



ASHLAWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue Date:
Friday 27 May 2022

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Message from the Principal

This half term has flown by, as it always does, with a flurry of activity. From exam preparation and support for our exam groups, to recruitment of staff for next year, it's always a busy time. The good weather lifts spirits and it's lovely to be able to have the fields open to our students so that they can play at lunchtimes and break. It has been fantastic to enjoy our 'Jubilee Day' with our students. Our Heads of College have been fundraising for the Red Cross and we have appreciated the donations for this charity from students who have come dressed in red, white and blue.

Our Year 11 students have had their final leavers' assembly today and it was an opportunity to celebrate with them. They enjoyed drinks and doughnuts together with their tutors and other staff before the assembly. We were lucky with the weather and it provided the perfect setting for lots of selfies and group photographs. We were pleased to recognise our top achievement point winners as well as those who have been recognised for their attitude to learning and contribution to their tutor groups. We look forward to continuing to support our students for the rest of the exam period, but today marks an important point in our students' school career - we really are very proud of them!

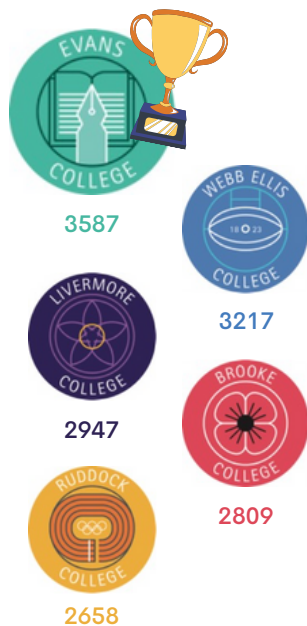
We hope that you enjoy a good half term break with your children.

Siobhan Evans

Year 7 Parent Evening

We enjoyed welcoming our Year 7 parents to the online parent evening last night. Attendance was great, and the staff loved meeting you all. It really was great to be able to give such positive feedback and get to know the people who have been supporting our students at home.

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



	Webb Ellis	Evans	Brooke	Ruddock	Livermore
Year 7	Cezary K	Holly C	Autumn C	Lulu S	Abbie J
Year 8	Miah F	Finley K	Dylan M & Cassandra R	Akshat S	Tiya M
Year 9	Scott C & Laurence H	Molly W	Orlando H	Artjoms M	Andria A
Year 10	Nina W	Emily C	Oliver S	Bethany S	Aleshia B
Year 11	Joshua L	Toby M	Thomas B & Olivia W	Jack J	Ben W
Year 12	Gabby W	Emma P	Georgia B	Jeeya V	Partyk K



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Parking Around School

We understand that many of you wish to drop off your child close to the school and need to pick them up in the local vicinity.

Please could you work with us and be mindful that the area at the top of Fisher Avenue has double yellow lines for safety and access. Please do not park on the yellow lines.

Additionally, the surrounding area of Little Morton is a private drive and should not be used for parking or waiting for students. Thank you for your assistance.

Mr N. Taylor
Key Stage 4 Leader

Dates for the Diary

- Half Term,
- **30 May - 3 June**
- Year 12 Exams will run from **Tuesday 21 June** and will finish on **Wednesday 30 June**.
- Open Evening, for Year 5 students, school closing to students from 12 pm
- **Thursday 23 June**

College Challenge

Create/decorate an item for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. You could do a song, poem or create decorations.

Upload entries to the assignment on your college google classroom

2 Achievement Points will be awarded per entry and winners will receive 5 Achievement Points & a love to shop voucher



Platinum Jubilee Bake Off Cake Competition

Join the google classroom and upload your showstopper Jubilee Cake.

Classroom code: **xz7n4ia**



Offering Your Service to the Community

The Queen has given 70 years of her life to serving our country and to mark the Platinum Jubilee we would like Ashlawn students to volunteer in their local communities during the half term. It will help you demonstrate employability skills and most of all give something back to the people you are helping.

Please take a photo and send it to Mrs Cooke during the week, with a brief outline of what you did or get a signed letter from someone you volunteered for and bring into school on the first week back as there will be certificates for all who participate.

Why?

