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As November becomes an increasingly cold month leading into the start of the festive season, we have seen some fantastic successes for our students.

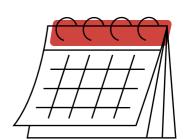
We have awarded our first silver award badge this week to Harry in Year 9, achieving 341 points. These new rewards form part of our CARE values and excellence is evident here!

Year 11 have started their mock exams this week and have approached this with great maturity and clear determination to try their absolute best. Mock exams for Year 11 will continue into next week and we wish all students the best of luck. If you want to support your child, make sure they get lots of rest, make sure they're fed and test them on key aspects of their learning.

Next week we have our Sixth Form Open Evening where we invite Year 11 to consider their next steps in their Ashlawn journey; they can discuss their career aspirations and subject selection with our teachers. Year 13 are also in the process of considering future aspirations, with UCAS and apprenticeship applications coming in thick and fast.

Today, as a community, we have welcomed students into school in non uniform to support Children in Need. Thank you for your donations.





Dates for the Diary

Thursday 24 November

Sixth Form Prospective Parents Evening

Friday 25 November

Teacher Training Day (School closed)

Monday 28 November

Year 7 Parents Open Evening

Wednesday 30 November

Trip to SIX! The Musical

Thursday 8 December

Year 11 Parent Consultations

#### Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER					
9.00 am	10.45 am	French Listening and Reading			
1.15 pm	2.15 pm	Engineering			
1.15 pm	3.00 pm	Food			
1.15 pm	2.45 pm	Psychology 2			
TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER					
9.00 am	9.55 am	History 2			
9.00 am	10.00 am	Geography 2			
11.30 am	12.25 pm	History Clashes			
1.15 pm	2.15 pm	English Literature			
WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER					
9.00 am	10.20 am	MFL Writing			
1.15 pm	2.45 pm	Business 1			
1.15 pm	2.30 pm	Music			
1.15 pm	2.30 pm	Child Development			
1.15 pm	2.35 pm	French/German Clashes			
THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER					
9.00 am	10.45 am	Spanish Listening and Reading			
9.00 am	11.00 am	Design Technology			
1.15 pm	2.30 pm	PE2			
1.15 pm	2.45 pm	Computing 2			



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### Ashlawn Sixth Form Open Evening, Thursday 24 November 2022



Join us to speak with subject leaders and students about our range of Sixth Form courses. The Principal's presentations will take place at 5:45pm, 6:30pm and 7:15pm. Book your preferred slot here: https://bit.ly/3TqzYEW

#### Maths/Logic Puzzle – Test your Knowledge!



Gareth Southgate's Unusually Weighted Footballs

Gareth has set his England team a mathematical challenge. He has given unusually weighted footballs to 4 of his squad members: captain Harry Kane, goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, and Fornite computer game dance maestros Jesse Lingard and Dele Alli.

Gareth has asked the players to work out the weight of each of the 4 footballs and has given them 4 clues:

- 1. The mean or average weight of these footballs is 80 grams.
- 2. The 3 heavier footballs weigh 270 grams in total.
- 3. The heaviest football, given to Harry Kane, is 3 times the weight of the lightest football, given to Jesse Lingard.
- 4. The 2 middle footballs weigh exactly the same.

Question: What is the weight of each of the footballs?

Email normanr@ashlawn.org.uk with your answers. The first 5 students to answer correctly will get a shout-out in next week's newsletter!



Well done Sam in Year 8 who has achieved his Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. This is a fabulous achievement Sam - Well Done!





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### **POEM OF THE WEEK** Aspiration

We never know how high we are Till we are called to rise; And then, if we are true to plan, Our statures touch the skies.

The heroism we recite Would be a daily thing, Did not ourselves the cubits warp For fear to be a king.

### **Emily Elizabeth Dickinson**



### **MEDIA TRIP**

On the 18th of November we took a group of our Year 12 and 13 Media Studies to the Pinewood Studios Futures Festival. This is the biggest Media careers event for those looking to start their journey in the Film & TV industry, with over 2000 students attending from around the country. It was a brilliant opportunity for students to not only learn about the Media industry by attending workshops and talks, but also consider their next steps and meet industry experts. Whilst we were there we attended a talk with the critically acclaimed BBC 1's film critic Ali Plum!



