



# ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal

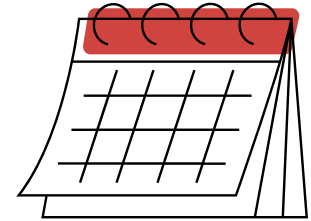
As we reach the end of the first full week of school, I have been impressed with the way our new students in Years 7 and 12 have made a positive start while settling into their new routines and getting to know their way to all of their lessons. Change is not always easy but there is lots of help available at Ashlawn. If your child is struggling in any way, please reach out to their tutor in the first instance so that we can provide support.

A piece of advice I give all students is to take advantage of all that Ashlawn has to offer. Students who take the opportunity to join in with enrichment activities often make new friends, get to know staff better and enjoy school more. This year we are pleased to share the widest range of enrichment opportunities that our school has ever been able to offer. Next week students will find out about the full programme for this term - please encourage your child to join an enrichment opportunity. There really is something for everyone. We also encourage our students to come to us with ideas of clubs and activities that they would be interested in developing with our staff for the future.

This week our students have been reflecting on the lifetime of service Her Majesty, The Queen, has given our country and the way that she exemplified the school values of Community, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence. We appreciate that not everyone in our Ashlawn community is a monarchist or British, but we can all appreciate the way that she served and inspired so many throughout her life.

I hope that this bank holiday weekend, we are all able to reflect on a life well lived and consider the way that we serve others in our own quiet ways. School will reopen to students as normal at 8.30 am on Tuesday 20 September.

**Siobhan Evans**  
Principal



## Dates for the Diary

### Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September

11+ tests for local children at Ashlawn School, Lawrence Sheriff and Rugby High School (for children registered for assessment)

### Tuesday 20 September

Year 11 informal assessments start

### Tuesday 20 September

Year 12 Parent Information event. 5pm-6pm. Please enter the school through the sixth form gates.

### Thursday 22 September

Year 7, 10 and 12 Photographs

### Friday 23 September

Year 12 Subject change deadline

### Saturday 24 September

Year 6 Ashlawn Language Aptitude Test at Ashlawn School (For children registered for the assessment)

### Saturday 24 September

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale in the Ashlawn Dining Room 10-11.30. Cash and card payments accepted.



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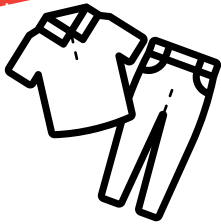
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Please consider donating, pre-loved uniform items in good condition to the PTA. Items can be brought to reception next week. The next second hand uniform sale is on **Saturday 24 September**, and we appreciate the support we get from parents and carers to ensure that there is a good stock of items to purchase. Please help us to make a positive contribution to the environment by reusing uniform items.

All proceeds from the sales go towards enrichment opportunities for our students. Staff are encouraged by the PTA to bid for items to support the running of additional opportunities for our students.



There will be a European Day of Languages cake sale on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 September. Year 7 students are invited to bake cakes with a European theme. These should be brought to the language office before form on Thursday. Cakes will be sold at break and lunch time on Thursday and Friday and proceeds will go to the World Challenge.



Attached to this newsletter is a course guide from RISE with some fantastic courses available to anyone over the age of 18 living in Coventry and Warwickshire. For more information and to enrol please visit

<https://www.recoveryandwellbeing.co.uk/>

## BINGO CHALLENGE

Every term you can attempt to complete as many of the challenges as possible. Every challenge can be submitted to your form tutor or Head of College via google classrooms.



<b>Languages</b> Create a famous landmark <b>NOT</b> using paper or wood.	<b>Respect</b> Visit a local religious site and find out knowledge about that religion.	<b>Maths</b> Complete a magic square. A 3x3 grid using the digits 1-9 where every row, column and diagonal add to 15.	<b>Music</b> Perform 'twinkle twinkle little star' on any instrument
<b>Spanish</b> Record a speech of you introducing yourself and what you like.	<b>Aspiration</b> Create an aspiration mood board for your future studies/ career.	<b>English</b> Write a 500 word short story about fear.	<b>Design</b> Make a batch of cookies decorated with your college logo
<b>P.E</b> Participate in a local match or sports event	<b>Art</b> Attempt to draw a self portrait using either a photograph or mirror.	<b>Science</b> Create a poster explaining any scientific idea for another student to understand	<b>Dance</b> Choreograph a dance routine to the emotion of anger.
<b>Excellence</b> Excel in a piece of work via green pen feedback	<b>I.T</b> Photoshop your face on to an object convincingly	<b>French</b> Learn and perform a verse and chorus of any song in French.	<b>Community</b> Help your local community in some way. E.g food banks, litter picking



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"ENRICHMENT - ACTIVITIES WHICH  
EXTEND STUDENTS' EDUCATION,  
SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES  
BEYOND THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM."



As we start a new school year we are very excited to share and advertise a large variety of enrichment opportunities for our students.

Enrichment is any activity that extends students' education, skills, knowledge and abilities beyond the school curriculum. This year we are hoping to offer more enrichment opportunities than ever before, to allow all students to develop a range of new and wonderful skills. We hope to inspire students to look at taking up as many of these opportunities as possible. Some enrichment activities have already begun but from Tuesday, students will be able to sign up to the activities on offer this term. From bike maintenance to Christmas wreath making, Spanish reading to jigsaw puzzles, there is an abundance of choice.

