



Issue 96
Fortnightly
April 2023
Week 1

Ridgeway Academy

Headteacher's Message

Well done to all the students who have represented Ridgeway so far this term and thank you to staff who have organised events;

- ◇ Mr Panayioti for The Science Faraday Challenge at Sandringham School.
- ◇ Mr Broad, Miss Wesson and Mr Sutton for the Geography Field Trip.
- ◇ Ms Syed and team for the theatre visit to see An Inspector Calls.

The Athletics County League begins in May, we look forward to some great performances in track and field.



Congratulations to all Rewards students - we are proud of your achievements, keep up the hard work, which will be recognised at Prize Giving in July.

I wanted to sign post you to our Sharps system on the school intranet. This is a confidential way to report and speak to someone about issues such as community, health, bullying, weapons, hate crime.



We track and respond and refer to professional services. If you have any questions on this, please contact Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Merrigan.

Ridgeway Reads platform is used to share book recommendations, challenges and competitions.

Regular reading for pleasure increases a range of rich vocabulary, understanding and performance across subjects - do discuss this with your child and encourage them to visit our library to access a wealth of resources for all interests.



We are recruiting for invigilators and scribes and offer great flexibility with a range of hours between 15 May - 23 June. For further details contact our Exams Officer, Mrs Welsh.



Exam season is almost upon us. Please ensure your child has great nutrition, carries a water bottle, has quality sleep and brings in the correct equipment. We wish all students every success.

Mrs S Mitcherson
Headteacher

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 - 21st April 2023

7 Anderson

Megan Beck
Toby Bishop
Rosie Cameron
Anna Cebula
Kiara Chisenwa
Didi Elue
Samuel Grimsley
Sam Harris
Eva Harrison
Amilie Hopkins
Johann Laxa
Katie Luckins
Halle Miles
Riley Musk
Ellie O'Connor
Alice Scatchard
James Seeley
Libby Tanner
Jasper Timms
Hayden White
Mati Wierzbinski

7 Hawking

Mitchell Carolan
Amie Davies
Kaysie Davies
Jasmine Fettus
Sophia Groom
Gabrielle Howell
Sinead Kimber
Timur Kurbanov
Noah Matthews
Lola Mchugh
Brandon Paterson
Laurie Pugh
Isaac Redmond
George Sadler
Olivia Scott
Grace Stickland
James Thake
Owen Thorogood
Charlie Tuvey
Kiera Williams
Austin Woods

7 Lytton

Kayla Archer
India Arm
Jayden Benford
Bobby Bliss
Leah Culver
Elizabeth Dawson
Bella Flaherty
Rai Fremichael
Angelina Jhankur
Lashaun Kaisa
Sanjana Kerai
Ranulya Kotalawela
George Mcandrew-
Miller Salvador
Rodrigues
Lilly Rogers
Jack Smith
Kieran Smith
Frankie Stewart
Miley Thomas
Harry Turner
Jaeden Umali
Layla Worcester
Nicholas
Zaborowski

7 Mandela

Dougie Baker-
Fiveash
Olaf Banaszak
Malachy Caulfield
Finn Cockram
Lacey-Mae Cushing
Leon Gallagher
Lexi Gorman
Mason Grant
Lois Grostate
Jesse Kirsop
Cassie Messer
Olivia Miller
Chloe Monk
Elliot Phillips
Sienna Stevens
Alfie Stride
Jake Vine
Ruby Walker

Lewis Webb
Jayde Wildash

7 Parks

Zachary Arnett
Jasmine Bamgboye
Keelie-Ann
Beaumont
Dylan Bragg
Jayden Clarke
Jack Cronin
Lewis Farenden
Ryan Haxhij
Rafael Hilario
Grace Hines
Lily Hobbs
Joshua Masson
Elizabeth Mcmillan
Drake Nymn
George Rhodes
Tom Rhodes
Finn Stratton
Rhys Stride
Chloe Tibbert
Henry Wilson

7 Turing

Nyla Allen
Gino Anastasi
Louis Barnett
Willow Beer
Amanda Boadu
Brian Brahimetaj
Cameron Burt
Lacey Cullum
Benjamin David
Emmie Devine
Jack Ferris
Kaila-Kelly Grice
Ruby Hillard
Kenan Kaya
Eleanor Mcdonald
Caitlyn Monk
Ben Preston
Paige Redhead
Frank Rozanek
Ella-May Shield

