



Ashlawn School Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2023



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Message from Associate Principal

This week has been the culmination of all of the staff and students' hard work and preparation for our school production of Bonnie and Clyde. Having attended on both Wednesday and Thursday I can honestly tell you how proud I am to be the Principal of a school with such a talented group of students and staff.

The confidence with which they acted, the passion with which song was sung and the team that worked off stage, created a collaboration that ranked among the best school productions I have ever seen. I knew how much I loved it when I found myself being concerned for the characters themselves. Thank you to all of the volunteers that supported our students and staff over the entire week.

I thank all those who have sent emails requesting to be part of our Parents Forum. We now have enough parents who have expressed an interest to be able to create two groups. We are looking at how we can maximise your engagement for the benefit of the school and will be in contact with all those who have expressed an interest shortly.

I know that many parents remain concerned about the inspection and how we operate as a school to bring about the required improvements. A number of social media posts have been shared with me by parents who are concerned that their positive view of their children's experience is not fully represented in the posts they have seen. Our school is changing and we wish to share this progress with our community so that all parents can feel confident that their child is stretched, challenged and cared for at Ashlawn. This is rightly something that we pride ourselves in as we move forwards. If you have concerns, please meet with me to discuss our plans for the school and our progress in addressing the issues raised in the inspection, rather than feeling that the only avenue to express your concerns is through social media. My door, and access to the school and its amazing staff, is always open.

We have lots to share. We are currently reviewing our behaviour systems to support attitudes to learning, discussing how we get students involved with competitive sport, looking at our reporting to you and how we can make your child's progress clearer, and also working with the central team to improve our climate and classrooms. Changes are often difficult, but I know that as we move forwards you will see the impact on your children's experience at Ashlawn. H.G. Wells said it perfectly when he said:

"We should strive to welcome change and challenges, because they are what help us grow. We need to constantly be challenging ourselves in order to strengthen our character and increase our intelligence."
H.G. Wells

Have a great weekend,

Paul Brockwell

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



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Dates for the Diary

Thursday 16th February

Year 9 Online Parent Consultations

Friday 17th February

Last day of term

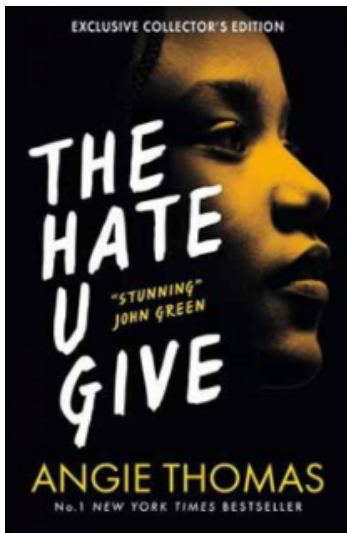


Library recommendations

Mrs Mills' Recommended Reads - Have you read?

KS5: Yrs 12-13

THE HATE U GIVE by Angie Thomas (Young Adult)



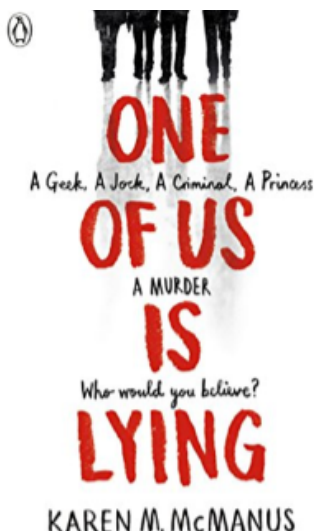
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer or a member of a criminal gang. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does — or does not — say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.

An excellent read which has now been made into a major film.

KS5: Yrs 12-13

ONE OF US IS LYING by Karen McManus (Crime)



FIVE STUDENTS WALK IN TO DETENTION . ONLY FOUR LEAVE ALIVE.

Yale hopeful BRONWYN has never publicly broken a rule. Sports star COOPER only knows what he's doing in the baseball diamond.

Bad boy NATE is one misstep away from a life of crime. Prom Queen ADDY is holding together the cracks in her perfect life. And outsider SIMON, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again. He dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online. Investigators conclude it's no accident. All of them are suspects.

Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you will go to protect them.



