



Issue 102  
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Week 1

# Ridgeway Academy

## Headteacher's Message

Welcome to our first edition of the academic year 2023-24. I would like to welcome the new staff and students who have joined us.

It has been a busy and exciting start to term with our successful Open Evening and Open Morning tours and I would like to take this opportunity to thank again all students who represented the school in subject activities and the wonderful guides. We received many compliments about the school environment and how helpful the guides were.



We have had significant developments to the school facilities over the holidays with upgrades to Music, Food and Design Technology and most importantly the toilets in B Block! The chimney that fuelled the original swimming pool has been demolished and classrooms have been freshly painted.

Year 7 attended a Summer School during the first week of the holidays and had a wonderful time making new friends and getting to know the school.



They have collected their new chrome books and it has been a pleasure to see them using them diligently in lessons.

Congratulations to the young people who completed the Camps International Cambodia visit and thank you to Mr Amstutz, who has put together this great video [here](#). We have launched our next expedition to Borneo with assemblies this week.

Thank you for your support with Standards – phones, uniform and equipment. This new strategy is already making a difference to learning and student focus and effort in lessons. We have Year 11 Parent Information Evening on 28 September and we would encourage all families to attend.

Next week we have a Peer Review team from the Alban Academies Trust who will be observing lessons, looking at student work and talking to students and staff. Talk to your child about their learning, ask them to show you their work and study at home; this makes such a difference to their long term memory and securing learning. Please do read our communications policy which clearly sets out our rationale and contact system. If you have a query or concern, please don't post it on social media... rather, talk to us so we can resolve together.

Have a lovely weekend.

