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Week 1

Ridgeway Academy

Headteacher's Message

Today we had the privilege to present a Guard of Honour for our wonderful Year 13 students.

Thank you to Mrs Picariello and Mrs Merrigan for a lovely Celebration assembly in recognition of these hard working, role model students - it was great to welcome families too.



We wish Year 13 every success in their forthcoming exams.

GCSE exams start next week and well done to Year 11 who are working hard in lessons and intervention.

Please remind your son / daughter of the importance of sleep and nutrition through the exam period.



Time spent at home on purposeful practise of timed exam questions and checking against model answers will serve them well throughout this period.

Next week we have County Athletics League which we host in St Albans. We are looking forward to great performances across track and field.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs S Mitcherson
Headteacher

Headteacher Commendations - Student of the Week

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

- Clara Haworth-Maggs 8A
- Rhys Kirby 8H
- Tegan O'Leary 8L
- Phoenix Overton 8M
- Charlie Debuse 8P
- Charlotte Smith 8T

HOY Nomination
Cameron Nicolson



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 - 24th April - 5th May 2023

7 Anderson

Toby Bishop
Rosie Cameron
Anna Cebula
Kiara Chisenwa
Betty Deal
Didi Elue
Samuel Grimsley
Sam Harris
Eva Harrison
Amilie Hopkins
Harriet Jones
Johann Laxa
Katie Luckins
Riley Musk
Ellie O'Connor
Alice Scatchard
James Seeley
Summer St John
Libby Tanner
Layla-Belle Taylor
Hayden White
Mati Wierzbinski

7 Hawking

Mitchell Carolan
Faith Chen
Amie Davies
Kaysie Davies
Jasmine Fettus
Connor Freed
Lois Friend
Sophia Groom
Timur Kurbanov
Kameron Lagunas-
Kayima
Lola Mchugh
Harrison Neville
Isaac Redmond
George Sadler
Olivia Scott
Grace Stickland
James Thake
Owen Thorogood
Charlie Tuvey
Austin Woods

7 Lytton

India Arm
Jayden Benford
Bobby Bliss
Elizabeth Dawson
Bella Flaherty
Angelina Jhankur
Lashaun Kaisa
Sanjana Kerai
Ranulya Kotalawela
Salvador Rodrigues
Lilly Rogers
Kieran Smith
Miley Thomas
Jaeden Umali
Nicholas
Zaborowski

7 Mandela

Dougie Baker-
Fiveash
Olaf Banaszak
Harvey Carroll
Lacey-Mae Cushing
Leon Gallagher
Isla Gentry
Lexi Gorman
Lois Grostate
Paige Langrish
Olivia Miller
Chloe Monk
William Owen
Sienna Stevens
Lewis Webb

7 Parks

Zachary Arnett
Jasmine Bamgboye
Keelie-Ann
Beaumont
Dylan Bragg
Freddie Carder
Jayden Clarke
Lewis Farenden
Ryan Haxhiaj
Rafael Hilario
Grace Hines

Savannah Kerby
Elizabeth Mcmillan
Drake Nymn
Burt Quartley
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
Kingston Davis
Jack Ferris
Kaila-Kelly Grice
Ruby Hillard
Alina Ibrahim
Eleanor Mcdonald
Caitlyn Monk
Ben Preston
Frank Rozanek
Ella-May Shield
Samuel Smith
Ella Taylor
Maika Taylor
Niamh Taylor
Thomas Timlin
Benjamin Weetman

8 Anderson

Aimee Andrews
Chloe Banham
Konnie Berry
Roxanne Clarke
Jack Cooper
Ella Dickens
Tia Dickens
Angelo Garkov

Clara Haworth-
Maggs
Clara-Louise Hickey
Jasmine Hobbs
Alex Holton
Harley King
Joziah-Ray Mbang
Cameron Nicolson
Alexander Noble
Archie Pickles
Olga Potocka
Precious Taylor
Maxwell Thomas
Solara Turner
Poppy Wheeler
Luke Windle

8 Hawking

Macie Beck
Molly Day
Anhua Fernandez
Dalila Fernando
Jessica Fouracre
Finley Griffin
Archie Hoad
Rhys Kirby
George Mann
Elizabeth Mcneill
Alfie Peel
Ryley-James
Sullivan
Charleigh Wylde-
Montague