Samuel Smith
Ella Taylor
Maika Taylor
Niamh Taylor
Thomas Timlin
Benjamin Weetman

8 Anderson

Aimee Andrews
Jack Cooper
Ryan Currell
Ella Dickens
Tia Dickens
Angelo Garkov
Clara Haworth-
Maggs
Clara-Louise Hickey
Jasmine Hobbs
Harley King
Joziah-Ray Mbangu
Cameron Nicolson
Alexander Noble
Archie Pickles
Olga Potocka
Roisin Roberts-
Mconeilly
Abigail Slater
Archie Suant
Maxwell Thomas
Poppy Wheeler
Luke Windle

8 Hawking

Myla Abbott
Beau Brewster
Brennan
Brocklehurst-Macer
Dalila Fernando
Jessica Fouracre
Finley Griffin
Archie Hoad
Rhys Kirby
George Mann
Dominic Mccarthy
Elizabeth Mcneill
Layla Newton
Alfie Peel

Ebony Slater
Ryley-James
Sullivan
Jasper Then-Bergh
Olivia Watt
Amber Whorlow

8 Lytton

Hsian Aguirre
Felicity Atkins
Lucy Bailey
Louie Corbit
Nancy Delacy
Lacey Ealy
Luke Emms
Ben Fahmy
Oliver Farr
Frankie Harris
Jessica Hart
Amelia Hembury
William Housego
George Isherwood
Isabella Jose
Tegan O'Leary
Oscar Poulter
Oliver Timpson

8 Mandela

Ellen Aitken
Dexter Allen
Isabella Bowman
Jude Brady Bennett
Daniel Brassett
Isabel Caballero
Mason Clare
Eve Daley
Gracie Durrant
Lenny Fisher
Eloise Flowers
Eric Grostate
Eva Gunning
Kitty Kelly
Theo Kent
Kristina Lewinton
Michael Olabanji
Phoenix Overton
Sam Slatter

Kaitlyn Taggart
Rafa Viezzer
Lois Welsh
Daniel Yachubi
Arron Ziobakas

8 Parks

Seth Berry
Shylah-Malia
Buena
Verity Burnham
Bailey Carter
Evan Dawson-
Taylor
Diya Dhondee
Tyrese Finch
Priya Flack
Lily Freeman
Harley Ingham
Taylor James
Joshua Knight
Mia Mead
George Milner
Isabella Newwell-
Pentney
Oliver Paton
Jayna Raiytt
Dexter Rodway
Ria Seetaram
Alyssa Stalley
Megan Upton
Blake Walker-
Mitchell
Lucas Willcox

8 Turing

Timothy Cranfield
Charlotte Egan
Kacei Griffith
Emily Hardy
Amber Josh
Ebonie Peters
Harry Rice
Vladimir Rotar
Scarlett Rowe
Charlotte Smith
Jamie Tomlinson

