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Ridgeway Academy

Headteacher's Message

As the formal exam season draws to an end next week, I would like to say well done to all Year 11 and Year 13 students who have worked hard and diligently applied themselves.

Thank you to Mrs Welsh and the team of invigilators and scribes who support with access arrangements. Internal exams begin next week - good luck to Year 10 and Year 12 students.

Enrichment activities are in full swing, highlights being Year 10 Thorpe Park reward trip, Chess competition, Football league and Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition.

Thank you to all the staff who give their time and energy to provide these opportunities for our students.

Next week we have 'Encounter' GCSE Art, Design and Technology Summer Exhibition to which you are cordially invited.

We are seeking your feedback on our mobile phone strategy for launch in September. Please do take the time to give us your view / feedback - it is valued and helpful.

Those of you who attended Sir Frederic Osborn School will remember Charlie Lower who taught generations of WGC families. Sadly, he passed away following an illness. There is a tribute to Charlie on page 2. If you have fond memories and you would like to share them, please email admin@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk Subject: Mr Lower, and we will pass these on to Charlie's wife and family.

Please note that for the rest of term students may choose not to wear their jumper or blazer and should continue to bring a water bottle.

Wishing you a lovely weekend enjoying the weather.

Mrs S Mitcherson
Headteacher

Headteacher Commendations - Student of the Week

The following students joined the Headteacher this week for Ice cream Friday:

Keira Galvin	10A
Rhys Stratton	10H
Annie Dykes	10L
Callum Cubis	10M
Harry Fyall	10P
Rose Knight	10T

Head of Year Nomination

Honey Andrews

Chess Club Competition

Wednesday 14th June saw the inaugural chess Match between Ridgeway Academy and Monks Walk School.

Two teams of five KS3 students showed excellent sportsmanship and immaculate behaviour. After 5 rounds of blitz chess Monks Walk emerged the victors with an 18-7 score for both the 1st and 2nd team. Ridgeway Academy showed enormous heart against very strong opposition, in particular Harrison N scoring 3/5 and Jarred A scoring 2.5/5.

A special mention should be given to Vasileios, Eric and Raoul from Monks Walk who all scored 5/5.



Charlie Lower

We are deeply saddened to inform our Ridgeway Academy families that a beloved ex-Teacher Charlie Lower has passed away following an illness.



Charlie Lower was an amazing teacher and leader, who has taught many generations of Welwyn Garden City families over his years at the school. His name is still brought up during parents' evenings, when they proudly announce he was once their teacher; often their favourite teacher.

Charlie was a natural, a grassroots teacher, who sowed, watered and cared for young minds; he grew imaginations. He was an encouraging collaborator, compassionate giver, an illuminating door-opening, and above all a believer in others. He spent many hours supporting students through their exams, often joking that he wouldn't retire until they had finished their A level Literature course.

He was a very dedicated sixth-form tutor and mentor, showing students that higher education was in their reach and achievable for all, often producing first generation university students. He knew the power of education and wanted all of his students to be the best version of themselves they could be; and with his support they often did.

