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ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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Friday 5 November 2021

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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to the start of the second half of the autumn term. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone who has been celebrating, a very happy Diwali. As we get darker evenings, it is wonderful that families and communities are gathering together, especially this year, when we have been prevented from being able to do so for so long. Tonight many will gather to celebrate Bonfire Night and of course other members of our community will celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas over the coming months. Festivals of light bring hope and comfort to us all.

Next week we will be observing Remembrance Day in school. As is our tradition, we invite all students who belong to organisations such as cadets, scouts, guides etc to come to school on Thursday 11 November in their full organisational uniform. This is not an exhaustive list of organisations of course, the invitation is extended to anyone whose organisation would normally walk in the Remembrance Day parades. This invitation extends to staff too. We hope that as many students as possible take this opportunity.

I hope that those who will be gathering tonight for the traditional night of fireworks have an enjoyable and safe night.

Siobhan Evans



Our Sixth Form Open Evening for prospective students currently studying in Year 11 will take place on Thursday 25 November. There are two time slots 6:00pm- 7:10pm and 7:20pm - 8:30pm.

We really look forward to welcoming prospective students and showing them more about our wonderful Sixth Form.

Bookings can be made via the school website. We look forward to seeing you then. <https://ashlawn.org.uk/>

Girls' Rugby is coming to Ashlawn School!

When: Tuesdays at 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Tuesday 9 November – Tuesday 7 December

Where: Ashlawn playing fields

Who: Anyone interested in sport.
No experience needed. ALL WELCOME!

Why should you get involved?

- It is empowering
- There are positions for everyone
- It is fast paced and gets you fit
- It exercises your body and mind
- You become part of a great team
- You become part of a bigger community
- You develop a huge sense of pride

Come along and join the fun!

Don't forget your PE kit and trainers/boots



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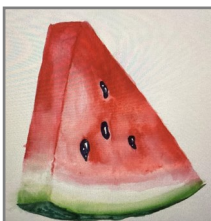
Art of the Week



Demi Year 11



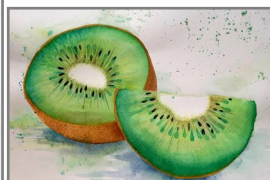
Olivia Year 8



Demi Year 11



Mya Year 8



Demi Year 11



Emily Year 11

This Week's Food and Nutrition

This week's latest news from the Food and Nutrition Department includes the hotly anticipated delivery of our new staff aprons. We can't wait to get them covered in flour and carrot cake batter as Year 9 will be finding out next week.

Even more exciting is that Year 11 have completed their first practical assessment for their NEA exam. Always an important marker, but students worked fantastically well, showcasing some great planning and technical skills.

This week it was Pastry Week on Great British Bake Off @Ashlawn. We had five entrants showing some great technical and creative skills. Pastry can be difficult to master and the standard was extremely high, so it was a very difficult one to call.

Next week is Caramel Week. Don't forget to get your "bake on" and showcase your favourite caramel recipe. We would love to see your pictures.



Cross Stitch Club

Students have been working hard in Cross Stitch Club. Next week they will be looking at autumnal colours.





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Oliver Twist Virtual Theatre Trip

On Tuesday this week a group of students from Years 7-13 gathered together to watch the Leeds Playhouse live production of ***Oliver Twist***.

'This landmark production has been specially filmed for audiences to enjoy online at home. Bold, brutal and beautiful, this highly acclaimed version of Oliver Twist sends you on a dark adventure through the twisted streets of London. Adapted by award-winning playwright Bryony Lavery, the production features creatively integrated sign language, audio description and captioning.

Oliver Twist is produced in association with Ramps On The Moon. Now in its fifth year, this pioneering initiative from seven major UK theatre companies is committed to putting deaf and disabled artists and audiences at the centre of its work.' Leeds Playhouse

It was wonderful to experience live theatre from the comfort of our own Drama Studio! Here are some of our students' thoughts:

'I found it amazing!'

'I really liked the inclusivity.'

'I loved how it was a range of different actors with different abilities.'



Face coverings in school

Thank you for your support in providing face coverings for your child to wear in school. Our students have been absolutely brilliant at wearing masks. We do not, of course, want our students and staff to have to wear masks in lessons any longer than absolutely necessary. This weekend we will be monitoring reported cases. If cases do not increase, we will be in a position to limit the wearing of masks to indoor communal areas such as corridors. Please send your child in as normal with a face covering on Monday as we will still wear them in certain situations.

Please do remember to do a lateral flow test on Sunday.

ParentPay Balances

Please read this important information about our ParentPay system as it relates to ordering and paying for meals.

If the ParentPay system is unable to process orders for any reason (as was the case at the start of this week), we will always take orders in person in the morning. Please advise your child to go to the dining room as soon as they arrive to school. Our catering team is very happy to help. Please note, however, that, at other times, they are unable to process orders in the kitchen unless there are exceptional circumstances.