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|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| Olivia Turner Daisy Wakefield Sophia Wheeler | Marley Glenville Ella Goudge Harley Hayes Macey Jacques Kaytelyn Lockyear Mason Mcdermott Jayden Ngahuro Dora Sarkozi Oliver Smith Stanley Stevens Ava Surry Riley Swift Jade Turner Phoebe Ware Carson Wiese Mitchell Wood | Finley Pennell Honey-Mae Tate Amalia Taylor Anna-Mae Van Niekirk Ruby Wells | Kyle Ncube Codi Rowley-Connolly Isobel Sterling Rhys Stratton Rebecca Wood | 10 Parks Rhys Baldwin Alex Bloom Ashton Cowan Kayla-Jane Cranfield Liam Du Plessis Jay Field Harry Fyall Kaci Lack Morgan Lilly Charlie Sadler Jayden Smith Chloe Southcott Hollie Turner | Louie Peake Preston Callow Edward Cooper Archie Woodgate |
| 9 Anderson Adonay Fremichael Jessica Giagkoulli Daisy Hackett Lauren Hill Krzysztof Kowalczyk Lewis Laycock James Markham Maddison McParland Francis Moore Kobie Nevill Jasmine Robinson Victor Rotar Verity Rowe Sophie Savage Joseph Taylor Fabien Thompson-Brown | 9 Mandela Lukas Buchanan Ethan Candler Ashley Chapman Taylor Done Jenson Groves Maddie Hamm Freya Harris Sophie Healy Oliver Housego Rhys Linton Kyle Packard Kristian Stenson Ella Taylor Luca Teixeira Katie Wesley Harry Woodhouse Harmonie Young | 9 Turing Ellie Anastasi Katie Begbie Joshua Blackburn Charles Cranfield Evie Hamm Ameera Hayhoe Emily Horsley Callum Howse Alfie Jewitt Matylda Lech Harley Schobs Edward Smith Joseph Thorpe Luke Wells Oliver Winnan Corby Wood Nadia Ziolkowska | 10 Lytton Maya Basra Max Bentley Rose Clayton Ryan De-Lacy Conor Divers Annie Dykes Shay Flaherty Ella Graves Keira Gray Harley-Ann Grice Nathan Hill Evie Hornsey Albie Johnson Riley Josh Lenny Lewis Olivia Mann Buddy Newton-Musk Alfie Noakes Libby Owen Jonathan Seeley Harrison Taylor Ted Wood | 10 Turing Josh Baker Ava-Mae Burlingham Leona Caulfield Daniel Eplett Lily Hall Jack Johnson Cameron Jones Shakira Kelly Rose Knight Cameron Musk William Paton Logan Webb Pawel Bielecki | 11 Hawking Lana Bodic Charlie Cousins Luke Hornsey Erin Limacher William McNeill Lucy Nicholson Rowan Richards-Savino George Robinson |
| 9 Hawking Sonny Anderson Faye Bailey Hakeem Bendahane Sophie Brown Aydan Burrows Ava Carter Isabella Clark Megan Davies Ella Dillon Harry Edwards Kya Finch Ademola Gbakinro Daniel Hornsey Maia Keaveney Gracie-Jayne London Alex Skorek Jaden Taylor Isla Timms | 9 Parks Caidin Banyard Thomas Casserley Reece Cooper Francis Culibao Ruby English Roman Flack Rhea Ganatra Sophie Gearing Maximo Harris Fabian Jacques Charlie Jarvis Dejoie Joseph Connor Kennedy Ethan Newvell-Pentney Maksymilian Nieckarz Alfie Parkin Archie Parkin | 10 Anderson Lilith Albrecht Max Ambler Archie Bell James Chapman Cameron Charlton Keira Galvin Maisie Hames Tia Hammill-Petch Katie Hart Eloise Howse Samuel Moore Caleb Olusegun Daniel Stackman Luke Talbot April Warwick | 10 Mandela Rebecka Baughan Aylin Bonser Xander Burt Coby Cooper Robyn Cross Callum Cubis Jude Deether Daegan Den Heijer Kai Frost Ethan Hutcheson Alfie Jarvis Jonnell Mbangi Max McParland Kane Nymn Lucy Oldridge Oliver Paramor Ollie Perry Isla Poulter Phoebe Shadbolt Ryan Stenson Alani Tomlinson Chloe Treglohan Isla Welsh | 11 Turing Kyle Poore Roman Price Molly Lewis Mia Messer Liberty O'Brien Monei Segosebe Daniel Thorpe Lexie Bartley Jasmine Botchway Gemma Johnson Maria Piotrowicz Malakai Fox Igi Lech | 11 Lytton Mieka Broadwood D'souza Isaac Brocklehurst-Macer Kian Buckley Millie Foster Summer Ingham Ella Sharman Teagan Smith Jake Stalley |
| 9 Lytton Theodore Basra Riley Birney-Goff Annabel Brown Jesse Buckland Patrick Caulfield Katie Cecil-Little Keira De-Lacy Aiden Galvin | | 10 Hawking Niamh-Lisa Barnes Vinny Calvert Eve Collins Jake Culibao Katie Dawson Theo Dawson Alfie Dickens Freddie Holmes Riley Kleiser Jojo Laci Jack McHugh Kayleigh Mead | | 11 Turing Kyle Poore Roman Price Molly Lewis Mia Messer Liberty O'Brien Monei Segosebe Daniel Thorpe Lexie Bartley Jasmine Botchway Gemma Johnson Maria Piotrowicz Malakai Fox Igi Lech | 11 Mandela George Evans Thomas Savage Miller Arm Bethany Cooper Baylin Harvey Hannah Mockridge Amy Olsen Jamie Rodway Aaron White |
| | | | | 11 Parks Louisa England-Vassallo Charley Fitzsimons Niamh Harris Matthew Hornsey Kamila Kurbanova Vanessa Plencnerova Cameron Wagenaar | |

Invigilators and Scribes NEEDED!



Ridgeway Academy are looking for enthusiastic individuals to support with invigilation and scribing of exams through the summer season.

