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# Ridgeway Academy

## Headteacher's Message

Thank you for your response to our drive to raise attendance, it is already having impact.

We are working together to build resilience in our young people and prepare them for a successful working life.

The regular conversations which you have at home to support our work getting the best out of the young people in school are extremely powerful.

On the contrary, not supporting a school decision or sanction negatively reinforces and makes our job even harder. Use our communications procedure to flag any feedback or raise an issue.

This week we have had really powerful and thought provoking assemblies with two excellent organisations - Bold Voices and Youth Violence. Talk to your child about their reflections and learning from these.

The Science STEM visit returns today and I would like to thank Mr Mortimer and his team for providing this great cultural learning opportunity.

Leaders have been working collaboratively across the Sixth Form Consortium in their Subject meetings, sharing knowledge and expertise.

Thank you for the high turn out to Year 9 PTC and Options evening – selecting GCSE and Vocational subjects to study across KS4 is an exciting time and I would like to thank Ms Picone for facilitating Subject taster sessions along with the Subject teachers.

We are delighted to have received a record number of Year 11 applications to the Sixth Form. They are working hard in preparing for their next round of PPE's and are taking advantage of the range of subject interventions. Well done Year 11.

Mrs S Mitcherson  
**Headteacher**

## Theme of the Week

### Holocaust Memorial Day - 27<sup>th</sup> January

Holocaust Memorial Day is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution, and in the genocides which followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia, and Darfur.

**NEVER FORGET  
NEVER AGAIN**

Holocaust Memorial Day  
27 January



## Submit a Story to Ridgeway News

If you would like to have an article published in the school's newsletter Ridgeway News, please fill out the form [here](#) which will be sent to the editor for review.

Your article could be a news item, an account of a school trip, an achievement or a book review.



## School Vacancies

The school is currently recruiting for the following roles:

**Cover Teacher with QTS**

**Cover/Learning Supervisor**

**SEMH and Early Help Worker**

**Teacher of MFL— French/ Spanish**

**Teaching Assistants**

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

Mrs K Biss  
**Human Resources Officer**

# 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 - 18<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### 7 Anderson

Martin B  
Tyler B  
Ethan B  
Jaeden C  
Autumn G  
Rayyan I  
Mason M  
Emily N  
Emma R

### 7 Franklin

Melody B  
Julia D  
Lexi H  
Ashton H  
Darsi-Bleu K  
Chloe L  
Raphael M  
Eve M  
Angus M  
Maisie N  
Dylan P  
Theo P  
Mia-Joy R  
Lucas S  
Roxy T  
Zachary T

### 7 Hawking

Harley A  
Valentina C  
Maisie C  
Mia C  
Daisy C  
Grace D  
Adam G  
Olivia M  
Kaydence M  
Harvey M  
Larry T  
Candice V

### 7 Lytton

Annie B  
Theodore B  
Jackson B  
Hayden C  
Bianca D  
Nancy F  
Riley F  
Olivia G  
Owen H  
Tyler J

### 7 Mandala

Amelia J  
Samuel K  
Daisy T  
Louis T  
Eva V  
Riley W  
Gracie A  
Alissia A  
Bobby-Joe A  
Daniel B  
Harrison D  
Maia G  
Ruby H  
Ariel I  
Ossie J  
Kieron K  
Andrei K  
Tinashe M  
Alfie N  
Bo R

### 7 Parks

Asia-Kai B  
K-Lea C  
Harvey C  
Linus H  
Bella J  
Dantes J  
Zachary L  
Liliana N

Alfie P

Jaiden S  
Zachary T  
Nathan W  
Leo W

### 7 Turing

Joshua A  
Lucus B  
Connor L

### 8 Anderson

Megan B  
Toby B  
Anna C  
Didi E  
Eva H  
Amillie H  
Johann L  
Katie L  
Halle M  
Ellie O  
James S  
Libby T  
Mati W

### 8 Hawking

Kaysie D  
Lois F  
Gabrielle H  
Sinead K  
Harrison N  
Isaac R  
Grace S  
Ella T  
James T  
Owen T  
Charlie T

