



Ellowes Hall Sports College Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy half-term we have had!

There have been so many highlights over this half-term, such as; over 90 students receiving their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and the amazing production of Phantom of the Opera. We've had two trips to theatres in Birmingham, one to see An Inspector Calls, and another Sherlock Holmes. As we expected, students were a credit to the school, and the staff came back into school singing their praises. This week some students have been putting together Christmas Hampers for the local community and those who have recently joined D of E are kickstarting their volunteering section by participating in 'Kindness at Christmas', taking cards and biscuits to elderly members. Thank you to all of you who have sent in donations for these events.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with Kevin Rogers, our new Headteacher, as he has visited Ellowes on a weekly basis. He has taken the opportunity to meet staff and students, and to get to know school, over this time – we look forward to welcoming him full time in January.

However, for me, the main highlight of my time at Ellowes, has been getting to know the fantastic students and staff here. It has been a pleasure to serve your children, you and the staff at Ellowes Hall over the past seven weeks as your Interim Headteacher. Thank you for your support over this time. I wish all of you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Best wishes

Mr T Bowles

Christmas kindness.

A BIG thank you to the local residents of Gornall and local community members who welcomed our students with open arms yesterday. Delivering our kindness at Christmas with our Silver DofE students.

Students wrote letters and Christmas cards, in addition to giving small gifts.

Thank you to the parents, staff and students of Ellowes Hall who supported this!

Merry Christmas 🎄🎁



Christmas deliveries.

Great team effort from some of our House Captains this week. They have been busy going into tutor groups to ask for donations for the Christmas Boxes, packing and then delivering them for people in need in our community. Well done for all of your efforts with this and also a huge thank you to parents, students and staff for donations!



Year 10 Book Week - Boys Don't Cry.

Year 10 have completed an amazing week reading 'Boys Don't Cry' for their book week. Students have fully engaged in discussions around the important themes of the book and completed amazing work in their lessons. The week enabled us to enjoy reading a whole book together, as well as discussing ideas around racism, homophobia, teenager pregnancy and relationships within families. Students enjoyed rewards in assembly for their completion of competitions such as star student and the book design cover, where the winners were rewarded with Amazon vouchers, a book from the vending machine and star student: a kindle! A huge well done!



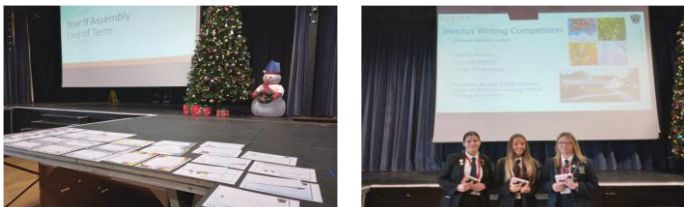
Christmas card competition.

Our winning Christmas card designed by Finley Moore 7NKH.



School rewards.

Over 150 pupils have received our highest honours this half-term from Year 7 to 11. Pictured are all of their certificates and prizes. We have also got three girls that have won the Invictus Writing Competition. Well done to everyone!



Sporting congratulations.

Congratulations to Lewis Bowdley 10LK who has passed his martial arts grading to become a black belt. Well done!



Cooking congratulations.

Well done to Heidi Hodgkins for taking part in the Springboard Future Chef 2022. She won her place during the school heats to go onto the local final in Worcestershire. Despite not winning she was a close second and received some amazing feedback from the chefs that judged. She is already up for the challenge of trying again next year.



- 4th January Students return to school at 8.50am.
- Year 11 Mocks begin 9th January

Attendance Matters



Well done 7NIB you have the highest attendance in school:
96.31%



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.