We can offer great flexibility with a range of hours between Monday 15th May and Friday 23rd June.

We will provide you with all the training needed to equip you in this role so no prior experience is necessary.

For further information, hourly rates and an application form, either telephone or email for the attention of Emma Welsh:

01707 351350 ext 3310
admin@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk

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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)
Head of Performing Arts (Drama, Dance, Music)
Teacher of Girls PE
Assistant Subject Leader of English
Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Behaviour Support Officer
SENCO Administrator
Student Services/Attendance Administrator

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

Mrs K Biss
Human Resources Officer

School Dinners - Wisepay

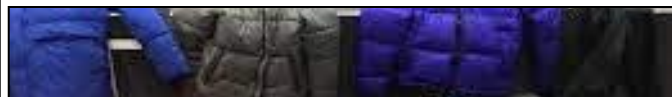
Can parents/carers please make sure that your child's Wisepay account has sufficient funds in order to be able to pay for their food.

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

My name is Rhianna Russell and I have won a civic award. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, Urbaser the University of Hertfordshire has chosen me as one of the few winners as they were very impressed by my achievements in bowls as 2022/2023 has already been a big year for me. The civic award is out of all ages and so a ceremony will be held on the 22nd May at 7.30pm.

Civic Awards 2023 – Winner

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council, in partnership with Urbaser and the University of Hertfordshire, has a Civic Awards scheme to thank those who live or work in the Borough for outstanding contributions to their community and surroundings.

I am writing to let you know that you were nominated for an award by Peter Bowyer and Mike Poole. The judging panel were very impressed by your achievements and are pleased to inform you that you are one of the Civic Award 2023 winners.

The awards will be presented at the Annual Council Meeting on [Monday 22nd May 2023 starting at 7.30pm](#) in the Hawthorne Theatre at Campus West, Welwyn Garden City. On the evening, please could you arrive [at 7.15pm](#) to meet us on the stage, where you will be seated. Your guests are welcome to sit in the seats in the auditorium. There will be a buffet reception after the meeting to which you are all invited. The invitation is also extended to those who nominated you.

Rhianna Russell
Sixth Former

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



Top 20 House Point Winners

Period: 17th - 21st April 2023

| Name | Form | Points |
|------------------------|------------|--------|
| Noah Matthews | 7 Hawking | 78 |
| Kameron Lagunas-Kayima | 7 Hawking | 73 |
| Harrison Neville | 7 Hawking | 64 |
| Lola Mchugh | 7 Hawking | 62 |
| George Sadler | 7 Hawking | 62 |
| Laurie Pugh | 7 Hawking | 61 |
| Harriet Jones | 7 Anderson | 60 |
| Halle Miles | 7 Anderson | 59 |
| Rosie Cameron | 7 Anderson | 57 |
| Megan Beck | 7 Anderson | 56 |
| Kiara Chisenwa | 7 Anderson | 53 |
| Toby Bishop | 7 Anderson | 52 |
| Anna Cebula | 7 Anderson | 48 |
| Ellie O'Connor | 7 Anderson | 48 |
| Alice Scatchard | 7 Anderson | 43 |
| Grace Stickland | 7 Hawking | 41 |
| Lewis Farenden | 7 Parks | 40 |
| Amie Davies | 7 Hawking | 38 |
| James Seeley | 7 Anderson | 37 |
| George Taylor | 7 Hawking | 37 |
| James Thake | 7 Hawking | 37 |

Theme of the Week

World Penguin Day 25th April

World Penguin Day takes place during the annual northern migration of Adélie penguins, a species of penguin that is native to Antarctica. Adélie penguins migrate north to have better access to food during the winter months when the sea ice expands and then, during the summer, return to the coastal beaches of Antarctica to build their nests.



This annual celebration of penguins was created at McMurdo Station, an American research center on Ross Island. Researchers noticed that the Adélie penguins began their migration around this day each year, and so they founded World Penguin Day as a way to mark the occasion and raise awareness of these creatures.

Headteacher Commendations - Student of the Week

The following students will be joining the Headteacher on Friday for hot chocolate:

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Noah Matthews 7H | Kayla Archer 7L |
| Harriet Jones 7A | William Owen 7M |
| Lewis Farenden 7P | Caitlyn Monk 7T |



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

Head of Year News

Year 7 - Mr K Amstutz

As we entered the new term after the Easter break, we have been delighted with the enthusiasm and hard work shown by our Year 7 students. It has been a busy and productive week, and I would like to highlight some of the outstanding achievements of our students in this week's newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our U13 girls who made it through to round 4 of the EFSA cup. They played a competitive game against Queenswood, and their hard work and determination paid off with a well-deserved victory. Our girls have shown great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the tournament, and we wish them all the best for the next round.

