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### Message from the Principal

What a school year it has been! From the start of the year, when we had to put in place another school-based Covid testing centre and cope with incredibly high levels of Covid-related absence, to the end which has seen us enjoying 'normal' school activities such as a return to public exams, sports days, new student and parent induction events, music performances, celebration assemblies and residential trips - it has certainly been an eventful year.

It is heartening that we have been able to start providing memorable experiences for our students both in and out of the classroom again and we are excited that we will be building on our current enrichment offer for next year - watch this space!

In this final full newsletter of the academic year, I would like to pay tribute to several groups of people that are integral to the success of our school.

Firstly, our students continue to show the long-term effects of lockdown and they too, have had to work incredibly hard to stay focused and regain the learning habits that they need to succeed within a classroom-based learning environment. We are proud of the way that they have met the challenges of the past year and look forward to welcoming them back next year.

Secondly, my colleagues at Ashlawn. Every single member of staff has worked tirelessly this past year to support students, both academically and with their wellbeing, cover for colleagues with Covid-related absence and continue to develop curriculum and assessment resources to ensure that we keep improving as a school. Schools everywhere acknowledge that this past year in education has been the most challenging yet for many reasons, but Ashlawn colleagues have met every challenge with determination and resilience.

Thirdly, our volunteers. They have stepped up again and again to support our school. From our test centre volunteer army to the indefatigable PTA members, they have continued to provide support where needed – we could not do without them.

Finally, to you as parents and carers a big THANK YOU. Despite the challenges that all schools have faced this year, we have really appreciated the way parents and carers have reached out to us directly to give us feedback and show appreciation for the way Ashlawn supports their child. Students spend about 15% of their time across the year at school and your support for your child and the school is the most important part of your children's success. We hope that you are proud of your children's accomplishments this year – we certainly are.

#### Siobhan Evans

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

	Webb Ellis	Evans	Brooke	Ruddock	Livermore
Year 7	Ethan O	Joseph P	Shay F	Patryk C & Max A	Harry A
Year 8	Evie D	Ali M	Toby J	Saffat P	Maximillian W
Year 9	Ethan G	Lauren N	Caitlin M	Angela C	Teyla C
Year 10	Malena W	Finlay R	Charlie B	Joseph H	Ellis B
Year 12	Madison P	Henry C	Orla Mc	Lauren U	Storm M



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### Railway Safety Over the Summer Holidays 2022

The safety of our students on and around the railway is one of our key priorities, especially over the school holidays when they may be tempted to explore the area. Therefore educating them about the dangers is key.

Next week in the Personal Development Programme we will be exploring a case study whereby a group of students (11-16) were trespassing on a railway line and the result of this was life changing. Students will be listening to the 999 call and reading witness statements. The material is age appropriate and has been supplied by Network Rail. The purpose of this activity is to inform our pupils how to be aware of risky behaviours and develop hazard-spotting skills.

If you want to watch one of the many films related to this topic please click the link <u>HERE</u>. We encourage ALL our parents and carers to remind their child about the dangers of playing near or on a railway.



### **Hot Weather Alert**

Please remember sun hats, sun cream and plenty of water in the hot weather. See letter sent on Thursday regarding uniform for next week.

### **Snail Babies**

Three weeks ago I was kindly given 5 Giant African land snail eggs from the science department of another local school.

I am delighted to report all five have hatched successfully! The little lovelies are only 5 mm long and will take a year to reach their adult size, which will likely be about 12-15 cm (5 inches). The biggest snail of this species ever recorded had a shell 27.3 cm in length and its body was 39 cm long, that's longer than your forearm!

Mrs Davis





## COLLEGE CHALLENGE

Our final challenge is to see which college can bring in the most food items for the food bank or old school uniform items for the PTA in exchange for wearing non school uniform on the last day of school.







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Contact your GP if you are unsure if your child missed their vaccinations

get in contact via careers@tlet.org.uk or call 01788 593108. The post holder will have a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of all children and young people.



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Year 7 Colour Splash Photography Collages I and Year 7 Creative Minds Drawings and Collaged Photographs









ART Of the week



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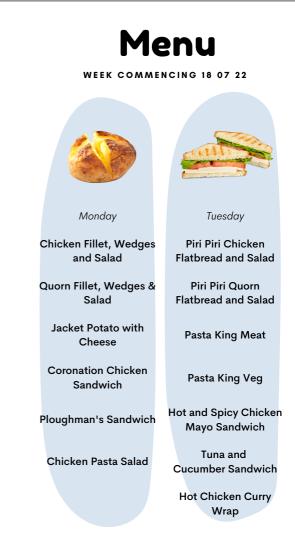
### Move together, laugh together at Nuffield Rugby

Nuffield Health is offering free weekly exercise classes for 11-16s at local parks and community centres across the UK as part of its Move together programme aimed at teenage girls.

Move together sessions are for every body and every ability so there's no pressure – it's all about having fun! You can bring a family member, some friends or use this as an opportunity to make new ones! Sessions will give you the opportunity to try different activities with a focus on movement, connection and enjoyment. From yoga to boxercise, to dancing and bootcamp style classes, there's something for everyone.

Find out more here





#### 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.

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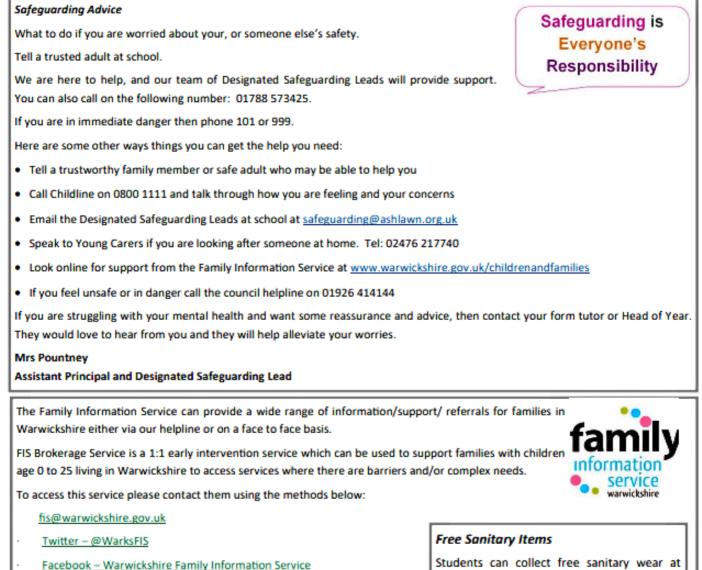
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https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families

### 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

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.