Students will be shown a presentation containing all of the options for this term and will be able to sign up using a Google Form. \*More details to follow via Google Classroom and during form time.

We look forward to seeing what our students are going to learn and engage in outside of the classroom to extend themselves further.

If you have any questions regarding the enrichment programme please contact to Mrs Stanley-Williams [stanleywilliamsc@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:stanleywilliamsc@ashlawn.org.uk). Some examples are below but the full schedule will be announced to students next week.

**CHESS CLUB**  
After school on a Friday 1520 - 1620

No need to bring anything along or sign up, just come along and have a game of chess.

If you are new to chess we will have puzzles on the board to try and solve

**AVAILABLE TO:**  
Open to all year groups and abilities

**ASHLAWN ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23**

Start Date: 23rd Sept  
End Date: Summer Term  
Venue: E12  
Staff Lead: Mr Norman

**SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB**  
Thursday Lunch

Come and learn sign language and play games at the same time!

No experience needed.

**AVAILABLE TO:**  
All year groups

**ASHLAWN ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23**

Start Date: 22nd Sept  
End Date: 16th Nov  
Venue: Lab 5  
Staff Lead: Mrs Johnson-Spence

**INTRODUCTION TO IRISH DANCING!**

**AVAILABLE TO:**  
ALL YEAR GROUPS ARE WELCOME!

**ASHLAWN ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23**

Starts: 23rd Sept  
End: 18th Nov  
Venue: D62  
MRS BALLINGER

3.20 - 4.20 Fridays after school  
Come and join and have fun!  
(No equipment needed)



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## Menu

WEEK COMMENCING 19 09 22



*Tuesday*

Chicken Fajita and  
Spicy Rice

Quorn Fajita and Spicy  
Rice

Pasta King Meat

Pasta King Veg

Cheese and Ham  
Sandwich

Cheese and Ham  
Toastie

Tuna and Cucumber  
Sandwich



*Wednesday*

Flatbread filled with  
Lamb Kebab and Salad

Flatbread filled with  
flavoured Quorn and  
Salad

Jacket Potato and  
Cheese

Tomato and Cheese  
Pasta

Chicken and Stuffing  
Sandwich

Cheese and Pickle  
Sandwich



*Thursday*

Sweet & Sour  
Chicken Bites, Rice  
and Sauce

Quorn Sweet and Sour  
with Rice

Pasta King Meat

Pasta King Veg

Beef Burger

Chicken Bacon and  
Mayo Sandwich

Egg and Cress  
Sandwich

*Friday*

Sausage and Chips

Vegetarian Burger and  
Chips

Jacket Potato and  
Beans

Chicken Fillets

Ham Salad  
Sandwich

Cheese Salad  
Sandwich



### 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 very closely in order to ensure that ALL students arrive at school on time, ready to learn.

We expect ALL students to be in school by 8.40 am, 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 as they are really unwell. If this happens it is vital that you contact school via EDULINK or by phoning 01788 532831.

Please do not email individual teachers or their Head of Year.

If at any time you feel that you need support with your child's attendance or punctuality then you must talk to us.

Your child's Form Tutor and Head of Year are here to support them throughout their time in school.

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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## Careers Focus



Digdata are thrilled to announce their upcoming live online career challenges (virtual work experience) and live online career panels for the Autumn term with Experian and Lloyds Banking Group.

Please see below just a small selection of the opportunities they offer. More can be found at <https://digdata.online/>

Wednesday 28th September at 4.30pm – Experian "First Step" live online career challenge – How can you help Playstation market their new game?

Thursday 3rd November at 6.30pm – Lloyds Banking Group live online career panel – We invite students, parents, teachers and career leaders to discover more about their career opportunities in data!

Contact [info@digdata.online](mailto:info@digdata.online) to find out more!

### Careermag

Careers guidance and education is essential in helping our students to understand the opportunities available to them and to raise their aspirations.

Careers guidance can come in many forms and this magazine has been designed specifically for parents of secondary school students to provide a wealth of information to support your children.

Why not check out the 7 steps to talking careers with your teenager, the case-studies on apprenticeships or discover what the new T-Levels can offer?

<https://careermag.co.uk/careermag-parents/>

### Year 13 Mock Interviews

During the first week of term all of year 13 kick started the year with mock interviews, supported by the Rotary Club.

Each student was asked questions relating to their employability skills, their next steps and future plans in preparation for their applications to universities, apprenticeships or into the world of work.

Feedback from the interviewers described our students as driven, focused and delightful young adults.

### Elevate Education

Elevate Education has been back into school to work with year 11's on study skills and revision techniques. They also provide a series of parent webinars for these skills to be supported and re-enforced from home.

We're excited to announce that next week Elevate Education will be hosting its first free webinar of the year for parents.

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

**Tuesday 20th September**

#### How to Help Get (& Keep) Your Child Motivated

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- ✓ What impact does praise and reassurance have on your child's motivation?
- ✓ What are the best type of goals to be setting with your child?
- ✓ How can you help your child create meaningful and lasting motivation?

Click here to register for free

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/uk/schoolwebinar>





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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:fis@warwickshire.gov.uk)

- [Twitter – @WarksFIS](https://twitter.com/WarksFIS)
- [Facebook – Warwickshire Family Information Service](https://www.facebook.com/Warwickshire-Family-Information-Service/)
- <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.