Additionally, I am proud to announce that Year 7 students have achieved the highest reward points across the school this week. This achievement reflects their dedication to their studies and positive behaviour. I would like to commend our students for their consistent effort in all aspects of school life.

Lastly, I have had the pleasure of dropping in on some of the Year 7 classes this week, and I am impressed with the excellent hard work displayed across their lessons. Our students have demonstrated a willingness to learn and have shown great progress in their studies. It is a pleasure to see such dedication and engagement in their learning.

Year 8 - Miss G Picone

Well done to Year 8 for their outstanding start to the term, reflecting the core values of the school; respect, responsibility and relationships.

Firstly, it has been lovely going around the forms and watching your kind interactions with your form tutors and your enthusiasm towards topics being discussed. I am proud to hear that students are already having proactive and mature discussions about choices and future careers ahead of next year.

Secondly, I had the pleasure of reading some of the beautifully written reviews from library lessons. Students in Year 8 have shown enthusiasm towards a diverse range of topics and great self-reflective skills. You can find these reviews yourself at @rwareads on Instagram.

Lastly, the science department had the joy of accompanying Years 8 to Sandringham for the Faraday Challenge where students competed against other schools in our trust. The teachers were extremely impressed by the way the students presented themselves.

Year 9 - Miss S Standage

Well done to 9 Lytton who are in the lead with their

form competition for attendance and most house points. Remember we are rewarding house points for every student who has perfect uniform and equipment in form time. It has been a real positive shift in the Year group in regards to standards.

I have selected the Top 100 students in the Year group who have an overall positive score on their behaviour points AND an attendance of 90% or over to be invited to our Thorpe Park trip at the end of the year. Keep an eye out for this information.

Communication regarding your option choices should be coming out soon, please read carefully and speak to Mrs Merrigan if you have any queries.

Year 10 - Mr M Pring

Congratulations on the high standards of uniform, punctuality and attitude upon your return after the Easter break.

As you will be aware, both work experience and mock exams are on the horizon. If you are yet to confirm your work experience, please see Mrs. Merrigan to discuss options.

Mock exams are upcoming in June and as we approach them it is absolutely essential that all students are present in lessons giving them maximum opportunity to be successful in those exams.

From a sporting perspective, it is great to see so many students partaking in the summer league run by Mr. Albon and as we are now into Athletics season we would encourage all year 10 students to attend Athletics club on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Year 11 - Mr D Tansley

As I am sure you are aware we are fast approaching the summer exam season and prior to this starting we wanted to share some key information and dates with you to ensure that both you and your child are as prepared as possible.

All Year 11 students will be expected to attend school as normal from the Monday 15th May until Friday 26th May. During this period, they will be participating in one of the following activities:

- Completion of a timetabled exam
- Attending a 'super learning' session
- Attending their normal timetabled lesson.

We believe that this programme will provide students with the best opportunity to be successful in their exams, receive subject specialist support and to alleviate anxiety in the early stages of the exam season.

From the 5th June, students will need to attend school for their allocated 'super learning' session and the timetabled exams only. Details regarding the 'super learning' timetable will be with you shortly.

Head of Year News continued...

A final celebration to mark the end of their time at Ridgeway Academy will take place on the 23rd June. This will be a fantastic opportunity for students to celebrate the end of the exam process and their time at Ridgeway Academy before they move onto the next stage of their education.

Sixth Form - Mrs N Picariello

In this week's newsletter I wanted to give you an outline of the plan for the last day for our Year 13 cohort this year. As you all know, Year 13 did not have a Prom at the end of Year 11 due to COVID and their end of Year 11 celebration was muted to say the least. We want to give them a good send off, now that they are leaving Ridgeway Academy to take their next steps:

