



Ellesmere Park
High School
Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions



Half-Termly Newsletter

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 18th February 2022



We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our pupils back into school on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Everybody seemed to settle back into school life with confidence and positivity for the term ahead.

Our key message to students as we start the term is that, as ever, we shall move forward with our ethos firmly at the forefront:

Being Vibrant: Education should be lively, memorable, colourful, and exciting.

Being Inclusive: We thrive from diversity and nurture individual talents and abilities.

Being Proud: We want everyone in our community to be proud to be part of the school and to be proud of themselves.

Let's make 2022 an enjoyable and successful year for all.

Our Best Readers

As a school we want to promote reading for pleasure with all our students. Reading strengthens your writing skills, improves memory and concentration, increases your vocabulary and expands your knowledge. Reading also deepens empathy, enhances your imagination and lowers stress and anxiety.

As part of this, we use 'Accelerated Reader' with Years 7, 8 and 9. Accelerated Reader is a reading programme that helps teachers to monitor students' independent reading. Students read books that they choose themselves, at their own pace. Once they've finished a book they complete a short quiz online which gives feedback to teachers on which books the students are enjoying and any issues with understanding.

We reward the students who read for pleasure with prizes including queue jump passes, chocolates and Penguin Clothbound Classics. These pictures show some of the students who read the most during the Autumn term.



Our BEST READERS
photographed here are:

Arifa, Mae, Alice, Aisha,
Rheigan, Rebekah, Libby,
Anisah and Elizabeth.



Our Top 10 Best Readers Years 7, 8 and 9

Year 7

Rheigan, Arifa, Meryan, Francesca, Naomi, Mae, Leah, Eliza, Travis and Malan

Year 8

Libby, Rebekah, Alissia, Joseph, Callen, Elizabeth, Anisah, Luke, Ibrahim and Katie

Year 9

Aisha, Safa, Ayan, Alice, Kiyan, Angel, Olivia, Esme, Charlie and Niamh

A huge WELL DONE to each and every one of you!
We are extremely proud of all you are achieving!



Attendance Prizes

Each week, students with 100% attendance for the previous week go into a prize draw. All students with 100% attendance for the previous week gain extra class charts points! So far this term, we have offered:



1 x £15 Nando's voucher



Several free meals from our canteen and queue jump passes



Various amounts of Amazon vouchers

Attendance Leagues

PREMIERSHIP		P	W	L	D	Bonus Points	Points
7B	Cotton's Coconuts	9	7	2	0	14	35
8F		9	5	4	0	12	27
7D	Lloyd's League	9	6	3	0	6	24
11C		9	5	4	0	8	23
9A	9Aliens	9	5	4	0	4	19
9C	Boateng's Ballers	9	5	4	0	2	17
7F		9	4	5	0	2	14
7C	Sandy Socks	9	3	5	0	4	13
10A		9	3	6	0	4	13
7A		9	2	7	0	2	8

CHAMPIONSHIP		P	W	L	D	Bonus Points	Points
8C		9	7	2	0	6	27
10D	10D Lions	9	7	2	0	6	27
8B		9	6	3	0	6	24
10B	The United City of Manchester	9	6	3	0	4	22
11A		9	6	3	0	2	20
10E		9	4	5	0	2	18
7E	Be in to Win	9	4	5	0	2	14
9E		9	2	7	0	2	8
11B		9	2	7	0	0	6
9B	The Here and Now	9	1	8	0	0	3

League 1		P	W	L	D	Bonus Points	Points
8D		9	9	0	0	12	39
8A		9	7	2	0	4	25
10C		9	6	3	0	2	20
11F	Kelly's Kelloggs	9	5	4	0	2	17
8E		9	5	4	0	2	17
9F		9	5	4	0	2	17
11E		9	4	5	0	0	12
11D	Leadbetter's XI	9	2	7	0	0	6
9D		9	2	7	0	0	6
10F		9	0	9	0	0	0

Nine weeks have passed and the first season has now been completed.

