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ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in the The Big Ashlawn Parent Survey. Approximately 40% of families contributed. We hope to continue to build our response rate in the future.

As you will know, schools are experiencing extremely high levels of staff absence and this has meant that, at Ashlawn, we have had to ask some groups of students to work independently on tasks set by their teachers who are absent due to illness. We do our best to employ supply teachers but they are not readily available. If you, or someone you know, is a qualified teacher but not currently working, please let us know if you'd be interested in working directly with us on a casual basis as a supply teacher.

While we are doing everything we can to avoid partial closures, please be aware that we may need to switch to remote learning for one or more year groups should we be unable to ensure that staffing levels are high enough to ensure safe supervision of students. Depending on staff availability, remote learning may be task based rather than live online lessons as is our usual practice. We will keep this situation under review and will only move to remote learning as a last resort.

Student case rates also continue to be kept under review. Cases are currently slightly higher than normal and we are monitoring this closely. Should they rise further we may need to revert to the wearing of masks on site again.

While it can seem dispiriting to refer to cases and masks again, in school our students and staff continue to carry on as usual showing wonderful resilience. We have been so pleased to note that achievement points continue to be awarded in high numbers and that our students are engaged in earning rewards and recognition for their excellent work and behaviour.

Siobhan Evans

Congratulations to the top scoring pupils from each college this week!

| | Webb Ellis | Evans | Brooke | Ruddock | Livermore |
|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Year 7 | Isabelle M | Elijah H | Isabelle P Benjamin S | Kausshik K S | Jessica Ella S |
| Year 8 | Zachary S Taylor-Grace Y | Seren C | Henrietta L Alice R | Kiersten S-M | Georgia B |
| Year 9 | Kulveer R | Mharisa V | Mark G | Phoebe M | Ethan W |
| Year 10 | Adelina-A O | Finlay R | Jack W | Theodore C | Ben Mc |
| Year 11 | Jana J | Emily O | Callum S | Evie N | Amaani H Ben W |
| Year 12 | Oscar C-H | Millie W | Joe K Oliver S | Madeline P | Norwin A |
| Year 13 | Bradley C | Caitlin W | Joshua H | Lyla M | Jacob B |



...is January's Winning
Quiz Champion!



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SILLY CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

BEST USE OF A SELFIE FILTER

UPLOAD ENTRIES TO THE ASSIGNMENT ON
YOUR COLLEGE GOOGLE CLASSROOM



2 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS PER
ENTRY. WINNERS WILL
RECEIVE 5 ACHIEVEMENT
POINTS

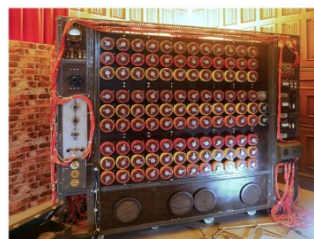
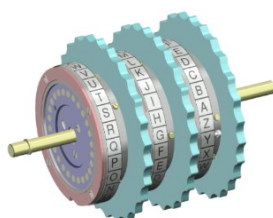
Competition Spotlight

Here is one of the many college competitions for this spring term. You will find all the details on your college google classrooms.

Computing College Competition - It's an Enigma

Best representation of the Enigma machine/code.

It can take any form that you want, it could be a program that you have written (you will need to prove that you've written the code) that will decrypt an Enigma message, it could be a model of the Enigma machine or the computer used to break the Enigma code, the choice is yours.





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Sporting Achievements



Another great win for the Year 9 Boys handball team tonight v LSS, winning 9 v 7. Great goal-keeping once again from Krrish and some great goals from Bence. Well done all.



AshPEDept
@AshPEDept

A fantastic 10 v 1 win for the Year 7 boy's handball team tonight v LSS. Well done to all involved 🌟

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Match Report By Daniel G

U16s Handball vs Lawrence Sheriff School

Absolutely exhilarating scenes! The game was intense from start to finish with Mr Ellis setting out the structural game plan from the side-lines. We were shortly underway in a titanic clash between secondary school rivals! Kyle got Ashlawn off the mark early, with a thunderbolt of a strike. The Ashlawn lads had not come here to mess around. Carum linked up play magically with lovely pivot play which saw Ashlawn sail ahead and take a 4-0 lead. A good team goal from Sheriff boosted morale for a short time as they saw a glimmer of hope emerging. However, at the end of quarter 1 Ashlawn led 6 goals to 1.

