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## **Message from the Principal**

This week we have been leading tours around school to prospective parents and students. While it is enjoyable to see a school on 'show' at Open Evening, it is seeing a school at work that really gives you an insight into what a place of learning is really like.

It was wonderful to hear such positive comments from parents about the positive atmosphere for learning that was evident everywhere. We are always so proud of our students and the way that they work with their teachers and other adults in school.

We were also proud of our students during the first part of the vaccination programme that took place this week. Due to the high demand for vaccinations at Ashlawn, the vaccination team have allocated two days to our school. Our younger students, who had the vaccination this week, were excellent and our visitors were very impressed with how polite they were. Students in Years 10 and 11 will have the opportunity to get their vaccination next week if their parents or carers have consented for them to do so. We have had some questions about proof of vaccination for young people and we will share this information with you as soon as we get the information from the vaccination team.

**Siobhan Evans**

## **Superhero**

Meet our superhero of the Learning Development Department, Shreya in Year 8. Shreya made her costume using a combination of fine motor skills and following visual instructions. Well done Shreya.

**Learning Development Department**



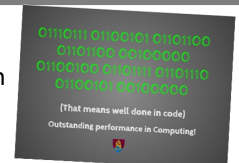
## **Reward Postcard Competition**

We recently held a competition for students to design the rewards postcards sent home to parents each week. We had a great response from students. Thank you to all who entered.

Our overall winner is Luke in Year 9, well done Luke!

Luke has taken time to design a range of individual rewards postcards for each of the departments in school, these will now be prepared for printing ready for issue to teachers in the new half-term.

**Mr McKim**  
**Vice Principal**



## **Sixth Form Student Finance Information Presentation (Virtual)**

On Tuesday 19 October the Sixth Form team is hosting an online information event focussing on student finance for university. The information will be delivered by our partners at Northampton University and will explain various important considerations surrounding finance for university, including tuition fees, student loans and the long term repayment implications for students hoping to go to university.

The evening would be useful for parents and students from Y13 but may also be of interest to those in Y12.

The event starts at 6pm and will last around an hour. The information will be posted on the school website for those who can't make it.

Here is the link to the event which will take place on the Microsoft Teams platform.

[Click here](#)



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I'm pleased to let you know that Ashlawn School offers the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to students. This year we are offering the Bronze Award to students in Year 9, the Silver Award to students in Year 10 and the Gold Award to students in Year 12.

The DofE Award is a great chance for your child to broaden their horizons, discover new interests and talents, have fun with friends, develop essential skills for their future and achieve an internationally renowned Award.

### **About the DofE Award**

The DofE is non-competitive and open to all young people – it's about setting personal challenges and pushing personal boundaries. There are three levels of DofE programme which, when successfully completed, lead to a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

Through their DofE, students will make friends and memories and build traits like confidence, resilience and self-esteem, which can benefit mental health. They'll gain skills and attributes for work and life, like problem-solving, team-working and self-motivation – and they'll achieve an Award that's recognised by top employers and can help them stand out when applying for university, apprenticeships or jobs.

To achieve their Award, participants must complete four sections: Skills, Volunteering, Physical and their Expedition. At Gold level, students complete a fifth section, the Residential.

Every young person's DofE programme is personal to them – they can choose what they'd like to do for their Skills, Volunteering and Physical sections, and most activities can count. We will provide guidance and support, and students can either choose to continue an activity they already do or discover something completely new.

### **About the expedition**

The Expedition section involves your child working as part of a small team to plan their expedition's aim, choose a location and do some training to make sure they're fully prepared – before spending time in the countryside. The length of these expeditions depends on which level of the DofE Award they are undertaking.

Ahead of this, they will take part in a practice expedition covering basic expedition principles and introducing them to expedition equipment. There will also be a number of training sessions in which your child and their group will plan their route and prepare.

### **DofE and COVID-19**

Your child can still have the full DofE experience, safely and in line with Government guidance, during the COVID-19 outbreak. The motivation and focus the DofE gives, and its positive impact on mental and physical health, can play an important role in helping your child navigate our 'new normal', safely expanding their world and giving them skills and experiences to open doors in the future.

### **Signing up**

Full details on how to sign up can be found in the letter sent to all parents this week.

We will also hold a live virtual information event for parents on Monday 18 October at 18:00. If you would like any further information in the meantime, please feel free to contact me at: [walkerb@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:walkerb@ashlawn.org.uk).

**Mr B Walker**

**Duke of Edinburgh Lead**



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## Art of the Week



By Clara Year 13



By Dhruti Year 13



By Tulsi Year 9



By Annabelle Year 11



By Maia Year 10



By Olivia Year 8



By Dharma Year 10



FOCACCIA BREAD

WEEK THREE



Miss Ireson



Lily-Beth - Year 10





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## **Anti Slavery Day 18th October 2021**

As part of our safeguarding programme all students will be discussing the topic of Child Trafficking and Slavery during form time on Tuesday

Many children are trafficked into the UK from overseas, but children can also be trafficked from one part of the UK to another.

Children are trafficked for:

- child sexual exploitation
- criminal activity, including: cannabis cultivation
- street crime - such as pickpocketing, begging and bag theft
- immigration fraud
- selling pirated goods, such as DVDs
- moving drugs
- benefit fraud
- forced marriage

Children are also used for domestic servitude including cleaning, childcare and cooking.

It is important that all of our students recognise the signs and indicators of Slavery and feel confident with how they can respond and report their concerns.

