



# ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal

Spring is definitely trying to start, albeit with a few steps back in the shape of snow and much colder temperatures. This seems to reflect the way that we are all living at present. On one hand we have been told that we are moving to a new way of living with Covid and we can all move forward, but we are still being impacted by positive cases and some of our Ashlawn families are worried and disappointed about the uncertainty this continues to bring to our lives. We appreciate that the continued stress the pandemic has added to everyone's experience and appreciate the messages of support that we continue to receive. While student cases are low at (about 1%), staff numbers are impacted to a far greater degree. We continue to try our very best to keep our school open with supply teachers and by asking staff to cover for absence, believing that keeping our students in a routine and continuing to attend school creates less disruption overall, even if they don't have their normal teacher for all lessons.

Today we are moving to a new phase in *Living with Covid* strategy.

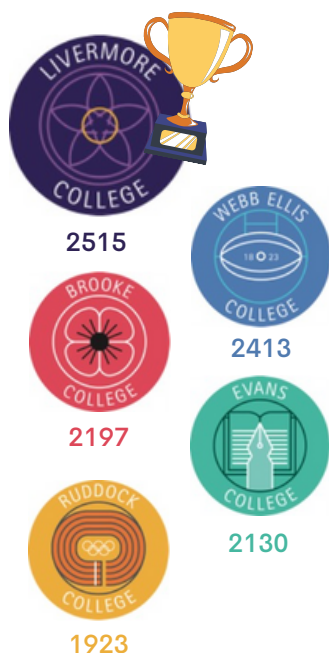
Universal testing is now ended. Schools stopped being supplied with lateral flow test kits a few weeks ago. While we may be asked to resume asymptomatic testing in the case of a local outbreak, tests are now only available for specific groups including eligible patients and NHS staff.

Guidance from the DFE advises the following from today:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is to isolate for three days before returning to school.

As always we urge our community to take a sensible approach about infection control and to continue to be aware of the hygiene and mitigating measures that we have grown so used to. Thank you for your support in keeping our site safe.

**Siobhan Evans**



Congratulations to this week's top scoring pupils from each college!

	Webb Ellis	Evans	Brooke	Ruddock	Livermore
Year 7	Grace B	Eleanor W	Mollie I	Jessica C	Roni O Francis V
Year 8	Harry P	Laila B	Amy H	Evie A	Megan S
Year 9	William C	Aksheya P	Jannah N	Josh M	Joanna J
Year 10	Joseph M Nina W	Eva D	Kieran M	Meredith C	Bonnie H Ruby-Mae V
Year 11	Emily B	Jessy W	Noah H	Matilda M	Parys H
Year 12	Sam L	Benedict M	Aoife H	Harvey G	Storm M
Year 13	Harrison Burton	Joshua Benson	Ella Cassey	Max Moore	Brooke H



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## Ashlawn Knife Arch

Next week we will be welcoming Rugby Police back into school and supporting them with Operation Sceptre.



Knife crime in Warwickshire poses a real threat to our young people and that is why at Ashlawn we're delighted to be working with Rugby Police to educate our pupils about the dangers of carrying a knife and how to keep themselves safe. The police have been working with us at school, delivering workshops to our pupils ensuring they understand how dangerous it is to carry a knife. The police will carry out random checks on our students when they enter the school premises and visit a number of PSHE lessons throughout the day.

As always, keeping children in our community safe is our top priority. If you have any questions about Operation Sceptre then please contact Warwickshire Police for more information.