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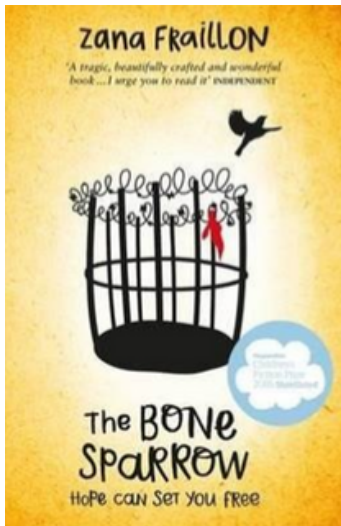
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Library recommendations and updates

KS3: Yrs 7-9

THE BONE SPARROW by Zana Fraillon (Contemporary Fiction)



Born in a refugee camp, Subhi has never seen the outside world. At night, he dreams that the sea finds its way to his tent, bringing with it unusual treasures. And one day it brings him Jimmie: a scruffy, impatient girl from the other side of the fence...

The Bone Sparrow is a beautiful, heartbreaking, hopeful and deeply moving novel that explores a tragic and relevant topic with incredibly skill. The author doesn't shy away from showing the bleakness of the refugee camp, the novel is anything but. Subhi's irrepressible spirit brightens the camp, and the novel itself. Subhi and Jimmie's discovery of friendship is a joy to read, and Subhi's relationship with his older sister and closest friend in the camp are also wonderfully depicted.

The Bone Sparrow is one of those rare, special books that will break your heart with its honesty and beauty, but is ultimately hopeful and uplifting.

ASHLAWN NEURODIVERSITY GROUP

NEURODIVERSITY AFFIRMING BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:

<https://notanautismmom.com/2020/07/20/autism-books/>

Let us
know if
you read
any!



These will be available in our library soon!

Suitable for parents/carers/more advanced readers.

Also - Autistic Girls Network interview with Chloe Hayden (suitable for young people): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XStR3R0xAxY>



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Public Examinations – Summer 2023

An email with a link to a google form has been sent to all students sitting public examinations in the summer and their parents/carers. The google form needs to be completed to confirm that the student has checked their details and agrees that their entries are correct. The Statements of Entry can be found in the Reports section of Edulink. The deadline for completing the google form is Monday 13th February.

Year 9 Parent Consultations – Bookings open

Parents & carers of Year 9 students can now book their appointments for the Year 9 Parent Consultations, taking place on Thursday 16th February, from 4pm to 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams. To book an appointment, log in to your Edulink Account and click on the Parents Evening icon. Bookings will close at 7pm on Monday 13th January. If you need any support with your Edulink login or have a general query about appointments, please email peakej@ashlawn.org.uk.

National Apprenticeship week

It is National Apprenticeship week so we thought it a great opportunity to give you some more information all about apprenticeships and where you can find what apprenticeship courses are available. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Menu week commencing 13 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese burger & criss cross potatoes	Chilli & nachos	Roast of the day with gravy & vegetables	Sweet & sour chicken bites, rice & sauce	Fish, chips & mushy peas
Macaroni cheese & garlic bread	Vegetarian Chilli & nachos	Quorn with vegetables & potatoes	Sweet & sour Quorn with rice	Veggie fingers and chips
Fish finger bap	Mediterranean flatbread	Bacon, cheese & tomato panni	Cheese & ham toastie	Chicken pate burger
Jacket potato & tuna	Pasta king – meat or vegetable	Jacket potato & tuna	Pasta king – meat or vegetable	Jacket potato & beans
Bacon, lettuce & tomato / cheese sandwich	Chicken & ham / Tuna & cucumber	Ham salad / egg & cress sandwich	Chicken coronation / tuna & cucumber sandwich	Ham salad / cheese salad sandwich



ASHLAWN SIXTH FORM REVISION SESSIONS

LOOK FOR YOUR SUBJECTS BELOW AND MAKE AN AFTER SCHOOL SESSION PART OF YOUR REVISION TIMETABLE

Subject	Interventions
Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student drop-ins during non-contact periods
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology 'clinic' - Every Monday after school (Lab 9/10 or 11) • Thursday after school ('teacher A' work - Lab 5)
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sessions with Dr Long – Tuesday after school (please enquire with Mr Naylor)
Criminology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mondays & Thursdays after school – interventions (PS4) • Thursday lunchtime – interventions (PS4)
German	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRP - One-to-ones every week (On students' timetables)
English Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly Wednesday after school (W1A)
English Lang and Lit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday and Thursday after school (W2A)
English Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday Catch-up after school (W9)
French	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IRP - One-to-ones every week (On students' timetables)
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays after school - NEA until half-term, then general revision
Government & Politics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday lunchtimes - general revision (W14)
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursdays after school - targeted and general revision (W19)
Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday after school (Teaching Lab)
Media Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday and Thursday after school (W2A)
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday after school - drop-in (E4) • Monday lunchtimes - drop-in (E15)
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday P3 session Anatomy & Physiology • Psychology for PE and Sociology for PE starting after half term
Photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student drop ins during non-contact periods
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting after half term (Lab 7)
Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday alternate lunchtimes / after school - targeted revision (timetable sent home) - (PS3)
Science BTEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday after school - Coursework catch-up (details on google classroom)
Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday lunchtime - revision (PS1) • Thursday after school - targeted support (PS1)