ParentPay is not able to process an order for lunch on a particular day if there are insufficient funds in the account, even if you have ordered the meal in advance and there were sufficient funds at the time of ordering.

Please be aware, therefore, that if your child purchases food at break, the balance will fall and this could affect lunch orders being processed. This means that the order will be cancelled if they have spent the funds intended for their lunches.

We are working with ParentPay to set a default balance notification as soon as your balance drops below £5. It is currently possible to monitor your balance through your account and you can manually set up notifications through your account (choose the Communication tab and click on 'Alert Settings'.) If you would prefer that your child does not purchase items on your account at break, please speak to them about this.

Students who have had their order cancelled due to insufficient funds will be able to go to the Catering Manager in the main servery area to order a meal. We ask that the deficit is resolved before the next school day so that you do not incur any further debt.

We really do appreciate your support with this.



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Want to know how to help your child improve their memory, or get ready for exams?



Then join us on Tuesday 16 November and Tuesday 30 November at 6.00pm as Elevate Education hosts **two free webinars** for the school community. On the 16 November, they'll show you why students forget content in exams and give you 3 easy-to-use memory skills to never forget content again! On the 30th, they'll show you Elevate's 3-step process for effective exam preparation, and how to manage your time in the build-up to an exam.

To register for either (or both!) of Elevate's FREE 60-minute webinars [click here](#).

Elevate is a global education organisation working with the school and over 1-million students to improve their study skills and boost academic performance. You can learn more about them at www.uk.elevateeducation.com or follow them at www.facebook.com/ElevateParentsUK/

Welcome to Warwickshire County Council's relaunched SEND Voice newsletter, now called Warwickshire SEND. This newsletter will be published on a monthly basis and will bring you news and information on special educational needs and disability in Warwickshire.



Please click on the link for November's issue.

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/warwickshire-send-november-2021?e=5b88a89968>

Menu for week commencing 1 November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HMD: Macaroni Cheese and Bacon with Garlic Bread	HMD: Chicken Chow Mein	HMD: Roast Chicken, Potatoes, Vegetables and Stuffing	HMD: Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls with Rice	HMD: Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas
HMD: Macaroni Cheese and Garlic Bread	HMD: Quorn Chow Mein	HMD: Quorn Roast, Potatoes and Vegetables	HMD: Sweet and Sour Quorn with Rice	HMD: Moving Mountain Vegetarian Burger and Chips
Jacket Potato and Tuna	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato and Beans
Hot Chicken Fillets	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Hot Cheese and Tomato Bagel	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Hot Sausage Roll
CMD: Ham Salad Sandwich	Hot Chicken Curry Wrap	CMD: Hot and Spicy Chicken with Mango	Hot Cheese and Pepperoni Toastie	CMD: Cheese and Ham
CMD: Cheese and Pickle Sandwich	CMD: Coronation Chicken Sandwich	CMD: Ploughman's	CMD: BLT	CMD: Cheese and Tomato
	CMD: Egg and Cress Sandwich		CMD: Tuna and Cucumber	

Please note that all meal choices are subject to change at very short notice due to supply chain issues. Refunds will only be possible in the case of known dietary needs such as allergies.



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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/>

Important Visitor Information

All visitors **must** report to Main Reception via the pedestrian gate so that they can sign in. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.



Dates for Your Diary

25 November 2021

6th Form Open Evening

26 November 2021

Teacher Training Day

27 November 2021

PTA Uniform Sale

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

[Term Dates](#)

Food Bank

If you are struggling financially and would like a food parcel or food bank voucher, please contact Mrs Pountney as we have a few food parcels left and we are happy to deliver.



Careers News

For any students who have a keen interest in the RAF -

RAF LIVE – WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2021, 6PM – 9PM

We are pleased to invite you to our RAF Live event taking place on Wednesday 10 November from 6pm – 9pm.

You will need to register for this event prior to the start time, please use the link <https://learnliveuk.com/partner/raf-careers/>

Course Guides and New Prospectuses

We have received some new prospectuses booklets from Moulton College if anyone would like to come down to the Careers Hub to have a read, they are also hosting some open events at the college on the following dates:

Saturday 9 November 2021 - 08.30am – 12 noon

Saturday 13 November 2021 - 08.30am – 12 noon

Saturday 29 January 2022 - 08.30am – 12 noon

Saturday 19 March 2022 - 08.30 – 12 noon

Wednesday 20 April 2022 - 5pm – 7pm

We also have a Course Guide for Heart of England Training Ltd if anyone would like to come down to the Careers Hub to have a read about HOET and see what courses they have to offer.

Work Experience Reminders

Year 12 Students forms are to be handed in by Thursday 4 November 2021 any problems or delays please can you email Miss Amanda Martin.

Year 10 Students forms are due to be handed in by Friday 3 December 2021, any problems or if you are needing any help searching for a placement please can you email Miss Amanda Martin or pop down to the Careers Hub.





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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

