



Ashlawn School Newsletter

Friday 13 January 2023

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Message from Associate Principal

Despite the weather and dark mornings, it has been a real pleasure to join the team of staff and students at Ashlawn over the past few days.

You should have all received a letter this week, outlining my appointment as Associate Principal. Following many years of teaching in the north of England, it is lovely to return to my roots in the West Midlands. I grew up in Coventry, and attended Whitley Abbey Comprehensive before moving on to Henley College to study computer studies. While some things have changed over time, the warm welcome that I have received from staff and students has reminded me of why this area is so special.

I have always believed that the role that teachers play in the development of the future generations cannot be underestimated. Since arriving at Ashlawn, I have had the thrill of speaking to many students who have shared their aspirations and dreams for their future with me. I have been inspired by how high they wish to fly. It is our role, in collaboration with parents and guardians, to ensure that they have the confidence, skills and knowledge to achieve those dreams.

So far I have spent many hours talking with staff and students about what makes Ashlawn special. I have been able to observe the positive relationships that staff and students have in lessons and around school and observed the teacher's love of their subjects and the passion with which they teach it. It is clear that staff care for each child. Yesterday evening after school, staff in the maths department spent over an hour with more than 200 students in year 11 who have come after school to do extra maths revision. This dedication to their studies will go along way in improving their results and I would encourage our students, particularly in exam years, to get involved in any additional support available to them.

I am looking forward to working with everyone involved with Ashlawn in the coming months and watching the students develop and grow.

A number of parents have already been in to see me to discuss their children. If you would like to see me in the coming weeks, please call Miss Green, PA to the Principal, to make an appointment.

Have a lovely weekend when it arrives. I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming months.

Paul Brockwell

This week's college winner is **Livermore** - well done!



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Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 24 January

Year 7 Showcase

Thursday 26 January

Year 13 Parent Consultations

Saturday 28 January

PTA uniform sale

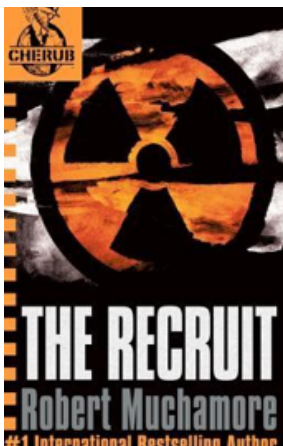
Wednesday 8 to Thursday 10 February

Bonnie & Clyde performance



Mrs Mills' Recommended Reads

YEARS 7 - 9



THE RECRUIT by Robert Muchamore

The first title in the number one bestselling CHERUB series! James hits rock bottom before he's offered a new start in an intriguing organisation ...

A terrorist doesn't let strangers in her flat because they might be undercover police or intelligence agents, but her children bring their mates home and they run all over the place. The terrorist doesn't know that one of these kids has bugged every room in her house, made copies of all her computer files and stolen her address book. The kid works for CHERUB.

CHERUB agents are aged between ten and seventeen. They live in the real world, slipping under adult radar and getting information that sends criminals and terrorists to jail.

For official purposes, these children do not exist.

An extremely popular series of books, recommended by many students in Lower School.

Genre: Spy/Adventure, **Recommended Age:** 12+, **Key Stage 3**

YEARS 10 - 11



IF YOU WERE ME by Sam Hepburn

Not long after Aliya's family escapes Afghanistan for Britain, her brother is accused of a bomb attack. Aliya is sure of his innocence, but when plumber's son Dan finds a gun in their bathroom, what's she to think?

Dan has his own reasons for staying silent: he's worried the gun might have something to do with his Dad. Thrown together by chance, the two of them set out to uncover a tangled and twisted truth.

A story which is full of mystery and suspense that leads the reader down a twisty path of intrigue, keeping them guessing until the last tension filled pages!

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



Mrs Mills' Recommended Reads

YEARS 12 - 13

SPIES by Michael Frayn



In the quiet cul-de-sac where Keith and Stephen live the only immediate signs of the Second World War are the blackout at night and a single random bombsite.

But the two boys start to suspect all is not as it seems when one day Keith announces a disconcerting discovery: the Germans have infiltrated his own family.