The second quarter started with Ashlawn making some unbelievable impact substitutions including a recent star signing Daniel G, as well as Dan P and Ambrose D. Dan P quickly got into the action as he body fainted the defender to put Ashlawn 7-1 up! Kyle G played a crucial role in the centre of the court driving the team back and forth throughout the game. A commanding second quarter came to an end with Ashlawn leading 12-2.

In the third quarter Ashlawn looked ever more convincing for the win. Some quick interchangeable passes saw them increase their goal tally by 5 in this round. At the other end they remained defensively solid with Jacob C rarely called upon although he was a safe pair of hands when required. Ashlawn led 18-2 heading into the final quarter of the match!

Wise words from Head Coach Mr Ellis heading into the final quarter saw Ashlawn use a new screening tactic. Some might say a touch of genius from the head coach and it would be hard to argue with them. Once again constant pressure from Ashlawn saw their goal tally rise by another 5 goals. The team almost scored a sensational goal with an against all odds attempted dive shot from Mare almost nestling to top off an emphatic afternoon.

Overall a result that Ashlawn can be proud of which also sees them maintain their unbeaten record as they win their second ever handball fixture!

Squad: Ambrose D, Dan P, Malachy D, Carum B, Jacob C, Ehimare O, Riley K, Kyle G, Ellis S, Daniel G.

Man Of The Match: **Malachy D** - Forceful defending and a great photo!

Goal scorers: Dan P x2, Malachy D x3, Riley K x3, Ambrose D x1, Ehimare O x3, Carum B x3, Ellis S x3, Kyle G x5



Match Report By Abi Quinney

After their previous defeat against a rivalry team, the year 7 netball girls made a return to play a challenging game! Throughout the game the defence line was electric, the interceptions were blocking all the attempted shots from the opposing team, as well as gaining possession from miss thrown balls from the other team. The ball was travelling swiftly down to the Ashlawn shooters, enabling them to work as a team to gain possession for the majority of the game and also for the ball to be down our end of the court. Unfortunately it was a loss, however they all demonstrated immense improvements as the game progressed and they showed clear team positivity and spirit! Roll on the next game.

Player of the match: **Liana Ilustre**, A very well deserved nomination from Avon Valley!





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Music Success

Poppy Mattock in year 11 has gained a place in Birmingham Symphony Hall's Project Remix!

Project Remix is Birmingham Symphony Hall's flagship education programme, bringing together young instrumentalists to perform together on the stage at Symphony Hall. Students will be mentored through weekly rehearsals by a team of CBSO musicians before culminating in a live performance at Symphony Hall on Sunday 20th February 2022.

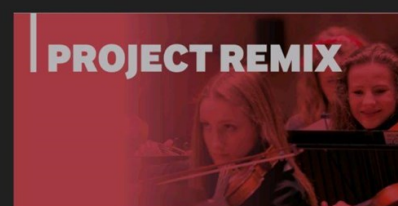
Project Remix fuses well-known music with contemporary orchestral arrangements. Each year, the project has a musical theme and in previous years the Orchestra has performed the music of Led Zeppelin, UB40, Barry Manilow, and BRIT-Nominated CBSO Youth Orchestra alum Laura Mvula. This year we are celebrating and exploring Birmingham's rich cultural and musical heritage, and the repertoire will include a range of recent releases written and performed by popular South Asian artists.

Project Remix

Symphony Hall, Birmingham

Sunday 20 February, 3.30pm

Free entry!



FEATURING

Tommy Khosla – Sitar
Navin Kundra – Vocals



Alex V in year 8 had passed his grade 3 piano examination with distinction. Feedback from the examiner was that Alex played accurately and with expression and that he was fully immersed in the music he was performing. He even got full marks in his technical exercises!

The Music Department congratulates Alex on his achievement.



