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Message from the Principal

At the end of another busy week, I just wanted to update you on a few things:

Ofsted

As many of you will know, last week Ashlawn welcomed Ofsted in for the first time in quite a significant period.

The inspectors have now gone away to digest all that they have seen while they write their report. Please don't worry or be concerned if this takes a number of weeks. Under Ofsted's current framework, which has been through several changes since our last inspection, it could be early 2023 before we can share the full outcome. Please be assured, that we will let you know what the inspection team found as soon as we are able to.



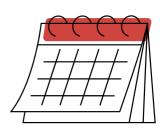
Throughout the week we have been acknowledging Remembrance Day. Today we had a special assembly, streamed live to all classrooms, where senior students read In Flanders Fields and an extract from For the Fallen. I explained why it was so important for us to reflect and remember those who had sacrificed so much for us. The assembly was followed by two minutes of silence.

For so many reasons, I think this is a hugely important day in all of our calendars. Taking the time to stop and think about those who have helped shape our future by giving their own lives is a very powerful moment each year – and our students have taken the time to reflect about the actions of others.

Alongside the time of peace and reflection, we have also been encouraging our students to think about the impact that they have on those around them. While members of the Armed Forces have done this on the battlefields and through their duty and service to our country, students can also play a vital and valuable role to ensure that our communities are safe and harmonious for all.

Just this week, for example, we have had assemblies from people from outside of the school to talk about how important it is that people don't feel excluded through the language that we use and the actions that we take. I am always impressed to see our students volunteer for local charities and good causes, and it is heartening to hear that our students have gone on to make a difference through the career and life choices that they have made.

While it is of vital importance that our young people appreciate the sacrifices made by others – what I hope they also take out of each November is that we live in a hugely connected world where their actions can also have a very important impact on others.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 14 November

Year 11 Mock Exam Week Starts

Friday 18 November

Children In Need - Non-Uniform Day

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











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Join us to speak with subject leaders and students about our range of Sixth Form courses. The Principal's presentations will take place at 5:45pm, 6:30pm and 7:15pm. Book your preferred slot here:

https://bit.ly/3TqzYEW



SIXTH FORM NEWS

This week the Sixth Form Team led a trip to The National Apprenticeship Show with a group of Year 13 students who were keen to network with possible employers and find out more about this exciting Post-18 option.

We hope to run the trip again in March for any students who missed out as well as any interested Year 12s.

UCAS applications are flying out the door and some students are already beginning to get offers back. We are encouraging students to ask for help from their form tutor or the Sixth Form Team if they are struggling with decisions over what university or course they should apply for, or if they want additional help with their personal statement.

THANK YOU RUGBY POLICE

PC Matt Birch and his colleague attended school today and gave a talk to Year 8 in 3 small groups.

The talk was around safe use of social media and mobile phones. PC Birch talked about the potential consequences of large whatsapp groups, what happens when you send an inappropriate picture, unkind language that can be seen as a hate crime, accepting strangers as friends on their profile and age restrictions on various platforms. PC Birch answered questions and gave scenarios but most importantly told students that if they misused their mobile phone in an inappropriate way then they have the power to seize the phone and potentially other electronic devices in the home.

The students responded well and understood how important this topic is. The police will be back next week to discuss Knife Crime.

We want to thank Rugby Police for all their support with young people staying safe.







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BRC CHILDREN IN NEED



We are here to help

The last couple of years have been incredibly hard for children and young people. Living through Covid has caused feelings of anxiety, fear and hopelessness in too many children; and the cost of living crisis is now pushing even more families into hardship.

On Friday 18th November we will be inviting all our students and staff to come to work in non uniform. All we ask for in exchange is a minimum of £1 donation which will be collected in form time.

As a school we want to help as many families as we can and therefore can we remind of you of the following items that we can help you with:

- Sanitary items these are free to students and can be collected from the Head of Year, PE changing Rooms or Admin Services. Please encourage your child to collect a box.
- **Tights** If your child has laddered their tights before school then we can help provide a new pair. Please see the Welfare and Behaviour Lead or Head of Year on the gates.
- Winter Coats We have a small collection of winter coats that have been donated to the school. If you are in need of a coat please contact Mrs Pountney.
- Food Bank Vouchers We are a Food Bank Voucher provider and therefore if you are struggling to feed your family please contact Mrs Pountney or Mrs Lavery and tell us how many people are in your family, their ages, whether you have any pets and if you have any specific dietary needs.

If you would like to make any other donations to the school then please pop them into reception.

Please remember we are here to help!















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Kaitlin Marson Teacher of Maths

What is your degree in?
Mathematics with Finance and Accounting

How long have you been a teacher? This is my first year!

What do you love about teaching?

This is my first full year of teaching and I am really enjoying settling into my first teaching role. I have enjoyed teaching different year groups as well as becoming a Year 12 Form Tutor.





Grace Still
Subject Lead - Geography

What is your degree in? Geography

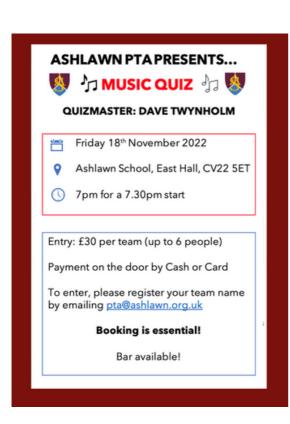
How long have you been a teacher?

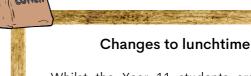
I'm in my 7th year of teaching and 5th year as Head of Geography. The last 6 years have been in East London where I grew up.

What do you love about teaching?

I love teaching for many reasons but especially because every day is different. I enjoy that "Eureka" moment when a student finally understands a topic and I love results day where we can celebrate student success!

I am excited to shape and teach the Geography curriculum and to inspire young geographers to continue Geography into GCSE and A Level.





Whilst the Year 11 students are sitting their Mock Exams (w/c 14 Nov and 21 Nov) we will be temporarily swapping Year 11 lunchtime with Year 7 lunchtime.

This means that for 2 weeks only, Year 11 will enter the canteen at 12.30 pm and Year 7 at 12.50 pm.

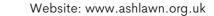


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Emma



Joe





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Rhiannon



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Menu WEEK COMMENCING 14 11 22

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| Macaroni cheese with bacon and garlic bread | Chicken fillets, wedges and salad | Chilli and Nachos | Sweet and sour chicken bites, rice and sauce | Sausage and chips |
| Macaroni cheese and garlic bread | Quorn fillets, wedges and salad | Vegetarian chilli and nachos | Quorn sweet and sour with rice | Cheese and onion pasty and chips |
| Jacket potato and beans | Pasta king - meat | Jacket potato and tuna | Pasta king - meat | Jacket potato and cheese |
| Chicken Pasta Salad | Pasta king - veg | Rollover hotdog | Pasta king - veg | Cold chicken, bacon and mayo pasta |
| Chicken and stuffing sandwich | Chicken curry wrap | Ham salad sandwich | Chicken burger | Hot and spicy chicken with mango sandwich |
| Cheese salad sandwich | Chicken, bacon and mayo sandwich | Egg and cress sandwich | Coronation chicken sandwich | Ploughmans sandwich |
| | Cheese and pickle sandwich | | Tuna and cucumber 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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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

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
- Facebook Warwickshire Family Information Service
- 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

to deliver

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 foodbank