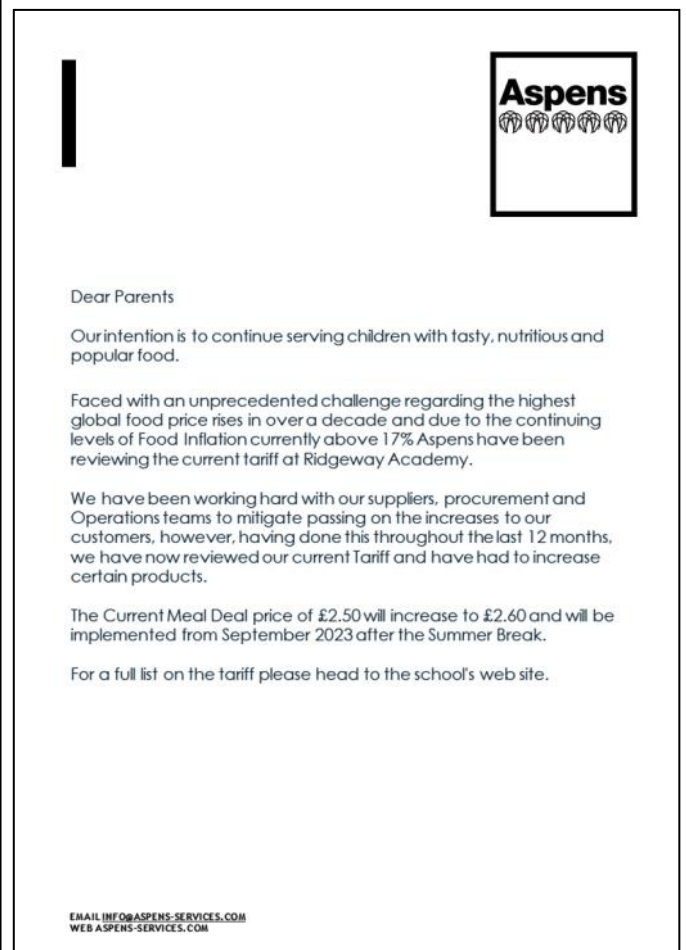
His love and passion for teaching was only rivalled by his love for English Literature (and sometimes films!). He was so inspiring, once writing a personalised limerick for a student as a parting gift. He had a gift, he made every single student feel important; made to feel like they were valid in all their thoughts and feelings. They were never wrong, they felt emboldened to voice their opinions, because Charlie Lower created an environment where they were respected for every moment they had together.

His classroom was a space in which they could truly express themselves, but this was only possible because of his encouragement and motivation. The impact he has had during his years of teaching is astronomical and the news of his passing will irrefutably be felt by many. However, his presence, that was felt so strongly during his time at the school, will carry on, as we continue to share our fond stories and memories of him, and the knowledge that he imparted to us. He inspired, nurtured and influenced many students and colleagues alike. He also developed the future generations of teachers and leaders some who remain here at Ridgeway Academy today.

We would like to share our heartfelt condolences to Charlie's family, and those closest to him, on their loss.

School Catering

Pupil premium students are currently entitled to a breakfast allowance of £1.00 per day, this allowance is increasing to £1.10 per day from September 2023. Please be advised that the time of availability of this allowance is changing from September 2023 and will be available for use from 07:30 until the end of breaktime which finishes at 11:10. This allowance is in addition to any free school meal entitlement which is redeemed during lunch time. Please note that any unspent balance at the end of the day, for both the free breakfast and free school meal, are forfeited and cannot be rolled over to the next day, we therefore encourage your child to use the allowance should it be made available to them. Please find below a letter from our Catering providers Aspens.



Miss M Harrigan
School Operations Manager



School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

- Teacher of Drama
- Learning Supervisor
- Higher Level Teaching Assistant
- Teaching Assistant
- Teacher of MFL (French & Spanish Part Time)
- Teacher of Music
- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Business
- ECT Teacher of Maths

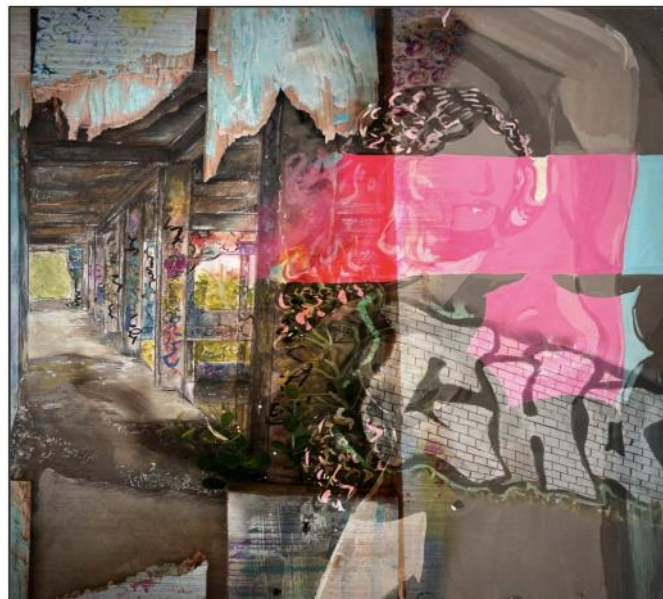
For more information visit:

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

Mrs K Biss

Human Resources Officer

Encounter



You are cordially invited to the private view of Ridgeway Academy's GCSE Art, Design and Technology Summer Exhibition

Thursday 22nd June 5:30pm - 6:00pm
Sixth form block (upstairs)
Prize giving at 6:00pm



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

Top 20 House Point Winners

Period: 22nd May - 9th June 2023

Name	Form	Points
Daniel Bassett	8 Mandela	67
Arron Ziobakas	8 Mandela	65
James Morfey	8 Mandela	64
Eve Daley	8 Mandela	62
Michael Olabanji	8 Mandela	62
Ellen Aitken	8 Mandela	61
Kristina Lewinton	8 Mandela	61
Kaitlyn Taggart	8 Mandela	61
Eloise Flowers	8 Mandela	60
Sam Slatter	8 Mandela	56
Rihan Aajiz	8 Mandela	54
Rafa Viezzer	8 Mandela	54
Phoenix Overton	8 Mandela	53
Lenny Fisher	8 Mandela	51
Isabel Caballero	8 Mandela	50
Keirnan De-Lacy	8 Mandela	50
Theo Kent	8 Mandela	50
Andy La	8 Mandela	50
Lois Welsh	8 Mandela	50
George Lee	10 Turing	50

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 - 22nd May - 9th June 2023

7 Anderson

Toby Bishop
Anna Cebula
Kiara Chisenwa
Betty Deal
Ellis Elliott
Didi Elue
Skye Garande
Samuel Grimsley
Ben Hajczinger
Eva Harrison
Amilie Hopkins
Sophia Kowalczyk
Johann Laxa
Katie Luckins
Halle Miles
Riley Musk
Ellie O'Connor
Alice Scatchard
James Seeley
Libby Tanner
Layla-Belle Taylor
Mati Wierzbinski

7 Hawking

Mitchell Carolan
Faith Chen
Kaysie Davies
Lois Friend
Sophia Groom
Gabrielle Howell
Timur Kurbanov
Kameron Lagunas-Kayima
Noah Matthews
Lola Mchugh
Harrison Neville
Brandon Paterson
George Sadler
Grace Stickland
George Taylor
James Thake
Owen Thorogood
Charlie Tuvey
Kiera Williams
Austin Woods

7 Lytton

Kayla Archer
India Arm
Jayden Benford
Bobby Bliss
Elizabeth Dawson
Rai Fremichael
Billy Jones
Ranulya Kotalawela
Bobby Marsden
George Mcandrew-Miller
Salvador Rodrigues
Lilly Rogers
Jack Smith
Kieran Smith
Bianca-Maria
Stanciu
Miley Thomas
Jaeden Umali
Layla Worcester

7 Mandela

Dougie Baker-Fiveash
Olaf Banaszak
Harvey Carroll
Malachy Caulfield
Finn Cockram
Lacey-Mae Cushing
Lexi Gorman
Jesse Kirsop
Cassie Messer
Olivia Miller
Chloe Monk
Jake Vine
Ruby Walker
Lewis Webb
Jayde Wildash

7 Parks

Zachary Arnett
Keelie-Ann
Beaumont
Jayden Clarke
Jack Cronin
Ryan Haxhij
Rafael Hilario

Grace Hines
Joshua Masson
Elizabeth Mcmillan
Burt Quartley
Emily Ratcliffe
George Rhodes
Tom Rhodes
Finn Stratton
Rhys Stride
Henry Wilson

7 Turing

Nyla Allen
Gino Anastasi
Willow Beer
Amanda Boadu
Brian Brahimetaj
Cameron Burt
Lacey Cullum
Benjamin David
Kingston Davis
Emmie Devine
Kaila-Kelly Grice
Ruby Hillard
Alina Ibrahim
Eleanor Mcdonald
Ben Preston
Paige Redhead
Frank Rozanek
Ella-May Shield
Ella Taylor
Niamh Taylor