For more information please visit the NSPCC website. It is important that parents feel supported in the follow up conversations that may occur. IF you wish to discuss this further then please contact your child's Head of Year.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-trafficking-and-modern-slavery>

## **Squid Game (Netflix)**

There has been a lot of media reports this week about Netflix's Squid Game. The South Korean show has seen huge success and has become Netflix's most watched show in 90 countries and nearly all episodes of the '15' rated show contain violent and gruesome scenes.

The series follows a group of contestants who are crippled by debt compete in six rounds that are based on childhood playground games. Each contestant is competing for a huge cash prize, which becomes bigger as each person is eliminated. However, the game has deadly consequences whereby contestants are killed if they fail a round. The final game in the competition is based on a Korean school game that uses physical aggression. Attackers must try to reach an area of a squid-like diagram while the other team try to keep their opponents outside the lines.

On the show, "green light" is called out and the contestants must run towards the finishing line, then freeze if "red light" is shouted. Any contestants who fail are brutally murdered.

While the show has been streamed across the world, some feel that the violent and gruesome scenes are not suitable for youngsters.

As parents and carers we urge you to consider whether this is appropriate for your child to watch?

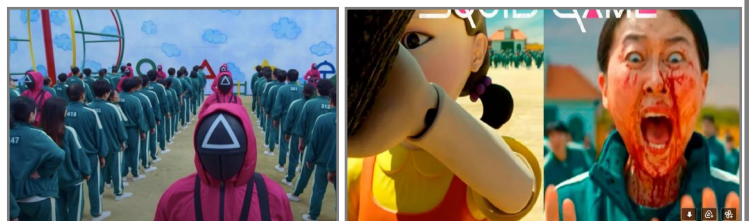
You can gain further information about managing specific websites and challenges here: <https://safeblog.lgfl.net/2018/11/parents-scare-or-prepare/>

Here is another great website from CEOP: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/theres-a-viral-scare-online-what-should-i-do/>

If you have any further questions please contact our safeguarding team in school.

**Lorna Pountney**

**Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead**





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### Reporting Home Lateral Flow Device Results

We would like to remind and encourage all students to test twice weekly so we can keep our community safe. If your child tests positive follow the link to log the positive home test result: <https://ashlawn.org.uk/coronavirus-notification/>

### Facial coverings

Please could you ensure your children have a face covering to wear while they are in school. Students who are exempt will continue to wear their lanyard.  
Thank you for your ongoing support.

### Music Tech Club

Tech Club will be held after school on Wednesdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm in MU2 and not at lunchtime.

Mr Baidoo

Music Department



### Reminders for the week ahead

#### 19 October :

Parent Forum UCAS Finance and Application Information Evening.

#### 20 October :

C19 Vaccinations

#### Half Term:

25 October to 29 October 2021

Term dates for this year can be found on the link below.

[Term Dates](#)



## DRAMA WORKSHOP 1: A MASTERCLASS IN MIME



Our fabulous A Level Theatre Studies students, Harry and Josh planned and delivered a 'Masterclass in Mime' for their first workshop last week. The KS3 students collaborated, performed and smiled their way through their masterclass and it was a joy to watch our older students lead with warmth, humour and engagement. Congratulations to all involved!

Josh: 'It was a great experience and it was really nice to see the year 7s get so involved!'  
Harry: 'Can't wait to help out at other sessions in the future!'

Remaining workshops, DR1/2 3.30-4/30pm:

2: Tuesday 23rd November	Mask: How to use Trestle Mask in Performance
3: Tuesday 1st February	Specialist Vocalisation
4: Tuesday 8th March	How to use Gait and Body Lead for Effect
5: Tuesday 3rd May	How to use Extreme Characterisation in the style of 'Splendid Productions'
6: Tuesday 14th June	Open Workshop for Devising or Script Work



BOROUGH IN THE COMMUNITY PRESENT  
**OCTOBER HALF-TERM FOOTBALL CAMP**

9AM TO 3PM  
MON 25<sup>TH</sup> OCT - FRI 29<sup>TH</sup> OCT

£17 PER DAY OR ALL DAYS, ONLY £70  
**SAVE £15**

WE ARE FULLY INCLUSIVE SO OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES  
TO SIGN UP CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW

### Menu for week commencing 18 October 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MD: Cold BBQ Chicken Pasta	HMD: Hunters Chicken and Rice	HMD: Roast Pork, Veg, Potatoes and Stuffing	HMD: Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls and Rice	HMD: Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas
MD: Cold Tuna and Cucumber Pasta	HMD: BBQ Quorn and Rice	HMD: Quorn Roast, Veg, Potatoes and Stuffing	HMD: Quorn Sweet and Sour with Rice	HMD: Moving Mountain Veggie Burger and Chips
Jacket Potato and Tuna	Hot Pasta King: Meat	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato and Beans
Hot Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Small, Flavoured Hot Chicken Baguette	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Hot Chicken Fillets
Hot Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza	Hot Cheese and Bacon Toastie	CMD: BLT	Hot Rollover Hotdog	CMD: Hot and Spicy Chicken Mayo
CMD: Ham Salad	CMD: Chicken, Bacon and Mayo	CMD: Egg and Cress	CMD: Coronation Chicken	CMD: Ploughmans
CMD: Cheese Salad	CMD: Tuna and Cucumber		CMD: Cheese and Pickle	



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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**

