Maddison McParland Kobie Nevill Evie Read Jasmine Robinson Victor Rotar Verity Rowe Sophie Savage Daniel Smith | 9 Mandela Gabrielle Barros da Silva Nathan Baughan Lukas Buchanan Taylor Done Jenson Groves Maddie Hamm Freya Harris Sophie Healy Ruby Holland Rhys Linton Kyle Packard Ella Taylor Maddison Taylor Luca Teixeira Katie Wesley Harry Woodhouse Harmonie Young | 10 Hawking George Amaricai Niamh-Lisa Barnes | 10 Parks Lucia Allen Rhys Baldwin Alex Bloom Lily Carder Ashton Cowan Lewis Currell Jay Field | 11 Anderson Tate Allen Aimee Anderson Owen Attfield Pawel Bielecki Ryan Chapman George Evans Katherine Evans Alex Ferris Laura Harris Ciaran Lewis Alice McLoughlin Kyle Poore William Potter Patrick Skorek Beatrix Smith Sonny Walsh Liam Wragg | 11 Parks Jasmine Botchway Holly Brassett Preston Callow Cleo Cockram Edward Cooper Louisa England- Vassallo Charley Fitzsimons Niamh Harris Matthew Hornsey Gemma Johnson Kamila Kurbanova Maria Piotrowicz Alfie Rushbrooke Cameron Wagenaar Archie Woodgate |

Duke of Edinburgh

Bronze Practice Expedition:
Friday 26th May to Saturday 27th May.
Hertford to Ridgeway.

Silver Practice Expedition:
Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June.
South Downs.

Bronze Qualifying Expedition:
Saturday 1st to Sunday 2nd July. Chiltern Hills.

Silver Qualifying Expedition:
Saturday 15th to Monday 17th July. Peak District.



School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

Teacher of English (Full/Part time)
Teacher of MFL (Part time 0.5)
Teacher of Music (Part time 0.6)
HLTA
Behaviour Support Officer

For more information visit:
<https://ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Mrs K Biss
Human Resources Officer

School Dinners - Wisepay

Can parents/carers please make sure that your child's Wisepay account has sufficient funds in order to be able to pay for their food.

Miss M Harrigan
Business Manager



Lost Property

We currently have quite a lot of unnamed lost property. If you have lost something please ask in H Block. It is always worth checking back each day as sometimes it can take a week or more for a lost item to get handed in to H Block. Parents please name all items as this will ensure that lost property can be returned to the owner much sooner.



Mrs J Airey
Student Liaison Officer

Pupil News

Approximately 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem of some kind each year in England and that's why in July 2023, just before my 18th birthday, I will be jumping 15,000ft from the sky, skydiving to raise money for the amazing charity of Mind.



Mind is a mental health charity that enables millions of people to have access to the advice and support they need and makes sure nobody feels alone when battling any mental health problem. In 2021 my Grandfather sadly passed away and shortly after in 2022 my Nan sadly passed away. Both were very sudden, from which I quickly became aware of the significant impact bereavement can have on anyone's mental health. Mind was there to provide advice and support when I most needed it and continues to do so, as it was for the 128,000 queries answered by Mind helplines in 2021/22.

Any donations via this link will be so highly appreciated as I know the money fundraised will go towards providing valuable support to those suffering along with increasing the awareness of mental health problems within young people in particular.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/megan-wiseman>

Thank you!

Megan Wiseman
13 Mandela

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.

Tuesdays at Lunchtime in L2

Mrs K Richardson
Student Wellbeing Manager



Head of Year News

Year 7 - Mrs M Tinker

On Monday we had our Celebration assembly. As a Head of Year it is one of my favourite events. Congratulations to all of you - you are amazing. On Tuesday we hosted a meeting for the Year 6s. I was very proud to have some Year 7s with me not only doing presentations but also demonstrating the Chromebooks.

After the Easter Holidays there will be some changes to the Year 7 pastoral structure. I have loved working with the current Year 7's and will continue to do so, however this will be in the form of an SLT link. Year 7 will be welcoming Mr Amstutz as their new Head of Year and I know he is relishing the opportunity to start supporting the year group.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Year 8 - Mr R Nelson

On Monday, Year 8 had their spring term celebration event. It was lovely to welcome the Parents of those students that were recognised for their fantastic achievements so far this year!