**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!



## Ridgeway Pupils with 100% Attendance - 3rd - 13th September 2023

<b>7 Anderson</b> Iqra Abdallah Marley Archer Lewis Bonser Oscar Buchanan Tyler Burr Ethan Butler Jaeden Charles Riley Elliott Aanya Ganatra Autumn Griffiths Mason Hoar Rayyan Ibrahim Tori Jeeves Emil Johnson Charlie Markham Mason Millard Charley Ngahuro Hamza Sajid Aiden Schroeter- Dalgarno Ella Taylor	Isabelle Tilley Laycie-Jai Titterton Leo Willson  <b>7 Lytton</b> Andrea Aguilar Ayden Akinkugbe Annie Bailey Jackson Buttress Hayden Cattigan Summer Chiketa Tegan Cook Darcey Davey Lucas Dookhun Bianca Dragoi Nancy Fagan Riley Farron Olivia Gearing Owen Hobbs Tyler Jewitt Amelia Jose Samuel Kapay Isabelle McCarthy Lilah Nymn Charlotte Salmon Alexandru Serbanica Daisy Tebbutt Louis Trichardt Riley Woodhead  <b>7 Mandela</b> Gracie Agombar- Cope Alissia Anastasi Bobby-Joe Andrews Braidon Birney- Goff Alli Bragg Nerkye Burton Harry Clarke Harrison Dealey Milosz Demski Reshai Fox Maia Ghumania	Tyler Groome Henry Hames Ruby Hunt Isaac Hurley Sofya Ivan Ossie Johnson Kieron Keaveney Calum Keenan Lily-Marie King Andrei Kolotushkin Angelle Newton- Musk Alfie Norris Bo Robson Harmonie Walker Evie Williams  <b>7 Parks</b> Leah Allen Bella Anderson Bobby Beretta Asia-Kai Buena Michael Chapman K-Lea Claxton George Cooper Brooke Felters Lottie Hardy Oliver Hasip Tommy Haworth- Maggs Olivia Hickey Linus Hockley Bella Jarvis Dantes Joseph Zachary Lines Liliana Nieckarz Lacey Noakes Leah Pedley Jude Rouse James Slatter Jaiden Solo Zachary Twiggs Nathan Waite Leo Webb	<b>7 Franklin &amp; 7 Turing</b> Yazmin-Amelia Ahmed Joshua Andrews Joshua Armer Lucus Bayford Melody Buxton Michael Carolan Luke Chapman Hollie Clark Chase Curtis Imogen Darling Julia Druzbankska Mia Fahmy Sophia Funnell Finley Hackworth Lexi Hannibal Layland Hill Darsi-Bleu King Lily Lawrence Connor Lincoln Jamie Marney Raphael Mcmurdock Eve Mijalski Angus Moore- Shields Nellie Murphy Maisie Norris Dylan Paramor Theo Petrou Alice Pinney Edward Quartley Mia-Joy Roberts Lucas Sabado Roxy Taylor Zachary Taylor Lissy Thompson- Brown Corey-James Walters Alfie Welch  <b>8 Anderson</b> Megan Beck Toby Bishop	Anna Cebula Kiara Chisenwa Betty Deal Ellis Elliott Didi Elue Skye Garande Samuel Grimsley Ben Hajcinger Sam Harris Eva Harrison Amilie Hopkins Johann Laxa Katie Luckins Halle Miles James Seeley Libby Tanner Jasper Timms Hayden White Mati Wierzbinski  <b>8 Hawking</b> Faith Chen Kaysie Davies Connor Freed Lois Friend Gabrielle Howell Kameron Lagunas- Kayima Lola Mchugh Harrison Neville Brandon Paterson Laurie Pugh Isaac Redmond George Sadler Olivia Scott Grace Stickland Ella Taylor George Taylor James Thake Owen Thorogood Charlie Tuvey Austin Woods Nathan Young  <b>8 Lytton</b> Kayla Archer	Jayden Benford Bobby Bliss Elizabeth Dawson Rai Fremichael Riley Hall Angelina Jhankur Billy Jones Lashaun Kaisa Sanjana Kerai Ranulya Kotalawela George Mcandrew- Miller Salvador Rodrigues Lilly Rogers Jack Smith Kieran Smith Bianca-Maria Stanciu Miley Thomas Harry Turner Jaeden Umali Layla Worcester Nicholas Zaborowski  <b>8 Mandela</b> India Arm Harvey Carroll Malachy Caulfield Finn Cockram Lacey-Mae Cushing Lexi Gorman Lois Grostate Scarlett Jolley Jesse Kirsop Paige Langrish Cassie Messer Olivia Miller Chloe Monk William Owen Elliot Phillips Sienna Stevens Alfie Stride Jake Vine
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Ruby Walker Lewis Webb Jayde Wildash	Archie Pickles Olga Potocka Roisin Roberts- Mcneilly Abigail Slater Archie Suant Precious Taylor Poppy Wheeler Luke Windle	Kristina Lewinton Millie Moat James Morfey Michael Olabanji Sam Slatter Lois Welsh Daniel Yachubi Arron Ziobakas	Daniel Smith Amalia Taylor Joseph Taylor Tamara Tindling	Pentney Maksymilian Niekarz Alfie Parkin Archie Parkin Finley Pennell Anna-Mae Van Niekerk	Conor Divers Shay Flaherty Ella Graves Keira Gray Nathan Hill Evie Hornsey Riley Josh Lenny Lewis Olivia Mann CJ McBride Buddy Newton- Musk Alfie Noakes Libby Owen Kenji Reynolds Jonathan Seeley Harrison Taylor Ted Wood