There are lots of reasons to volunteer:

- Make a difference to the lives of others
- Help the environment
- Help others less fortunate or without a voice
- Feel valued and part of a team
- Spend quality time away from work or a busy lifestyle
- Gain confidence and self-esteem.
- Meeting new people and making new friends
- The chance to socialise
- Getting to know the local community
- Gaining new skills, knowledge and experience
- Developing existing skills and knowledge
- Enhancing a CV



How?

- Offer to help at a local scouting or guiding group
- Offer to help younger children at a sports club/activity/hobby you are already part of
- Local charity shops/food bank
- Join a wombles litter pick
- Clean at the local church
- In and around your home - shopping for an elderly relative, cleaning the house for your parents, babysitting a younger sibling for free, mowing a neighbour's lawn
- If you would like to volunteer for longer than a few hours, there are plenty of websites for support





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Ashlawn School Prospective Parents' Evening

We are excited to announce that our Open Evening, for parents/carers of year 5 students, will take place on Thursday 23 June. On this date, we will be closing to students from 12 noon so that our staff body can prepare the school site ahead of the delivery of a wonderful showcasing of our school and our students.

Parents/carers of Year 5 students can book on to this event using the link here: [Ashlawn School Open Evening - Eventbrite Booking](#).

You can also find details regarding Open Evening events for other schools in Rugby on the poster to the right.

We will be sending a letter to all parents/carers regarding our Open Evening event. Within this letter is a link that will enable students to sign up to support us by guiding or working within subject departments. We know that our students really enjoy showing visitors around our school site, answering questions and telling them all of the reasons why they love being an Ashlawn student.

We are really looking forward to the event which will undoubtedly be made special for all of our visitors as a result of our incredible staff and students.

We will also be holding short tours during the school working day during the following week (27 June - 1 July). These tours can be booked by calling our reception team from Monday 13 June.

Have a wonderful half-term break with your children.

The Headteachers of the Rugby area secondary schools warmly invite all current Year 5 pupils and their parents/carers to attend our open events, in preparation for transfer to secondary school in September 2023.

Open Evening Dates for your Diary:

Ashlawn School 5.00pm - 8.30pm Thursday 23rd June 2022	The Avon Valley High School 5.30pm - 8.30pm Thursday 22nd September 2022	Bilton School 6.00pm - 8.30pm Wednesday 28th September 2022	Harris CofE Academy 6.00pm - 8.00pm Tuesday 20th September 2022
Houlton School 5.00pm - 9.00pm Thursday 15th September 2022	Lawrence Sheriff School 6.00pm - 8.00pm Wednesday 29th June 2022	Rugby Free Secondary School 5.00pm - 8.00pm Wednesday 14th September 2022	Rugby High School 5.00pm - 7.30pm Tuesday 28th June 2022

A range of open mornings and school tours are also planned throughout the coming months.
Visit www.rugbyopendays.co.uk to find out more.

Lifeskills & PSHE

In the summer term our students will begin a new topic in the PSHE curriculum. Below is a list which details what will be covered each week. KS3 students will have 1 lesson a week and Year 10 will have 1 lesson per fortnight. The BIG QUESTION is what we ultimately want our students to be able to answer. Please take a look at the topics below and if you have any concerns about them then please contact your child's PSHE teacher. This can be found on Edulink.

We encourage our students to discuss these topics at home whether it be at dinner time or perhaps on a walk with the dog. We would really appreciate your support if you can take time to extend their learning further by encouraging them to watch the news and access the links on the PSHE/Lifeskills google classrooms.

Year 7 - Health & Wellbeing

The Big Question

"What is mental health & people's attitudes towards it?"

- Health and Wellbeing
- What is mental Health?
- Positive Body Image
- Healthy Eating
- Raising Self Esteem & Resilience
- Child Abuse (Emotional)
- Types of Bullying

Year 8 - Mental Health & Wellbeing

The Big Question

"How does social media and the internet affect the safety of young people?"

- What is Child Abuse CSE
- Screen time & mobile phone use
- Common Types of mental health
- Self Harm
- Addressing the problem of suicide
- How to promote emotional wellbeing

Year 9 - Essential Life Skills

The Big Question

"How do I become a financially secure, safe and happy adult?"

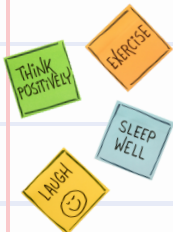
- First AID Skills
- Importance of Personal Happiness
- Anger management
- Saving and managing your Money
- Employment & Financial management

Year 10 - Politics Parliament and Me

The Big Question

"How does politics affect me and how can I have my voice heard?"

