



Ashlawn School Newsletter

Friday 9 December 2022

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Dear School Community

As we welcomed our Year 11 parents this week to their **parent consultation meetings** with their subject teachers, Nelson Mandela's words will have rang true for many of our students: 'It always seems impossible until it's done'. Year 11 has started a really important part of their Ashlawn journey - completion of mock exams and knowing where they are and where they need to get to. Teachers have given guidance, advice and the tools, so students can strive to achieve our core value of excellence and achieve the best possible success for themselves.

Many thanks to all the families who have supported the school this week in ensuring students are dressed in the correct **school uniform**. Students have walked tall and stood proud in their Ashlawn uniform. May I kindly remind the small minority that hoodies are not a replacement for coats in the cold snap we are experiencing. This support will help us continue to have positive communications with our young people instead of reminding students about expectations.

Today, **Christmas Jumper Day**, heralded the start of the Christmas celebrations in school. The money we raise from this will contribute towards a cuddle bed at the Myton Hospice, so that families can lie with their loved ones.

Year 7 had their **celebration assembly**, followed by their Christmas lunch with their tutor. It was fantastic to see the number of bronze and silver reward badges our students have achieved this half term. A large number of students also achieved 100% attendance, meaning they are maximising their learning time with us. Next week, all other year groups will have their celebration assemblies and their tutor lunches: something the staff and the students are looking forward to.

We wish you all a restful weekend.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 13 December

Pantomime trip

Thursday 15 December

Christmas concert

Friday 16 December

Last day of term - 12 noon finish

This week's College winner is Evans!



2215



2004



1900



1847



1821



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Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all the staff and students that joined in for Christmas Jumper Day. As you are aware, we are raising funds for a 'Cuddle Bed' at Rugby Myton Hospice.

We are still collecting money for this event and will let you know our grand total next week. Here are some lovely photos of the Year 7 Christmas lunch and what our staff were wearing!





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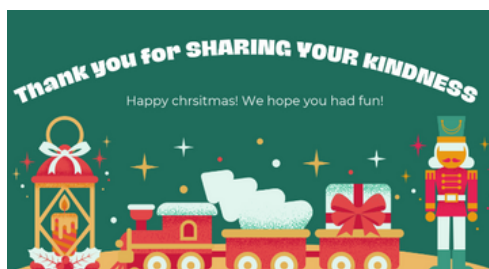
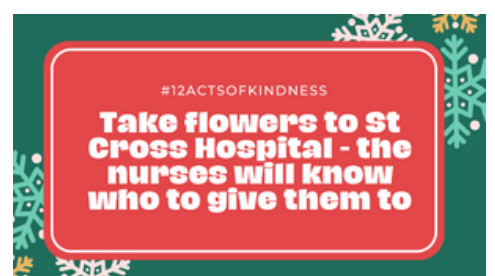
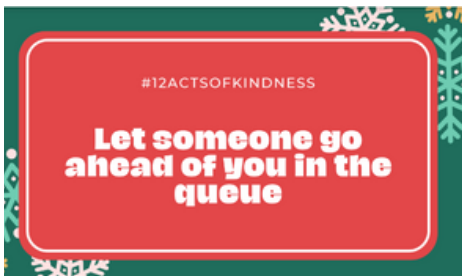
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12 Acts of Kindness

This year we have challenged all of our students to carry out 12 Acts of Kindness on the lead up to Christmas!

Acts of kindness can make the world a happier place for everyone. **They can boost feelings of confidence, being in control, happiness and optimism.** They may also encourage others to repeat the good deeds they've experienced themselves – contributing to a more positive community.

This week we would like to challenge all our parents and carers to join in..... so here are the challenges!





Celebrating our students

Izzy gets gold

A huge congratulations to Izzy M in year 8 who won a gold medal at the British Schools Trampoline Competition.

Izzy now qualifies for the Zonal round in January 2023. We wish her all the very best for future success!



Jacob hits a high

Congratulations also to Jacob V in year 9 who competed in the first athletics indoor competition of the season and qualified for the indoor Nationals in the 60m hurdles, 60m sprint and the high jump. A fantastic achievement - good luck in the next round!





