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### Message from the Principal

With the weather turning colder, nights getting longer and worries about the cost of living and the changing political landscape in our country, it is perhaps appropriate that we end the half term with many members of our community starting to celebrate Diwali. Diwali, the festival of light, gives us a tangible sign of community and hope.

At Ashlawn, we have much to celebrate. Attendance to school for students has really improved, our students have amassed a massive number of achievement points so far this half term - over **100,700**, our football teams are unbeaten so far, and we have launched a number of trips abroad. We have been pleased to welcome so many parents to our Year 11 Parent information evening (best attendance ever) and to see that over 25% of our students are regularly engaging in our extra-curricular opportunities (we hope that many more will sign up for the new activities next half term.)

We have also enjoyed celebrating College and Reward assemblies with our students this half term. These opportunities to come together as Year group and College communities help us to reflect on our shared values and recognise those who have gone above and beyond to exemplify them. Those students received special Community Awards in recognition of their contribution to our school. We have also been delighted to award our new Award badges to a number of students for achieving the Bronze Level and can't wait to award more.

We hope that you have a wonderful half term with your children, family and friends.



Monday 24 - Friday 28 October

Half Term (School closed)

Friday 18 November

PTA Quiz Night 7pm

#### Thursday 24 November

Sixth Form Prospective Parents Evening

#### Friday 25 November

Teacher Training Day (School closed)

Wednesday 30 November

Trip to SIX! The Musical

Siobhan Evans Principal

Meet The Term

Jenny Croft SENDCO



What is your degree in? History How long have you been teaching? 20 years (History and Social Sciences)

What do you love about teaching? I love teaching my subjects as they help students understand the world, their place in it and how structures can either work for or against people in society. I am really looking forward to driving inclusivity and celebrating diversity at Ashlawn and being the voice for the students in my care. Lee Riley Head of Faculty: PE and Health



What is your degree in? Sports Science How long have you been teaching? 14 years

What do you love about teaching? I love witnessing students progress in both practical and academic settings. I enjoy teaching academic PE and running extra curricular clubs.



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The post holder will have a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of all children and young people



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Menu WEEK COMMENCING 31 10 22					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Chicken filets, wedges and salad	Peri peri chicken flatbread and salad	Jerk chicken, rice and homemade coleslaw	Sweet and sour chicken bites, rice and sauce	Sausage and chips	
Quorn fillets, wedges and salad	Peri peri quorn flatbread and salad	Jerk quorn, rice and homemade coleslaw	Quorn sweet and sour with rice	Cheese and onion pasty and chips	
Jacket potato and cheese	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and tuna	Pasta king - meat	Jacket potato and beans	
Chicken pasta salad	Pasta king - veg	Rollover hotdog	Pasta king - veg	Steak bake	
Coronation chicken sandwich	Hot chicken curry wrap	BLT sandwich	Chicken burger	Hot n spicy chicken with mango sandwich	
Ploughmans sandwich	Hot n spicy chicken with mayo sandwich	Cheese and tomato sandwich	Cheese and ham sandwich	Ploughmans sandwich	
$\bigcirc$	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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#### Log your enrichment participation using the NEW Ashlawn Enrichment Passport

Students can log their Enrichment activity participation using their Enrichment Passport. For every enrichment activity students attend each half term, they will receive a stamp. For every stamp a student receives, they will be entered into a prize draw for the Enrichment prizes for that half term. Prizes will be linked directly to our enrichment activities.

The more clubs students attend, the more entries they will get into the prize draw. Students have access to their own electronic Enrichment Passport on their year groups' Enrichment Google Classroom. They can personalise their passport and then can share it, via google, with the staff lead for the enrichment activities they have attended to be awarded a stamp.

For any queries regarding the Enrichment Passport, please contact stanleywilliamsc@ashlawn.org.uk



## ENRICHMENT SHOWCASE

Here is what our students have been up to this half term during enrichment activities





Boys and Girls Training - Football, Rugby and Netball





\*They were really fun and we learn alot

and made new friends" Dance & Girls Footba





Jigsaw Puzzles



## STUDENT FEEDBACK

What have you enjoyed about the enrichment activities this half term?

"I enjoyed getting to spend my lunch playing badminton leisurely with my friends"

"The puzzles were **engaging**"

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ENRICHMENT

"Getting <u>to run D&D sessions</u> with multiple year groups" Dungeons & Dragons - Samuel, Year 13

"Having a turn to **sing on my own** in Vox and I like how we are allowed to add arm movements in as well." Vox - Evie, Year 7

"I loved it" Badminton - Vansh, Year 7

Astronomy a Liam. Year 7

Meeting new people

learning new things"

having fun and

## STUDENT FEEDBACK

What have you enjoyed about the enrichment activities this half term?

"We get to do a variety of puzzles with <u>different people</u>" Jigsaw Puzzles - Harley. Year 7

"The rehearsals are <u>student driven</u>, We are there to **work hard and create**, and we do!" Bonnie and Clyde - Zoe, Year 10

ASHLAWN ENRICHMENT "I **enjoyed creating music** and exploring music software." Music Tech - Kiersten, Year 9

"Interacting with other people"

"Gaining the experience of working alongside another sixth former and teacher to teach sign language to multiple students through the use of games" sign Language - Emlly. Year 13 "EVERYTHING, <u>I love the vibes</u> and the pieces" Concert Band -Amy, Year 12

"I **enjoyed the challenge** of having a complicated dance" KS3 Dance - Megan, Year 7



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### HALLSWEEN

## **Halloween Safety**



With Halloween and Bonfire Night and half term approaching, please remember to remind children and young people about the obviously the fun side, but also how to stay safe at this time of year.

### Hard Facts about Halloween Safety

In some places, on average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

### Top Tips for Halloween Safety

Before going Trick or Treating, make sure young ones are fully prepared and know how to stay safe.

1. Check costumes are safe. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls and be aware of fire risk. Use LED candles rather than real ones as some costumes can burn very quickly. Choose face paint instead of masks when possible. Masks can limit children's vision.

2. Children under age 12 should normally be accompanied by an adult. Consider going trick or treating as a small group rather than alone.

3. Plan your Route - No one wants to get lost or find themselves far away from home on Halloween night. Make sure you plan your trick or treating route in advance.

4. If you are not trick or treating with an adult, teenagers should know when they are expected home, to save parents unwanted worry. Know what to do if someone or something makes you feel unsafe.

5. Adults should know where children are - and give clear boundaries and times to return home.

6. Carry glow sticks LEDs, or torches, use reflective tape or stickers on costumes and bags, and wear light colours to help children see and be seen by drivers.

7. Cross all roads with care - If you come to cross a road, remove your mask, and make sure the road is completely clear when you come to make your move.

8. Children - watch out for unpredictable drivers. Drivers watch out for unpredictable children!

9. Only trick or treat at houses which are well lit, or which are decorated with Halloween themed decorations or lit pumpkins. Some people may not want to be disturbed.

10. CHECK YOUR SWEETS – Are you allergic? Make sure you or your parents check your sweets to make sure you are not allergic to any of your Halloween treats, or that you have received any treats that aren't worth eating... nobody wants to be poorly for Bonfire Night.

<u>Attention all Sixth form students!</u> If you would like to apply for the position of Sixth form College Representative, please forward your interest to the head of your college. Interviews will be held after half-term.







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### 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

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.