- Why is Politics Important
- How is our country Run?
- Who is the Prime Minister





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Sporting Achievements

Following the recent Combined Events, Track and Field Cup and Town Championships Athletics events the following students have all been selected to represent Eastern Warwickshire at the Warwickshire County Track and Field Championships on Saturday 11 June.

We congratulate them all on this fantastic achievement and hope they feel very proud to have been selected and to be representing the area team.

Year 9:

Nigel N - 100m, Long Jump, Relay

Robbie D - 300m, Shot, Relay

Josh M - Javelin

Jacob V - 80M Hurdles, High Jump (Guest)

Maia T - 200m, 300m, Relay (TBC)

Scarlett S - High Jump

Lucy B - 300m, Relay (TBC)



Year 10 and 11:

Harry B - Javelin

Carum B - Long Jump

Will G - Long Jump

Dan R - 400m and 800m

Leon F - 400m

Ava R - 1500m



These students are amongst many who competed at the three athletic events recently and represented Ashlawn. Please could you also congratulate all students that took part in the Town Champs competition. They were a credit to themselves and the school with some fantastic performances. They were by far the most encouraging group of students to one another, with much cheering and congratulating at the finish line.



Lila had another Major win on Sunday playing the 'Heath Classic Major' on the Robert Rock Junior Golf Tour at Frilford Heath Golf Club in Oxfordshire, with a winning gross score of 78 and winning the u18 girls' competition by 2 shots.

More importantly, winning double points for the order of merit which she currently leads. She won a new bag from tournament sponsor Ping and a signed frame from event sponsor and European Tour player Eddie Pepperell and collected them both from tournament director Natalie Haywood.

Food and Nutrition

Year 10 Food & Nutrition students have been perfecting their high level skills making Ravioli, Mini Gateaux, decorated Focaccia Bread and Meringues! What fun we have had!





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Uniform reminder

I would like to take this opportunity to remind students, parents and carers of our uniform expectations. For the most part, our students are dressed to a consistently high standard and we wish to continue this into the summer term. All students are required to wear Ashlawn logo'd attire with smart leather or leather look shoes.

Yes please:

- ✓ Light, subtle make up
- ✓ Hair colour and style appropriate for school
- ✓ One set of studded earrings only
- ✓ Nails of a natural colour and no longer than finger tip length

No thank you:

- X Extreme hairstyles or unnatural hair colours.
- X Facial piercings for example nose studs/rings
- X Rings, necklaces, ear stretchers or tongue piercings.
- X Patterned tights.
- X Boots, canvas trainers, breathable running trainers or trainers with air bubbles.
- X Pullover hoodies or zip-up hoodies.
- X Gilets, non-uniform sweatshirts, body warmers or coats that are not navy or black.
- X Skirts should be worn correctly as designed
- X Leggings

Please be aware that failure to adhere to the school's uniform policy may result in the following actions:

- Behaviour points being issued and detentions being set for repeated breaches of the uniform policy.
- A student being taken off-timetable until the issue can be resolved with a parent/carer.
- The non-uniform item being confiscated and held for parental collection at reception.
- Students having to wear trousers only if they repeatedly roll their skirt up.

If we have any concerns regarding a student's uniform we will communicate with you so that we can work together to ensure that all of our students are meeting our high expectations. There are times when we will issue uniform passes to students but this often requires us to have had some form of written or verbal communication with a parent/carer.

If you have any concerns or issues, please contact your child's form tutor or Head of Year to discuss.

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 8.40am, ready to start form time at 8.45am. If students arrive late to form time then they will be marked as late regardless of what time they were on site. If students arrive late on 2 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 or 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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British Heart Week

British Heart Week is observed from the 7 to 15 June. The reason for this observation is to spread awareness about heart disease and help people get the right treatment. The British Heart Foundation is the U.K.'s heart charity that founded the British Heart Week. Heart diseases are one of the country's leading diseases that is responsible for every 1 in 4 deaths. The week-long observation is also a tribute to the medical professionals for their continuous research of the heart.

In form time that week we will be exploring ways in which we can protect our hearts as teenagers in order to live a long and healthy life!