Celebrating our students

Students exhibit at Rugby Art Gallery

This week saw the opening of the Rugby Open 2022 - an exhibition of contemporary art at Rugby Art Gallery. We'd like to congratulate all eleven students who entered with their incredible artwork. In particular Emma (pictured), who was the overall winner of the Youth Category. A huge well done to all our students!



I am proud to announce that **Emma Peake** was the overall winner of the Youth Category. Her work was moving and technically brilliant said the judges. WELL DONE EMMA- We are all proud of you!

The exhibition is free and open until the 4 February 2023.

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!



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Noticeboard



Ashlawn Maths Past Paper Society

The best way to revise maths is to do some maths. With that in mind, the Maths Department will be launching a Past Paper Society for Year 11 students after the Christmas Break.

Each week we will have a set of past papers for students to come along and work through together, with Maths Staff on hand to offer support.

Students are also welcome to drop by for support with specific topics that they have identified. We hope to create a positive, collaborative atmosphere amongst the year group as they head into the final stretch of their Math's GCSE, and give students the opportunity to really take control of their own learning and revision.

The Past Paper Society will run in the canteen on a Thursday after school, starting in the first week back after Christmas. If you have any questions, please email champneys@ashlawn.org.uk.

Bus arrangements for last day of term

School will be closing at 12 noon on Friday 16 December. At the time of publication, the following bus/coach services confirmed they will be available to take students home at this earlier time: 611, 612, 671, 89/96.



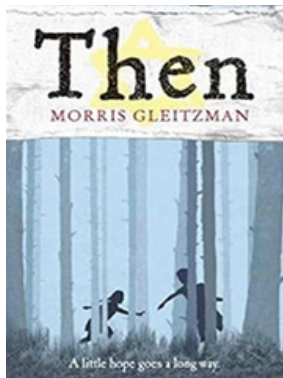
If your child will be staying in school until 3.20pm, please follow the link and let us know:

<https://forms.gle/HeKWemfngfK7Cy7C6>



Mrs Mills' Recommended Reads

YEARS 7 - 9



Then by Morris Gleitzman

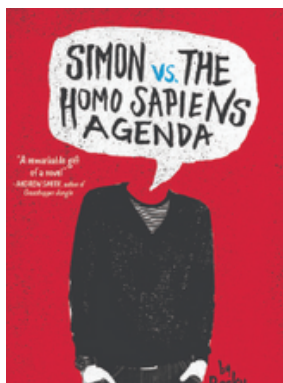
Set during the Nazi occupation of Poland during the Second World War - Jewish orphan Felix and his best friend Zelda have been captured and are on the way to a concentration camp, unless they manage to escape . . .

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.

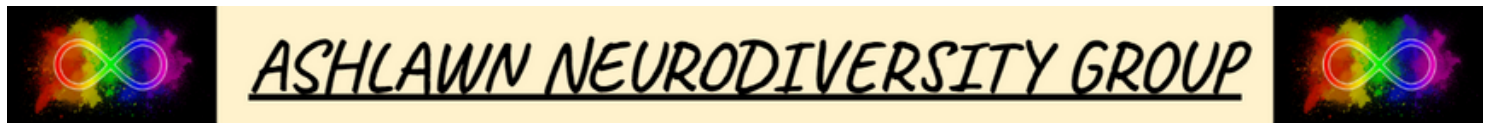
He employs disgraced financial journalist Mikael Blomkvist and the tattooed, truculent computer hacker Lisbeth Salander to investigate. When the pair link Harriet's disappearance to a number of grotesque murders from forty years ago, they begin to unravel a dark and appalling family history.

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



What is Autism?

We'd like to share with you some useful resources about what being autistic means.



What is autism... really?

Neuroclastic are an Autistic led, neurodiversity-affirming organisation. They created the excellent resource below and attached separately and we think it'll help you start to speak with your child (Autistic or not) about what the true Autistic experience is.