And when the secret underground world they have dreamed up emerges from the shadows they find themselves engulfed in mysteries far deeper and more painful than they had bargained for.

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

Reading tips

Read anything, it doesn't have to be a book... newspapers, magazines, recipes, road signs, the back of a cereal box, instructions in a game – every little helps!

Read aloud, this helps you to improve your own understanding of what you have read, improves diction and expression and helps you to recognise and remember the words you have read.

Read regularly, establish a routine of regular reading. The more you read, the more improved your reading becomes.

Look out for book recommendations in the newsletter and on the schools Facebook and Instagram accounts.



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Lewis Yr 13



Megan Yr 13

ART OF THE WEEK



Elizabeth Yr 13

Matty Yr13





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Noticeboard



Pre-loved uniform sale - could you donate unwanted items?

Could you donate uniform items for the next PTA uniform sale? We're asking for donations of uniform that are in good, clean condition, such as Ashlawn branded polo-shirts, jumpers, cardigans and skirts, smart tailored black trousers and PE Kit. These items will be re-purposed and sold at a reduced cost for our school community. All proceeds from the sale will go towards enrichment opportunities for our students. You can bring donations of uniform to our main reception between 8am and 4.30pm. The sale will take place in the school hall on Saturday 28th January at 10am. Thank you for your support.

'Oxbridge explained' virtual talk for Year's 11 & 12

On Thursday 19 January, from 3.30pm to 4.20/4.30pm, we're holding a virtual talk ran by Keble College to explain all about Oxbridge. This talk is particularly aimed at year 12 students interested in considering the Oxbridge process but Year 11 students are also welcome to attend. If any students are interested in attending, please [click here](#) to complete the Google form.

The form can also be accessed by students on Edulink and/or Google Classroom. If you have any questions about the talk, please speak to Miss Willis in the Sixth Form Study Hub or email willise@ashlawn.org.uk.

Year 7 Showcase, Tuesday 24 January

Year 7 students have an opportunity to showcase their performing talents at our annual Year 7 Showcase, themed 'This is me – a celebration of what makes me, me', taking place in the East Hall on Tuesday 24 January at 6pm.

We invite all year 7's to take part, either by singing the songs they have been learning in Music as part of an ensemble - they don't need to be the greatest singer! - or through a solo or small group performance using another skill (music, drama or dance to name a few). Acts from previous years have been varied and included singing, poetry, short story reading, juggling, gymnastics and stand-up comedy. If you child would like to audition to perform a solo or as a small group, email Miss Bond at bondk@ashlawn.org.uk.

We ask students to wear school uniform for the event. Tickets will be available on the door, priced £4 for adults and £2 for concessions. Discounts are available for those unable to pay – please email Miss Bond. If your child would like to take part, [click here](#) to complete the Google Form.

Year 13 Parent Consultations, Thursday 26 January

Year 13 Parent Consultations will be taking place on Thursday 26 January 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. Information about booking appointments has been emailed to you this week. If you need any support with your Edulink login, please email admins@ashlawn.org.uk.



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Revision support for Year 11

YEAR 11 FRENCH REVISION SESSIONS

NB: these will run until Easter holidays (and will be reviewed after)

In case of a teacher meeting taking place, these will be cancelled and students will be informed in class or on their google classroom.

When ?	What ?	Where + teacher
every Tuesdays until 4.20pm	speaking practice	S3 - LCU S14 - ADU S3 - LJA S6 - JLO
Friday week 2 only until 4pm	tenses booster	S13 - LJA
Wednesday week 1 only until 4pm	tenses booster	S3 - LCU
every Thursdays until 4pm	listening (higher past paper)	S14 - ADU

REVISION GUIDE ADVICE : AQA French revision workbook by Pearson from Amazon: bit.ly/3GDpYDF

Maths Past Paper Society

The Maths Department have launched a Past Paper Society for Year 11 students. Each week, students can come along and work through a set of past papers 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 runs in the canteen on a Thursday after school. If you have any questions, please email champneys@ashlawn.org.uk.