### 8 Lytton

Kayla A  
Bobby B  
Sanjana K

Lilly R

Kieran S  
Miley T  
Jaeden U  
Nicholas Z

### 8 Mandela

Olaf B  
Harvey C  
Finn C  
Lacey-Mae C  
Isla G  
Grace H  
Cassie M  
Olivia M  
Chloe M  
William O  
Jake V  
Ruby W  
Jayde W  
Austin W

### 8 Parks

Zachary A  
Keelie-Ann B  
Dylan B  
Lewis F  
Savannah K  
Burt Q  
Emily R  
George R  
Finn S  
Chloe T  
Henry W

### 8 Turing

Nyla A  
Gino A  
Brian B  
Cameron B  
Lily C  
Emmie D  
Kaila-Kelly G

Eleanor M

Caitlyn M  
Ben P  
Phoenix R  
Frank R  
Maika T  
Niamh T  
Kiera W

### 9 Anderson

Aimee A  
Chloe B  
Konnie B  
Ella D  
Tia D  
Angelo G  
Clara H  
Jasmine H  
Bright K  
Joziah-Ray M  
Cameron N  
Alexander N  
Roisin R

### 9 Hawking













Molly D  
Gracie D  
Jessica F  
Finley G  
Poppy H  
Archie H  
George M  
Ebony S  
Kalen T  
Amber W

### 9 Lytton

Amelia B  
Oliver F  
Frankie H  
Jessica H  
Amelia H  
William H

Libby R	Daisy H	Phoebe W	Max A	<b>11 Mandela</b>
<b>9 Mandela</b>	Krzysztof K	Carson W	Archie B	Xander B
Rihan A	Maddison M	Mitchell W	James C	Callum C
Ellen A	Kobie N		Maisie H	Ethan H
Isabella B	Evie R	<b>10 Mandela</b>	Eloise H	Alfie J
Keirnan D	Amalia T	Jenson G	David J	Jonnell M
Lily F		Freya H	Ethan L	Max M
Eric G	<b>10 Hawking</b>	Sophie H	Samuel M	Oliver P
Theo K	Sonny A	Ruby H	Bailey S	Ollie P
Phoenix O	Faye B	Kyle P	Daniel S	Isla P
Jayna R	Aydan B	Ella T		Phoebe S
Lois W	Isabella C	Maddison T	<b>11 Hawking</b>	Harrison T
Arron Z	Ella D	Harmonie Y	Niamh-Lisa B	
	Harry E		Riley K	<b>11 Parks</b>
<b>9 Parks</b>	Kya F		Kyle N	Lucia A
Shylah-Malia B	Ademola G	<b>10 Parks</b>	Codi R	Rhys B
Verity B	Daniel H	Thomas C	Isobel S	Callum C
Bailey C	Maia K	Reece C	Rhys S	Liam D
Tyrese F	Gracie-Jayne L	Ruby E		Jay F
Taylor J	Jaden T	Sophie G	<b>11 Lytton</b>	Harry F
Alicja L	Isla T	Maximo H	Rose C	Morgan L
Lucas W		Daniel H	Ryan D	Lewis P
	<b>10 Lytton</b>	Dejoie J	Conor D	Brooke P
<b>9 Turing</b>	Patrick C	Alfie P	Shay F	Freddie R
Violet C	James D	Finley P	Ella G	Charlie S
Iris D	Aiden G		Harley-Ann G	
Amber J	Marley G	<b>10 Turing</b>	Nathan H	<b>11 Turing</b>
Vladimir R	Ella G	Ellie A	Albie J	Leona C
Jamie T	Harley H	Alfie J	Riley J	Cameron J
Sophia W	Macey J	Jake W	Olivia M	Morgan K
	Dora S	Oliver W	Libby O	Rose K
	Elise S	Corby W	Jonathan S	Archie R
<b>10 Anderson</b>	Ava S		Ted W	Lacey T
Jessica G	Riley S	<b>11 Anderson</b>		Riley W
		Lilith A		

## House Points

Anderson	Hawking	Lytton	Mandela	Parks	Turing
					
32381	31211	31631	37816	34657	37386
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 Mandela with 37816 points. Last updated 24.01.2024



## Head of Year News

### Year 7 - Mrs C Hunt

The Year 7 students have come back with a lot of positive energy, making the school a lively place. We recently celebrated their achievements before Christmas, and a big congratulations to the Year 7 basketball team for becoming the district rally champions! Their hard work and teamwork really paid off. Great job, Year 7s!