After the Easter Holidays there will be some changes to the Year 8 pastoral structure. I have loved working with the current Year 8's and will continue to do so, however this will be in the form of an SLT link. Year 8 will be welcoming Miss Picone as their new Head of Year and I know she is relishing the opportunity to start supporting the year group.

Have a fantastic Easter break and I look forward to seeing you in the summer term!

Year 9 - Miss S Standage

Well done to all of Year 9 this term who received an award in our celebration assembly. It was lovely to see you receiving your certificates and celebrating with your friends and families. Well done especially to Ademola Gbakinro and Kaytelyn Lockyear for receiving the Head of Year Award and Jayden Ngahuro and Shae Cassidy for receiving the Headteacher Award. You are all so well deserving of these titles.

We are also celebrating 9 Parks this Wednesday for their achievement in the form competitions by having a Pizza and film session.

Have a lovely Easter holidays.

Year 10 - Mr M Pring

Year 10 enjoyed an excellent celebration assembly on Wednesday, it was great to see so many students recognised for all their hard work and dedication over the last term.

We have a Year 10 reward trip to Thorpe Park coming up in the summer, which currently we have over 100 children who qualify for this.

Finally, we will be running a Year 10 attendance clinic after Easter where we will invite parents in to discuss how we can tackle attendance in the summer term.

Year 11 - Mr D Tansley

On Wednesday afternoon we welcomed parents for our Celebration Assembly, which was a great opportunity to recognise all the achievements this year. We also held a rewards assembly last week which showed just how many Year 11's have been able to receive Bronze, Silver, Gold awards. Plus one Platinum award for Tom Savage. Well done to all of you!

After the Easter Holidays there will be 4 weeks of learning before the GCSE exams start and students have been completing revision timetables in form time this week, which are specifically designed for those 2 weeks. Interventions continue to be on offer, so please use our expertise in the final push.

Sixth Form - Mrs N Picariello

In their last week as Student Leadership Team, the Y13s have taken control of the newsletter.... Here is their Goodbye and hand over to the new team! Thank you to Megan, Matt, Kamil, Megan, Natasha, Kat and especially Mia (Syd) for your contribution both to the newsletter and to the school - we will miss you!

A Change Over

So. There's not really an easy way to start this. When I heard about a newsletter takeover, I wanted to be fun and positive as our year soon became the next one. However, I need to make it personal to me because that full positivity would be a lie, I wish I had no problem with a change, I'm happy with giving away the experience to someone else but I'm not quite ready to move on, not from all of it. I've been talking about it for months that I don't like change, and it's not going away. There's not just anxiety about doing exams and doing well but there's the anxiety of letting anything go. I'll miss little things in the day, going to Morrisons or the small store down the road, although mundane, it's mine and I can control how I do it. Furthermore, what's most important is the people that I do it with. Friends I have made and hope to keep as long as they want to stay. I can't say I'd imagine being best friends with some of them before sixth form either, but now they're everything to me. I've never been afraid to lose people like I have now because I have more of something to lose. I'll take away the love from Ridgeway everywhere I go, remembering people who shared that experience and remembering people who tried their best to make the most of it despite it all. The highs and the lows. Although I might have a lot less control and safety now after this, I know that we were here, and hopefully, other people do too, even though we were fleeting and most teachers who would remember us aren't here anymore, we can remember when we were Year 13.
~ Syd (as better known as by my friends)

Teacher News

My husband and I are running the London Marathon in support of HCPT this year. This amazing charity gives disadvantaged families the opportunity to make pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes every Easter.



Every Easter around 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe week in Lourdes, staying in hotels with their volunteer helpers. Each Summer over 1,500 people, many of them with disabilities or life limiting conditions, enjoy a week at HCPT's Hosanna House in Bartres near Lourdes.



We are training hard and we are slightly nervous, but with your help and the help of the 6th formers we can make our target total and be able to send families off to Lourdes.