Elevate Education

On Friday 6th January all year 11 students participated in a 1 hour session led by Elevate Education called 'Ace Your Exams.' The session focused on the best ways to revise and prepare in the lead up to the summer exams. Feedback from the students was extremely positive and Elevate staff commented how engaged and wonderful Ashlawn students were. Well Done year 11!

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation but also offer free sessions for parents online to help you learn how you can better support your children at home using the strategies they learn in school. The next session for parents will be held online on Tuesday 17th January from 6-7pm called How to Help Your Child Make Better Notes

Here's what we'll be covering on the night:

The most effective way to structure notes

The 3 levels of acquiring knowledge and how to implement this with your child at home

The power of deliberate practice and the fastest way for your child to improve their marks.

[Click here](#) to register for free



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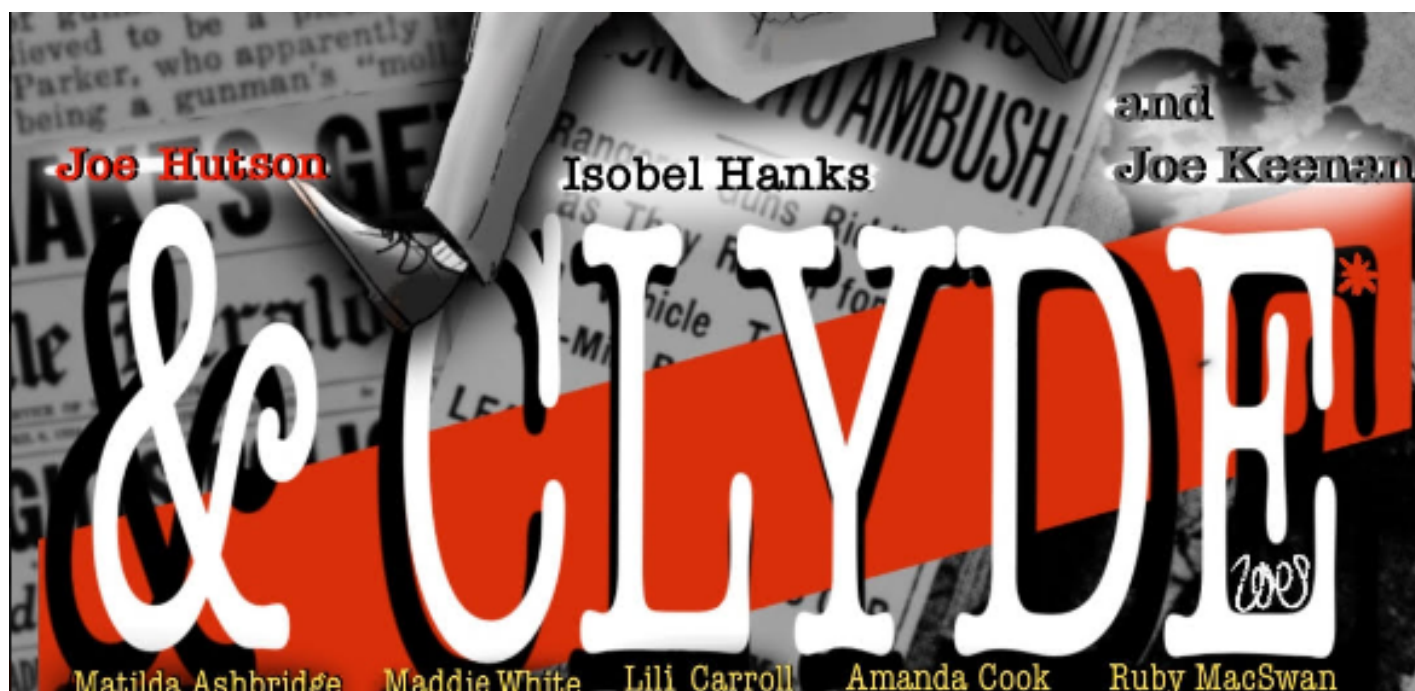
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We are delighted to announce that Ashlawn Out of Ashes will be performing Bonnie & Clyde in the East Hall from the 8th to the 10th February 2023 at 7pm.

Tickets for this must-see musical are available to purchase via [Parent Pay](#).
Not suitable for younger audiences.