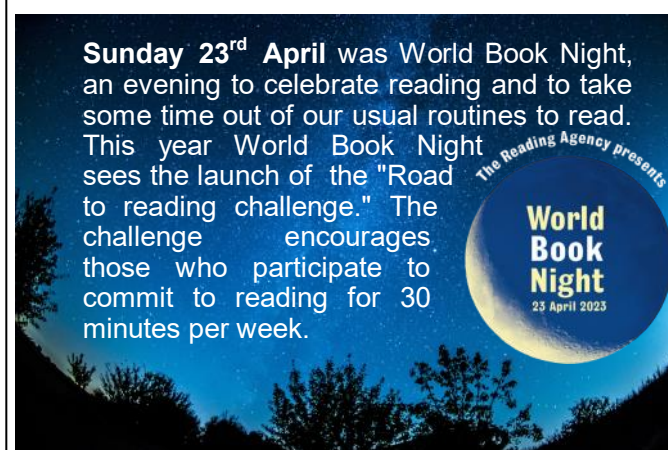
- 9:00am Assembly in Osborn Hall led by Mrs Mitcherson - parent's have been invited
- 10:00am Photos and a game of rounders v staff
- 11:30am Food under the gazebo outside sixth form block
- 1:00pm Clapped off the site to a small gathering with the Sixth Form Team.

Year 13, we hope you'll enjoy your celebration as we see you off to the next stage of your lives.

Ridgeway Reading

In order to promote reading for pleasure, we have launched at "Ridgeway Reads" instagram account (@rwareads). The platform will be used to share book recommendations from staff and student.

Please follow us for recommendations, challenges, competitions and all things book related.



According to research, those who read for just 30 minutes a week are:

- 20% more likely to report greater life satisfaction
- 18% more likely to have higher self-esteem
- 52% more likely to feel socially included
- 37% more likely to get greater pleasure out of their social life

Staff at Ridgeway took part in this challenge. You can sign up and find out more information, or check out book recommendations at worldbooknight.org

Keep an eye on our social media, to see what we are reading and how our challenges are going.

The Reading Team @rwareads



HERTFORDSHIRE
CONSTABULARY

CYP GANGS & SCHOOLS TEAM




Subject Focus - Computer Science

What we have been working on...

Year 7 – Scratch

Creating Letters With Scratch

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10 forward(100)
11 left(270)
12 forward(180)
13 left(180)
14 penup()
15 forward(50)
16 left(90)
17 pendown()
18 forward(100)
19 penup()
20 left(180)
21 forward(120)
22 left(90)
23 pendown()
24 forward(100)
25 right(180)
26 forward(120)
27 forward(50)
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30 right(90)
31 forward(100)
32 left(270)
33 forward(100)
34 right(180)
35 forward(150)
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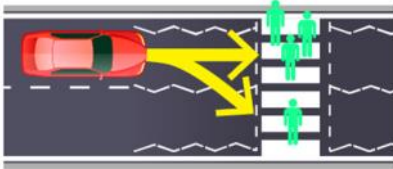


Year 8 – Artificial Intelligence

AI Ethics

A self-driving car is travelling towards a zebra crossing. There are three people on the crossing on the cars side, and one person on the crossing on the other side.

The car's brakes fail. The computer must decide whether to continue on the left of the road, potentially injuring people, or turn right, potentially injuring one person.



(a) Choose whether you would program the car to stay in the left lane or switch to the right lane. Explain why you made this choice.

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Year 9 – Technology of the Future

Interesting research

Metaverse 1992

1. What is the metaverse?
Vr internet
2. Who invented Metaverse?
Neal Stephenson
3. What is the cost and when will it be launched?
\$400,000 2023
4. Name some of the sponsors?
EY, immerse, haptx, upland and XRA



Metaverse 2021

1. What is the metaverse?
The metaverse is a vision of what many in the computer industry believe is the next iteration of the internet: a single, shared, immersive, persistent, 3D virtual space where humans experience life in ways they could not in the physical world.
2. Who invented Metaverse?
Mark Zuckerberg
3. What is the cost and when will it be launched?
\$10,000 to \$400,000
4. Name some of the sponsors?
gucci, chanel and coca cola

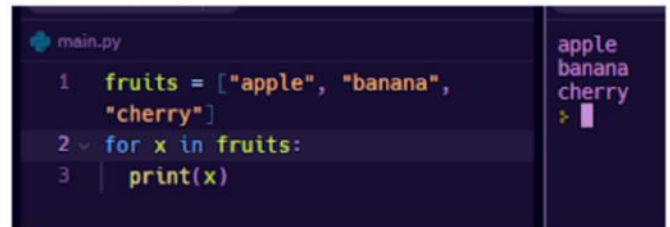


Year 10 – Topic 1.3 Computer networks, connections and protocols

Python - understanding For loops and While loops

7. Loop through a list (array)

```
main.py
1 fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
2 for x in fruits:
3     print(x)
```



Year 11 - Revisiting the course in preparation for the big Exam!