[Please visit our just Giving page to make a donation](#)

Mrs S Merrigan
Assistant Headteacher



CYP GANGS & SCHOOLS TEAM

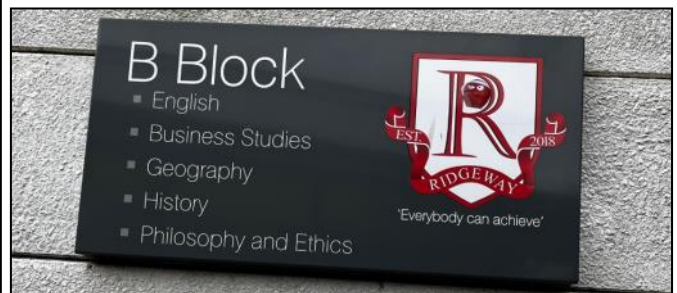
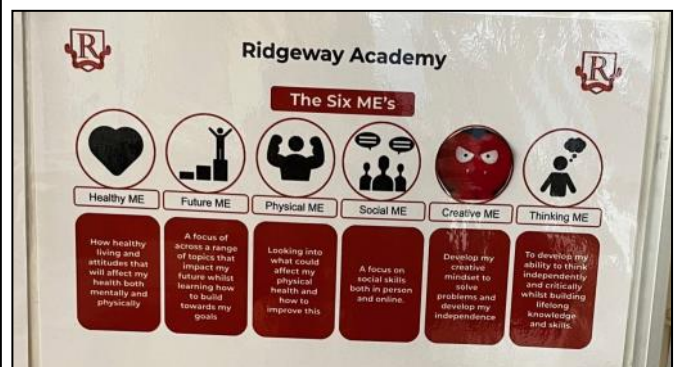
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#STOPKNIFECRIME

Red Nose Day

Friday 17th of March was the return of Comic Relief. Students and Staff were involved in various activities throughout the day to raise money. Highlights of the day were: 6th Form cake sale, sport activities at lunchtime, guess the sweets in the jar, won by Katie B in Y9 with the correct guess of 232! Furthermore, there were lots of Red Noses hidden around the school. Well done to those students who spotted them!

£155 was raised from the day, so thank you to all those who donated and took part in the activities.



Miss A Price
Teacher of PE

Aspens Catering

Our catering company are recruiting, please click on the link below:

<https://apply.pineapple-recruitment.co.uk/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=166>



Top 20 House Point Winners

Period: 10th - 24th March 2023

| Name | Form | Points |
|-----------------------|------------|--------|
| Katie Dawson | 10 Hawking | 64 |
| Olivia Mann | 10 Lytton | 60 |
| Jamie Knight | 8 Anderson | 59 |
| Theo Dawson | 10 Hawking | 55 |
| Dalila Fernando | 8 Hawking | 55 |
| Mila Agapovaite | 10 Turing | 53 |
| Ethan Newvell-Pentney | 9 Parks | 52 |
| Lucy Oldridge | 10 Mandela | 50 |
| Gracie Durrant | 8 Mandela | 49 |
| Kristina Lewinton | 8 Mandela | 49 |
| Benjamin Weetman | 7 Turing | 49 |
| Rhys Stratton | 10 Hawking | 47 |
| Kaitlyn Taggart | 8 Mandela | 47 |
| Maksymilian Nieckarz | 9 Parks | 46 |
| Daniel Yachubi | 8 Mandela | 46 |
| Ellen Aitken | 8 Mandela | 45 |
| Maya Basra | 10 Lytton | 45 |
| Michael Olabanji | 8 Mandela | 45 |
| Archie Parkin | 9 Parks | 45 |
| Reece Cooper | 9 Parks | 43 |
| Eloise Flowers | 8 Mandela | 43 |

Theme of the Week

Celebration Assemblies

At the end of each term we hold Celebration Assemblies and invite parents along to join us in celebrating the academic achievements of our students. Teachers award students from each subject who have shown excellent effort, attainment and commitment to their subject. In addition, the Head of Year for each year group, awards two students Student of the Term for demonstrating the Ridgeway values consistently and also two students for the prestigious Headteacher Award. The Headteacher award is awarded for students who are exceptional examples of Ridgeway students in school, but who also go above and beyond to contribute to the school community outside of a lesson context. We congratulate all students who were awarded a prize this year!