8 Lytton

Hsian Aguirre
Lucy Bailey
Amelia Brownlee
Louie Corbit
Luke Emms
Ben Fahmy
Oliver Farr
Tyler Farrer
Frankie Harris
Amelia Hembury
William Housego
Isabella Jose

Demi Kruger
Tegan O'Leary
Libby Richmond

8 Mandela

Rihan Aajiz
Ellen Aitken
Dexter Allen
Daniel Brassett
Louise Brogan-
Williams
Eve Daley
Keirnan De-Lacy
Gracie Durrant
Lenny Fisher
Eloise Flowers
Eric Grostate
Eva Gunning
Theo Kent
Andy La
Phoenix Overton
Sam Slatter
Kaitlyn Taggart
Rafa Viezzer
Lois Welsh

8 Parks

Seth Berry
Verity Burnham
Bailey Carter
Tyrese Finch
Priya Flack
Lily Freeman
Taylor James
Joshua Knight
Alicja Lowczyk
Niamh Matthews
Jayna Raiytt
Dexter Rodway
Ria Seetaram
Blake Walker-
Mitchell
Lucas Willcox

8 Turing

Jared Allen
Violet Clayton

Iris Dillon
Charlotte Egan
Liam French
Kacei Griffith
Emily Hardy
Kitty Kelly
Ebonie Peters
Harry Rice
Vladimir Rotar
Charlotte Smith
Jamie Tomlinson
Olivia Turner
Megan van der Walt
Daisy Wakefield

9 Anderson

Kian Baldwin
Jake Dargan
Adonay Fremichael
James Markham
Maddison
McParland
Francis Moore
Evie Read
Jasmine Robinson
Victor Rotar
Verity Rowe
Sophie Savage
Daniel Smith
Amalia Taylor
Joseph Taylor

9 Hawking

Faye Bailey
Hakeem
Bendahane
Aydan Burrows
Isabella Clark
Harry Edwards
Ademola Gbakinro
Daniel Hornsey
Maia Keaveney
Gracie-Jayne
London
Oscar Rowe
Alex Skorek
Jaden Taylor

9 Lytton

Annabel Brown
 Jesse Buckland
 Patrick Caulfield
 Katie Cecil-Little
 James Douglas
 Aiden Galvin
 Marley Glenville
 Harley Hayes
 Macey Jacques
 Mason Mcdermott
 Jayden Ngahuro
 Oliver Smith
 Stanley Stevens
 Ava Surry
 Jade Turner
 Carson Wiese
 Mitchell Wood

9 Mandela

Gabrielle Barros da Silva
 Nathan Baughan
 Ethan Candler
 Taylor Done
 Jensen Groves
 Maddie Hamm
 Freya Harris
 Oliver Housego
 Kyle Packard
 Kristian Stenson
 Luca Teixeira
 Katie Wesley
 Harmonie Young

9 Parks

Thomas Casserley
 Reece Cooper

Francis Culibao
 Ruby English
 Roman Flack
 Sophie Gearing
 Olivia Ghumania
 Charlie Jarvis
 Dejoie Joseph
 Ethan Newvell-Pentney
 Maksymilian Nieckarz
 Alfie Parkin
 Archie Parkin
 Anna-Mae Van Niekerk
 Ruby Wells

9 Turing

Ellie Anastasi
 Jada Cobbson
 Jack Gatrell
 Evie Hamm
 Ameera Hayhoe
 CallumHowse
 Alfie Jewitt
 Matylda Lech
 Lily Roberts
 Harley Schobs
 Edward Smith
 Luke Wells
 Jake Williams
 Oliver Winnan
 Corby Wood
 Nadia Ziolkowska

10 Anderson

Max Ambler
 Archie Bell

Cameron Charlton
 Keira Galvin
 Maisie Hames
 Tia Hammill-Petch
 Katie Hart
 David James
 Ethan Luckins
 Caleb Olusegun
 April Warwick
 George Amaricai
 Niamh-Lisa Barnes
 Heather Bradley
 Vinny Calvert
 Jake Culibao
 Theo Dawson
 Alfie Dickens
 Freddie Holmes
 Nathan Keedle
 Riley Kleiser
 Kyle Ncube
 Tommy Ngo
 Isobel Sterling
 Rhys Stratton
 Rebecca Wood