Below are the final standings from the three divisions.

Highlighted **GREEN** are the form groups being promoted.

Highlighted **AMBER** are the form groups relegated.

There are plenty of future opportunities for form groups to earn promotion.

Well done everyone, especially those promoted form groups

Maximise your potential

Great start to the 'Maximise your potential' exam preparations in the run up to their GCSE's.

We are so proud of our Year 11 students and their dedication to being the best they can be!



Students collected their guided exam practice folders this week.

"Maximise Your Potential"

was the clear message from Mrs St John and an invitation to this year's Prom from Mr Bird to give that extra incentive.



We received this certificate from the Booth centre. Well done to everybody who helped to collect this money!



Cathy and her team served some Chinese food to celebrate Chinese New Year! Thanks Cathy, it was delicious and A'Aya thought so too!



On Tuesday 1st February, EPHS band 'Bleech' won The Battle of the Bands taking place at Salford's Future Skills College. 40 students represented our school at the event, which was judged by two professional judges including Mark Day, lead guitarist from Manchester Band, The Happy Mondays. To win the event, Bleech performed a cover of 'Don't Look Back in Anger' by other Mancunian musicians, Oasis. The judges were wowed by the performance and commended the band on their outstanding drums, guitar, guitar solo, and piano playing, while the band's bass-player and vocalist also received rave reviews.

As well as commending the band, judges praised Ellesmere Park High School, noting how impressed they were with the music provision at the school and mentioning they couldn't believe the talent of the bands, the number of students involved, and the overall quality of musicianship. They also said what they saw from Ellesmere students was "way above what they saw in other local schools and that the students were fantastic."

Absolutely amazing! Well done to all staff and students involved!

Greater Manchester Community Lettings



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In September 2021, Ellesmere Park High School opened up to community groups, allowing them the opportunity to hire the outstanding facilities our school has to offer, especially our state-of-the-art dance studio. Below are the groups currently using the facilities.

Group Name	Activity	Age Group	When?	Contact Details
Aurora Elite Dance Academy	Cheerleading, Tumble, Pom Dance and HipHop	14+	Mon 6.30pm – 8pm	On Facebook Aurora Elite Dance Academy, Instagram @aurora_elite_academy or email - auroraeliteda@hotmail.com
Tots2Teens	Football	Nursery and reception Year 1 and 2	Sat 9am-10am Sat 10am-11am	tots2teens16@outlook.com 07957071339
Manchester Giants Netball Team	Netball	Year 6-8 Year 10 and over	Tue 6.30 - 7.30pm Tue 7.30 – 8.30pm	netball@manchestergiants.com 07557234213
FootyTotz	Football	4-5 yr olds 5-9 yr olds 5-9 yr olds	Tue 5.15 – 6.15 Fri 5-6pm Fri 6-7pm	Matt 07582 554 539 matt@footytotz.co.uk
Soccer Star Coaching	Football	Reception / Year 1 Year 2/3 Year 4/6	Thur 4.30pm – 5.30pm Thur 5.30 – 6.30pm Thur 6.30 – 7.30pm	07983 565 847 info@soccerstarcoaching.co.uk
Manchester Kings Basketball	Basketball	11+	Sat 12-1.30pm	info@mcrkingsbasketball.com
GKR Karate	Karate	5+ Families Tournament training	Sat 10-11am Sat 11-12pm Sat 12-1pm	Dave – 07525675990 https://www.gkrkarate.com

In partnership with Greater Manchester Community lettings we are keen to have as many community groups as possible using the sports hall and dance studio, bringing groups together and offering a warm welcome to our fantastic facilities.

GMCL can give guidance on funding applications to help set up new groups. The dance studio would be ideal for any type of Dance, Yoga, Pilates, Drama classes, Choirs, Martial arts, Weightwatchers, Slimming world groups and many more!