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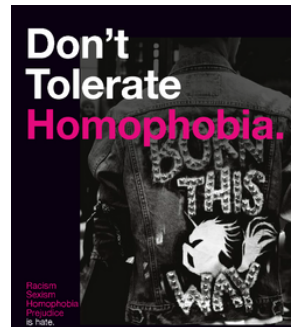
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Personal Development Programme - EVERY DAY IS ANTI BULLYING DAY

This term in form time we have chosen to focus on the topic of derogatory language and how this impacts on young people both now and in the future. This week, we have shared these slides with our students in school and discussed the importance of reporting prejudicial language. It is so important that ALL students report this when it happens. **SEE IT, HEAR IT, REPORT IT!**



See it..

Hear it..

REPORT IT

Speak to your form tutor or email safeguarding@ashlawn.org.uk



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Next week, we will be exploring the topic of Bullying v's Banter.

“The difference between bullying and banter has been talked about for decades. Where does playful ‘joshing’ turn into something hurtful and potentially bullying?”

Banter

OR

BULLYING?

Banter involves people with equal power, where there is no hurt involved and no intent to cause harm.

In no way are we saying that people can't make jokes but just be aware of the tipping balance

Bullying is hurtful, intentional and repetitive and involves an imbalance of power.

When you are confronted with the decision: bullying or banter? Think carefully about the power relationship between the parties. Has the person experiencing said they don't like it? Does it involve numerous people? Does it target an aspect of their appearance or personality?

If your child tells you that they have experienced any form of bullying in school - we want to know! Please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance with details of what has happened. We can't support your child if we don't know.



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Parking Reminder

A reminder to ask parents and carers who drop off or pick up students by car, please avoid parking in Little Morton and be courteous of our neighbours when parking. Thank you.

Maths/Logic Puzzle - test your knowledge!

Artist Damien Hirst does famous spot paintings, one of his paintings has spots neatly painted in columns 3 in the first, 4 in the second 6 in the third. The dots actually form a sequence 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 18, 20....

Question: How many dots should go into the next column and why? Email: normanr@ashlawn.org.uk with your answer.

Congratulations to the previous puzzle winners - Manav L, Emily W and Mrs Parker. We received 3 different solutions which we thought was great. Our solution was:

From the container with the 10 pints of liquid - fill the 5 pint jug and the 3 pint jug. This leaves 2 pints in the original container. Now empty the 3 pint jug and refill it from the 5 pint jug. This leaves 2 pints in the 5 pint jug. Now combine the 2 pints left in the original container with the 2 pints left in the 5 pint jug to get exactly 4 pints.

Menu week commencing 16 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage, mash, onion gravy & vegetables	Chicken Milanese with spaghetti & tomato sauce	Roast with gravy, potatoes & vegetables	Sweet & sour chicken bites, rice & sauce	Fish, chips & mushy peas
Veg sausage, mash, onion gravy & vegetables	Quorn Milanese with spaghetti & tomato sauce	Quorn with vegetables & potatoes	Quorn sweet & sour with rice	Veggie fingers & chips
Chicken burger	Sausage roll	Cheese & ham toastie	Chicken & bacon baguette	Crunchy chicken wrap
Jacket potato & beans	Pasta king – meat or vegetable	Jacket potato & cheese	Pasta king – meat or vegetable	Jacket potato & cheese
Cheese salad /BBQ chicken sandwich	Chicken bacon mayo / cheese & cucumber sandwich	Chicken & stuffing / cheese & tomato sandwich	Chicken, bacon & mayo / egg & cress sandwich	Sweet chilli chicken / cheese & tomato sandwich

It's currently **against the law** to ride an **e-scooter** in any **public place**

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as tax and insurance.

The current law is clear

You can buy one but it is illegal to use a PRIVATELY OWNED e-scooter in ANY public space including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.



What happens if I've been stopped by Warwickshire Police?

If you ride an e-scooter on public land and roads you need to comply with a number of conditions including having appropriate insurance. Warwickshire Police has the power to seize e-scooters if you do not have insurance and to prosecute riders – please make sure you keep your privately owned e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.



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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 02476 217740
- 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 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
- 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.