Students have revision material accessible on <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>. They were given revision books at the start of the year.

Also, we have been provided with FREE online tutoring for Year 11 by the following. All access has been sent to students



Miss M Shearer
Maths Assistant Subject Leader



PE DEPARTMENT SUMMER TERM CLUB LIST

| | <u>Lunch Clubs</u> | <u>Location</u> <u>LUNCH TIME</u> | <u>After School Clubs</u> | <u>Time/Requirements</u> <u>Location</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Monday | | | Athletics | JC,MPR,SV, KAM, APR |
| Tuesday | Football Indoor Cricket | SV astro SH: KAM , APR | Year 10 Summer Football League Staff Meetings Runders | RAL All staff APR/SV |
| Wednesday | Football Basketball | SV astro Sports hall KAM | Athletics | JC,MPR,SV, KAM |
| Thursday | Football Tennis | DBU astro JC (courts) | Girls Basketball Cricket | KAM Field APR |
| Friday | Volleyball | Sports hall APR | KS4 intervention Girls Football | APR MPR / KAM |

Sports Centre News

Mum Dance – New Hirer at Ridgeway Academy!

Come to Mum-Dance, do Saturday night and crush 5,000 steps per class. Get fit and have fun doing hilarious routines to all your school disco smash hits! Live and kicking - Book now at www.mum-dance.co.uk.



Sessions take place every Wednesday in the School Dance Studio (E block) from 7:45-8:45pm.

Bank Holidays

Please note the Sports Centre will be closed to all community bookings on the 3 Bank Holidays in May. Monday 1st May, Monday 8th May and Monday 29th May.


A-Z Basketball


A-Z Basketball is back! Every Thursday from 7-8pm (term time only) in the Sports Hall for children aged 11-16.


Delivered by qualified coaches you will learn and develop your skills with fun drills and mini games, to book a FREE space, go to <https://t.co/gbvKtz2g3>

A-Z BASKETBALL

 Ridgeway Academy Sports Hall

 7-8pm

 Every Thursday
20 April - 25 May 2023

 For 11-16 year olds

To book a free space for the 6-week program

<https://basketballsession11-16.eventbrite.co.uk>



Mr R Goodship
Sports Centre Manager



@RASportsCentre



@rasportscentre



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Invigilators and Scribes Needed!



Ridgeway Academy are looking for enthusiastic individuals to support with invigilation and scribing of exams through the summer season.

We can offer great flexibility with a range of hours between Monday 15th May and Friday 23rd June.

- **Range of Hours**
 - **No experience needed**
 - **Training provided**
- We will provide you with all the training needed to equip you in this role so no prior experience is necessary.

For further information, hourly rates and an application form, either telephone or email for the attention of Emma Welsh:

01707 351350 ext 3310

admin@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk



Ridgeway Academy, Hems Lane, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 2AF
www.ridgeway.herts.sch.uk

WELWYN HATFIELD

PROJECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



SPRING TERM 2023

Enabling young people to succeed

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



01992 588220
sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk
www.servicesforyoungpeople.org

Services for
Young People

HATFIELD THURSDAY PROJECT

Hatfield Young People's Centre
Breaks Manor, Link Drive
Hatfield, AL10 8TP

Thursdays 3.15pm-5.15pm
For young people aged 11-15

WELWYN HATFIELD YOUTH COUNCIL

WHBC Offices, The Campus
Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE

Thursdays (fortnightly) 4pm-6pm
For young people aged 11-17 who
want to make a difference in their
community

WELWYN HATFIELD YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM

Hatfield Young People's Centre
Breaks Manor, Link Drive
Hatfield, AL10 8TP

Thursdays 5.30pm-7.30pm
For young people aged 13-17 who
want to make a difference in their
community

BREAKOUT LD PROJECT

Hatfield Young People's Centre
Breaks Manor, Link Drive
Hatfield, AL10 8TP

Thursdays 7pm-9pm
For young people aged 13-17 with
mild to moderate learning difficulties
and / or learning disabilities

RAISING ASPIRATIONS PROJECT

WGC Young People's Centre
Oaklands College
Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AH