8 Anderson

Chloe Banham
Charlie Bates
Konnie Berry
Ella Dickens
Tia Dickens
Angelo Garkov
Clara Haworth-Maggs
Jasmine Hobbs
Harley King
Joziah-Ray Mbangi
Cameron Nicolson
Alexander Noble
Archie Pickles

Olga Potocka
Roisin Roberts-Mcneilly
Abigail Slater
Archie Suant
Precious Taylor
Poppy Wheeler
Luke Windle

8 Hawking

Beau Brewster
Molly Day
Anhua Fernandez
Dalila Fernando
Jessica Fouracre
Finley Griffin
Poppy Handley
George Mann
Dominic Mccarthy
Elizabeth Mcneill
Ebony Slater
Kalen Tarbox
Olivia Watt
Amber Whorlow

8 Lytton

Hsian Aguirre
Felicity Atkins
Lucy Bailey
Princess Buckland
Louie Corbit
Luke Emms
Oliver Farr
Jessica Hart
Amelia Hembury
George Isherwood
Isabella Jose
Tegan O'Leary
8 Mandela
Rihan Aajiz
Ellen Aitken
Mason Clare
Keirnan De-Lacy
Gracie Durrant
Lenny Fisher
Eloise Flowers
Andy La
Kristina Lewinton

James Morfey
Michael Olabanji
Phoenix Overton
Kaitlyn Taggart
Rafa Viezzer
Daniel Yachubi
Arron Ziobakas

8 Parks

Verity Burnham
Charlie Debus
Diya Dhondee
Priya Flack
Lily Freeman
Joshua Knight
Alicja Lowczyk
Jayna Raiytt
Ria Seetaram
Amelia Sobolak
Lucas Willcox

8 Turing

Jared Allen
Violet Clayton
Jessica Cox
Iris Dillon
Amber Josh
Ebonie Peters
Harry Rice
Vladimir Rotar
Scarlett Rowe
Charlie Smith
Charlotte Smith
Jamie Tomlinson
Olivia Turner
Daisy Wakefield
Sophia Wheeler

9 Anderson

Aimee Franklin
Jessica Giagkoulli
Daisy Hackett
Lauren Hill
Krzysztof
Kowalczyk
Lewis Laycock
James Markham
Francis Moore

Kobie Nevill
Evie Read
Jasmine Robinson
Victor Rotar
Verity Rowe
Daniel Smith
Amalia Taylor
Joseph Taylor
Fabien Thompson-Brown

9 Hawking

Sophie Brown
Aydan Burrows
Ava Carter
Isabella Clark
Keira De-Lacy
Harry Edwards
Ademola Gbakinro
Daniel Horney
Maia Keaveney
Alex Skorek
Jaden Taylor

9 Lytton

Riley Birney-Goff
Annabel Brown
Jesse Buckland
Patrick Caulfield
James Douglas
Marley Glenville
Ella Goudge
Harley Hayes
Jayden Ngahuro
Dora Sarkozi
Stanley Stevens
Elise Stride
Ava Surry
Riley Swift
Jade Turner
Mitchell Wood

9 Mandela

Gabrielle Barros da Silva
Nathan Baughan
Ashley Chapman
Taylor Done

Jenson Groves
Maddie Hamm
Freya Harris
Sophie Healy
Kyle Packard
Ella Taylor
Maddison Taylor
Luca Teixeira
Harmonie Young

9 Parks
Thomas Casserley
Reece Cooper
Francis Culibao
Ruby English
Roman Flack
Sophie Gearing
Olivia Ghumania
Fabian Jacques
Charlie Jarvis
Dejoie Joseph
Connor Kennedy
Ethan Newvell-
Pentney
Maksymilian
Nieckarz

