



Ashlawn School Newsletter

Friday 2 December 2022

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Dear School Community

Happy December. We were delighted to be joined by Year 7 families for the open evening on Monday. The students were proudly showing parents their work and their learning environment. Form tutors welcomed the opportunity to meet with parents and discuss how their students are settling in. Thank you to everyone who attended.

This week also saw the end of the Year 11 mock exams, postponed due to the site issues last week. On Thursday evening we will hold our Year 11 Parent Consultations and look forward to discussing the progress of our students in their recent mock examinations and their hopes for their future.

Sixth Form applications are now open to our Year 11's. To apply, please [visit the website](#) and complete the application form before Monday 12 December.

Next week sees the start of our Christmas celebrations with celebration assemblies for Year 7 and 13. Friday is Christmas jumper day and we welcome all our students in their jumpers so we can raise as much money as possible for Rugby Myton Hospice.

Mrs Delves, Vice-Principal



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 8 December
Year 11 Parent Consultations

Friday 9 December
Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 13 December
Pantomime trip

Thursday 15 December
Christmas concert

Friday 16 December
Last day of term

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



1682



1607



1567



1536



1504



Noticeboard

Year 11 Parent Consultations - Bookings open

Bookings are now open for Year 11 Parent Consultation appointments, taking place on Thursday 8 December via Microsoft Teams. To book, log in to your Edulink One account and click on the Parents' Evening icon. Appointments are allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

The booking system will close at 7pm on Monday 5th December. If you need any support with your Edulink login, please email adminservice@ashlawn.org.uk.

Lost Property

We are finding many items of uniform unnamed, lying around school each day. Although we make every effort to find the owners of items, we have a huge amount of uniform in reception, including coats, jumpers and PE kit, waiting to be claimed. Unfortunately, we are unable to store lost clothing for long periods of time as they are a fire risk and safety hazard.

If your child has lost an item of uniform, please ask them to check with reception before Monday 12 December. Any unnamed and uncollected items will be donated to charity at the end of the term.

Summer 2023 Public Examinations Timetable

The Summer 2023 Public Examinations timetable has now been confirmed for Years 11 to 13. Visit the school website to find out more:

www.ashlawn.org.uk/parents/exams/

Free Parent Workshops

Over the next two weeks, Safeline, a Warwickshire-based charity, invites parents to join two workshops via Zoom. The workshops will provide insight into how to help your child improve their mental health and deal with bullying. The next workshop focused on mental health will take place on Wednesday 7 December, 5pm to 6pm. To join the meeting, please refer to the email we sent you earlier this week.



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Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 9 December



Next week will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day. This is an opportunity for students to wear their Christmas Jumpers (or tops that are red, green, silver or gold) in exchange for a £1 donation.

NO NEW JUMPERS NEEDED!

We know life is tough at the moment and Christmas is already an expensive time. Please do not feel you have to buy a brand new jumper! You can buy a secondhand Christmas jumper online or visit one of our charity shops across the country.

Or why not make your own jumper? Just grab any old thing from the back of the cupboard and cover it with stickers, felt, tinsel, glitter, baubles, whatever. Yule look woolly wonderful!

Christmas Jumper Day is the best day of the whole entire year, so it's super-important that not one single person misses it. Let's get every single person totally involved.

This year we are going to be supporting a local charity! 'Rugby Myton Hospice'



Myton Hospice has reached out to us and asked if we can help them to raise some important funds for a very special piece of equipment - an amazing cuddle bed.

The Cuddle Bed is a regular hospice bed, which folds out to enable a patients' loved ones (particularly children) to lie alongside them and enjoy a precious cuddle – just as they would in a regular double bed.

Each Cuddle Bed (pictured, with Myton Hospice staff) costs £14,500 – and we're hoping that, with your support,

we will be able to contribute to one of these amazing beds to make an even bigger difference to the lives of the patients and their families in our local community.

Alongside this, if you would like to make an extra donation, visit www.mytonhospice.org/how-you-can-support-us-2/donate/one-off-donation/, click that you are donating from an organisation and write 'Ashlawn School'.



If you have a Christmas jumper at home that you'd like to donate, please bring it to reception and we'll distribute to students who need one.





Meet the Team



Mr Ford, Teacher of PE

What is your degree in? BSc (Hons) Sport & Physical Education from Cardiff Metropolitan University.

How long have you been a teacher? I'm entering my 3rd year of teaching, having previously taught in Birmingham and Solihull. I'm currently completing my Advanced England Rugby Coaching Award and currently Walsall RFC Player & 1st XV Head Coach having previously played Semi-Professional rugby.

What do you love about teaching? I love inspiring the next generation of students to take responsibility for their health and well being. I'm excited about Ashlawn School competing against other Rugby District Schools in a variety of sports after taking the Year 7 Football last term, who were unbeaten and League Champions. I'm also looking forward to seeing many new faces at the wide range of sporting extra-curricular clubs.

Logic Puzzle - Can you solve it?!

A logically minded stamp collector is planning her summer holidays and is thinking of going to the following countries in this particular order: Jordan, Algeria, Ethiopia, Ghana and Nigeria.