Below are Year 9 receiving their certificates in Tuesday's assembly this week.



Headteacher Commendations - Student of the Week

| | |
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| Lauren Hill | 9 Anderson |
| Sonny Anderson | 9 Hawking |
| Ella Goudge | 9 Lytton |
| Jenson Groves | 9 Mandela |
| Francis Culibau | 9 Parks |
| Jada Cobson | 9 Turing |

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| Freya Harris | 9 Mandela |
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Want to Speak to Someone about Community, Health, Bullying, Weapons, Hate Crime or Something Else?

Don't Suffer In Silence, Make a Report



Click on the Sharps Link on the School Intranet

This is a **CONFIDENTIAL** way to stop **YOU** or a **FRIEND** or **SOMEONE** you have seen **SUFFERING**.

You can either complete a confidential report or send me, Mrs S Merrigan, an email using the link on the website. You don't have to leave your details if you don't want to.



Please take the time to look through the pages on Sharps and if you feel that you can help to keep our school a safe, friendly and fun place to be please get in touch.

We are a school delivering personal development excellence.



Excellence in Pupil Development Award

End of Spring Term 2023 Award Winners - Outstanding Effort and Progress

Headteacher Award

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|---|
| Year 7 | Eva Harrison Jack Cronin | Form 10P | Xander Burt Chloe Southcott Harry Fyall |
| Year 8 | Priya Flack Cameron Nicolson | Form 10T | Leona Caulfield Chase Rason |
| Year 9 | Shae Cassidy Jayden Ngahuro | Gold | Ella Graves Alfie Jarvis |
| Year 10 | Rose Knight Jonnell Mbangi | | |
| Year 11 | Scarlett Beskeen Alex Ferris | | |
| Year 12 | Rhianna Russell Matthew Osborn | | |
| Year 13 | Megan Singleton Kamil Maczan | | |

Year 9 - Shae Cassidy
Year 10 - Jonnell Mbangi
Year 11 - Jared Taggart

Dance

Year 10 - Ella Graves
Year 11 - Scarlett Beskeen

Design & Technology

Year 7 - Tom Rhodes
Year 8 - Diya Dhondee
Year 9 - Lauren Hill

Drama

Year 7 - George McAndrew-Miller
Year 8 - Princess Buckland
Year 9 - Maddie Hamm
Year 10 - Katie Hart
Year 11 - Nellie Ntasi
Sixth Form - Matthew Osborn

Enterprise

Year 10 - Charlie Sadler
Year 11 - Laura Harris

English

Year 7 - Elizabeth McMillan
Year 8 - Priya Flack
Year 9 - Maddie Hamm
Year 10 - Harrison Taylor
Year 11 - Aimee Anderson

Media

Year 10 - Freddie Holmes
Year 11 - Kamila Kurbanova

Geography

Year 7 - James Seeley
Year 8 - Charlotte Smith
Year 9 - Jasmine Robinson
Year 10 - Evie Hornsey
Year 11 - George Robinson

Health & Social Care

Year 10 - Ava-Mae Burlingham
Year 11 - Teagan Smith
Year 11 - Ciaran Lewis
Year 13 - Ellie Brown
Year 13 - Scarlett Franklin

History

Year 7 - Jack Cronin
Year 8 - Anhua Fernandez
Year 9 - Finley Pennell
Year 10 - Theo Dawson
Year 11 - Amy Olsen
Sixth Form - Shannon De-Lacy
Sixth Form - Kamil Maczan

Hospitality and Catering

Year 10 - Keira Gray
Year 11 - Archie Woodgate

Maths

Year 7 - James Seeley
Year 8 - Anhua Fernandez
Year 9 - Roman Flack
Year 10 - Maya Basra
Year 11 - Jared Taggart