Alfie Parkin
Archie Parkin
Finley Pennell
Anna-Mae Van
Niekerk

9 Turing
Ellie Anastasi
Katie Begbie
Jada Cobbson
Charles Cranfield
Evie Hamm
Ameera Hayhoe
Emily Horsley
Alfie Jewitt
Matylda Lech
Kaytelyn Lockyear
Edward Smith
Joseph Thorpe
Luke Wells
Jake Williams
Oliver Winnan
Corby Wood
Nadia Ziolkowska
10 Anderson
Sameeh

Ahmeddeen
Lilith Albrecht
Max Ambler
Archie Bell
Cameron Charlton
Leo Gordon
Katie Hart
David James
Ethan Luckins
Caleb Olusegun
Daniel Stackman
April Warwick

10 Hawking
George Amaricai
Niamh-Lisa Barnes
Heather Bradley
Eve Collins
Jake Culibao
Katie Dawson
Theo Dawson
Alfie Dickens
Amber Hallissey-
Green
Riley Kleiser
Jojo Laci

Jack McHugh
Kayleigh Mead
Kyle Ncube
Tommy Ngo
Codi Rowley-
Connolly
Isobel Sterling
Rhys Stratton
Rebecca Wood

10 Lytton
Max Bentley
Rose Clayton
Ryan De-Lacy
Conor Divers
Shay Flaherty
Ella Graves
Nathan Hill
Albie Johnson
Riley Josh
Lenny Lewis
Olivia Mann
CJ McBride
Alfie Noakes
Jonathan Seeley
Harrison Taylor

10 Mandela
Rebecca Baughan
Aylin Bonser
Xander Burt
Robyn Cross
Callum Cubis
Jude Deether
Daegan Den Heijer
Kai Frost

Alfie Jarvis
Jonnell Mbangu
Jack McMillan
Lucy Oldridge
Oliver Paramor
Isla Poulter
Phoebe Shadbolt
Alani Tomlinson
Isla Welsh

10 Parks
Lucia Allen
Rhys Baldwin
Callum Channa
Ashton Cowan
Kayla-Jane

Cranfield
Jay Field
Kaci Lack
Lewis Pilborough
Brooke Pyett
Freddie Roads
Charlie Sadler
Chloe Southcott
Hollie Turner

10 Turing
Ava-Mae
Burlingham
Leona Caulfield
Kiyra Cumberbatch
Daniel Eplett
Jack Johnson
Cameron Jones
Morgan Kane
Rose Knight
Archie Metcalfe
Cameron Musk
Chase Rason
Logan Webb
Riley Wells

Duke of Edinburgh

Celebrating the Success of our first Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition

Between Friday 9th and Sunday 11th June, six Year 10 students embarked on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition - an adventure requiring a commitment to teamwork and a resilient mindset to learn from mistakes, persevere through difficulties and embrace the literal plus metaphorical highs and lows.

The expedition began at Westcott and concluded at Shalford, covering a challenging yet rewarding trail over farm, forest and field. Despite the challenging hot weather conditions, our students thrived as they trekked through the picturesque Surrey Hills. The route provided much-needed respite with its enchanting conifer woodland, allowing the team to enjoy the beauty of nature while staying cool and energised.



For Miss Syed and I, one of the most remarkable aspects of the trip was the positive values and character demonstrated by the students involved. Alfie, Daniel, David, Jon, Kaci and Rose worked seamlessly together, supporting and motivating each



other every step of the way. In the heat, this included regularly prompting each other to drink and looking out for signs of heat exhaustion: excessive sweating, fatigue and weakness, dizziness, headache, rapid heartbeat, muscle cramps, nausea and fainting. For the students, the memories created and lessons learned will undoubtedly prepare them to be successful during their Qualifying Expedition scheduled for July which is based in the Peak District. Notably, that includes bringing squash or Vimto to make water more palatable!

Finally, I would like to extend thanks to Miss Syed, Mrs McKenzie and Mr Briggs, a volunteer Mountain Leader who joined us on the expedition, along with all families involved, without the support from whom this expedition could not take place.