10 Lytton

Rose Clayton
 Ryan De-Lacy
 Conor Divers
 Annie Dykes
 Shay Flaherty
 Ella Graves
 Keira Gray
 Nathan Hill
 Evie Hornsey
 Riley Josh
 Lenny Lewis
 Olivia Mann

CJ McBride
 Alfie Noakes
 Libby Owen
 Jonathan Seeley
 Harrison Taylor
 Ted Wood

10 Mandela

Honey Andrews
 Rebecka Baughan
 Xander Burt
 Callum Cubis
 Kai Frost
 Ethan Hutcheson
 Jonnell Mbangi
 Jack McMillan
 Max McParland
 Lucy Oldridge
 Oliver Paramor
 Phoebe Shadbolt
 Chloe Treglohan
 Isla Welsh

10 Parks

Lucia Allen
 Rhys Baldwin
 Lily Carder
 Callum Channa
 Ashton Cowan
 Jay Field
 Kaci Lack
 Morgan Lilly
 Lewis Pilborough
 Freddie Roads
 Chloe Southcott

10 Turing

Ava-Mae
 Burlingham
 Elliot Cameron

Leona Caulfield
 Kiyra Cumberbatch
 Cameron Jones
 Morgan Kane
 Rose Knight
 Cameron Musk
 Lacey Temple
 Logan Webb

11 Anderson

Hamish Bradley
 Freddie Dutton
 Sam Emms
 Denis Frunza
 Mia Thomas
 Luke Hornsey
 Erin Limacher
 William McNeill
 William Potter
 Rowan Richards-Savino
 George Robinson

11 Lytton

Scarlett Beskeen
 Kian Buckley
 Millie Singleton
 Laura Harris
 Maia Matthew
 Ella Sharman
 Beatrix Smith
 Jake Stalley

11 Mandela

Miller Arm
 Bethany Cooper
 Amy Olsen
 Denny Read
 Aaron White

11 Parks

Owen Attfield
 Cleo Cockram
 Louisa England-Vassallo
 Charley Fitzsimons
 Matthew Hornsey
 Kamila Kurbanova
 Alice McLoughlin
 Vanessa Plencnerova
 Cameron Wagenaar

11 Turing

James Hobbis
 Molly Lewis
 Daniel Thorpe
 Tate Allen
 Malakai Fox
 Igi Lech
 Maria Piotrowicz
 Kyle Poore
 Hailie Skutela
 Liam Wragg

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School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

Personal Development Lead with Teacher of English, Maths, Science, Music or MFL

Assistant Subject Leader of Maths

Teacher of Maths

Science Technician

Teacher of Girls PE (with additional core subject)

Teacher of English (Full or Part Time)

Learning Supervisor

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

Mrs K Biss
Human Resources Officer

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

I had the pleasure of attending the pass out parade for the LiFE course that Frank Moore and Rhys Linton have been on.

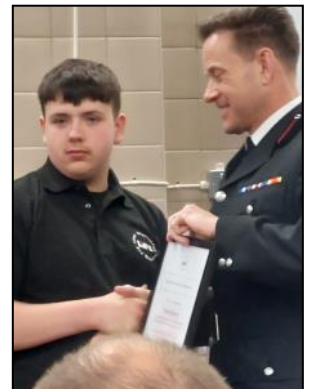
The LiFE course is held at the Local Fire station and they have engaged in all drills you would expect a fireman to do.

On arriving, the first thing the Leader said "Do not underestimate the sheer determination and strength these young people have shown this week". Out of the 14 enrolled on the course from various schools, only 8 made it through to the end. 2 of those were ours! Some dropped out because they simply could not do it and others were asked to leave as they were unable to meet the expectations. Rhys and Frank not only made it to the end, they passed with flying colours. They were a real credit to the school.