MFL - French

Year 7 - Cassie Messer

Head of Year 11 Award

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| Form 11A | Alice McLoughlin Tate Allen |
| Form 11H | Mia Messer George Robinson |
| Form 11L | Teagan Smith Jared Taggart |
| Form 11M | Amy Olsen Aaron White |
| Form 11P | Lexie Bartley Alfie Rushbrooke |
| Form 11T | Millie Singleton Denny Read |
| Gold | Kamila Kurbanova Jamie Rodway |

Head of Sixth Form Award

Zara Chimalilo
Lucas Downer
Tamarin Hendriks
Dylan Haggerty

SUBJECTS

Applied Science

Sixth Form - Tamarin Hendriks
Sixth Form - Manuela Quartey

Art

Year 7 - Ellie O'Connor
Year 8 - Poppy Handley
Year 9 - Anna-Mae Van Niekerk
Year 10 - Eloise Howse
Year 11 - Aimee Anderson

Biology

Year 7 - Jayden Benford
Year 8 - Eloise Flowers
Year 9 - Reece Cooper
Year 10 - Robyn Cross
Year 11 - Kamila Kurbanova

Business

Year 10 - Nathan Hill
Year 10 - Jack McMillan
Year 11 - Josh Brooks
Year 11 - Davidia Joseph
Sixth Form - Erin McLean
Sixth Form - Amy Atkins

Chemistry

Year 7 - Eleanor McDonald
Year 8 - Louie Corbit
Year 9 - Lily Roberts
Year 10 - Ava-Mae Burlingham
Year 11 - Jared Taggart

Criminology

Sixth Form - James Horsley
Sixth Form - Kat Bull

Computer Science

Year 7 - Rafael Hilario
Year 8 - Eloise Flowers

Head of Year 7 Award

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| Form 7A | Rosie Cameron James Seeley |
| Form 7H | Lois Friend Timur Kurbanov |
| Form 7L | India Arm Jayden Benford |
| Form 7M | Chloe Monk Finn Cockram |
| Form 7P | Lily Hobbs Rafael Hilario |
| Form 7T | Chloe Thompson Cameron Burt |
| Gold | Grace Hines Finn Stratton |

Head of Year 8 Award

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| Form 8A | Clara Haworth-Maggs Cameron Nicolson |
| Form 8H | Tilly Johnson Jasper Then-Bergh |
| Form 8L | Felicity Atkins Oliver Farr |
| Form 8M | Eloise Flowers Sam Slatter |
| Form 8P | Verity Burnham Dexter Rodway |
| Form 8T | Olivia Turner Vladimir Rotar |
| Gold | Macie Beck Joziah-Ray Mbangi |

Head of Year 9 Award

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| Form 9A | Lauren Hill James Markham |
| Form 9H | Maia Keaveney Daniel Hornsey |
| Form 9L | Phoebe Ware Aiden Galvin |
| Form 9M | Freya Harris Oliver Housego |
| Form 9P | Amalia Taylor Charlie Jarvis |
| Form 9T | Katie Begbie Joseph Thorpe |
| Gold | Kaytelyn Lockyear Ademola Gbakinro |

Head of Year 10 Award

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| Form 10A | Keira Galvin Archie Bell |
| Form 10H | Eve Collins Alfie Dickens |
| Form 10L | Sophie Woodhouse Harrison Taylor |
| Form 10M | Phoebe Shadbolt |

Year 8 - Clara Haworth-Maggs
Year 9 - Faye Bailey
Year 10 - Robyn Cross
Year 11 - Alice McLoughlin

MFL - Spanish

Year 7 - Jack Cronin
Year 8 - Daisy Wakefield
Year 9 - Oliver Winnan
Year 10 - David James

Music

Year 7 - Zachary Arnett
Year 8 - Solara Turner
Year 9 - Shae Cassidy
Year 10 - Jonnell Mbangi
Year 11 - William Potter

PE Girls

Year 7 - Rosie Cameron
Year 8 - Macie Beck

Year 9 - Kaytelyn Lockyear
Year 10 - Annie Dykes
Year 11 - Cleo Cockram

PE Boys

Year 7 - Finn Cockram
Year 8 - George Isherwood
Year 9 - Reece Cooper
Year 10 - Alfie Dickens
Year 11 - Will McNeill