<b>8 Parks</b> Zachary Arnett Jasmine Bamgboye Keelie-Ann Beaumont Dylan Bragg Freddie Carder Jayden Clarke Jack Cronin Sophie Dargan Lewis Farenden Ryan Haxhij Rafael Hilario Lily Hobbs Savannah Kerby Joshua Masson Riley Musk Burt Quartley Emily Ratcliffe George Rhodes Tom Rhodes Finn Stratton Rhys Stride Chloe Tibbert	<b>9 Hawking</b> Macie Beck Beau Brewster Eve Daley Molly Day Dalila Fernando Jessica Fouracre Poppy Handley Archie Hoad Tilly Johnson Rhys Kirby George Mann Dominic Mccarthy Elizabeth Mcneill Ebony Slater Ryley-James Sullivan Jasper Then-Bergh Olivia Watt Amber Whorlow	<b>9 Parks</b> Aaron Ansell Shylah-Malia Buena Verity Burnham Evan Dawson- Taylor Diya Dhondee Tyrese Finch Priya Flack Lily Freeman Taylor James Joshua Knight Alicja Lowczyk Niamh Matthews Jayna Raiytt Dexter Rodway Ria Seetaram Amelia Sobolak Alyssa Stalley Solara Turner Megan Upton Lucas Willcox	<b>10 Hawking</b> Sonny Anderson Faye Bailey Sekai Beales Hakeem Bendahane Riley Birney-Goff Sophie Brown Aydan Burrows Shae Cassidy Isabella Clark Louise Dawson Keira De-Lacy Ella Dillon Harry Edwards Kya Finch Ademola Gbakinro Rayhana Mohamed Oscar Rowe Jaden Taylor Isla Timms	<b>10 Turing</b> Jada Cobbson Callum Gabi-Byrne Jack Gatrell Evie Hamm Ameera Hayhoe Emily Horsley Callum Howse Alfie Jewitt Matylda Lech Kaytelyn Lockyear Edward Smith Oscar Smith Joseph Thorpe Jake Williams Oliver Winnan Nadia Ziolkowska	<b>11 Mandela</b> Rebecka Baughan Aylin Bonser Xander Burt Coby Cooper Robyn Cross Callum Cubis Jude Deether Kai Frost Ethan Hutcheson Alfie Jarvis Jonnell Mbangu Max McParland Lucy Oldridge Oliver Paramor Ollie Perry Phoebe Shadbolt Alani Tomlinson Chloe Treglohan
<b>8 Turing</b> Nyla Allen Louis Barnett Willow Beer Brian Brahimetaj Lacey Cullum Benjamin David Kingston Davis Emmie Devine Jack Ferris Kaila-Kelly Grice Alina Ibrahim Eleanor Mcdonald Alice Mitchell Caitlyn Monk Ben Preston Paige Redhead Frank Rozanek Ella-May Shield Samuel Smith Maika Taylor Niamh Taylor Thomas Timlin Benjamin Weetman	<b>9 Lytton</b> Hsian Aguirre Felicity Atkins Lucy Bailey Amelia Brownlee Louie Corbit Luke Emms Ben Fahmy Oliver Farr Tyler Farrer Frankie Harris Jessica Hart Amelia Hembury William Housego George Isherwood Isabella Jose Demi Kruger Jack McBride Tegan O'Leary Libby Richmond Oliver Timpson Blake Walker- Mitchell	<b>9 Turing</b> Violet Clayton Mia Davis Iris Dillon Charlotte Egan Emily Hardy Amber Josh Ebonie Peters Harry Rice Vladimir Rotar Scarlett Rowe Jack Sharp Charlotte Smith Jamie Tomlinson Olivia Turner Daisy Wakefield Sophia Wheeler	<b>10 Lytton</b> Jesse Buckland Patrick Caulfield Katie Cecil-Little Marley Glenville Ella Goudge Harley Hayes Macey Jacques Sean Lennox Mason Mcdermott Jayden Ngahuro Dora Sarkozi Oliver Smith Stanley Stevens Ava Surry Jade Turner Mitchell Wood	<b>11 Anderson</b> Sameeh Ahmeddeen Lilith Albrecht Max Ambler Archie Bell James Chapman Cameron Charlton Harrison Crilly Keira Galvin Leo Gordon Maisie Hames Katie Hart Eloise Howse David James Angel Lee Ethan Luckins Caleb Olusegun Bailey Smith Daniel Stackman April Warwick	<b>11 Parks</b> Lucia Allen Rhys Baldwin Callum Channa Ashton Cowan Lewis Currell Jay Field Kaci Lack Morgan Lilly Emma Payne Brooke Pyett Charlie Sadler Chloe Southcott Reuben Thompson Hollie Turner
<b>9 Anderson</b> Aimee Andrews Charlie Bates Konnie Berry Roxanne Clarke Jack Cooper Angelo Garkov Clara Haworth- Maggs Clara-Louise Hickey Jasmine Hobbs Harley King Joziah-Ray Mbang	<b>9 Mandela</b> Rihan Aajiz Dexter Allen Isabella Bowman Daniel Brassett Louise Brogan- Williams Gracie Durrant Lily Fagan Lenny Fisher Eloise Flowers Eric Grostate Eva Gunning Theo Kent Andy La	<b>10 Anderson</b> Kian Baldwin Annabel Brown Jake Dargan Aimee Franklin Jessica Giagkoulli Daisy Hackett Lauren Hill Krzysztof Kowalczyk James Markham Maddison McParland Kobie Nevill Evie Read Jasmine Robinson Victor Rotar Verity Rowe Sophie Savage	<b>10 Mandela</b> Nathan Baughan Ethan Candler Jenson Groves Maddie Hamm Freya Harris Oliver Housego Kyle Packard Ella Taylor Luca Teixeira Harmonie Young	<b>11 Hawking</b> George Amaricai Niamh-Lisa Barnes Eve Collins Jake Culibao Theo Dawson Amber Hammond Nathan Keele Jack McHugh Kyle Ncube Tommy Ngo Codi Rowley- Connolly Isobel Sterling Rhys Stratton Rebecca Wood	<b>11 Turing</b> Ava-Mae Burlingham Leona Caulfield Kiyra Cumberbatch Grace Gregory Cameron Jones Morgan Kane Archie Metcalfe William Paton Archie Robertson Lacey Temple Logan Webb Riley Wells Lily Wright