Their mentors for the week have sung their praises. They have proved to themselves that they can be resilient, they can focus and they can follow instructions (We can always make them do sit ups if they don't) They both overcame many obstacles, mostly physical, to reach the end of the week. Their mentors have also challenged them to use their skills in school. This means that we should be seeing them listening to instructions with fewer prompts, being able to focus for longer periods and showing resilience when the going gets tough.

During the parade there was a competition drill. Using skill, determination, strength and teamwork, Frank not only made it to the final but alongside his partner, won. Well done Frank!

Mrs L Rossington
Inclusion Coordinator



Top 20 House Point Winners

Period: 24th April to 5th May 2023

Name	Form	Points
Olivia Mann	10 Lytton	76
Eloise Flowers	8 Mandela	73
Harry Fyall	10 Parks	73
Vinny Calvert	10 Hawking	71
Theo Dawson	10 Hawking	68
Lily Hall	10 Turing	67
Katie Dawson	10 Hawking	64
Lucy Oldridge	10 Mandela	64
Lily Fagan	8 Mandela	63
Andy La	8 Mandela	63
Kristina Lewinton	8 Mandela	63
Gracie Durrant	8 Mandela	61
Max Ambler	10 Anderson	61
George Lee	10 Turing	60
Lenny Fisher	8 Mandela	58
Rafa Viezzer	8 Mandela	58
Reuben Thompson	10 Parks	58
Eva Gunning	8 Mandela	57
Sam Slatter	8 Mandela	57
Jojo Laci	10 Hawking	57

Theme of the Week

Culture and Ethos

This week's assembly focus has been based around developing and sustaining a positive culture. Students have been encouraged to think about what the term culture means in different contexts, and to consider the importance of promoting a positive culture here at Ridgeway Academy. As part of the assembly, Key Stage 3 House Captains have been formally announced, along with the upcoming events that the House Captains will be delivering. We have enjoyed continuing these conversations with students in and around lessons and look forward to building upon the positive culture at Ridgeway Academy.



Homework Club

During the GCSE exam period from 15th May to 28th June, Homework club will be held in G Block.

Please remind your child that some staff may be delayed in opening as they will be supervising in exams.



Thank you.



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

In the hustle and bustle of school life, Year 7 has truly stood out with their exceptional efforts and outstanding attitude. They have consistently displayed a strong work ethic in the classroom, demonstrating their commitment to learning and personal growth. Their dedication to earning merits in the inter form competition has been commendable, reflecting their respect, relationships, and responsibility.

It is great to see their hard work across the school and has been an absolute pleasure dropping into lessons. Keep it up Year 7!

Year 8 - Miss G Picone

Well done Year 8 for an outstanding week last week. As a year group we had the highest attendance and received the highest amount of positive points across the school. Keep up the great work. Well done in particular to 8 Parks last week who achieved 97% for attendance and 8 Mandela who received 598 positive points.

I have had the pleasure last week of covering 8P whilst Mr Loftus was on paternity leave which I thoroughly enjoyed, in particular reading *The Graveyard* book during afternoon form. Moreover, I have had great feedback from form tutors and students about the afternoon reading.

Lastly, I would like to thank parents for their ongoing support in ensuring that students are entering school with excellent uniforms. Standards have definitely improved with how students present themselves and it is lovely to walk around the school and see this. Also thank you for ensuring students are prepared to learn with the right equipment every day.

Year 9 - Miss S Standage

Well done to 9 Parks again for getting the most House Points and 9 Lytton for the best attendance last week.

Also, I am really proud of the Year 9 students Shae and Daniel who are launching a new Drama opportunity this term. If you have signed up for GCSE Drama, Dance and/or Music make sure to get in touch!

Year 11 - Mr D Tansley

As we move to the final formal week of teaching for Year 11 students will have been given their individual Super Learning timetables starting from the 15th May. Please discuss with your child to ensure they attend every session.

There will be snacks and water on offer at the start of each exam to ensure students have some extra sustenance going into the exam room.

Please remind your child of the equipment they require for each exam, and that they should pack their

bag before they go to sleep the night before. This will help reduce anxiety.

Ensure they arrive by 8:30am and meet in Attimore Hall at the start of each morning exam.

On a personal note, I am moving on from Ridgeway at the end of this week and would just like to thank all Year 11 parents for their support this year. I look forward to celebrating with the cohort on the 23rd June at the celebration assembly and on the 29th June at Prom.