Mrs Pountney



## Year 11 Business Revision and Support Sessions

Sessions will take place from 3:20 pm - 4:20 pm in PS6 with Mr Gospel

Dates	Topics
06/04/22	Topic 1.3 – Putting a business idea into practice
27/04/22	Topic 1.4 – Making the business effective
04/05/22	Topic 1.5 – External influences
11/05/22	Topic 2.1 – Growing the business
18/05/22	Topic 2.3 – Operational decisions
25/05/22	Topic 2.4 – Financial decisions

## SUBJECT CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

CREATE A 3D MODEL OF  
DNA

UPLOAD ENTRIES TO THE ASSIGNMENT ON  
YOUR COLLEGE GOOGLE CLASSROOM

2 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS PER  
ENTRY. WINNERS WILL RECEIVE 5  
ACHIEVEMENT POINTS AND A LOVE  
TO SHOP VOUCHER



## MUSIC FESTIVAL ASHLAWN SCHOOL



**APRIL 2022**

Have you got a musical talent, submit it here.  
Teachers can submit too, voucher prizes for  
winners.

**SUBMIT YOUR AUDIO OR VIDEO FILES  
TO [BAIDOOT@ASHLAWN.ORG.UK](mailto:BAIDOOT@ASHLAWN.ORG.UK)**



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## Sporting News



### U13 Girls Football vs Rugby High School

The girls played amazingly well against Rugby High School in the district league with an impressive team performance and just as impressive win of 6-0.

Goals were scored by **Havin Onder, Hevin Onder, Ella Beasley, Lila Bisset, Cara Griffiths** and **Emily Abbis**.

The girls are clearly a force to be beat. They go up against Bilton next week.

## NEXT WEEK'S FIXTURES

**Wednesday 6 April**

U13 Girls Football vs Bilton Away

**Thursday 7 April**

U15 Girls Football vs Bilton Home

To keep up-to-date with all Ashlawn sporting achievements, experiences and extra-curricular activities please be sure to follow the Ashlawn PE department's Twitter and Instagram page.



@AshPEDept



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## MENU w/c Monday 4 April 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
HMD Spaghetti Carbonara	HMD Cottage Pie and Vegetables	HMD Roast Pork	HMD Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls Rice	HMD Fish Chips Mushy Peas
HMD Filled Pasta with Cheese Sauce	HMD Vegetarian Cottage Pie and Vegetables	HMD Quorn Roast	HMD Quorn Sweet & Sour	HMD Moving Mountain Veggie burger
Jacket Potato Tuna	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato Cheese	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato Beans
Hot Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Hot Pasta King Veg	Hot Small Flavoured Chicken Baguette	Hot Pasta King Veg	Hot Chicken Fillets
Hot Pepperoni Pizza	Hot Cheese & Bacon Toastie	CMD Chicken Bacon Mayo	Hot Rollover Hotdog	CMD Hot & Spicy Chicken Mango
CMD Ham Salad	CMD Chicken Bacon Mayo	CMD Egg & Cress	CMD Coronation Chicken	CMD Ploughmans
	CMD Tuna & Cucumber		CMD Cheese & Pickle	





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## Be future ready with Warwickshire's Youth Conference

Booking is open for young people to grab their spot at Warwickshire's annual youth conference, 'Future Ready', held on Thursday 21 April 2022.

The free conference has been organised with help from young people and is for young people aged between 11-17. It will provide a friendly and empowering environment to discuss important topics that are facing them today with the organisations who are making a difference in the community.

The themes for the day have been chosen by young people and are mental health, climate change, relationships, youth homelessness and careers. Young people will get a chance to choose two workshops from these themes and will also have a chance to talk to over 25 organisations from Warwickshire who help to create a child friendly county.

Some of the organisations already onboard to attend are Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service, Shelter, Shout out for the Arts and Warwickshire Museums. As well as the conference being an opportunity to discuss important issues across Warwickshire, it will be a place for young people to have fun with lots of activities like a digital graffiti wall, henna, raffle and photo booth.

To find out more and book a place visit:

<https://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/youthconference>



## Gardening Club

Your opportunity to flourish!

### What?

- Growing of fruit, vegetables and flowers
- Garden maintenance
- Learn about sustainable gardening
- Pond development and maintenance
- Looking after wildlife

### When?

Monday - early lunch (years 7, 9, 11, 13)

Thursday - after school (all year groups)

Friday late lunch (years 8, 10 and 12)

Miss E Woodhouse  
[woodhousee@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:woodhousee@ashlawn.org.uk)

Gardening is great for mindfulness and can have benefits for mental health

All gardening tools and resources will be provided

Edibles and flowers can be taken home!