ASHLAWN SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| HMD Lasagne with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn | HMD Sausage, Mash & Vegetables | HMD Chilli & Nachos | HMD Sweet & Sour Chicken Bites and Rice | HMD Fish, Chips & Mushy Peas |
| HMD Vegetable Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn | HMD Vegetarian Sausage, Mash and Vegetables | HMD Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos | HMD Quorn Sweet & Sour with Rice | HMD Cheese & Onion Pasty & Chips |
| Jacket Potato & Beans | Hot Pasta King (Meat) | Jacket Potato & Cheese | Hot Pasta King (Meat) | Jacket Potato & Cheese |
| Hot Sausage Roll | Hot Pasta King (Veg) | Hot Cheese & Tomato Pizza | Hot Pasta King (Veg) | CMD Cheese & Ham |
| CMD Chicken & Stuffing | Hot Cheese & Ham Toastie | Hot Pepperoni Pizza | CMD Ham Salad | CMD Cheese & Tomato |
| CMD Egg & Cress | CMD BLT | CMD Hot n Spicy Chicken with Mayo | CMD Cheese Salad | Small Flavoured Hot Chicken Baguette |
| | CMD Cheese & Pickle | | | |



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Art of the week



By Blythe Year 10



By Laiara Year 12



By Anna Year 12



By Abigail Year 12

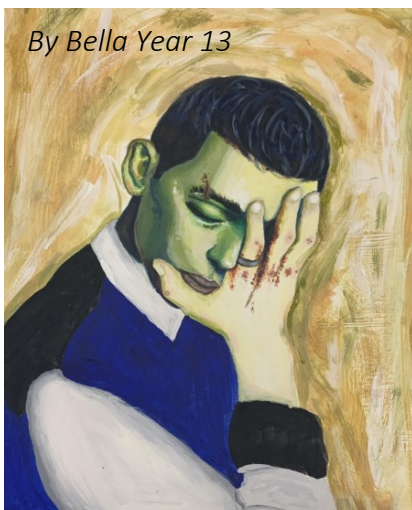


By Melissa Year 12



By Chloe
Year 13

By Emma Year 12



By Bella Year 13

By Rebecca Year 13





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SEND Parent Carer Webinar on Graduated Approach

To support our children, young people and families with SEND, Warwickshire County Council is hosting a series of online webinars. The next webinar on **9th February at 12-1pm** will explore the 'Graduated Approach' to support children and young people with SEND.

To register please click [HERE](#)

The December webinar was on Autism Support, please see the links below for more information:

- [Parent Carer webinar - autism support \(YouTube\)](#)
- [Parent Carer webinar - autism support webinar presentation \(PDF, 421KB\)](#)
- [Parent Carer webinar - autism support Q&A \(PDF, 251 KB\)](#)



Join the conversation as Warwickshire County Council hosts a new webinar: the graduated approach demystified - what SEND support should look like.

Parents and carers from across the county are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday 9 February, Microsoft Teams, 12pm - 1pm



SEND webinar

We look forward to seeing you on 9th February at 12-1pm. Any queries please

Children with Disabilities Team Consultations

The Children with Disabilities Team are holding Consultations for families and professionals that are looking for additional advice surrounding a child/ren with disabilities on areas such as behaviours, routines, toileting etc.

This will be a chance for some specialist advice provided by members of the Children with Disabilities Team. These will be 30 minute telephone slots for discussions to help support you currently with any issues arising.

This is not a referral into the CWDT but a chance to gain some advice from the team.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cwdt-ga-30-minute-consultation-tickets-102662606620?>

LGBTQ+ History Month

This month we will be celebrating LGBTQ+ History. This year's theme "The Arc is Long" is inspired by a Martin Luther King quote:

'The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.'

The quote is thought to mean that although it is taking a long time, we are curving/moving towards social justice and fairness.

This theme provides us with the opportunity to explore the idea of social justice and changing attitudes towards LGBTQ+ people. While we have come a long way in terms of inclusion and attitudes towards same gender relationships and equal marriage, there is still a great deal of work that can happen in terms of positive trans (including non-binary) representation and inclusion.

Students will be exploring the Key Terms and Definitions used to describe the LGBTQ community and will be playing the traditional board game 'GUESS WHO' in order to practise using this terminology.

There is also a competition to 'Design a badge or logo that could promote LGBTQ+ at Ashlawn School'. More details will be shared in form time and entries must be sent to Mrs Pountney at pountney1@ashlawn.org.uk by Monday 14th February 2022.



LGBT+ HISTORY MONTH 2022

Resource and Education Pack
Written and produced by



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Relationships and Sex Education at home! (RSE)

Following a recent survey carried out by the Sex Education Forum it transpires that there are limited conversations taking place about relationships and safe sex when talking with parents and carers at home.

The survey showed that one in four young people (25%) had never been spoken to and the young people who did experience this type of conversation had only had one big talk or a few separate discussions. Only one in six young people surveyed had regular discussions with parents and carers about RSE.

It is so important the Relationships and Sex is discussed at home. We want to work as a team with you to educate young people about how to stay safe.