Philosophy & Ethics

Year 7 - Rafael Hilario
Year 8 - Kaitlyn Taggart
Year 9 - Isla Timms
Year 10 - Chloe Southcott
Year 11 - Maria Piotrowicz

Physics

Year 7 - Harrison Neville
Year 8 - Hsian Aguirre

Year 9 - Katie Cecil-Little
Year 10 - Cody Mainer
Year 11 - Teejay Whiting

Politics

Sixth Form - Abbie Casserley
Sixth Form - Amy Atkins

Product Design

Year 10 - Rhys Stratton
Year 11 - George Robinson

Sociology

Year 10 - Lilith Albrecht
Year 10 - Eloise Howse
Year 11 - Vanessa Plencherova
Year 11 - George Evans
Sixth Form - Abigail Jakes
Sixth Form - Billy Smith
Sixth Form - Natasha Ferris

Subject Focus - Science

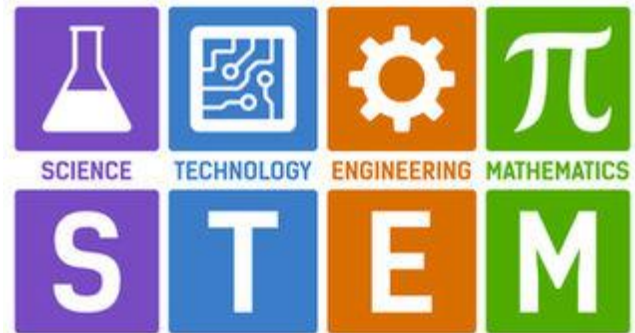


British Science Week took place 10th-19th March 2023. This year, the theme was 'connections'. The science department worked hard and collaboratively on what this meant, and to us, we wanted the students to experience a field of science that many people take interest in... Forensic Science. We wanted the students to be able to find the 'connections' between various pieces of evidence that they had to piece together to work out whodunnit. The students investigated how to lift fingerprints and how to identify the different patterns, how to determine the time of death and how to use microscopy to match hairs and fibres to the crime scene and suspects. The students engaged well with these sessions and many have expressed an interest in studying forensics further in the future.

The Department have also planned an international trip to Disneyland Paris in January 2024. This trip is being offered to students in Years 8 and 9 who will be in Years 9 and 10 on the year of the trip. This 4-day trip is focussed on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and how this is used in creating rollercoasters and throughout the park. Students will have an opportunity to experience how STEM is important and how it is used outside of the classroom in a way that they may have never thought about



Science before. The students will be partaking in STEM seminars as well as having access to the park and rides for two days.



Ridgeway Academy have also been invited to take part in the annual Faraday Challenge event which is taking place at Sandringham School. The Faraday Challenge happens nationally and gives students the opportunity to research, design and make solutions to genuinely tough engineering problems. The event will be set up and run by a team of STEM professionals

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Faraday



and is an unbeatable opportunity to switch students on to the wider world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The winners of each Faraday Challenge Day will win prizes for themselves and a trophy for their school and gain a place on the national league table. The top teams from across the UK will get to go through to the National Final at the end of the season to compete for a cash prize of up to £1,000 for their school to spend on STEM activities.

Miss E Kemp
Director of Science

Sports Centre News

Easter Opening Times

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| Saturday 1st April | Open as normal |
| Sunday 2nd April | Open as normal |
| Monday 3rd April | Open as normal |
| Tuesday 4th April | Open as normal |
| Wednesday 5th April | Open as normal |
| Thursday 6th April | Open as normal |
| Friday 7th April | Closed |
| Saturday 8th April | Open 8am-1:30pm for pre-booked sessions only |
| Sunday 9th April | Closed |
| Monday 10th April | Closed |
| Tuesday 11th April | Open as normal |



PAY & PLAY
5th April, 12th April and 14th April

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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

Barracudas

Barracudas Activity Day Camps, the UK's favourite school holiday provider for children aged 4½ to 14 years, will be open at our school this Easter. 80+ exciting activities including archery, arts and crafts, motorsports, sports, teambuilding and much more!

