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Message from the Principal

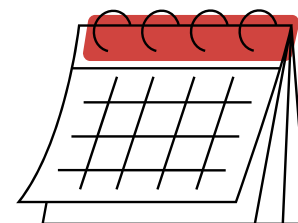
It is frequently reported that we are living in a society that has become less kind. Much of this seems to be attributed to post-pandemic stress, and no doubt this is a factor. But unkindness, especially online, has been an issue for some time. At the start of 2020, the hashtag #bekind was shared widely on social media when it became apparent that online abuse, or trolling, had led to the death of a TV personality. People literally bought the T-shirt with the quote Be Kind. But has this led to a change in behaviour?

Online behaviour is a cause of stress and anxiety for many people. Even when they are not online, the individual often worries about the comments they can't see. Young people, in particular, are not equipped to deal with unkind comments and that is why there are laws in place about the age when social media should be used. Whatsapp, for example, specifies that users should be 16. At school, we teach online safety, (including the way some people use social media platforms negatively) in Computing lessons and during our morning personal development sessions. We also work with an external company to highlight online safety with our students and are planning for their online safety 'roadshow' to come and work with them. Regular online safety notices are shared with parents in the newsletter and on our social media platforms too, because it is so important that we work together to reduce the impact that inappropriate comments have on the wellbeing of our young people.

An unkind comment may be able to be brushed off by one person, but can have devastating effects on another. If something is tolerated online, it can become acceptable in someone's mind to make those comments in person. I am sure that we all have experience of that in our own lives and that is why it is so important that we actively teach our children to be kind. That means that we need to challenge nasty comments and ensure that we model positive behaviour towards others in our own interactions - both online and in person.

At a recent assembly I invited our students to join me in being an ally for others and to be an upstander rather than a bystander. Doing the right thing is always a good thing.

Siobhan Evans
Principal



Dates for the Diary

Monday 3 October

Year 9 Assessment Week

Tuesday 4 October

Year 11 and Year 12 Maths
Challenge

Wednesday 5 October

Year 11 Information Evening

Monday 10 October

Year 13 Hall based exams start



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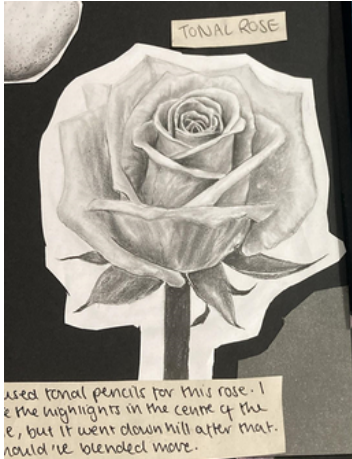
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Isabella



Maia



Tulsi

Emile



These fantastic pieces have been created by Year 10 students in their first three weeks of Art and Photography GCSEs

ART
Of the week



They don't teach you this at school!

How many times have you said this to your child? More importantly how many times have you wished they had?

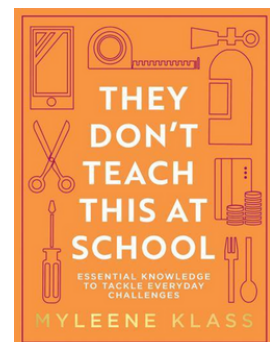
This year in our Personal Development Programme we have included some of the great tips shared in this award winning book written by Mylene Class. Top Tips Thursday will focus on all the knowledge that the national curriculum perhaps doesn't teach our students.

We want all of our students to leave school enabled, independent (especially financially) and ultimately confident. Top Tips Thursday will focus on giving all our students the tools they need for life.

This term we are focusing on 'Safety' and students will learn about the following information:

- ★ What to do in a house fire
- ★ What to expect when you phone 999
- ★ What to do when you smell gas
- ★ What to do if a frying pan catches fire
- ★ What to do in a rip tide

Students will be able to ask questions and discuss why each of these topics is so important. Please talk to your child about these topics and show them how they can stay safe in your home. If you would like to discuss any of these topics with us then please contact the form tutor in the first instance.





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INTERCOLLEGE COMPETITIONS

WEEK BEGINNING: 3RD OCTOBER 2022

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE RUNNING OUR INTERCOLLEGE COMPETITIONS DURING YOUR SPORTS ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES, WHICH TAKE PLACE AT LUNCH TIME. THEREFORE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMPETE FOR YOUR COLLEGE IN EITHER BADMINTON OR BASKETBALL, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE GOOGLE FORM TO ATTEND THE SESSION. WE WILL BE HAVING A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AND DOUBLES BADMINTON COMPETITION, BOTH STUDENTS IN KS3 AND KS4 CAN TAKE PART AND DO YOUR BIT FOR YOUR COLLEGE.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE AS MANY STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE REPRESENTING AND COMPETING FOR THEIR COLLEGE!!!

