



# RIDGEWAY HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

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## Dear Parents

Last Friday, I joined members of the PE department at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral for this year's Educate Awards, the most prestigious education awards in the north west. It was a magnificent occasion in a suitably awe-inspiring venue. The PE department was nominated in the Outstanding Contribution to Sport in a Secondary School category.



Ridgeway's reputation for sporting excellence is due to the range of opportunities we offer, impressive levels of student participation and engagement, and individual and team competitiveness at local, regional and national level.

The last few days and weeks paint a picture: our basketball teams have played in a national competition against Helsby and Trinity High School in Manchester; we have just hosted a netball tournament involving Birkenhead Park, Woodchurch and Oldershaw; and we are in the middle of hosting a badminton round-robin tournament involving all Wirral schools. Next week sees the return of the primary futsal league, with year 10 sports studies students as referees.

[Yesterday, we hosted our awards evening for last year's leavers — with guest of honour the ex-Liverpool footballer Jan Molby.](#) This event is always an enjoyable one, a chance to look back on the students' five years with us and to celebrate their achievements and successes. Our current year 11s are now busily thinking about post-16 pathways. On Wednesday 4 December, we will be hosting this year's Futures Fair for all students in years 9-11. More than fifty providers will be in attendance, including representatives from local colleges and universities, training providers, employers and ambassadors from a wide range of businesses.

Year 11 are also, of course, focused on preparing for next summer's exams. Next week, they will be sitting another round of mock exams. As I have written before, as well as giving us a clear idea of how each student is progressing, mocks also help ensure that students are as familiar and comfortable as possible with the whole process of revising for — and sitting — an extended series of examinations.

We are holding our annual Christmas lunch for senior citizens from the local community on Wednesday 4 December. This festive event involves GCSE hospitality students preparing and cooking a full Christmas lunch before serving it to our guests.

I should also like to mention two schemes supporting local people in need.

The first, organised by several members of Ridgeway's support staff, involves making up hampers for delivery in the days before Christmas to families in exceptionally difficult circumstances. Last year's efforts were incredibly successful, collecting enough items to make up around thirty hampers. They would welcome donations of non-perishable items like tins, biscuits and rice/pasta and 'smellies' like soap, shampoo and deodorant.

The second scheme, organised by Miss Lawrie, is in aid of a charity called [Care For The Paw](#), which provides food, blankets and veterinary care for homeless people across Liverpool and the Wirral who have dogs as companions. Miss Lawrie will be discussing homelessness and the work of charities such as this one in a forthcoming week of assemblies. She is asking for donations of items such as spare tins of dog food, treats, leads, toys and blankets.

If you wish to contribute to either of these schemes, donations can be left at the school office. Any support you feel able to give will be gratefully received.

**Tony Taylor**  
**Headteacher**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 25 November — Friday 29 November: Year 11 Mock Exams
- Wednesday 4 December: Futures Fair
- Thursday 12 December: Ridgeway Mock Election