



ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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Message from the Principal

In October, we focus attention on Black history during Black History Month. During assemblies, our students have learned about the many contributions made by Black people, the significant impact made by so many that did not always make it into the history books.

In Britain, Black History Month was created to honour Black people from all periods of our history. It is intended to recognise and celebrate the accomplishments, perspectives and culture of Black people living in the United Kingdom. In popular culture, the experiences of Black people in America are highlighted more than those in our country, and the intent of a separate Black History Month is to showcase the experiences of Black people here.

I was fortunate to hear David Olusoga, British historian, speak about both his own experiences growing up in the north of England and his research into the history of Black people. While conducting research into the Second World War he was surprised to keep encountering stories of, as he says, 'black and brown people who were like (him) and (his) family'. Once he started discovering this history he kept on exploring and was inspired to write his own books, *Black and British: A Forgotten History* and *Black and British, A short essential history*, a book perfect for all ages, including younger readers. Hearing from David and reading *Black and British* opened my eyes to history I wasn't previously aware of - definitely my book recommendation this month.

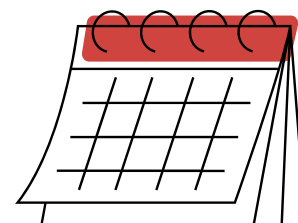
Siobhan Evans
Principal

New Ashlawn Badges

We are so pleased to report that eight students have reached the threshold for the Bronze Award this week. They will receive their badges in assembly next week. To achieve the Bronze Award, students must accrue 100 achievement points. We can't wait to award more badges at all levels.

A reminder that to earn award badges, students need to earn the following achievement points:

Bronze 100
Silver 300
Gold 500
Platinum 750



Dates for the Diary

Monday 17 October

Year 10 Assessment Week begins

Wednesday 19 October 7-8.30 pm

Year 11 Information and Elevate
Education Evening

Friday 21 October

Last day of term

Monday 24 - Friday 28 October

Half Term (School closed)

ASHLAWN PTA PRESENTS...

MUSIC QUIZ

QUIZMASTER: DAVE TWYNHOLM

Friday 18th November 2022

Ashlawn School, East Hall, CV22 5ET

7pm for a 7.30pm start

Entry: £30 per team (up to 6 people)

Payment on the door by Cash or Card

To enter, please register your team name by emailing pta@ashlawn.org.uk

Booking is essential!

Bar available!



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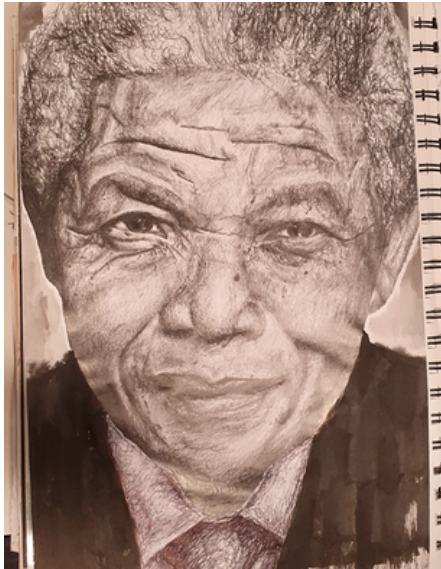


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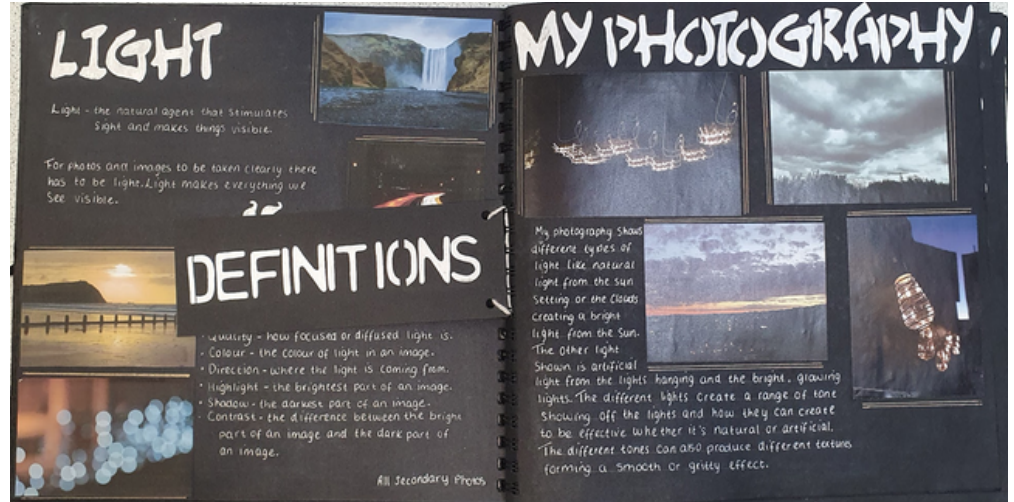