Sixth Form - Mrs N Picariello

Year 12 are approaching exam season, with timetables going out this week. If you haven't received yours please see Mrs Felton in Sixth Form. Exams take place at the site where your subjects are taught, so please make sure you arrive in good time and are prepared appropriately.

Year 13 are in their last week of teaching before they leave Ridgeway for good, with the small matter of final A Level exams before they do. We wish them all the luck in the world, but remember that the harder you work the luckier you get!

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



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/>

Subject Focus - English

Ridgeway Writers

Aimee Davies, Bella Flaherty, Benjamin Weetman, Brandon Paterson, Cameron Burt, Cassie Messer, Chloe Thompson, Dylan Bragg, Eleanor MacDonald, Elizabeth Dawson, Eva Harrison, Finn Stratton, Frank Rozanek, George Rhodes, Tom Rhodes, Harriet Jones, India Arm, Isabella Staines, Jake Vine, Jayden Clarke, Jojo Laci, Jonnell Mbango, Joshua Masson, Kaysie Davies, Kiara, Lexi Gormon, Lois Grostrate, Lois Friend, Louis Barnett, Nathan Hill, Rafael Hilario, Ranulya Kotalawela, Rhys Stratton, Sanjana Kerai, Summer St John, Tim Kurbanov, Willow Beer, Archie Parkin, Alfie Parkin.

The English Department are proud to announce that once again Ridgeway students have achieved great success! 40 students (names above) have had their writing selected for publishing for the Young Writers Poetry competition. Our budding writers were asked to write about a topic they felt passionate about and they did not disappoint. The quality of the work was amazing! One of the entries from a Year 7 student (included below) has also been selected for a Headteacher's commendation:

Cost of Living Crisis

Prices go up
Meaning an empty plate and cup
Families can't afford to eat
Even the cheapest cut of meat

There is help which is a never-ending task
But families are often too afraid to ask
Food banks, charities are always there
Providing food, drink and welfare

Spreading the word about help is not too hard to find
Let's all come together to support all mankind
Lend a helping hand when you can
It's kind and you'll be there greatest fan.

Lois Grostrate, Year 7

Mrs T Yelland
English Subject Leader

An Inspector Calls Theatre Visit

On Friday 28th April Years 9, 10 and 11 went on a school trip to see An Inspector Calls at Richmond Theatre, London. We were all very excited on the coach. When we got there we took this lovely picture outside the theatre. Students seemed impressed by the look and feel of the theatre and as we took some front row seats we were not disappointed. The lighting and staging were incredible, very interesting visuals as in school it's hard to imagine what it really looks like. The actors were brilliant (shout out to Eric who played the role perfectly), some even walked through the audience. One student even said 'I really enjoyed it, especially now I know what happens.'

We thoroughly enjoyed taking the students out with us and though they were tuckered out by the end of the night (we arrived back at 11pm) it was certainly worth it.

Thank you to all staff involved on the trip and we hope for another one soon.



Miss Syed
Teacher of English



PE DEPARTMENT SUMMER TERM CLUB LIST

	<u>Lunch Clubs</u>	<u>Location</u> LUNCH TIME	<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 Rounders	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

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 May half term and summer holiday. 80+ exciting activities including arts and crafts, sports, teambuilding and much more! We also have specialist activities including archery and motorsports at summer!

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

Bank Holiday

Please note we will be closed on Monday 29th May for the Bank Holiday.

A-Z Basketball

A-Z Basketball is back! Every Thursday from 7-8pm

A-Z BASKETBALL



Ridgeway Academy Sports Hall

7-8pm

Every Thursday
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For 11-16 year olds



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Mr R Goodship
Sports Centre Manager



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Youth Work Practice Manager: Russell Cairns



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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

Tel: 0300 123 7538 Text: 07860 065173
sfyp@hertfordshire.gov.uk
www.servicesforyoungpeople.org
@HCSYP



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>

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

SCAN ME

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



@beezeefamilies



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

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
Friday 23 rd June	Year 11 Celebration Assembly
Thursday 29 th June	Year 11 Prom
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)

