



# Ashlawn School Newsletter

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What a week! Can I start by thanking you for your support and understanding in the challenging circumstances which presented themselves on Monday and Tuesday. The site team worked tirelessly with contractors to fix the boiler and electricity issues, and pulled together to ensure our site was safe to welcome students back to school. Students and staff adapted seamlessly to remote learning in a way we would have felt was impossible three years ago - it was a true representation of our core value of community.

On Thursday, we welcomed our Year 11 students and their families to our Sixth Form Open Evening. It is fantastic to see students wanting to continue their journey at Ashlawn which started 4 years ago (you can find the application information on our website). We look forward to the post Sixth Form Open Evening interviews where students and their families discuss with us their hopes and aspirations for post 16 studies.

Last week our Sixth Form Media Studies students visited Pinewood Studios which enthused and inspired our students about the range of opportunities available to them if they choose to have a career in the media.

Next Monday, we welcome the students and families of Year 7 into school to see the environment where their children study and to catch up with their tutors.



## Dates for the Diary

### **Monday 28 November**

Year 7 Opening Evening

### **Wednesday 30 November**

Trip to SIX! The Musical

### **Thursday 8 December**

Year 11 Parent Consultations

### **Friday 9 December**

Christmas Jumper Day

This week's college winner is Evans - well done!



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## **Year 7 Open Evening, Monday 28 November**

We're inviting Year 7 students, their parents and carers to a Year 7 Open Evening on Monday 28 November between 3.30pm and 5.15pm. The Year 7 students will have the opportunity to give their parents and carers a tour of the school, show them their classrooms, discuss their learning journey and informally meet with some of the staff who work with them. This is a first event of its kind at Ashlawn School and it would be fantastic if you're able to attend.

## **Year 11 Parent Consultations, Thursday 8 December**

Year 11 Parent Consultations will be taking place on Thursday 8 December 2022, from 4pm to 7:30pm via Microsoft Teams. This will be your opportunity to meet on an individual basis with your child's subject teachers to discuss their progress and attainment and how you can support your child at home to make further progress. Further information about booking appointments will be emailed to you next week. If you need any support with your Edulink login, please email [admins@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:admins@ashlawn.org.uk).

## **Rescheduled Year 11 Mock Exams**

Following the school closure this week, the following Y11 mock exams have been rescheduled. Students' timetables on Edulink have been updated, and the rooms and seats remain the same as they would have been. There will be an additional session put on for any clashes (eg. students that take both History and Geography).

Monday 28 November - 9am: Geography paper 2, History paper 2

Monday 28 November - 1.15pm: Psychology paper 2, Food preparation, Engineering

The English Literature paper originally scheduled for Tuesday 22 November will not be rescheduled for now - you will have received further information from Miss Bryant, Head of English, regarding this.

## **New daily updates via Edulink**

To help improve information sharing with parents, you will now receive regular Edulink messages, updating you on your child's achievement points, behavior and homework. You can expect to receive these messages every weekday around 4pm. Please bear in mind, if you need to contact us about your child, we will get back to you as soon as possible within 2 working days. Our communication hours are Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.

## **Free webinar to help build your child's resilience, Tuesday 29 November**

Join Elevate Education's free webinar to learn how you can help build your child's resilience. The webinar will take place on Tuesday 29th November at 6pm. To register, visit <https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar>.



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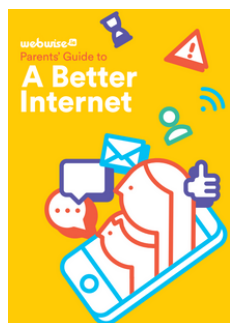
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## Useful resources to support digital parenting

For many parents, the online world can sometimes feel like a minefield, where children are way ahead in terms of their knowledge and can find ways around parent protections. Leonie Smith, a counsellor who helps create safer online habits for families, has written about how we can help and protect our children, and set rules and consequences relevant to both the online and real worlds.

Visit [www.bit.ly/Leoniesmith](http://www.bit.ly/Leoniesmith) to find out more.

**Download your free copy of the following internet safety guides and resources to help you get to grips with your children's internet use and explore the issue of internet safety with your children:**



### Parents Guide to A Better Internet.

Help your child to have a positive experience online.

Download your free copy: [www.bit.ly/3gyDOhS](http://www.bit.ly/3gyDOhS)



### Talking Points for Parents

Ways to encourage your child to open up about their online life, based on young people's online experiences.

Download your free copy: [www.bit.ly/3AH4CTO](http://www.bit.ly/3AH4CTO)



### Online Safety Tips for Parents

Two leaflets with useful tips and advice for online safety.