Exercise is key for young people and government advice strongly suggests that they exercise for at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity a day. Physical activity should include aerobic, muscle-strengthening, and bone-strengthening exercises.

If you are worried about your child's health or if you would like to get them to exercise more then why not look at the following suggestions below:



1. Ring the nurse at your local GP surgery
2. Visit www.nhs.uk
3. Visit Rugby Borough Council website and see what groups there are for young people to join
4. Visit the Queens Diamond Jubilee Centre for a timetable of whats on and when.
5. Walk the dog together
6. Go for a bike ride
7. Join a team sport
8. Go for a run - it's light until 9 pm now
9. Do an exercise class at home - Joe Wicks has so many videos saved from lock down.
10. Skipping

Half Term Fun
Make, Play, Laugh and Learn

RUGBY Art Gallery & Museum

28 May - 4 June 2022

Fun for the whole family, even better for the kids!

Find out more at www.ragm.co.uk

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

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

All gardening tools and resources will be provided and edibles and flowers can be taken home!





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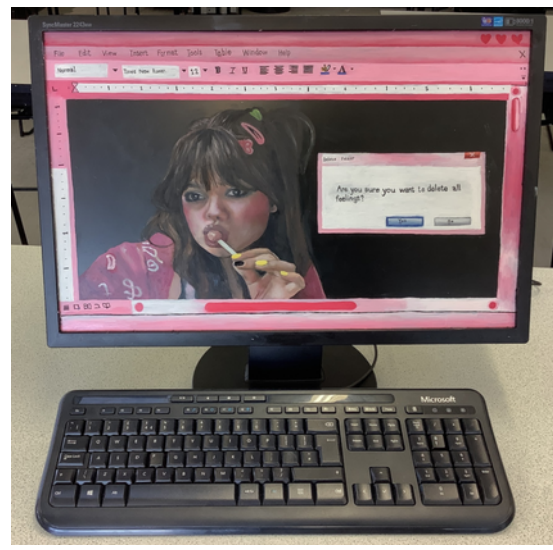
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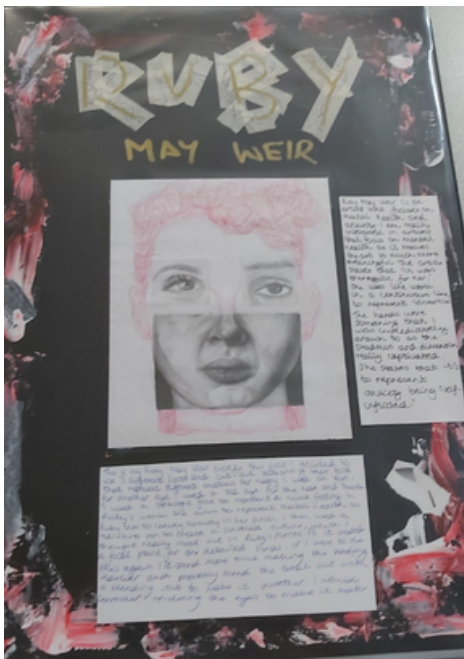
By Emily Year 13



By Adam Year 10



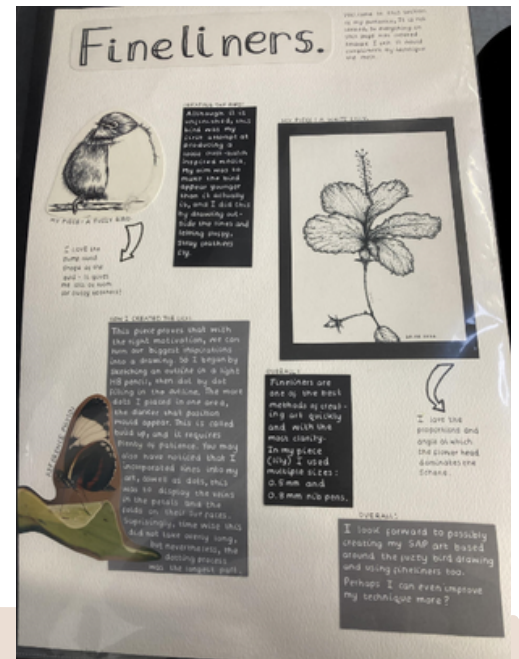
By Lauren Year 13



By Freya Year 11



By Connie Year 10



By Isabella Year 11



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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.