### Year 8 - Mr K Amstutz

Year 8 has started 2024 with a bang, securing the highest number of reward points in the initial weeks and currently leading in house points across all year groups. As I visit their classes, it's evident that Year 8 students are putting in remarkable effort, concentrating on their individual learning, and pushing their boundaries of knowledge. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 8 – you're truly doing an amazing job!

### Year 9 - Miss G Picone

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to Year 9 for their engaged and mature approach during recent conversations regarding their Options. It was truly a joy and a proud moment for us to witness their enthusiasm during taster sessions and the insightful conversations that followed.

We were delighted to see the strong turnout of both parents and students on Thursday for Options Evening. Your active engagement is vital to the success of our students. The enthusiasm and positive energy displayed by Year 9 have contributed to a brilliant start to the year. I encourage each student to continue keeping their standards high and to actively participate in all aspects of their learning journey.

As we move forward, I would like to take this opportunity to share a few reminders regarding school expectations. Please remind your child of the following:

- Punctuality:** Encourage your child to arrive promptly to lessons and school. Punctuality is crucial for a smooth and effective learning experience.
- School Uniform:** If there are any issues regarding school uniform, please ensure that a letter is provided explaining the circumstances.

Keep up the brilliant work Year 9.

### Year 10 - Mrs M Tinker

We would like to welcome Ms Wilson and Mr Gallagher to the Year 10 team. They will be taking over the running of the year group. I have no doubt that both students and parents will welcome them.

I have always been very proud to be associated with this year group and look forward to still being involved to support you.

Continue to be amazing!

### Year 11 - Mr M Pring

Year 11 have now started daily intervention with subjects across school in preparation for their Mock exams which start on February 5th.

We are delighted to have received well over 100 applications for our 6th form provision next year.

Communication will come out shortly regarding extra tuition sessions and external tuition also to support the learning of Year 11 as we approach the GCSE's. Keep up the hard work Year 11, it will pay off!

### Sixth Form - Mrs N Picariello

Year 13 exams are now over - progress reports and parents evening are coming up soon. Please make sure you get your appointments booked as we are on the final stretch and responding to the feedback your teachers provide will be vital in achieving target grades and above.

The deadline for UCAS applications is also fast approaching - lots of our students have received exciting offers from their chosen destinations.

Year 12 have their in class assessment week next week, with progress reports and parents evening following on from this. Make sure you are using private study well to prepare.

Keep up the hard work Sixth Form - your future is in your hands!

## Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
- Anxiety
- School

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people



Are you a Parent, Carer or Professional?

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9 AM - 1PM



We Can't:  
- Give updates/  
fast track places  
on waiting lists  
- Recommend  
specific private  
assessors

Here to support, reach out for a listening ear



## Students of the Week

Each week Heads of Year provide Mrs Mitcherson with students of the week nominations.

These students come out of lesson at 1:10pm on a Friday and make their way to the Headteachers office for a prize (hot chocolate, chocolate bar, cake or ice cream in the summer).

### Year 7 - Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January

Name	Tutor Group
Rayyan I	7 Anderson
Maisie N	7 Franklin
Jessie G	7 Hawking
Olivia G	7 Lytton
Alfie N	7 Mandela
Olivia H	7 Parks
Nellie M	7 Turing



### Year 8 - Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January

Name	Tutor Group	
Didi E	8 Anderson	
George S	8 Hawking	
Kieran S	8 Lytton	
Cassie M	8 Mandela	
Freddie C	8 Parks	
Willow B	8 Turing	
Lily C	8 Turing	<b>HOY Nomination</b>



Mr R Nelson  
Assistant Headteacher

## Top 20 House Points

Top 20 House Point Achievers 18<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Name	Tutor Group	Points
Eva H	8 Anderson	208
Didi E	8 Anderson	197
Leah P	7 Parks	170
Annie D	11 Lytton	150
Cassie M	8 Mandela	150
Chloe M	8 Mandela	147
Cody M	11 Turing	145
Austin W	8 Mandela	143
Finn S	8 Parks	142
Jake V	8 Mandela	139
Malachy C	8 Mandela	138
Jack C	8 Parks	138
Elliot P	8 Mandela	136
Sienna S	8 Mandela	136
George R	8 Parks	135
Xander B	11 Mandela	134
Evie H	11 Lytton	134
Lexi G	8 Mandela	132
India A	8 Mandela	131
Johann L	8 Anderson	130

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.