**LIVERMORE
LIVERMORE**

**RUDDOCK
RUDDOCK**

**EVANS
EVANS**

**BROOKE
BROOKE**

**WEBB ELLIS
WEBB ELLIS**



First Aid

Only prescribed medicines should be brought into school. These medicines should be in date, in the original packaging and should be accompanied with a letter/ email giving parental consent. Medicines should only be administered at school where it would be detrimental to the child not to do so.

If your child suffers with headaches/ period pains/ pains in general then we advise parents to provide their child with a maximum of 2 paracetamol for the school day.

If you are concerned about your child taking responsibility for this then please contact school.

Please be courteous to our neighbours and park sensibly at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Do not block driveways or park on the grass verges as this causes an obstruction.

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.



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



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Bake-Off

Thank you to all the Year 7 students who participated in the European Day Of Languages Bake-Off and to everyone who supported by buying cakes

AND THE
WINNER IS...



FREDDIE



MAXIMILIAN



CONGRATULATIONS

Last term we entered a national writing competition called Twisted Tales, I'm pleased to share with you that 14 of our students' stories have been chosen to be published. Over 9,000 students entered the competition therefore we are incredibly proud of our students.

Aidan K

Aaron M

William B

Satvik S

Emily W

Alexander V

Amber B

Anabelle P



Emma O

Inari L

Laila B

Manav L



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Menu WEEK COMMENCING 03 10 22



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken wings and potato wedges	Cheese burger and sweet potato fries	Crispy sweet chilli chicken with noodles	Sweet and sour chicken bites, rice and sauce	Sausage and chips
Quorn bites and potato wedges	Quorn burger and sweet potato fries	Crispy sweet chilli quorn with noodles	Quorn sweet and sour with rice	Moving mountain (vegetarian burger) and chips
Jacket potato and tuna	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and beans	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and cheese
Hot Sausage Roll	Pasta king - veg	Cold cheese and tomato pasta	Pasta king - veg	Hot chicken fillets
Ham Salad sandwich	Cheese and ham toastie	Hot and spicy chicken with mayo sandwich	Beef burger	Cheese and ham sandwich
Cheese and pickle sandwich	Coronation chicken sandwich	Tuna and cucumber sandwich	Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich	Ploughmans sandwich
	Egg and cress sandwich		Cheese and tomato 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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Black History Month is celebrated from Friday 1st October to Sunday 31st October and is one of the most important celebrations of the year. It honours the history of Black communities and recognises the great achievements made by Black leaders who have shaped life as we know it.

WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

Black History Month, otherwise known as African American History Month, is an internationally recognised celebration of just that – Black history. By honouring the struggles faced by not just the African American community, but Black people as a whole, the month strives for equality and inclusion.

Our school values 'CARE' reflect that we are an inclusive school who celebrate similarities and differences. Therefore during next weeks assembly all students will be reminded of the importance of celebrating Black History Month and how this contributes to our school values of Community, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence.

Black people are often given the double burden of experiencing racism and discrimination, and then being expected to fix it. Hopefully, by making the theme of this year's Black History Month 'Time for Change: Action Not Words' we can come together to make a change for the better.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate black history, heritage and culture, and the iconic figures that have contributed so much. There are some fantastic resources, articles, podcasts and videos that you can help to continue this conversation so why not visit [Black History Month 2022](#)



Ashlawn's Year 9 netball team went out on their second fixture this week to Avon Valley. After a tight game against Rugby High last week the girls were nervous but went out strong from the start.

They took the early lead and made numerous interceptions from all areas of the courts with the team holding their own. Tactical minds and great teamwork saw them achieve a 10-0 win against their local rivals.

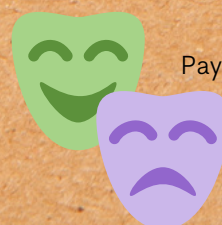


Theatre Trip

Would you like to come to the Theatre?

We are running a coach trip to the Deragate, Northampton on 13 December (matinee performance) to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

if you are interested please collect a letter from Mrs Ballinger in DR2. Only a limited number of tickets are available. All responses received by 12 noon on 14 October will be entered into a name generator to choose who attends.



Payment is not required until names have been confirmed.



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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.

