



FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025



'Ellow 'Ellow

This week at Ellowes Hall



THEME OF NEXT WEEK: New Beginnings

ELLOWES HALL OF FAME FOCUS: Queen *We Are The Champions* | Bill Gates



Headteacher's Introduction

The end of an Academic Year is always a time for reflection, as well as being associated with the bittersweet goodbyes to the colleagues leaving us for pastures new. All of those leaving us this year have given immensely of themselves to give your young people the very best educational experiences. I was particularly moved this week as we said goodbye to two of our retirees – both of whom retire from a school which they themselves attended as children. Their memories of our school are vast but their journeys remind us of the cyclical power of education. Just as we are all, in this country, fortunate enough to receive a free education, we are all also gifted with the chance to give back.

We seek every day to instil into your young people the desire and aptitude to “give back” and we celebrate the diverse ways in which those remarkable young people find to do so. Across this Academic Year, students have excelled in

classrooms; on debate stages; in sports stadiums; science labs; exam halls and theatres. They have learnt that their talents are precious and come with the responsibility to share them. Students have “given back” in other important ways. Their generosity and fundraising have seen us raise over £7,000 for our School Charity of the Year, the Mary Stevens Hospice, in support of the wonderful work they do locally for those facing the darkest of challenges.

I hope that our end of year video, put together this year by one of our brilliant Year 10 Computer Scientists, will give you just a flavour of this year. I am only sorry that it had to be produced before yesterday's Ellowes Party in the Park – a really fitting and memorable culmination to a year of events and activities designed to enhance our sense of community. I am so proud to reflect that is a special community indeed that can retain the loyalty of colleagues like Mrs Beddow and Mrs Pitt for so many decades. I wish you all a really special summer.

Monday 1 September

INSET Day: School Closed to All Students

Tuesday 2 September

INSET Day: School Closed to All Students

Wednesday 3 September

08.45: School Starts for Year 7

11.15: School Starts for Years 8 – 11

Thursday 4 September

Friday 5 September



**Click here to see our
End of Year video!**



We have handed out **147,931** Positives this year and are delighted to share the students who have collected the highest number in each year group...



Our Gold Students, who received the highest number of Positives in their year group this year...



Wishing Mrs Pitt and Mrs Beddow a very happy retirement!

This week saw us bid a fond farewell to two of our longest-serving members of staff who, between them, have given almost sixty years of service to our school. They both also attended Ellowes as students and so this week marked a celebration of lifelong connection to the school and its community.

Mrs Beddow joined us over thirty years ago, working in various roles across Admin and for many years serving as our first point of call for medical care in school. Mrs Pitt, who joined us 25 years ago, has also worked across various areas of school life including as a TA and latterly as a Cover Supervisor helping to support students and cover classes during moments of teacher absence. Both have been, and remain, at the very heart of our community and whilst we wish them a happy retirement and will miss them hugely, we know that they will continue to be a part of our school and work for years to come.



SAVE THE DATE

On Thursday 18th September, we will be hosting our annual Careers Convention and Wellbeing Café for the parents/carers of all students. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet with colleges, universities, employers, health professionals, and many more.

Work Experience

We would like to congratulate our current Year 10 students who had successful work experience placements a couple of weeks ago. In particular, Sophie W, Ben D and Calean D who received glowing reports from the organisations where they were based.. A very big thank you to all organisations who hosted our students for the week, the experience is invaluable to them!

Year 9 students should now have their packs so that they can start finding placements over the summer holidays. It really is important to find one as soon as possible as other schools will have students competing for the same placements. I have emailed all parents with further information so please refer to this email should you need any support (Mrs A. Toro-Pearce, Careers Leader)

Learn with The Lords

Students from all year groups signed up to meet virtually with Lord de Clifford, a member of The House of Lords. The session was Q&A, with our students firing excellent questions at him! The session was so interesting as students learnt about how laws are passed, the role of a Lord, typical duties, and how debates work in the House. This was an amazing opportunity for students to learn about careers in politics.





Pirate Pete
had a ship on the sea
had a fish for his tea
had a peg for a knee
and a tiny little parrot called...Polly

Pirate Pete
had a book with a map
had a skull on his cap
had a cat on his lap
and another little parrot called...Dolly

Pirate Pete
had a trunk full of treasure
had a belt made of leather
had a cap with a feather
and another little parrot called...Jolly

Pirate Pete
had a patch on his eye
had a flag he would fly
had a plank way up high
and another little parrot called...Molly

So, Pirate Pete
and the parrots four
they sailed the world
from shore to shore -
collecting gold
and gifts galore.
And that's their tale -
there is no more!



Have fun with the poem - anybody with
younger siblings could try this activity
over the holidays!

Perform the poem once or twice for your
listeners, and the next time stop before
one of the key words and let them join
in. For example, you could say "and a
tiny little parrot called..." and they say
the name. You could do the same with
the rhyming words in each verse. Build an
interactive performance that gets
everyone involved!

For something a little different, you
could write a short story about Pirate
Pete's adventures written from the point
of view of one of his parrots, Polly or
Dolly or Jolly or Molly.



Ms Britten-Jeavons says a hearty
thanks to all the Poetry Ambassadors
and **congratulations** to the PBH
winners this year!