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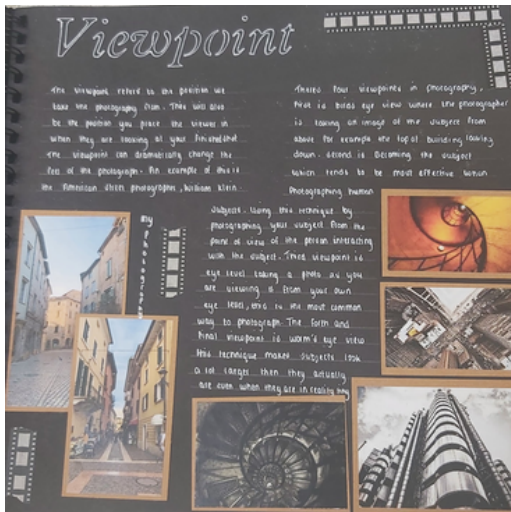
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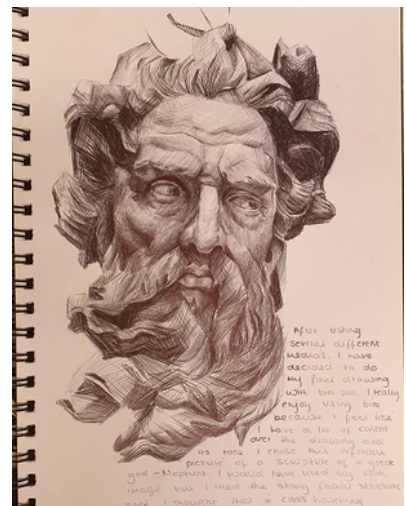


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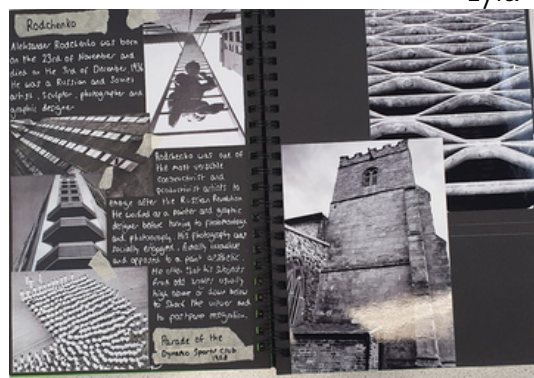


Here is a glimpse of what the Year 12 students have done over the 5 weeks of school in A Level Art and Photography. They have worked hard to build evidence in the journal and sketchbook of skills and techniques they are learning.

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ASHLAWN NEURODIVERSITY GROUP



Are you **neurodivergent** (*autistic, PDA, ADHD, dyslexic, sensory processing differences, dyspraxic, have dyscalculia, have Tourette's or any other neurodivergence*)?

Would you like to help Ashlawn to become a school that understands and celebrates **neurodiversity**?

Join Mrs Maltby (specialist teacher for Autistic students) and Mrs Garner (late identified Autistic, ADHD'er and studying for a Masters in Autism) on this Google Classroom to find out more:

GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODE: au3saoz

OPEN TO STUDENTS AND STAFF.

SELF-DIAGNOSIS / IDENTIFICATION IS VALID AND THOSE EXPLORING THEIR NEURODIVERGENT IDENTITY ARE ALSO WELCOME.