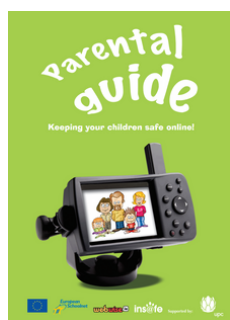
Download your free copies: [www.bit.ly/3EBmj8p](http://www.bit.ly/3EBmj8p)  
[www.bit.ly/3ianLYO](http://www.bit.ly/3ianLYO)



### How to deal with cyberbullying

Help your child to take control, report and respond to unwanted messages.

Download your free copy: [www.bit.ly/3U4rX8M](http://www.bit.ly/3U4rX8M)



### Family e-safety Kit

How to share the benefits and risks of the internet to 6 to 12 year old's in a fun and engaging way.

Download your free copy: [www.bit.ly/3VkbBut](http://www.bit.ly/3VkbBut)



### How to manage your online reputation

Help your child manage their digital footprint with this useful checklist.

Download your free copy: [www.bit.ly/3OCg4Wz](http://www.bit.ly/3OCg4Wz)



## Get involved with Selfless Santa

Ashlawn staff have kindly donated Christmas gifts to our most vulnerable students for the past 2 years in a twist to the usual 'Secret Santa'.



This year, due to the significant increase in the cost of living it is more important than ever to support our families at Christmas and due to the HUGE success of last year's Selfless Santa we would like to do the same again this year! In 2021, we delivered a record breaking 150 gifts.

### If you would like to get involved too, then this is what you can do to help!

- Donate a gift up to the value of £10 which is wrapped with a label stating who it would be suitable for Eg: Boy aged 12
- Donate a range of smaller items such as toiletries, hair bobbles, selection boxes, biscuits that we can wrap in school.
- Make a financial donation if you should so wish - last year we used this money to buy board games for our families.
- Donate some wrapping paper and labels.

If you would like to make a donation, then please pop your items to reception who will then pass them to Mrs Pountney for the Selfless Santa drop. All donations need to be handed in by Friday 8 December at the latest. We will then arrange for our staff to deliver these gifts the week leading up to Christmas.

Many staff delivered gifts last Christmas and said it was the best feeling; they loved being a part of it!

Many thanks for your continued support as dedicated parents and carers.

Lorna Pountney (Santas helper!)





## Meet the Team

### Mrs Stevenson, Math's Teacher and Year 9 Tutor



**What is your degree in?** I have a Bachelor of Education degree in Secondary Mathematics.

**How long have you been a teacher?** I graduated over 20 years ago and have been teaching ever since. I enjoy teaching my classes through from my year 7's to my A level class. I am married with 2 children, aged 16 and 17 so I can relate to the pressures of GCSEs and A Levels!

**What do you love about teaching?** My passion has always been Mathematics and I love sharing my love for the subject with my students. I hope to inspire my students and allow them the opportunities to become excited about maths and to be successful in their learning.

### Mr Pyle, Head of Key Stage 3 and Teacher of PE

**What is your degree in?** I have a BA Hons degree in Physical Education and Teaching (QTS).

**How long have you been teaching?** I have been teaching since 2014 and love delivering PE lessons as much today as I did eight years ago. Since then my career has progressed with a Pastoral focus. Having been a Head of Year in two schools, the opportunity to become a Head of Key Stage at Ashlawn was an incredibly exciting prospect and one that I am currently relishing.

**What do you love about teaching?** I am excited to continue my journey at Ashlawn and look forward to getting to know the students more, as well as introducing initiatives that can increase the students' experiences in Key Stage 3.





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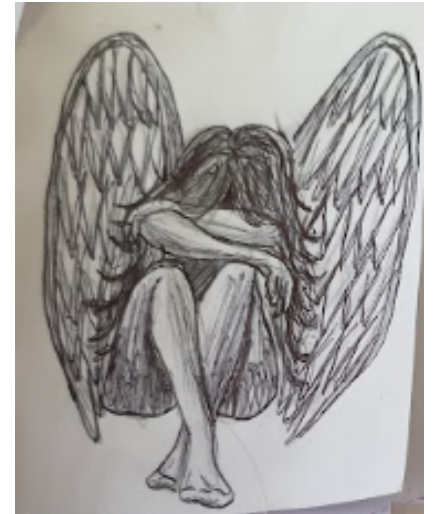
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Freya, Yr 10



Katie Yr 8



Amelia, Yr 10

## ART OF THE WEEK

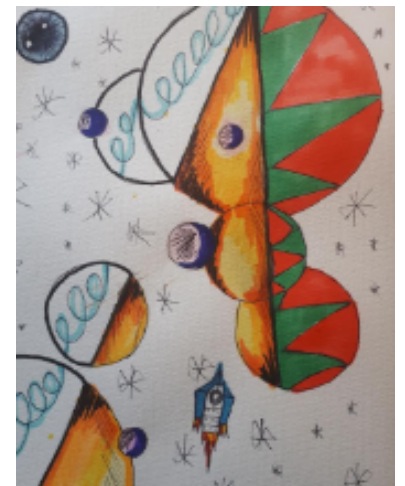
Well done to these students who created amazing pieces of work at home while the school was closed!