Read more about Neuroclastic here: <https://neuroclastic.com/about/>

A NeuroInclusive Story: <https://neuroclastic.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Brain-is-autistic-neuroinclusive-story.pdf>

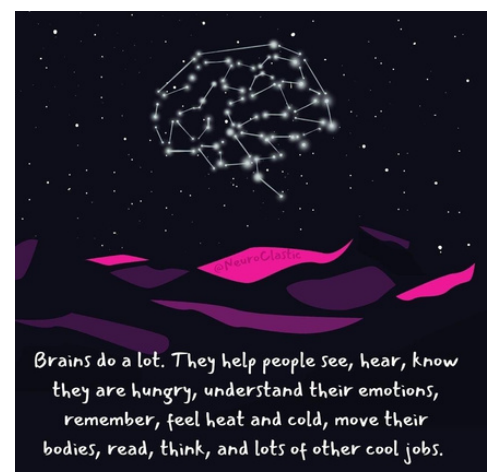
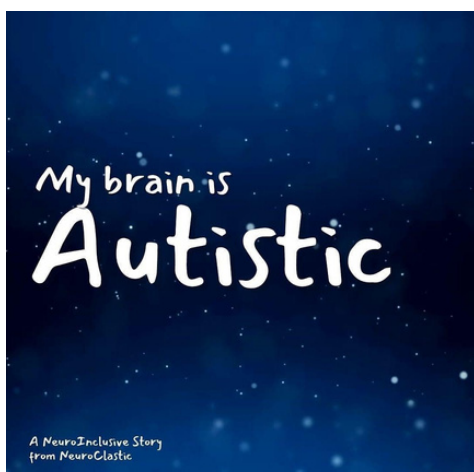
If you'd like to learn more we recommend:

<https://neuroclastic.com/its-a-spectrum-doesnt-mean-what-you-think/>

Is Autism a Disorder? (SPOILER - the answer is 'no!')

<https://blogs.shu.ac.uk/autism/2018/07/17/is-autism-a-disorder/#>

To download *My brain is Autistic*, A NeuroInclusive Story in full, visit: www.neuroclastic.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Brain-is-autistic-neuroinclusive-story.pdf





Develop your volunteer and personal development opportunities through the Volunteer Police Cadets

Warwickshire Police Cadets is a volunteer scheme for young people who would like to gain a practical understanding of policing and develop their spirit of adventure and good citizenship.

Cadets support local policing priorities through volunteering, working with partner agencies and positive participation in their communities. They take part in a variety of activities including self-defence training, law inputs, marching, fitness, team building, role playing and Outdoor events.



To become a Warwickshire Police Cadet you must live or go to school in Warwickshire, aged 13 to 16 years old on September 1st 2023. The junior scheme is for Cadets aged 13 to 16 years still at secondary school and a senior scheme for cadets aged 16 to 18 years.

Recruitment is open from 1st January to 28th February 2023. The application form can be downloaded from Warwickshire Police website from the 1st Jan 2023.

For more information, visit the [Warwickshire Police Website](#), press the career tab, then the cadet tab and download the application form to complete and email to cadets@warwickshire.police.uk





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Menu week commencing 12 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Chicken curry with rice and a mini naan	Chicken fajita and spicy rice	Flatbread filled with lamb kebab and salad	 Christmas Dinner 
Quorn curry with rice and a mini naan	Chicken fajita and spicy rice	Flatbread filled with flavored quorn and salad	
Jacket potato and tuna	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and cheese	
Hot sausage roll	Pasta king - veg	Tomato and cheese pasta	
Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham toastie	Cheese and pickle sandwich	
Cheese and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham sandwich	Chicken and stuffing sandwich	
	Tuna and cucumber sandwich		



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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.



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REAL CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SERVICE

We would welcome a donation for the collection of your tree, the money raised will support two local charities!

Our volunteers are collecting trees in Coventry and Warwickshire*
13th, 14th & 15th January 2023

*Please check the website to find out if your postcode is included

Working in partnership with **JUST HELPING**

Book your tree collection online or scan the QR code:
www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Registration closes at midnight
Sunday 8th January 2023




Join us on Facebook to find out more at [facebook.com/covxmastrees](https://www.facebook.com/covxmastrees)

In aid of **myton hospice**

Bilton Ajax JFC U12

U12's WANTED



Are looking to add one or two new players to an established squad (school year 7). We have level one coaches who are passionate about developing players. And give 110% in supporting the players journey and having fun along the way.

We train on Monday nights in Rugby and play Sunday mornings in Ndyal. If you have any questions then please contact Wayne 07464880771

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Back to School



MIGHTY MATTS For 3 - 6 Years Olds

JUNIOR / FAMILY CLASSES For Ages 7 Plus

FREE taster sessions available NOW!
Cawston Community Hall, Scholars Dr,
Cawston, Rugby CV22 7GU



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