**No need to book. Just turn up.**  
Miss C Wesson



Every **Thursday lunchtime**, students can meet in **K2**, to discuss **Young Carers** within our school



## Subject Focus - Geography

Students in Year 8 have created some very imaginative and high quality work as part of their Japan Projects. We asked them to try to create something that they are proud of and try to emulate the way Japanese work very hard and for long hours. Many people in Japan spend their whole lifetime mastering the art of something e.g. Martial Arts, Painting, Ikigai, Samurai and so we asked students to try to really focus on this work for longer than normal and try to 'master' a technique. Some students have really gone the extra mile and been hyper-focussed on their projects which are some of the best pieces of work that we have seen for a long time!

Japanese culture the samurai

The samurai were around from 1185 to 1868. They used a Japanese sword called the katana which was made out of a specialised steel called the tamahagane. This had a curved single-edged blade with a circular or squared guard and long grip to accommodate two hands. The samurai were highly respected and those who served were members of the powerful military. Women fought but were expected to defend their own towers and taught with different blades but on the other hand, men fought on the battlefield with the katana. When Japanese people were growing up their destiny was to become a Samurai and have the possession of the katana. The samurai sword was banned after the Meiji restoration and during the Bakumatsu war to restore public safety.

After the warriors come back from the battlefield they would search for inner peace by having a tea ceremony. The ceremony was to bring them harmony, respect, purity and tranquility. The rules of the tea ceremony were to have clean hands before attending, be patient and wait to be offered the sweets and the guests were only allowed to speak to the host.

By Chloe

KOI CARP

- In the early 19th century, the colorful and wild Koi carp were brought back first bred by rice farmers.
- Koi carp are prominent in Japanese culture, religious art, and the literary. Frequently portrayed as emblems of nobility, beauty and good fortune.
- A Japanese legend tells that the Koi carp will always climb up the waterfall. This legend stands for the Japanese spirit of perseverance.
- In Japan the Koi carp symbolizes strength and pride.
- In Japan, the carp live for 40 years or longer, so they can carry their human spirit.

By Gaby, Aoba 21

Japanese Landscapes

Mount Fuji is a mountain in Japan. It is the highest mountain in Japan and one of the most famous mountains in the world. It is a volcano and has been dormant since 1707. It is a symbol of Japan and is often depicted in Japanese art and literature.

Cherry Blossoms are a symbol of Japan. They are in bloom from late March to early May. They are a beautiful sight and are often used in Japanese art and literature. They are also a symbol of the transient nature of life.

By Gaby, Aoba 21

Hokusai

Katsushika Hokusai was a famous Japanese artist who was born in the Edo period. He was a master of the ukiyo-e style of art and is best known for his woodblock prints. He was a prolific artist and created many works of art. He was a pioneer in the use of color in ukiyo-e prints. He was also a designer of books and a publisher. He was a very successful and influential artist in his time.

His most famous work is 'The Great Wave off Kanagawa'. This beautiful landscape was printed in 1831. It was inspired by the great wave that struck Edo in 1862. Hokusai had a great respect for nature and his work is a testament to the beauty of the natural world.

By Gaby, Aoba 21

One student made a model Pagoda, a Toyota garage, a crocheted sushi complete with recipe, Ikigai,

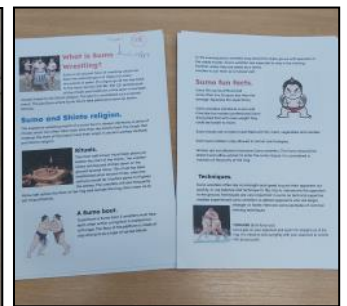
Samurai swords, an incredible painting of 'The great wave off Kanagawa', cherry blossoms, a Nintendo games console and so many more. Well done to all of these Year 8 students and we are looking forward to receiving more of their work over the next few weeks.