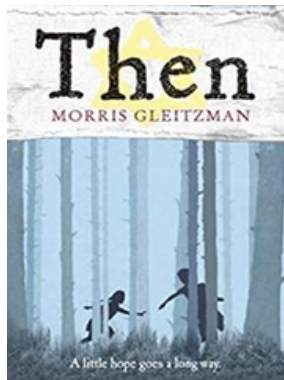
Which country should the stamp collector go to after these to maintain her attention to detail in getting the stamps in a particular order? Email normanr@ashlawn.org.uk with your answer.

The solution to last week's puzzle was: 16 Dogs, 8 Roosters and 4 Monkeys.
Congratulations to Rianna M, Deekshith S, Ellen R and Alex V for getting it correct!



Mrs Mills' Recommended Reads!

YEARS 7 - 9



Then by Morris Gleitzman

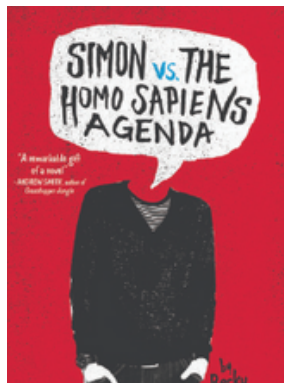
Set during the Nazi occupation of Poland during the Second World War - Jewish orphan Felix and his best friend Zelda have been captured and are on the way to a concentration camp, unless they manage to escape . . .

A little hope goes a long way.

Then is the second in a series of four children novels about Felix, a Jewish orphan caught in the middle of the Holocaust.

Genre: Historical Fiction, **Recommended Age:** 11+, **Key Stage 3**

YEARS 10 - 11



Simon vs the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli

Simon Spier is sixteen and trying to work out who he is – and what he’s looking for. But when one of his emails to the very distracting Blue falls in to the wrong hands, things get all kinds of complicated. Because for Simon, falling for Blue is a big deal.....

Genre: Young Adult/LGBT, **Recommended Age:** 14+, **Key Stage 4**

YEARS 12-13



The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

Forty years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared from a family gathering. Her body was never found, yet her uncle is convinced it was murder - and that the killer is a member of his own dysfunctional family.

He employs disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the tattooed, truculent computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate. When the pair link Harriet's disappearance to a number of grotesque murders from forty years ago, they begin to unravel a dark and appalling family history.

Genre: Thriller, **Recommended Age:** 16+, **Key Stage 5**



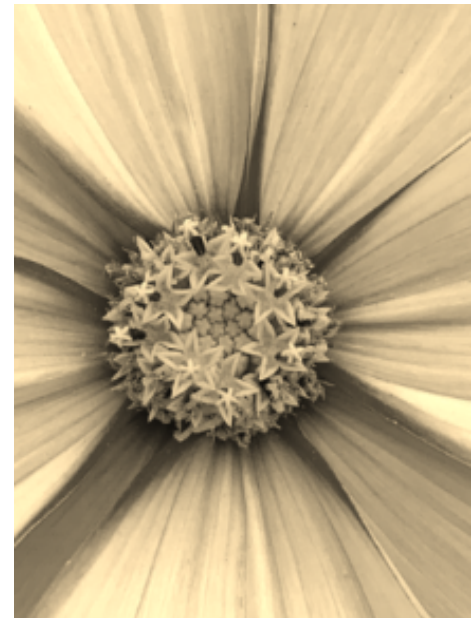
ART OF THE WEEK

More amazing pieces of work created at home when the school was closed. Well done!

Alice, Year 8



Isabelle, Year 11



Orlando, Year 10



Alex, Year 10



Molly, Year 10





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This week we had the pleasure of welcoming Iain Bruce back into school to talk about the difference between 'Cost' and 'Value'.

Iain played a game asking students whether they thought the cost of a Christmas gift was higher or lower than the previous gift on display. As you can imagine most students guessed correctly. Iain then encouraged students to reflect on the 'Value' of gifts..... What gifts really meant the most to them? What items would they never want to lose as they have such sentimental value?

Iain finished off by talking about the gift of 'giving time and kindness' this Christmas! All the students thoroughly enjoyed meeting him and reflecting on what is important in life.

Iain will be returning in the new year and will be visiting some PSHE and RE lessons in school. Thank you 'Rugby Youth for Christ'.





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Menu week commencing 5th December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken wings and potato wedges	Cheese burger and sweet potato fries	Crispy sweet chilli chicken with noodles	Sweet and sour chicken bites, rice and sauce	Sausage and chips
Quorn bites and potato wedges	Quorn burger and sweet potato fries	Crispy sweet chilli quorn with noodles	Quorn sweet and sour with rice	Moving mountain (vegetarian burger) and chips
Jacket potato and tuna	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and beans	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and cheese
Hot Sausage Roll	Pasta king - veg	Cold cheese and tomato pasta	Pasta king - veg	Hot chicken fillets
Ham Salad sandwich	Cheese and ham toastie	Hot and spicy chicken with mayo sandwich	Beef burger	Cheese and ham sandwich
Cheese and pickle sandwich	Coronation chicken sandwich	Tuna and cucumber sandwich	Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich	Ploughmans sandwich
	Egg and cress sandwich		Cheese and tomato 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.

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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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
- if you are looking after someone at home, call Young Carers on 024 7610 1040
- visit 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 aged 0 to 25 living in Warwickshire to access services where there are barriers and/or complex needs.

You can contact the FIS in the following ways:

- email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk
- Twitter - @WarksFIS
- Facebook – search 'Warwickshire Family Information Service'
- visit 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.