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the
Poetry Ambassadors for this year!

- Barrat Watford

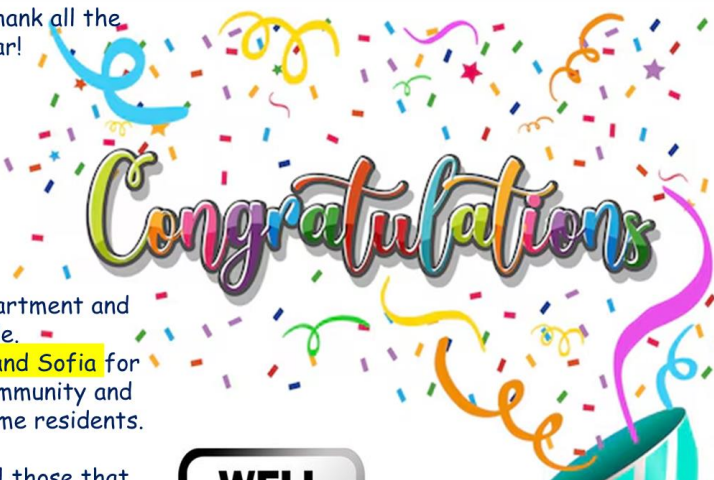
Sofia Grace

Oscar Antcliff

Sehaj Kaur

Daisy Barklam

Olivia Squire.



For anybody
interested in
applying to
become an
ambassador, or
taking part in
The Poetry By
Heart
Competition,
you will find
details in the
September
2025 edition of
Ello Ello.

You have been a credit to the English department and
have worn your badges with pride.
I would particularly like to mention **Sehaj and Sofia** for
taking their love of poetry out into the community and
sharing their passion with our local care home residents.

In addition, a hearty congratulations to all those that
entered the Poetry by Heart competition. The hard work
and dedication shown to learning and performing your
poems was outstanding. All of you received certificates
from PBH and were awarded as follows:

- Connor Y (yr 10) - Highly Commended

Harry B (yr 7) - Commended

Eva and Holli (yr 8) (The Wonderful Two) - Highly Commended

George D (yr 7) - Highly Commended

Sofia-Grace (yr 9) - Commended





In March 2026, we will celebrate the school's 60th anniversary, which we are determined to make a special community-focussed celebration of our key values and legacy. We would like as many former students/staff/anyone connected to our community over the last 60 years to be involved. [Please complete this form join to our 60th Anniversary Database](#), and share the link with any friends or family who may also want to be involved!



This week, our KS3 Ellovate have been dissecting hearts! This has really helped with their understanding of how blood flows through the heart. Everyone did a fantastic job, despite one or two feeling a little queasy!



Year 10 Health and Social care students have enjoyed visiting local residential homes this half term. Many thanks to 'The Firs Care Home' for allowing us to visit.

Health and Social Care students have organised Bingo, taken part in arts and crafts activities and enjoyed chatting with the residents.



Key Dates Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 April	Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
Thursday 1 May	Junior UKMT Challenge
Thursday 1 May, 15.30 – 18.30	Year 9 Parents' & Carers' Meeting
Thursday 1 May	Year 11 Dance Showcase
Friday 2 May	Year 8 HPV Vaccine
Monday 5 May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Wednesday 7 May, 18.00 – 18.45	Ellowes VE Day80 Memorial Garden Opening Ceremony
Monday 12 May	Year 8 Walk The Length of the UK Challenge
Friday 16 May	Year 10 Triathlon Challenge
Monday 2 – Friday 6 June	Year 7 KS3 Major Milestone Assessment Week
Monday 2 & Tuesday 3 June	Year 10 GCSE History Globe Theatre Visit
Monday 9 – Wednesday 11 June	Year 10 GCSE English Speaking & Listening Exams
Monday 9 June	Year 7 Twycross Zoo Rewards' Visit
Wednesday 11 June	Year 8 HPV Catch-Up Vaccine
Thursday 12 – Friday 20 June	Year 10 Exam Week
Wednesday 18 June	Year 7 Science Big Bang NEC Visit
Thursday 19 June	Year 8 Rewards' Visit
Friday 20 June	Lakeside PE Trip
Friday 20 June, 16.30 – 19.30	10 Years of Invictus Summer Celebration at Kinver High School
Monday 23 – Friday 27 June	New York Visit
Friday 27 June	Year 9 Wolverhampton University SciFest Visit
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Monday 30 June & Tuesday 1 July	Primary Transition Days
Wednesday 2 July	09.00 – 10.30 Year 11 Graduation Ceremony (in school) 18.00 – 23.00: Year 11 Prom, Grand Station Hotel Wolverhampton
Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July	<i>Frozen</i> School Production
Thursday 3 July – Friday 4 July	KS3 Eden Project Visit
Friday 4 July	Sports' Day at The Dell Stadium, Brierly Hill
Thursday 8 July	Year 10 Rewards' Visit
Thursday 10 July	Year 9 Rewards' Visit
Thursday 10 July, 15.30 – 18.30	Year 10 Parents' & Carers' Meeting
Friday 18 July	Term Finishes At 12pm