## School Communications Policy

### Emails

Please use the following email addresses when communicating with Departments:

For all communication around Attendance:

[attendance@ridgeway.aat.school](mailto:attendance@ridgeway.aat.school)

For all communication around Detentions:

[detentions@ridgeway.aat.school](mailto:detentions@ridgeway.aat.school)

If you need to contact staff for any other matters:

[admin@ridgeway.aat.school](mailto:admin@ridgeway.aat.school)

If you need to make reference to your child in the subject header of your email, please use initials.

In the main body paragraph of your email, please include a bold FAO [for the attention of] heading to help our admin team direct your enquiry to the correct teacher or leader.

**E.g. FAO Mr Smith regarding Science Trip and RTO, Year 9A**

**Do note that:** Teachers are not in a position to check emails consistently throughout the day and the school does not expect work email to be checked during a teacher's personal time.

We aim to respond to you as soon as possible **within three working days**. Part-time staff may take longer to reply.

Teachers, on occasion, may find it easier to email you regarding your child using the contact details we have on file. It is acceptable to continue these conversations directly with the member of staff once they have contacted you, but any subsequent new question or issue should be raised through the [admin@ridgeway.aat.school](mailto:admin@ridgeway.aat.school)

[or detentions/attendance] address so that it can be tracked and routed accordingly.

Mrs S Mitcherson  
**Headteacher**

## Attendance Procedures

### Registration

A reminder that if students do not report to morning or afternoon registration they will be marked as unauthorised. Morning registration starts at 8:25.

### Medical Appointments

If your child has an urgent appointment that cannot be taken out of school hours, they will still be required to be in school both before and after the appointment where possible. If they are not in before/after the appointment this will be classed as unauthorised. You must provide an appointment card/letter for any absence to be classed as medical, otherwise your child will be marked in as late or as an unauthorised absence.

**What is Medical Evidence?** Once you are on the fixed penalty notice warning system you will need to provide medical evidence for us to be able to authorise time off. Medical evidence can be:

- Prescription
- Hospital letter
- Signed note from the GP or nurse
- Medicine with the prescribed sticker on it
- Appointment card with name and date on it

If you are unsure please ask to speak to a member of the attendance team for more information.

Mrs M Tinker  
**Assistant Headteacher**

## School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

### SENDCo Administrator

Full time. £14,895.87 - £15,727.20 Annually (Actual).  
Closing date: 9:00am, 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023.

### Examination Invigilator

Part time. £10.42 Hourly (+ holiday pay)  
Closing date: 9:00am, 25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2023

For more information visit:

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

Mrs K Biss  
**Human Resources Officer**



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## Head of Year News

### Year 7 - Mrs C Hunt

Year 7 students have made an outstanding start to the new academic year! With enthusiasm and dedication, they have seamlessly settled into their new school environment. It's been wonderful to see how sharp and smart they all look in their uniforms, setting a great example for the entire school community.

As we embark on this exciting journey together, there is a lot to look forward to in the coming academic year. With a curriculum packed full of engaging lessons, extracurricular activities, and opportunities for personal growth, we are confident that Year 7 will continue to excel and make us all proud. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

### Year 8 - Mr K Amstutz

We are delighted to welcome back our Year 8 students to the school. It brings me immense joy to witness the hard work and dedication your children have exhibited within their classes whenever I have had the opportunity to observe. Their commitment to their studies is truly praiseworthy, setting a high standard for the entire school community. In just the first week, many students have already earned an impressive number of merits, with some even surpassing 40 merits. This clearly demonstrates their enthusiasm for learning and their determination to excel academically. I am excited to continue supporting them in their educational journey and encourage you to join us in celebrating their achievements.