Contact them directly on:

Email - info@gmcommunitylettings.co.uk

Facebook - @GMCommunityLettings/

Web - www.gmcommunitylettings.co.uk

Instagram - @GMCommunityLettings

Tel: 07786 803841

Feliz dia de Reyes



“Happy Wise Men Day”, celebrated on January 6th in some Spanish speaking countries. Here is our very own Mrs Lloyd, promoting the event with a fab t-shirt, funky Spanish glasses and was even rocking some pretty cool

‘Feliz Navidad’ socks!



Our Twitter feed

If you haven't already, head to Twitter.com and follow us at:

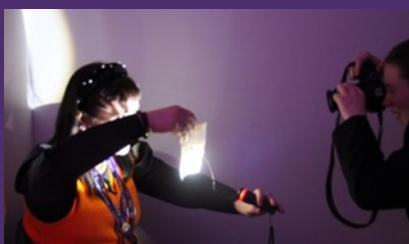
<https://twitter.com/EllesmerePark>

We share news and celebrations almost every day and have lots going on!



Photography

Our Year 10 photography students have been having so much fun experimenting



Extra-Curricular Activities

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Clubs and extracurricular timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Art - Year 11 Mr Gordon	Art Year 11 Mr Gordon		Spanish Year 11 Mrs Lloyd	English Year 11 Mr Connolly
Lunch	History Year 11 Miss Fudge			Geography Year 11 Miss Middleton	
After School	Maths - KS3 Miss Bowen	Boys Football - Year 8 Mr Davies	Art - Year 7 Mr Davies	Photography Club - KS3 Mrs Barker	IT - Year 11 Mr Weir
	Art - Year 11 Mr Gordon	Fashion and Textile Design - All Years Miss Ayre and Miss O'Meara	Badminton - All Years Mr Tunney	Science - Year 11 Miss Palin	Sociology - Year 11 Mrs Casey
	Technology - Year 11 Mr Stavrinou		Community Sports Leadership - Year 9 & 10 Mr O'Neill	Cambridge Nationals - Year 11 Mr O'Neill	
	Boys Football - Year 9 Mr Davies		Boys Football - Year 7 Mr Davies	Girls Netball - All Years Mrs Campbell	
	Girls Football - Year 7 & 8 Mrs Campbell		Drama Club - Year 9 Mrs Thomson	Ensemble - Year 7 & 8 Mr McNamee	
	Cooking Club - Year 7 Mr Blackburn		Maths KS4 Mr Small	Tabata Fitness - Year 9 Mrs Lewis Mrs Howard	
	Drama Club - Year 7 & 8 Mrs Thomson				
	Ensemble - Year 9 Mr McNamee				



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Extra Curricular activities at Ellesmere Park

At Ellesmere Park, all students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities— from sport, music and drama to cooking and personal fitness. There are a whole range of benefits that come from involvement in extra-curricular activities and I would encourage all students to attend as many enrichment opportunities as they can.

They provide a productive break from study

- Weekly activities can offer a welcome break from studies and homework. Depending on your child's interests, they may provide the chance to get outside and exercise, see friends, pursue a hobby or simply destress and refresh their mind. They also help limit the time your child is spending in front of a TV or computer screen.

They can help your child build their skills outside of the classroom

- In addition to building skills within a specific discipline, extra-curricular activities are great for developing general academic and soft skills. Think debating for public speaking, academic competitions for exam strategies and sport for teamwork. Balancing a number of commitments can help to improve your child's time management skills, while finding an area they enjoy or excel at can boost self-confidence.