Mr R Sutton
DofE Coordinator



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

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

Head of Year News

Year 7 - Mr K Amstutz

The Final half term of year 7! I am pleased to see the hard work of all our students across all lessons is continuing and with summer on the horizon it is more important than ever for our year group to remain focussed on their work ethic and positive interactions in school. We have seen a huge increase in house points being collected in year 7 and it is truly inspiring to see their kindness towards each other in their lessons.

This term, the importance of respect has been a focal point in our school year group community. Students have been encouraged to treat one another with kindness, empathy, and understanding. Respect for teachers, classmates, and the school environment is emphasised in every aspect of daily life, the students have also been looking at self confidence and how this can be developed.

As we move forward in the term, we encourage Year 7 students to continue participating in extra-curricular activities, embrace the challenges presented in their academic studies, and exemplify respect in their interactions. With their enthusiasm, hard work, and commitment to personal and academic growth, we are confident that they will achieve great things.

Year 8 - Miss G Picone

Welcome back, it brings me great pleasure to announce that the term has started on a remarkable note, with an exceptional level of enthusiasm, achievement and participation throughout our school community.

We are currently the Year group with the highest house points and attendance, which is a reflection of the student's relentless efforts, outstanding dedication and commitment. When observing lessons, it has been lovely to witness remarkable engagement and enthusiasm in the subjects. The student's eagerness to participate, ask questions and deliver into the subjects has created a proactive learning environment. I hope this has been reflected in the reports that were received last week. Any questions in particular about reports should be discussed with the subject teacher.

Congratulations in particular to 8 Mandela who again are at the top of the leaderboard for house points. More importantly, congratulations to the Top 10 house point earners – a treat will be organised in recognition of your consistent efforts towards the end of term. Congratulations:

Michael O	Kristina L	Eloise F
Kaitlyn T	Arron Z	Lily F
Lenny F	Daniel B	Ellen A
Sam S		

Finally, as we continue to experience scorching temperatures during these summer months, I would like to remind everyone to take extra care of their well

-being. It is imperative that all students bring water bottles to school or buy water bottles to ensure they stay adequately hydrated throughout the day.

Year 9 - Miss S Standage

Year 9 has been busy again with the Drama Department. The students involved in Be More Chill absolutely outshone themselves last Wednesday at the Sandpit Theatre.

Well done to Shae C, Maddie H, Oscar R, Sophie G, Caidin B, Ashley C, Olivia G, Sophie S, Macey J, Ethan NP, Katie W, Dora S and a special high five for Daniel H for designing and operating the lights. Well done everyone you were so professional and the show was a real success.

Well done to Parks, Hawking and Lytton for achieving points on the leadership board over the past few weeks and I have noticed Mandela making big strides in accumulating their house points too.

Thank you again to Mr Albon for running the Summer League for Year 9 and 10. Fantastic effort from all involved, especially Phoebe W who has played at an impressive level.

Year 9 reports go out this week and you should have your Options confirmation letters. If you have any queries regarding reports, please contact the class teacher in the first instance and if you have any final queries about options, please contact Miss Smith and Mrs Merrigan.

Year 10 - Mr M Pring

Year 10 will begin their Mock GCSE exams on Monday. This will be a great opportunity for students to see the progress they have made and more importantly what they need to work on to achieve and exceed their target grades by the end of year 11.

I would like to encourage all parents to continue to work with us and support our students through this difficult period. I would also like to remind parents to not email in and try to alter detentions unless there are extreme circumstances. A summer league football fixture, in not an extreme circumstance. Any issues, please contact me directly.