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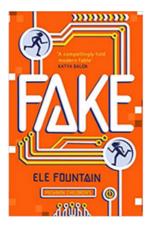
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### MRS MILLS' BOOK OF THE WEEK

Mrs Mills, our School Librarian, highly recommends the following books.

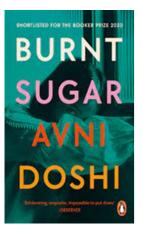
#### Key Stage 3 Year 7 - 9



#### Key Stage 4 Year 10 - 11



#### Key Stage 5 Year 12- 13



#### FAKE by Ele Fountain

Imagine a world where your only friends are virtual, and big tech companies control access to food, healthcare and leisure. This is Jess's world. But when she turns fourteen, Jess can go to school with other children for the first time. Most of them hate the 'real' world, but Jess begins to question whether the digital world is 'perfect' after all.

Back home, her sister Chloe's life-saving medication is getting ever more expensive. Determined to help, Jess risks everything by using skills forbidden in the cyber-world, only to stumble on something explosive. Something that will turn her whole world upside down.

It's up to Jess to figure out exactly what is real, and what is fake – Chloe's survival depends on it.

Genre – Dystopian Recommended Age – 11+

#### THE QUIET AT THE END OF THE ROAD by Lauren James

Lowrie and Shen are the youngest people on the planet after a virus caused global infertility. Closeted in a pocket of London and doted upon by a small, ageing community, the pair spend their day's mud -larking for artefacts from history and looking for treasure in their onceopulent mansion.

Their idyllic life is torn apart when a secret is uncovered that threatens not only their family but humanity's entire existence. Lowrie and Shen face an impossible choice: in the quiet at the end of the world, they must decide who to save and who to sacrifice . . .

It's up to Jess to figure out exactly what is real, and what is fake - Chloe's survival depends on it.

Genre – Dystopian Recommended Age – 14+

#### BURNT SUGAR by Avni Doshi

In her youth, Tara was wild. She abandoned her loveless marriage to join an ashram, endured a brief stint as a beggar (mostly to spite her affluent parents), and spent years chasing after a dishevelled, homeless 'artist' – all with her young child in tow. Now she is forgetting things, mixing up her maid's wages and leaving the gas on all night, and her grown-up daughter is faced with the task of caring for a woman who never cared for her.

This is a love story and a story about betrayal. But not between lovers – between mother and daughter. Sharp as a blade and laced with caustic wit, Burnt Sugar unpicks the slippery, choking cord of memory and myth that binds two women together, making and unmaking them endlessly

Genre – Contemporary / Domestic Fiction Recommended Age – 16+



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Ashlawn School celebrated **Children In Need** with a Non Uniform Day today. Students were invited to come dressed as themselves in exchange for a £1 donation.

At the time of counting Ashlawn has raised £1436.10 and therefore we would like to thank all our staff and students for their kind donations.

Children in Need support many charities across the UK but closer to home they support 3 particular charities based in Rugby.

Circles – This is an equine therapy charity. Students with mental health concerns and behaviour concerns can be referred there.











ROSA - (Rape or Sexual abuse Support) helps students and adults who have experienced sexual harassment and violence. **KITS ACADEMY** 

KA KITS Academy – this project delivers sports activities for young people affected by poverty and disabled young people.

These charities combined received £200,000 of money from Children In Need last year and Ashlawn School has made referrals to all 3 projects. Every penny counts so if you would like to make a further donation please pop this into reception and we will add it to the total.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Rugby Police were in school this week to encourage students to speak out on knife crime and challenge friends and relatives who carry knives.

PC Elcock and PC Samra, along with 2 PCSO's, attended a number of KS3 Life Skills lessons and sixth form Criminology and Sociology lessons. They provided a safe space for students to open up about their concerns in the local community and ask questions about potential career routes into the police.



This is part of Operation Sceptre, a national campaign that raises awareness of the consequences of carrying a knife and aims to get knives off the streets. Throughout the week (14-20 November) people can anonymously surrender knives in bins at police stations in Nuneaton, Rugby, Leamington and Stratford. Rugby Station is open this Sunday (20th November). Throughout the week local policing teams will be running events aimed at raising awareness of knife crime.

Warwickshire Police is also urging students and their parents to have difficult conversations about the dangers and consequences that come with carrying a knife.