Fab! (10HP)

We have made a Nintendo Switch as our product because Japan founded Nintendo. Japan is famous for its brands and creations. Our job was to show how what incredible things Japan has made over the years. Our Nintendo shows the creativity of Japan and intelligence by showing how you can play loads of different games, move the toggles, use a control as well as the actual Nintendo and lastly we used buttons to control it. We used cardboard, paper and tape to create our 3D model.

- Los, Izzy, India and Cassie



Japan is an island country in East Asia. It is the northernmost Pacific island archipelago located on the western edge of the Pacific Ocean, extending from the sea of Okhotsk in the north to the East China Sea, Philippine Sea, and Taiwan in the south.

Landmarks  
Mount Fuji, Fushimi Inari Shrine, Meiji Shrine, Akihabara, Shinjuku, Nikko, etc.

The Japan Flag  
The national flag of Japan is a rectangular white banner bearing a central red disc or sun. It is known as the Hinomaru. It is one of the few flags in the world that is primarily based on a single color. It is commonly known in Japan as the Hinomaru. It embodies the country's spirit and the rising sun.

Buildings  
Japanese architecture has been inspired by wooden structures, elevated slightly off the ground, such as the traditional tatami mat rooms and sliding doors and other traditional architectural elements used in place of walls.

By Gaby, Aoba 21



Mr M Broad  
Geography Subject Leader



## Sports Centre News

### Rambino's Coffee to Go!

We are delighted that Rambino's Coffee have now started to serve hot drinks at Ridgeway Academy during our community time in the evenings and weekends.

We felt this was something we were missing from what we offer the community so we were delighted to work with Rambino's to get this off the ground.

You may recognise the founder of Rambino's, Jason from his work in the local primary schools over the last 20 years so it will be a familiar face making the delicious coffees!



Opening hours will vary to meet demand, so be sure to keep an eye out in the next few weeks. The pod will be situated just outside the Sports Centre, go and say hello to Jason and see what Rambino's have to offer!

Currently, we are expecting the pod to be open on a Tuesday and Friday evening and during the morning on Saturday / Sunday. Over time this will hopefully increase to more evenings. You can find them on social media: @rambinoscoffee

### Community Sessions at Ridgeway Academy

There is so much going on at Ridgeway Academy, with over 1,000 people taking part in community based sessions during the evenings, weekends and holiday periods. We were very pleased to welcome Strive Football Academy in October Half Term for the first time. Coaching is delivered by UEFA qualified, ex-Tottenham player Jesse Waller Lassen. They will be running in February half term so visit <https://strivefootballacademy.com/> for further information.

Barracudas will again be joining us in February half term – to book, please visit: <https://www.barracudas.co.uk/camps/welwyn/> We are

A colorful advertisement for Barracudas School Holiday Childcare. It features a group of children, a smartphone showing the website, and a QR code. Text includes 'BOOK NOW!', 'SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDCARE EXCLUSIVE PARENT DISCOUNT!', 'USE CODE: HSCP24', and 'APPLY CODE FOR AN EXTRA: £20 off a week / £4 off a day'. It also mentions 'Trustpilot' and 'OFSTED' ratings. At the bottom, it says 'Visit barracudas.co.uk or call 01480 467 567' and 'BARRACUDAS' logo.

pleased to share an exclusive Ridgeway parent discount code!

Welwyn Garden City Youth FC are pleased to announce their new TIKA-TAKA Mini sessions for children aged 4-7. They take place on our brand new 3G every Saturday morning from 9-10am. Full details can be found on the poster.

A poster for 'WELWYN GARDEN CITY YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB' Mini-Soccer Sessions. It features a large 'TIKA-TAKA' logo in pink and blue, a soccer ball with '£6' on it, and illustrations of children playing. Text includes 'FOR BOYS &amp; GIRLS AGED 4-7', 'Contact Luke Marshment 07958 486 568 admin@wgcyouthfc.co.uk', and 'RIDGEWAY ACADEMY 3G SATURDAY 9 - 10AM'.