Fridays 1.30pm-3.30pm
For young people aged 15-16 who are
home educated

WOODHALL STREET PROJECT

Woodhall area, Welwyn Garden City

Fridays 4pm-6pm
For young people aged 18-24

WOODHALL FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

Woodhall Community Centre
Mill Green Road
Welwyn Garden City, AL7 3XD

Fridays 7pm-9pm
For young people aged 11-17

BREAKS MANOR FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

Hatfield Young People's Centre
Breaks Manor, Link Drive
Hatfield, AL10 8TP

Fridays 7pm-9pm,
For young people aged 11-17

WOODHALL PROJECT

Ludwick Family Centre, Hall Grove,
Welwyn garden City, AL7 4PH

Mondays 4pm-6pm
For young people aged 11-17

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PROJECT

Hatfield Young People's Centre
Breaks Manor, Link Drive
Hatfield, AL10 8TP

Tuesdays 3.15pm-5.15pm
For young people aged 11-17
to develop strategies and techniques
to reduce stress and anxiety

HATFIELD STREET PROJECT

Skate Park, Galleria and Town Centre

Tuesdays 3.15pm-5.15pm
For young people aged 11-17

STAND UP PROJECT

Hatfield Young People's Centre
Breaks Manor, Link Drive
Hatfield, AL10 8TP

Tuesdays 6pm-8pm
For BAME young people aged 11-17

GIRLS' AND YOUNG WOMEN'S PROJECT

Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway, Welwyn
Garden City, AL8 6JG

Tuesdays 6pm-8pm
For girls and young women aged 11-17

WELWYN GARDEN CITY SING AUTISM PROJECT

Focolare Centre, 69 Parkway, Welwyn
Garden City, AL8 6JG

Wednesdays 5.30pm-7.30pm
For young people with Autism
aged 13-17

WELWYN GARDEN CITY EMOTIONAL WELLBEING PROJECT Including Supporting You Project

WGC Young People's Centre
Oaklands College
Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AH

Wednesdays 6pm-8pm
For young people aged 11-17
To develop strategies and techniques
to reduce stress and anxiety

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S (DofE) AWARD

Phone 01992 588220 or email
sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk
for details and venue

For young people aged 14-24

SERENITY LGBT+ PROJECT

Phone 01992 588220 or email
sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk
for details and venue

For LGBT+ young people aged 13-17

REACH OUT

For those showing early or low-level signs of dangerous risk taking
behaviour. A Programme of one-to-one and groupwork support for young
people at risk of exploitation including CSE.

POSITIVE PATHWAYS

A programme of one-to-one support and groupwork for young people
involved in or at risk of involvement in crime and antisocial behaviour.

ACCESS POINT PROJECT

Advice, guidance and sexual health services including free condoms,
chlamydia and gonorrhoea screening and pregnancy testing.

Hatfield Young People's Centre
Breaks Manor, Link Drive, Hatfield AL10 8TP

Mondays 12.30pm-4pm
for all young people

Welwyn Garden City People's Centre
Oaklands College,
Welwyn garden City, AL8 6AH

Thursdays 12.30pm-4pm
for all young people

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Services for
Young People

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](#)

TALKING TEENS



WEDNESDAYS
7th June to 12th July 2023
7.00 - 9.00pm

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 will cover:

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate during a conflict situation.

Ridgeway Academy
Herns Lane,
Welwyn Garden City
AL7 2AF

'I have already changed my attitude towards my 13 year old daughter by understanding her behaviour rather than getting annoyed by it. The results have been quite remarkable.'

Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

www.supportinglinks.co.uk

QUOTING REFERENCE SL 582

'Very well delivered and engaging sessions'



These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council's Targeted Parenting Fund

Information you share with us is used to process your booking. This will be held securely and only shared in accordance with our GDPR Policy.

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

www.vistastalbans.org.uk
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>

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

SCAN ME

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.

For more support & resources visit

www.firststepsed.co.uk

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HEY, FAMILIES OF WELWYN

JOIN OUR FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COURSES TO MAKE HEALTHY HABITS TOGETHER, AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!

THE RIDGEWAY ACADEMY, AL7 2AF
MONDAYS 17:00 - 19:00

For 11 weeks
From Monday 15th May 2023

To be eligible for a free place, your family must live/go to school/be registered with a GP in Hertfordshire and include one child aged 5-15 who is above their ideal healthy weight.



To sign up for your family's FREE place...

beezebodies.com/families
01707 248648



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



22814

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



22287

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



24357

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



24952

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



26238

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



23088

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 26238 points. Last updated 24.4.2023

Dates for Your Diary

SUMMER TERM 2023

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| 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) |