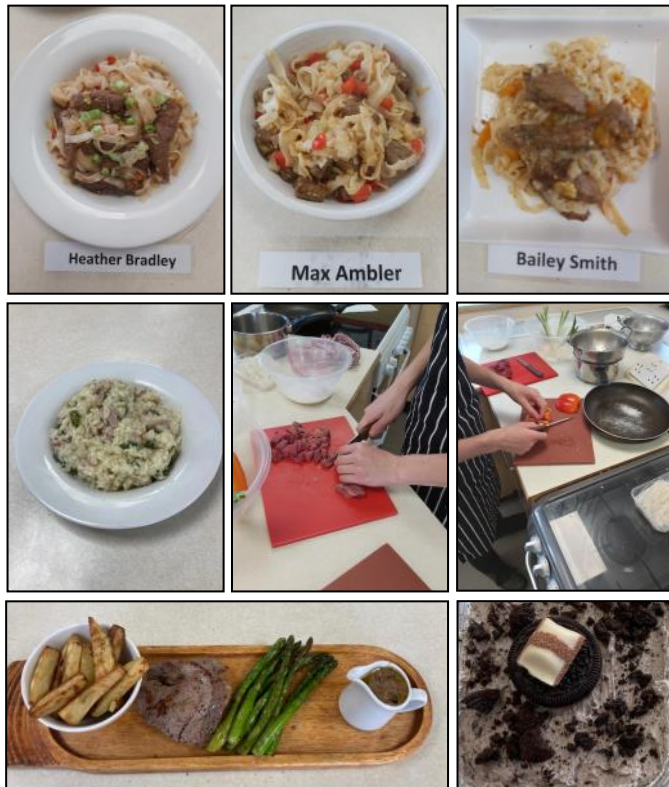
Sixth Form - Mrs N Picariello

Year 12 have started looking at next steps, with a UCAS presentation last week. They are now working on their Unifrog shortlists and getting ready for work experience and the Consortium Careers Event on 7th July. Well done to those students who are finishing their EPQ qualifications. We have seen some amazing presentations on topics as diverse as DNA,

Finally a massive Well Done to the Y12 Performing Arts students who put on a production of new musical 'Be More Chill' at the Sandpit Theatre in St Albans last week. Not only were the individual performances outstanding, but the team also directed the KS3 and KS4 cast, designed sets and lighting. Well done Bobby, Matt, Noah and Ray - we are so proud of you!

Subject Focus - Design Technology

The Spring and Summer terms have been a busy time in the Design Technology Department across KS3 and particularly KS4. With the invaluable help of both Miss Jenner and Miss Malshinger, Year 11 Hospitality & Catering students completed their Unit 2 practical exam creating a variety of dishes including; Bacon and green bean risotto, Fish cakes, Steak with home made chips and Oreo Cheesecake!



Year 10 Hospitality & Catering students are coming to the end of a busy year during which they have been acquiring a wide variety of practical catering skills which will then be developed into the advanced skills required to achieve success on the Level 1 and 2 Course. I would like to take the opportunity to express our considerable gratitude to Miss Malshinger, our Food technician, who has utilised her superb technical knowledge and organisational skills to support student progress at both Key Stage 3 and 4!

In GCSE Product Design, students completed the practical part of the coursework. As required every year, students had to choose one of three 'Design

Contexts'. This year these were; 'Studying and working from home', 'A souvenir from a place of interest and 'Caring for animals'. As you can see from the photographs, students produced a wide variety of creative solutions for their final designs!



Across the KS3 Design Technology rotations students have continued to develop a wide range of skills and knowledge in Food, Graphics, Photography, Textiles and Product Design and there has been an increased effort to ensure that students are able to take completed work home to show off their efforts and achievements.

I look forward to continued success in Design Technology across all disciplines and Key Stages in the coming academic year!

Mr S Warren
Subject Leader Design and Technology

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:

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 admin@ridgeway.herts.sch.uk