They can open your child's mind to new interests (and views)

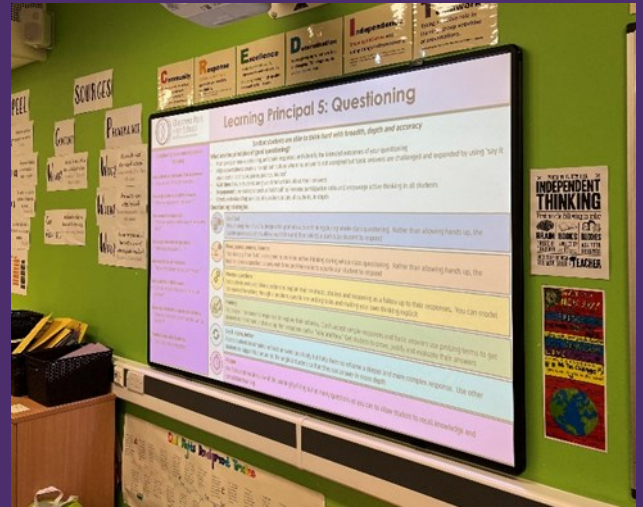
- While students usually have the opportunity to pursue a wide range of study areas through their curriculum choices, extra-curricular activities allow students to explore an interest in more depth than what is covered in class, or maybe even find a completely new interest that they wouldn't have been exposed to otherwise. They can also provide a great chance for students to broaden their perspective of the world.

They provide social opportunities

- Being part of a group or team provides a sense of belonging, with extra-curricular activities offering an opportunity for your child to interact with others with similar interests and potentially build friendships outside of their usual circle.

Breakfast Teach Meet

Teachers held their 'Breakfast Teach Meet'. Following on from their CPD on questioning they explored strategies to help when students say "I don't know". Practical tips were shared to ensure teachers are not allowing students to opt out of learning and ensuring challenge and engagement in lessons were consistently high.



Stop Abuse Together



The UK Government has launched a new advice and support site to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. The site includes advice for parents and carers on spotting the signs of sexual abuse and speaking to your child about relationships and safety.

It also signposts to sources of further support for children, adults and professionals including the NSPCC helpline and Childline. We have put the link to this on our school website along with our other sources of help and support.

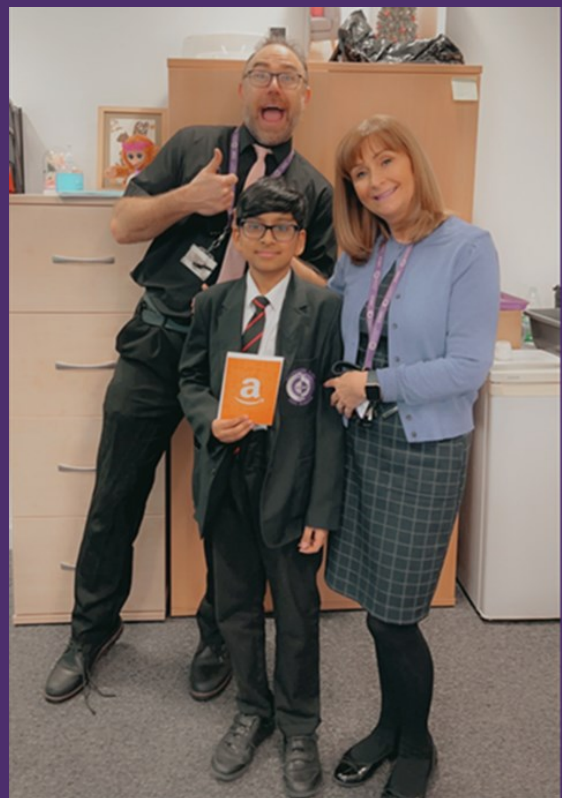
The link: <https://stopabusettogether.campaign.gov.uk/>



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Learn & Credit

HUGE Congratulations to Sahib in Year 7 for winning the reward for the most CREDITS for REPONSE. He was thrilled in assembly to receive his £10 Amazon voucher. He is pictured here with his Head of Year, Mrs Kavanagh and Mr Aspinall. Well done! We are super proud of you.



Have a fantastic break, recharge those batteries and stay safe!

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

The next edition will be published on Friday 1st April 2022.