A-Z Basketball, in partnership with Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council are again offering FREE Basketball sessions every Thursday evening from 7-8pm in our Sports Hall. These sessions start on Thursday 4th Jan until Thursday 28th March 2024.

A poster for 'A-Z Basketball @ Ridgeway' on 28 and 29 December. It features a basketball hoop and a player shooting a ball. A table lists sessions: 9am-10am (Ages 5-7), 10am-11am (Ages 8-11), and 11am-12pm (Ages 12-16). It includes a booking link 'cutt.ly/9wOTXLIgs' and logos for 'WELWYN HATFIELD BASKETBALL' and 'AZ BASKETBALL'.

Stevenage FC Foundation are still running their FREE Premier League KICKS programme every Friday night from 8-9pm on our brand new 3G pitch. Full details can be found on the poster.



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Mr R Goodship  
Sports Centre Manager

## Student Learning Expectations

### Standards for Learning

#### Ridgeway Routines must be consistently conformed to:

- Full uniform, worn correctly at all times - top buttons, blazers, no black jumpers which aren't Ridgeway logo
- Students are equipped and ready for learning
- All students stand behind chairs in silence at the start of lessons
- Green pen REACT or Recall starters are completed in silence EVERY LESSON
- Students must be on time to all lessons. Sanctions issued for more than 5 minutes late - C3
- All students stand behind chairs in silence for a uniform check before leaving the classroom row by row

### Equipment

Students must be prepared for learning - **every lesson, every day.** Form Tutors will check full equipment **each morning** during form time. It will be a school standards focus for the next two weeks.

#### All students must have the following equipment:

- Two black pens
- Two pencils
- A green pen
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Pair of compasses
- Scientific calculator (preferably Casio Classwiz)



### Consequences

C1 will be logged for a lack of equipment (daily).

3 x C1 within a week will result in a C3.

Tutors will be communicating with parents regarding missing equipment

Equipment can be purchased from reception where necessary

Parents will be communicated with to ensure they ensure all students are equipped and ready to learn

Support may be given to families who may be struggling with providing equipment through contacting their Head of Year

### The Ridgeway

- Holding high standards of uniform and equipment is the easiest way to show your teachers you are ready and willing to learn.
- Having respect for yourself and ensuring you are ready to learn is one of the most important things you can do at school
- School is for learning and every lesson counts - this means **arriving on time, with correct uniform and equipment, with the correct mindset.**
- Missing equipment slows learning down and causes unnecessary conflict with teachers

**It is the Ridgeway to be prepared for learning and take responsibility for this!**

Mrs L Hyde  
Deputy Headteacher

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www.carersinherts.org.uk

**Carewaves**

A Newsletter for Family Carers and Caring Friends

Carers are resilient and determined, which some young carers demonstrated when they tackled a climbing wall at one of our summer events. You can find out more about our upcoming activities for unpaid carers inside!

Carers in Hertfordshire  
charity registration number 1085491



# School Term and Holiday Dates 2024

## SPRING TERM 2024

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 8 Parents Evening from 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 9 Options Interview Evening
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset / Training Days
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 9 Options Deadline
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Extended Learning Day</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

## SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank and Public Holiday</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Enrichment Week</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Shadow Inset Day (school closed)</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Shadow Inset Day (school closed)</b>



**Vista**  
St Albans Plus Schools' Partnership

**The Hub**  
**ASC/SEND Coffee Mornings**

Vista St Albans are hosting 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 mornings, 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 01727 519128  
Email: vistastalbans@gmail.com

**Dates:**  
Wednesday 29th November  
Wednesday 31st January 2024  
Wednesday 13th March 2024  
Wednesday 8th May 2024  
Wednesday 26th June 2024

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[www.facebook.com/Vistastalbans](https://www.facebook.com/Vistastalbans)

## Support for Parents

There is lots of support out there for parents. Please do have a look through this information.

<https://www.hertfordshirefamiliesfirst.org.uk>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

<https://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk>

<https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Search?CategoryId=111&SM=ServiceSearch&SME=True>

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