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Sports Centre News

Barracudas

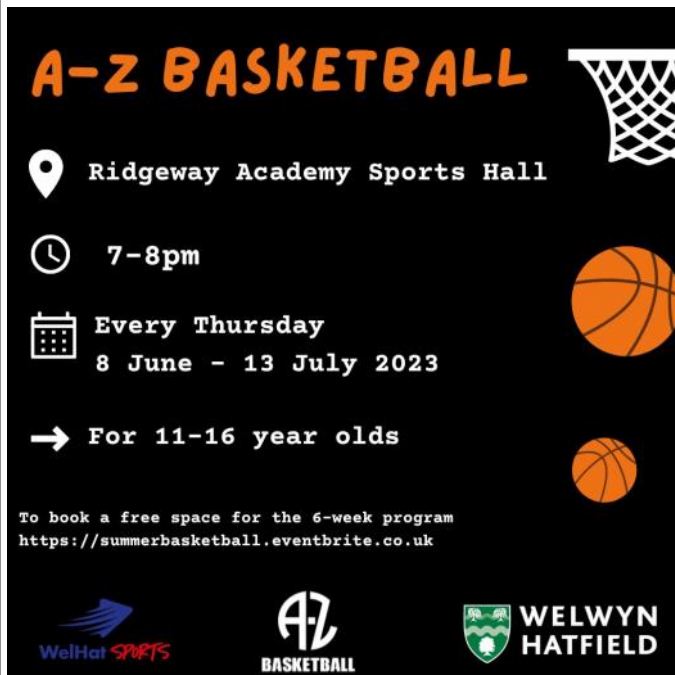
Barracudas Activity Day Camps, the UK's favourite school holiday provider for children aged 4½ to 14 years, will be open at our school throughout the summer holidays. 80+ exciting activities including arts and crafts, sports, teambuilding and much more! We also have specialist activities including archery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

Ofsted registered, confidence building camps with high staff to child ratios, plus parents of the school receive an extra £20 off per child per week, or £4 off single days if they quote code HSCP23 at the time of booking. Book now at www.barracudas.co.uk or call 01480 467 567.

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
8 June - 13 July 2023

→ For 11-16 year olds

To book a free space for the 6-week program
<https://summerbasketball.eventbrite.co.uk>

Logos: WelHat SPORTS, A-Z BASKETBALL, WELWYN HATFIELD

Sports Centre Vacancies

We are delighted to share Job Vacancies for the following roles:

- Duty Manager
- Leisure Assistant

Are you dynamic and customer focused? Can you work co-operatively and on your own initiative?

If the answer is yes, apply now!

For a full job description and further details on how to apply please visit the [Teach in Herts website](https://www.teachinherts.co.uk)

Year 7 Art


This half term, Year 7 students will be creating some digital drawings using their Chromebooks via the Sketchbook app.

We have already remotely installed this app on to the Chromebooks that have been purchased through the school.

However, if you purchased your child's Chromebook yourself, please can you install this app through the Google Play Store ready for the start of the next half term. We are aware that some students do not have touch screen Chromebooks so we have additional tablets that they can use so they don't miss out on the experience.



Sketchbook
Sketchbook



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.

Healthy eating, Fun activities, Making healthy habits at home!

To sign up for your family's FREE place...
beezebodies.com/families
01707 248648

or scan me with your smartphone camera

Logos: Beezee Families, @beezeefamilies, beezee bodies, Hertfordshire

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





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 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

House Points

Anderson



24729

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



27018

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



27659

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



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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

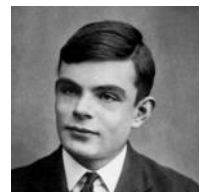


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Rosa Parks is known as the mother of the civil rights movement after fighting for racial equality in the USA through her leading role in the Montgomery bus boycott, which lasted over a year.



Turing



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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 Mandela with 29904 points. Last updated 18.05.2023

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.

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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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Dates for Your Diary

SUMMER TERM 2023

Friday 16 th - Friday 23 rd June	Year 11 Sixth Form Induction
Monday 19 th - Friday 30 th June	Year 10 PPE Week
Thursday 29 th June	Year 11 Prom, Knebworth Barns
Friday 30 th June	Year 9 HPV2 Vaccinations
Monday 3 rd July	Year 12 Careers Conference
Friday 7 th July	Sports Day
Monday 10 th July	Year 6 into 7 Transition Evening
Wednesday 12 th - Friday 14 th July	Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 17 th July	Prize Giving Ceremonies
Tuesday 18 th July	Sports Day (Reserve)
Wednesday 19 th July	Last Day of Term House Charity Day
Thursday 20 th July	Inset Day (school closed to students)
Friday 21 st July	Inset Day (school closed to students)