If you are worried and want help to keep either a young person or yourself safe, you can contact the following organisations:

- Childline counsellors can support young people 24 hours a day, you can call them on 0800 1111.
- The Prince's Trust can help provide support and opportunities for young people.
- Always call 999 if you are worried someone is at risk. The police are there to help and keep you safe.



We welcome open communication with our parents and carers in our community. Can we ask that parents are aware that there is a 2 working day turn around for communication regarding your child. The in hours communication times are 8am -5pm Monday - Friday. We will endeavour to respond to queries within this time frame.



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Menu WEEK COMMENCING 21 11 22						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Chicken curry with rice and a mini naan	Chicken fajita and spicy rice	Flatbread filled with lamb kebab and salad	Sweet and sour chicken bites, rice and sauce	Sausage and chips		
Quorn curry with rice and a mini naan	Chicken fajita and spicy rice	Flatbread filled with flavored quorn and salad	Quorn sweet and sour with rice	Vegetarian burger and chips		
Jacket potato and tuna	Pasta king – meat	Jacket potato and cheese	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and beans		
Hot sausage roll	Pasta king - veg	Tomato and cheese pasta	Pasta king - veg	Chicken fillets		
Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham toastie	Cheese and pickle sandwich	Beef burger	Ham salad sandwich		
Cheese and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham sandwich	Chicken and stuffing sandwich	Chicken, bacon and mayo sandwich	Cheese salad sandwich		
$\bigcirc$	Tuna and cucumber sandwich		Egg and cress sandwich			

#### Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality to school is vital if students are to succeed and reach their full potential. Every day that a student is late will impact their learning time in school.

We monitor attendance and punctuality very closely in order to ensure that ALL students arrive at school on time, ready to learn.

We expect ALL students to be in school by 8.40 am, ready to start form time at 8.45 am. If students arrive late to form time, they will be marked as late regardless of what time they were on site. If students arrive late on two occasions or more, then they will attend a same day detention for 15 minutes.

Although we want every student to achieve 100% attendance, we understand that there are times when they may not be able to come to school as they are really unwell. If this happens it is vital that you contact school via EDULINK or by phoning 01788 532831.

Please do not email individual teachers or their Head of Year.

If at any time you feel that you need support with your child's attendance or punctuality then you must talk to us.

Your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year are here to support them throughout their time in school.

Minutes Late Per Day	Days of Lost Learning	
5	3.5	
10	7	
15	10.5	
20	14	
30	21	

% Attendance	Days of Lost Learning	
100	0	
95	10	
90	20	
85	30	
80	40 (8 school weeks)	



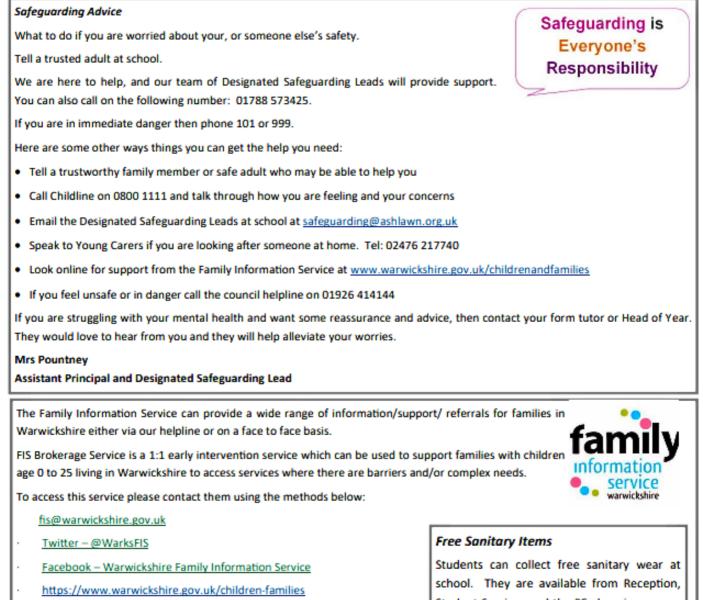
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The Family Intervention Service can help you with topics such as:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare
- health and wellbeing

Please don't hesitate to get in touch. They are there to help!.

Mrs Pountney

Assistant Principal

Student Services and the PE changing rooms. Tampons and sanitary towels are available.

Mrs Pountney Assistant Principal

#### Food Bank

If you are struggling financially and would like a food parcel or food bank voucher, please contact Mrs Pountney or Mrs Lavery as we have a few food parcels

left and we are happy to deliver.