Coming Soon



Year 8 students enjoying their fabulous assessment piece of Bad Guys from Bugsy Malone





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Menu WEEK COMMENCING 17 10 22



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken curry with rice and a mini naan	Chicken fajita and spicy rice	Flatbread filled with lamb kebab and salad	Sweet and sour chicken bites, rice and sauce	Sausage and chips
Quorn curry with rice and a mini naan	Chicken fajita and spicy rice	Flatbread filled with flavored quorn and salad	Quorn sweet and sour with rice	Vegetarian burger and chips
Jacket potato and tuna	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and cheese	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and beans
Hot sausage roll	Pasta king - veg	Tomato and cheese pasta	Pasta king - veg	Chicken fillets
Bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham toastie	Cheese and pickle sandwich	Beef burger	Ham salad sandwich
Cheese and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham sandwich	Chicken and stuffing sandwich	Chicken, bacon and mayo sandwich	Cheese salad sandwich
	Tuna and cucumber sandwich		Egg and cress 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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We are delighted that we are able to offer the wonderful opportunity of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) to our 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 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.

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.



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 31 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.

This weekend is the early application deadline for Year 13 students wishing to apply for Oxford and Cambridge universities as well as students who hope to study medicine, dentistry or veterinary medicine. Students and staff have been working hard to get these first applications sent. All other applications will be made in the coming weeks.



Well done to our Year 13 students who have been completing their first formal assessments of the year in the East Hall. It has been great to see such a fantastic work ethic in the study hub and we have been impressed with the numbers of students staying behind after school to do extra work.

Year 12 work experience launched last week but I wanted to make students and parents aware of an online work experience portal that many of our previous sixth formers have found particularly useful. Springpod www.springpod.com/virtual-work-experience offer some really interesting and worthwhile virtual placements which look great on a student's CV and give a real insight into future careers.

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Anti Slavery Day 2022

Tuesday 18th October marks Anti-Slavery Day and this year Royal Mail are marking millions of envelopes with their very own postmark to raise awareness of modern slavery.



Right now, an estimated **40 million children and adults** are trapped in slavery in every country in the world, including the UK.

Next week in the personal development programme students will explore how slavery occurs in the UK. They will watch a short video about how some people are trafficked to make our clothes, serve our food, pick our crops, work in factories, or work in houses as cooks, cleaners or nannies. Students will be asked to consider how that might feel if it were them or a close family member. They will learn that from the outside, such work can look like a regular job. But instead, people are being controlled or forced into inescapable debt, facing violence or threats, or having their passport taken away while being threatened with deportation. Many have fallen into this oppressive trap simply because they were trying to escape poverty or insecurity, aiming to improve their lives and support their families. **Now, they can't leave.**

We believe everyone, everywhere has the right to a life of freedom. Please continue to discuss such topics as this at home and if you or your family need further support with this topic then visit antislavery.org

There are so many stories of freedom to also share with your child. Check these out at <https://www.antislavery.org/impact/stories>

Stoptober 2022

On Wednesday 19th October a team of nurses from Compass will be visiting school to promote the message of 'Stoptober'. This campaign focuses on supporting young people and adults in stopping smoking or vaping.

Whether you want to start breathing easier, feel the energy boost or even have a little more money to spend, there has never been a better time to stop smoking. Remember, it's never too late to join the thousands of people quitting smoking this October.

The team will set up a stand near to the canteen and students will be encouraged to go and talk to the nurses and ask questions. According to statistics 14 - 17 year olds are 16 times more likely to vape than 25 year olds and over.

One e-liquid pod can contain as much nicotine as a packet of cigarettes. Nicotine exposure during the teenage years can harm brain development, which continues until about age 25. It can impact learning, memory and attention, and increase risk for future addiction to other drugs.

Alongside this campaign the team have shared a virtual assembly on this topic which will be shared via tutor time with all students.

If any of our students do smoke or vape then they will be encouraged to use the NHS Quit Smoking app to help them quit smoking and start breathing easier.

The app allows you to:

- Track your progress
- See how much you're saving
- Get daily support



If you can make it to 28 days smoke-free, you're 5 times more likely to quit for good!

For further information about this topic visit www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/





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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.