Ofsted registered, confidence building camps with high staff to child ratios, plus parents of the school receive an extra £10 off per child per week if they quote code HSCP23 at the time of booking.



THE UK'S FAVOURITE BARRACUDAS Activity Day Camps

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Book Now! School holiday club open at your child's school!

Did you know? You can change your dates right up until 14 days before your booking begins! (subject to availability)

Use Childcare Vouchers/Tax-Free childcare. Spread the cost with our Easy Payment Plan!

Giving every child such an **AMAZING EXPERIENCE** they can't wait to come back!

Visit barracudas.co.uk or call 01430 467567

Pay and Play

We are pleased to be offering our award winning Pay and Play programme for 11-18 year olds again this Easter on our new 3G pitch.

For full details please take a look at the poster. You can simply turn up and play!



PAY & PLAY
AGE 11-18
EASTER HOLIDAYS

11:00 **till** 4:00

Wednesday 5th, Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th April 2023

3G All Weather Pitch Only

Unsupervised sessions
correct usage must be adhered to at all times

Correct footwear must be worn
football boots or astro trainers (no metal studs)

Must bring own equipment
(balls/boots etc)

CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

£1 Per Hour RWA Students
£2 Per Hour Students
£3 Per Hour Non-Students

*Non Ridgeway students must bring Student ID
**Adults must be with a student

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

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Mr R Goodship
Sports Centre Manager

Extra Curricular Activities

You can view all the extra curricular activities we run on SOCS by following this link or from the link on the Intranet.



<https://calendar.ridgeway.herts.sch.uk/>

Neurodiverse Support Organisations

www.add-vance.org

ADD-vance is a dedicated group of professionals, who also happen to be parents of children affected by ADHD and/or Autism. Our mission is to support the families of children affected by these conditions and the professionals involved in their care. We want to increase understanding, provide support, and change perceptions of these complex neurological conditions, so as to improve the wellbeing and reduce the social isolation of these young people and their families.

www.angelsupportgroup.org.uk

Angels is an experience-led charity, based in Hertfordshire, which provides individualised, professional expertise and advice. We work alongside parents to build understanding and to empower them to hear their child's voice. Our key aim is to maximise the individual potential of each child and young person.

www.spaceherts.org.uk

Space is an award-winning Hertfordshire based charity supporting families of children and young people who are on the Autistic Spectrum (ASD), have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or other neurodiverse conditions.

Further Resources can be found here:
[Mental Health & Wellbeing Information](#)

Wellbeing Event

'Vivid' SFYP Hatfield Youth Forum, is a group of young people who meet weekly to learn about volunteering skills, they are holding a Wellbeing event on Sunday 2nd April 2023 2.30-5pm The event is being held at Breaks Manor Youth Centre, Link Drive, AL10 8TP

Wellbeing Event:

- There will be information tables on Stress and Anxiety - young people can learn about coping strategies, and where to access support.
- Arts and Crafts
- Refreshments and Hot Food
- Sports Area /Pool Table
- Wellbeing goody bags for all attendees

Lots of chill out areas for those young people who would like a chilled out, quiet, safe space.

Young people can come for the whole day or part of the day. All Free, hope to see you there.

Please use this contact number if you need to contact, or have any questions before the event, or on the day, 07580 744357 - Tracy Lee.



Services for
Young People



The Hub

ASC/SEND Coffee Morning

Vista St Albans will be hosting a number of coffee mornings with a School Family Worker to help support Parents/ Carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, diagnosed or not. This is an informal and safe place for Parents/Carers to share information and chat.

Running alongside our coffee morning, there will also be the opportunity to pre-book an appointment with a member of staff from the SEND Specialist Advice and Support Service (These sessions are for ASC advice).
Times available are: 9.30am, 10.00am, 11.00am and 11.30am

Time: Coffee Morning starts at **9.15am** until **11.00am**
(no need to book)


Venue: The Hub, Fleetville Junior School, 228 Hatfield Road, St Albans, AL1 4LW
(The Hub is situated to the right hand side of the School building)

For more information about this service or to book an appointment please call Vista/St Albans Plus on 07584 798528
Email: vistastalbans@gmail.com


Dates:
Wednesday 18 January 2023
Wednesday 08 March 2023
Wednesday 26 April 2023
Wednesday 28 June 2023

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www.facebook.com/Vistastalbans





First Steps ED is a leading eating disorder charity providing hope, opportunities, and choices to lives affected by eating difficulties and disorders...