## Exam Stress

As we approach the exam season and many of our students attend the Easter Revision sessions in school we want to remind you of the importance of supporting your child at home.

Exam stress can lead to many different mental illnesses, like depression and anxiety, panic attacks, low self-esteem, self-harming and suicidal thoughts and worsening of pre-existing mental health conditions.

If your child is exhibiting any of these conditions please get in touch with [KOOTH](#) and [Young Minds](#) who can offer counselling, 24/7 chat lines and a variety of podcasts and articles. There is lots of information for both parents and students so why not take a look?

As always we are here to help too and if you need to let us know about the struggles you are facing then please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.



Let your trusted friends and family know if you are struggling

so they can be there to support you, encourage you and offer a listening ear. You don't have to go through this alone. Keeping it all in will only make things worse in the long run, so don't be afraid to open up.



Ask for help. Think about all the practical support you need

and be honest with yourself about it. Talk through your concerns with your teacher/tutor who can let you know what support your school, college or uni can offer you. They will have spoken to lots of students before who are going through similar things.



Try finding a study group, or start your own

Working through problems with other students can be a nice way to keep your social life going and boost your morale.

## 10 WAYS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH



Talk about your feelings



Keep active



Eat well



Take a break



Drink sensibly



Keep in touch



Do something you're good at



Accept who you are



Ask for help



Care for others



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[mentalhealth.org.uk](http://mentalhealth.org.uk)

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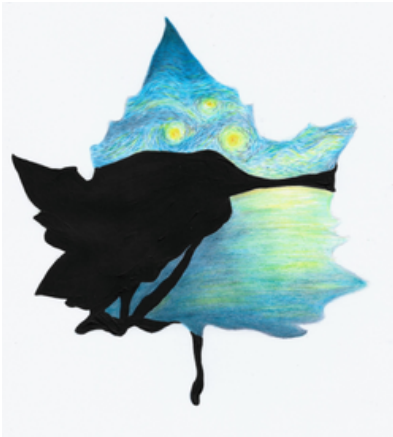
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By Mia Year 12



By Blythe Year 10



By Hannah Year 9

By Adam Year 10



## ART *Of the week*



By Jess Year 10



By Jess Year 12



By Will Year 7



By Bella Year 13

## Media Release

Warwickshire Grammar School applicants for 2023 entry will take the 11+ test from a new exam provider.

Children currently in Year 5 in Warwickshire schools who want to apply to one of the county's six grammar schools in September 2023 will now take an 11+ exam from GL Assessment. This is the result of a joint procurement exercise with The Schools of King Edward VI Foundation, which took place when the previous contract with CEM came to an end.

Warwickshire County Council's Admissions Service operate a shared entrance test procedure with the Grammar Schools in the Birmingham Consortium, meaning candidates only need to sit one test to be considered for a place at a grammar school either in Warwickshire or Birmingham.

The GL Assessment 11+ exam is well established as a leading provider of similar tests and is already used by other authorities, including Buckinghamshire, Kent and Lincolnshire. The exams will test the same four competencies of Maths, English, Verbal and Non-Verbal Reasoning as the CEM papers have in previous years. Whilst a full preparation guide with detail of the new tests will be available later this Spring, intensive coaching or tuition is not needed or encouraged.

Warwickshire County Council Portfolio Holder for Children, Families and Education Cllr Jeff Morgan said "This change is a result of a joint tender process with The Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham foundation and we're delighted to be working with GL Assessments for the first time. Last year there were over 3,500 Warwickshire children who sat the 11+ exam, so it's a significant undertaking and one that it is important we get right."

Parents and carers wanting to register their child to take the 11+ exam in September 2022 (for entry into a grammar school in September 2023) can do so once the registration process opens in May. The deadline for registering is 30 June 2022.





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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/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.