We kindly request your assistance in ensuring that our students maintain excellent standards of uniform throughout the year. This includes the requirement for students to wear their blazers as part of the uniform. Your support in reinforcing these uniform standards at home is greatly appreciated. Once again, we extend a warm welcome to Year 8 students and their families, and we look forward to a year filled with academic accomplishments, personal growth, and continued success.

### Year 9 - Miss G Picone

It brings me great joy to welcome all our Year 9 students back to Ridgeway for another exciting academic year. It has been a pleasure to see our students return to school with enthusiasm and readiness to engage in their studies. I have had the privilege of interacting with many of you during form time and have been thoroughly impressed by your focus, active participation and hard work in lessons.

I would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievement of our top house point scorers in Year 9: Eloise F, Kristina L and Aaron Z. Your dedication to earning house points reflects your commitment to our school community. Additionally, I extend my gratitude to the students who have volunteered to be our tour guides for our upcoming Open Evening. Your willingness to assist is invaluable in ensuring the success of this important event.

As we embark on this new academic year, I encourage parents and guardians to continue having conversations with your children about their academic and extracurricular options. Your guidance and support in making informed decisions are vital in shaping their future.

Once again, welcome back to Ridgeway, Year 9 students. I am confident that this year will be filled with growth, achievements and memorable experiences for each one of you.

### Year 10 - Mr R Nelson

Well done to Year 10 on making a positive start to their new GCSE option subjects, we have received lots of positive feedback from teachers. I hope students are enjoying their new subjects and ensuring they set themselves up to be successful throughout Key Stage 4.

Remember, attendance and behaviour scores are reset at the start of the school year, meaning the large majority of you have a 100% attendance record and zero negative points! Let's keep that up for as long as possible!

### Year 11 - Mr M Pring

Welcome back Year 11. It has been great to see how focused everyone is upon their return. As discussed in assembly this week, the GCSE exams are fast approaching. We hope that as many students as possible will engage with as many of the intervention opportunities to support their learning. We will also be hosting a parent information evening on September 28<sup>th</sup> where parents will be invited to listen to our plans for the upcoming year and have conversations with staff around student learning.

## Celebrating Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at Ridgeway

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

Every Tuesday lunchtime, students can meet in K2, 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.




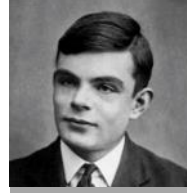

Every Thursday lunchtime we will meet with Young Carers in K2.

**Tuesday lunchtime - Diversity, K2**  
**Thursday lunchtime - Young Carers, K2**

Miss C Wesson  
**SEMH and Safeguarding  
Support Assistant**



## House Points

Anderson	Hawking	Lytton	Mandela	Parks	Turing
					
2434	2026	1772	2167	2547	2568
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson was an English physician and suffragist. She was the first woman to qualify as a doctor in Britain and was the founder of the country's first hospital for women.	Stephen Hawking was the noted physicist who contributed deeply to our understanding of the physical world and space, and worked despite suffering from Motor Neurone Disease.	Constance Lytton was the suffragette, writer and speaker who campaigned for prison reform and women's rights under an alias to avoid special treatment due to her family connections.	Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa, who after being imprisoned for twenty seven years, was freed and led a multi-ethnic government to bring an end to apartheid.	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.	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 Turing with 2568 points. Last updated 14.09.2023					

## Changes to Mobile Device Policy

I can confirm that from September 2023 our [Mobile device policy](#) has changed to include the following points:

- Students are strongly advised not to bring any mobile devices into school, the school cannot take responsibility for any lost or stolen devices.
- Where a student needs to bring a device to school, this will be locked in a form time locker (locked by their tutor) during morning registration and returned at the end of the day during afternoon registration.
- Students with medical exceptions will continue to be able to keep their phones with them during the day. Medical evidence will be required.
- In the case of lateness to school or a planned appointment, students will hand their phones to student services, they will be locked in a locker until the student signs out.

We have taken the decision to change our mobile device policy to safeguard all our students from incidents of misuse of social media and sharing of images during school time.

Thank you in advance for your support in protecting our young people from the misuse of devices.

Miss J Smith  
**Deputy Headteacher**

## Top 20 House Points

Top 20 House Point Achievers for the period 3rd to 13th September 2023.