Join us!

If you are a parent, carer, or loved ones of someone with disordered eating, you can refer yourself for our 4-week workshop.

To self-refer, use the QR code or visit <https://form.jotform.com/220964041104343>


Skills for Carers Workshop

What we'll cover:

Our 'Skills for Carers' course is a four-week course for parents, partners and siblings who wish to understand their role in a loved one's recovery. Each session will offer practical tips and information to help you develop self-reflective and care-giving skills to help support a loved one.


We believe in early intervention and prevention of eating difficulties and disorders which is why we're passionate about supporting parents, carers, families and professionals to help them play an effective role in recognising the signs of an eating disorder, and providing effective supporting and guidance.

Workshops are available monthly. To register your interest in any upcoming series please scan the QR code or contact our team at info@firststepsed.co.uk




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For more support & resources visit



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Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

at Breaks Manor Centre, Link Drive, Hatfield AL10 8TP

Join us this Easter
Mon 3 April to Thurs 6 April
3-7pm each day

For young people aged 13-16

Priority booking for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals

- Fun physical activities such as sports, dance and team games
- Creative activities such as music production, cooking, arts and crafts.
- Informal healthy lifestyles workshops
- Meet and socialise with other young people
- Free healthy food every day

Use the QR code below or contact
SFYP Welwyn Hatfield Team to sign up.

Area Team Manager: Mark Hughes
Youth Work Practice Manager: Russell Cairns

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sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk
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School Term and Holiday Dates 2023-24

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Monday 4th September to Wednesday 20th December

Half Term: Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

Inset Day: Friday 1st September

Open Evening: Thursday 14th September

Extended Learning Day: Thursday 21st September

Extended Learning Day: Thursday 7th November

Occasional Day: Friday 24th November

SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 5th January to Thursday 28th March

Training Day: Thursday 4th January

Extended Learning Day: Thursday 18th January

Training Days: Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February

Half Term: Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February

Extended Learning Day: Wednesday 6th March

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15th April to Friday 19th July

Bank and Public Holiday: Monday 6th May

Half Term: Monday 6th - Friday 31st May

Extended Learning Day: Monday 17th to Friday 21st June

Shadow Inset Day (school closed): Monday 22nd July

Shadow Inset Day (school closed): Tuesday 23rd July

House Points

Anderson



38652

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.



Hawking



36466

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.



Lytton



41782

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.



Mandela



44064

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.



Parks



45466

Rosa Parks is known as the mother of the civil rights movement after fighting for racial equality in the USA through her leading role in the Montgomery bus boycott, which lasted over a year.



Turing



28870

Alan Turing was a mathematician, widely celebrated as the father of computer science after cracking the Enigma Code during WWII. Turing was later subject to discrimination due to his sexuality.



Currently in the lead are Parks with 33716 points. Last updated 20.2.2023

Dates for Your Diary

SUMMER TERM 2023

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| Monday 17 th April | Start of Term |
| Tuesday 18 th to Friday 21 st April | Year 11 Art Exam |
| Wednesday 26 th April | Year 11 Practical Dance Exam |
| Monday 1 st May | Bank Holiday |
| Thursday 4 th May | Year 11 MFL Oral Exams |
| Friday 5 th May | Year 9 DTP/Meningitis Vaccination |
| Monday 8 th May | Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 9 th to Friday 12 th May | Year 8 End of Year Exams |
| Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th May | Year 9 End of Year Exams |
| Monday 22 nd May | Year 7 End of Year Exams |
| Monday 22 nd to Tuesday 23 rd May | Year 10 Geography Trip |
| Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June | Half Term |
| Wednesday 19 th July | Last Day of Term |
| Thursday 20 th July | Inset Day (school closed to students) |
| Friday 21 st July | Inset Day (school closed to students) |