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LGBT+ History Month

February is LGBT+ History Month! We want to use this month as an opportunity to celebrate the strength and spirit of the LGBT community. Over the coming weeks, we will be posting a variety of LGBT icons, animals and historic events on our TV Screens and social media accounts. We will also be discussing how students can get involved in raising awareness of LGBTQ+ in school.

Students who want to gain more information can access the LGBTQIA+ Google classroom which is run by a member of staff in school. This is a great way to ask questions in a safe environment. Why not take a look? [EQUALITY WINS](#) The password is udnctq4

Stonewall Riots

After years of the police raiding their favourite bar, the LGBTQ+ community of New York finally had enough and fought back. Their actions sparked a movement that reshaped the lives of generations to come.

Sometimes the heroic activists are presented mostly as gay white men at the expense of lesbians, ethnic minorities and transgender people.

Historians now credit the significant contributions of (amongst others) black drag queen Marsha P. Johnson, black lesbian Storme DeLaverie and transgender Latina American Sylvia Rivera.

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NICOLA ADAMS OBE BOXER

NICOLA ADAMS OBE IS THE **FIRST FEMALE** IN OLYMPIC HISTORY TO WIN A GOLD MEDAL IN BOXING.

NICOLA HAS ALSO BEEN NAMED NUMBER ONE IN THE DIVA POWER LIST FOR THE UK'S MOST EMINENT LESBIAN AND BISEXUAL WOMEN PROVING SHE IS AMONG THE GREATEST ROLE MODELS FOR YOUNG WOMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY.



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TOM DALEY DIVER

TOM DALEY IS A BRITISH DIVER WHO SPECIALISES IN THE 10 - METRE PLATFORM EVENT AND IS ALSO **DOUBLE WORLD CHAMPION** AND OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDALIST IN THE EVENT.

TOM CAME OUT VIA HIS YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND TOLD HIS FANS HE "SIMPLY FELL IN LOVE AND IT JUST HAPPENED TO BE WITH A MAN."

TOM HAS SINCE **CAMPAIGNED FOR LGBT RIGHTS** AND HAS URGED COUNTRIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES TO LEGALISE SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS.

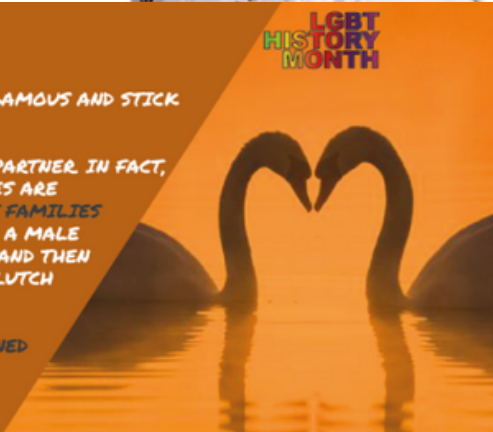


SWANS

LIKE MANY BIRDS, SWANS ARE MONOGAMOUS AND STICK WITH ONE PARTNER FOR YEARS.

MANY OF THEM CHOOSE A SAME-SEX PARTNER. IN FACT, AROUND 20 PERCENT OF SWAN COUPLES ARE HOMOSEXUALS AND THEY OFTEN START FAMILIES TOGETHER. SOMETIMES, ONE SWAN IN A MALE COUPLE WILL MATE WITH A FEMALE, AND THEN DRIVE HER AWAY ONCE SHE'S LAID A CLUTCH OF EGGS.

IN OTHER CASES, THEY ADOPT ABANDONED EGGS.



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Phillip Schofield

Presenter

The popular TV presenter came out as gay at the age of 57. When he first appeared on children's TV in the 1980s there were very few out LGBT people. When he came out publicly in February 2020 he said:

"Today, quite rightly, being gay is a reason to celebrate and be proud. Every day on This Morning, I sit in awe of those we meet who have been brave and open in confronting their truth - so now it's my turn to share mine."



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