Name	Tutor Group	Points
Finley Pennell	10 Parks	49
Maksymilian Nieckarz	10 Parks	47
Dylan Bragg	8 Parks	43
Reece Cooper	10 Parks	43
Kiara Chisenwa	8 Anderson	42
Eva Harrison	8 Anderson	41
Charlie Hull	8 Parks	41
Kian Baldwin	10 Anderson	40
Halle Miles	8 Anderson	40
Thomas Casserley	10 Parks	39
Jack Ferris	8 Turing	39
Johann Laxa	8 Anderson	38
Katie Luckins	8 Anderson	38
James Seeley	8 Anderson	38
Riley Birney-Goff	10 Hawking	37
Connor Kennedy	10 Parks	37
Amilie Hopkins	8 Anderson	36
Ruby Wells	10 Parks	36
Daniel Smith	10 Anderson	35
Honey-Mae Tate	10 Parks	35

## Subject Focus - MFL

At the start of this new and exciting academic year, I would like to take a moment to look back at the Madrid trip which went out in July. A huge thanks to Mike Broad, Ali Hicks, Alice Atkins, Emma Kemp and Matt Pring who escorted the students to Madrid.

The students enjoyed an exhilarating four day adventure where they had the opportunity to embrace Spanish Culture. The students were intrigued by optical wonders at the Museo de las Ilusiones. The Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, home to Real Madrid, proved to be really interesting and the Warner Bros Theme Park was loved by all. The students had the opportunity to see some Flamenco dancing and eat traditional tapas. The students also used the public transport which allowed them to see and experience more of the Spanish way of life.

It was very hot, but neither students nor staff let this deter them as Mr Broad took the students on some very interesting walks so the students would have a better appreciation of Madrid.

We hope that the students have made some unforgettable memories, below are some photos from the trip.

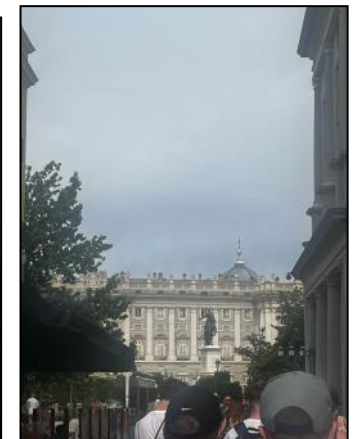
We are now looking forward to the Paris trip which is taking place in a couple of weeks and will take in the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe, Napoleon's Chateau and a local French market amongst other activities and not forgetting Euro Disney!!

On an Academic note I would like to congratulate the Yr 11 linguists who took their French GCSE this summer, they achieved some excellent exam results. I was very proud of them all.

I would also like to say a big welcome to our new Language Teachers – Miss Love who will be teaching Spanish, and Mrs Burbangu who will be teaching both French and Spanish.

All classes have got off to an excellent start this year and we are looking forward to their language skills developing as the year progresses.

Mrs M Lewin  
**MFL Subject Leader**



## Sports Centre News

We are immensely proud as a school and as a community venue to be able to offer high quality sports facilities to our students and to members of the public. Please find a full list of all of the community groups that use our facilities, if you would like more information, please search for them online or on social media. Alternatively, for any enquiries please feel free to contact Ross Goodship on [goodshipr@ridgeway.aat.school](mailto:goodshipr@ridgeway.aat.school)

Active Hertfordshire Karate	Hatfield Netball Club
Barracudas	Hertfordshire Hellcats Basketball
BeeZee Bodies	Herts Balance and Ride
Bushin MMA	Herts Netball League
Comets Junior Badminton Club	Iconic Performing Arts School
England Netball	Ignite Dance Company
Feel Good Fitness	Just 4 Keepers
Forest Schools of Karate	KSTSK Karate
Garden City Runners	Lemsford FC
GKR Karate	London Pulse Netball
Griffith Kempo Ju Jitsu	Lucy Hunt School of Dance
Hartham United Ladies	Mini-Athletics St Albans/Hatfield
Hatfield Hyde Cricket Club	Mum-Dance
Hatfield Leisure Netball Club	North Central Herts School of Dance

Panshanger FC  
Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts  
Q Kwon Do Martial Arts  
Rugby Tots  
Slimming World  
Spins Table Tennis Academy  
Stars Academy  
Stevenage FC Foundation

Strive Football Academy  
The Food Teacher  
Verve Dance  
Welwyn Garden City FC Youth  
Welwyn Hatfield Volleyball Club  
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council  
Welwyn Hatfield Festival of Dance  
WGC Fitness

**Parent Discounts:** 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 October half term. With unrivalled activities including arts and crafts, sports, teambuilding and much more! They'll get a full day of fun with a choice of activities for each of the 6 sessions every day. What's more, you can make great savings with our exclusive school discounts!