Many adults find the topic difficult to discuss and we understand that but it is essential that it is not a taboo subject. Big Talk Education offers some great advice for parents and has a FAQ page about why we are asking you to support us.

<https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents/parents-sex-education-questions-answered/>

If you wish to discuss this further please contact pountney@ashlawn.org.uk

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relationships and sex education



Safer Internet Day

Next week we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Ashlawn and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

Students will listen to an assembly on the importance of keeping safe online and throughout the week we will be posting on our social media platforms.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which is available at: saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents.

There are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child.

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre (saferinternet.org.uk/parents)
- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet (childnet.com/parents-and-carers)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media (commonsense.org)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters (internetmatters.org./controls)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from CEOP (ceop.police.uk)

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we are committed to teaching our students about.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's tutor, Head of Year or a DSL.





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Year 11 Information

1. Next week is **national apprenticeship week**. There are some phenomenal resources for parents and students on the link, including information on how to find an apprenticeship, click [here](#).

REVISION

2. **Revision Tip of the Week:** Organise your revision timetable and revision space.

- Ensure you have a work space away from distractions with the equipment you need for revision (notecards, paper, pens, highlighters, revision books, flash cards)

- Create a weekly revision timetable - short periods of revision, often, is key to success. Be specific with the topic you are going to revise, not just the subject. Ensure you schedule in your rest/hobbies as maintaining good health is essential.

- Find a timetable template that works for you. See the link [here](#) for support with creating a timetable.

3. **GCSEpod** is a fantastic tool to support revision for all subjects, but there are also sections on revision strategies and wellbeing. Please encourage your child to use this resource and there will be prizes for the top users each week:

This weeks top GCSE

Pod users are:



Holly L



Jessica R



Roland T

4. **Date for the diary**

Elevate Education parent session will be on zoom on:

3rd March, 6:30pm till 7:30pm

National Apprenticeship Week (7th - 14th February 2022)

Next week is National Apprenticeship week and students will be discovering what an apprenticeship is, the different pathways Post 16 that lead to an apprenticeship and the wide range of subjects and careers these opportunities open up.

Watch out for the subject specific apprenticeship information appearing on year 9-13's google classrooms and for posters in subject areas. 6th form students have been provided the opportunity to listen to a range of talks relating to apprenticeships and information on applications.

Please find a parent guide to apprenticeships and a useful website for exploring available apprenticeships in the local area [here](#).

Further information can be gained from the careers hub.



January 19, 2022

Apprenticeships 2022

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APPRENTICESHIPS



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Dates for Your Diary

Term dates for this year can be found on the link below.

Half Term **Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February**

Covid Vaccinations **March 7 & 8**



[Term Dates](#)

WARWICKSHIRE AND FAMILIES FRONT DOOR

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the **Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door (Front Door)** immediately by calling **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately by calling **01926 886922**.

POLICE

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the **police immediately by calling 999**.

Call 101 for non-emergencies.

CHILDLINE

Childline is a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything. Trained counsellors are there to support anyone under 19 with any issue. **Call 0800 1111**



SAMARITANS

If you're having a difficult time and want to talk to someone confidentially, call the Samaritans on **116 123** (24 hours a day) or If you would prefer to text, you can **text Shout** to **85258** if you're experiencing a personal crisis, are unable to cope and need support.



RUGBY FOOD BANK

This service provides emergency food for families and individuals in crisis. There are various pickups but the closest for Rugby is next to the Benn Hall.

Please email www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk or phone 07557680019



FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If you are in financial crisis please call the free national helpline - Help through Hardship, on **0808 2082138** (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, closed on public holidays) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. This phone call is free. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.



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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 will provide support.

You can also call on the following number: 01788 573425.

If you are in immediate danger then phone 101 or 999.

Here are some other ways things 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
- Speak to Young Carers if you are looking after someone at home. Tel: 02476 217740
- Look online for support from the Family Information Service at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/childrenandfamilies
- 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 they will help alleviate your worries.

Mrs Pountney

Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

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

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

To access this service please contact them using the methods below:

fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

- [Twitter – @WarksFIS](https://twitter.com/WarksFIS)
- [Facebook – Warwickshire Family Information Service](https://www.facebook.com/WarwickshireFamilyInformationService)
- <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>

01926 742 274.

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



Free Sanitary Items

Students can collect free sanitary wear at school. They are available from Reception, 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.