Eliza Yr 9



Maisie Yr 10



Casper Yr 9



Kiran Mai Yr 10



Holly Yr 10



Annabel Yr 10



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## ASHLAWN NEURODIVERSITY GROUP



### EXCITING NEWS:



SHEILA COATES  
FOUNDATION

Last month Mrs Maltby submitted a bid for a grant from the **Sheila Coates Foundation** - a charity which looks to enable secondary schools to think creatively and innovatively in supporting autistic students.

The charity gives grants to projects put forward by schools which hopefully have a "rapid impact" for Autistic students.

The two projects put forward were:

1. The **Neurodiversity Group** and our plan to help Ashlawn School and its wider community to understand and celebrate neurodiversity.
2. The creation of a **sensory space** within school.

# ***We won a grant of £1000!***



### Maths/Logic Puzzle - test your knowledge!

There is a party at the zoo and the top monkeys, roosters and dogs are invited. There are twice as many dogs invited as roosters, and twice as many roosters invited as monkeys. Assuming all dogs have 4 feet and the roosters and monkeys have 2 feet, if there are 88 animal feet at the party, how many dogs, roosters and monkeys are there? Do not count your own legs! Email [normanr@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:normanr@ashlawn.org.uk) with you answers.

The solution to last week's puzzle was: 50g, 60g, 60g and 150g.

Congratulations to Finnley B, Deekshith S, Manav L and Anshita C for answering correctly!



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## Menu week commencing 28 November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken filets, wedges and salad	Peri peri chicken flatbread and salad	Jerk chicken, rice and homemade coleslaw	Sweet and sour chicken bites, rice and sauce	Sausage and chips
Quorn fillets, wedges and salad	Peri peri quorn flatbread and salad	Jerk quorn, rice and homemade coleslaw	Quorn sweet and sour with rice	Cheese and onion pastry and chips
Jacket potato and cheese	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and tuna	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and beans
Chicken pasta salad	Pasta king - veg	Rollover hotdog	Pasta king - veg	Steak bake
Coronation chicken sandwich	Hot chicken curry wrap	BLT sandwich	Chicken burger	Hot n spicy chicken with mango sandwich
Ploughmans sandwich	Hot n spicy chicken with mayo sandwich	Cheese and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham sandwich	Ploughmans sandwich
	Tuna and cucumber sandwich		Egg and cress sandwich	

## Supporting 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 to ensure that all students arrive at school on time, ready to learn. We expect students to be in school by 8.40am, 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. If this happens, please contact the school via Edulink or by phoning 01788 532831. If you need support with your child's attendance please do not hesitate email your child's Form Tutor or Head of Year at [info@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:info@ashlawn.org.uk).

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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**Know someone who  
carries a knife?**



**Do the right thing.**





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## Safeguarding Advice

### What to do if you are worried about your, or someone else's safety.

Tell a trusted adult at school. We are here to help and our team of Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's) will provide Support.

You can also call school on 01788 573425.

If you are in immediate danger call 101 or 999

### Other ways you can get the help you need:

- tell a trustworthy family member or safe adult who may be able to help you
- call Childline on 0800 1111 and talk through how you are feeling and your concerns
- email the Designated Safeguarding Leads at school at [safeguarding@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ashlawn.org.uk)
- if you are looking after someone at home, call Young Carers on 02476 217740
- visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenfamilies](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenfamilies) for support from the Family Information Service
- if you feel unsafe or in danger call the council helpline on 01926 414144

If you are struggling with your mental health and want some reassurance and advice, then contact your form tutor or Head of Year. They would love to hear from you and help alleviate your worries.



## Family Information Service (FIS)

The Family Information Service can provide a wide range of information/support/referrals for families in Warwickshire either via the helpline or face to face.



FIS Brokerage Service is a 1:1 early intervention service which can be used to support families with children 0 to 25 living in Warwickshire to access services where they are barriers and/or complex needs.

You can contact the FIS in the following ways:

- email [fis@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)
- Twitter - @WarksFIS
- Facebook – search 'Warwickshire Family Information Service'
- visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families)
- telephone 01926 742274

The Family Information Service can help with: family relationships, finance, housing, parenting support, special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), childcare, health and wellbeing.