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Mr R Goodship  
**Sports Centre Manager**

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## Extra-Curricular Clubs List 2023/2024 Autumn Term

Club Name	Day	Time	Location	Staff member leading club
Year 9&10 Football	Monday	3:15 - 4:30pm	Astro/Grass pitches	Mr Nelson
Year 8 Football	Monday	3:15 - 4:30pm	Astro/Grass pitches	Mr Pring
Year 7 Football	Thursday	3:15 - 4:30pm	Astro/Grass pitches	Mr Pring
KS3 Book Club	Wednesday (week 1 only)	3:15 - 4:15pm	Library	Mrs Broadhead
KS3 Science Club	Wednesday	3:15 - 4:00pm	Science dept.	Mr. Khan/Mr. Blaxill
Year 7&8 netball	Monday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Netball courts	Mr Chappell/Miss Vaughan
Year 9 netball	Wednesday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Netball courts	Miss Wilson
Year 7 8 and 9 dance	Tuesday	3.15-4pm	Dance studio	Miss Wilson
Year 7&8 basketball	Wednesday	3.15-4.30pm	Sports Hall	Mr Chappell
Year 7 girls football	Tuesday	3.15-4.30pm	Astro/Grass pitches	Miss Harvey
Year 9/10/11 basketball	Monday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Sports Hall	Mr Amstutz
Senior Basketball	Friday	3.15-5.30pm	Sports Hall	Mr Chappell
Year 10 11 12 13 Dance club	Thursday	3:15-4:15	Dance studio	Miss Wilson
Year 7 Dance club	Wednesday	1:25-1:50	Dance studio	Miss Wilson
Year 7,8,9, Homework Club	Monday-Friday	3pm-4pm	Library	Mrs Hanratty/SEND
Year 7, 8, 9 Sanctuary Club	Monday-Friday	Breaktime and Lunchtime	Haven	Mrs Mills
Fight Club	Wednesday	3:20-4:20	Attimore fitness room	Mr Loftus/Mr Serinash
Year 10&11 Art & DT Homework club	Thursday	3:20-4:20	C block	Mrs Parsons/Miss Harris/Miss Smith/Mr Warren
Y7,Y8 & Y9 Art Club	Wednesday	3:15 - 4:15	C6	Mrs McNeill
Rock Band(s)	Monday	3.15-4.15	Music Dept	Miss Whitbread
GCSE Music Support/ Homework club	Wednesday	1.15-1.50	Music Dept	Miss Whitbread
Music Technology Club	Thursday	1.15-1.50	Music Dept	Miss Whitbread
Eco-schools - Includes pond building/wildlife projects	Wednesday	3.15-4.30	Meet In B5	Mr Broad - B5
Musical Theatre	Friday	3.15 - 4.15	Music dept.	Miss Russell E2 (TBC)
Chess Club (All year groups)	Friday	1.15 - 1.50	Library	Mrs Norris
Diversity Club	Tuesday	Lunch time	K2	Miss Wesson
Young Carers Club	Thursday	Lunch time	K2	Miss Wesson

# Mental Health Support

Advice for supporting your child's mental health. Tips and video's can be found here on many topical subjects:

<https://thismayhelp.me/>



All advice films

Downloadable advice

About this advice

## Child's mental health



## Self-harm



## Gaming & online activity



## School avoidance



## Teenagers safety



## Eating disorders



## Better sleep



## Supporting anxiety



## De-escalate anger



## Medication decisions



## Drugs & alcohol



## Teenage years



# School Term and Holiday Dates 2023-24

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

Thursday 28<sup>st</sup> September **Extended Learning Day**  
Year 11 Information Evening  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October Year 9 Information Evening  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October **Half Term**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November **Extended Learning Day**  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November **Occasional Day**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December Last Day of Term

## SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
**Training Day:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
**Extended Learning Day:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
**Training Days:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
**Half Term:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
**Extended Learning Day:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

## SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
**Bank and Public Holiday:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
**Half Term:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
**Enrichment Week:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
**Shadow Inset Day (school closed):** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
**Shadow Inset Day (school closed):** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

