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ASHLAWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue Date:
Friday 10 December 2021

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Message from the Principal

Gifts are starting to come in for the Secret Santa that we run for vulnerable students, and it has been heart-warming to see the care that has been taken in the wrapping – no doubt this has been reflected in the gifts that have been purchased too. Thank you to the members of our community that have joined us in our efforts this year. We cannot wait to see the smiles of students when we deliver the gifts just before Christmas.

Unfortunately, a new tradition that has occurred at Christmas is rising cases of a Covid variant. The government, like last year, has put in place additional mitigations to keep our communities safe. The government is clear on the critical importance of not disrupting the education of young people and they will prioritise keeping all education and childcare settings open. Schools have been told that we should continue as normal and make every effort to ensure the regular attendance of students. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are too unwell.

Face coverings now need to be worn in many areas of the public and we will continue to follow the guidance from the DFE that face coverings should be worn by students, staff and visitors in indoor areas of the school outside of the classroom. As before, students and staff may wear face coverings in the classroom as well if they choose to do so. We also ask that visitors to our school take a LFD test prior to any appointment and show the result at reception when signing in. We strongly encourage all staff and students to take regular lateral flow tests.

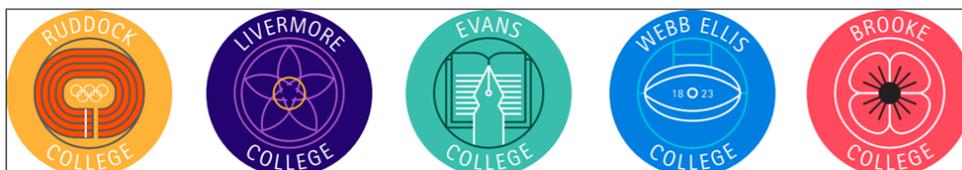
Schools have also been asked to revisit their Outbreak Management Plans as part of our preparation for any possible changes to public health advice so that we are prepared for any future changes. Our Outbreak Management Plan can be found [HERE](#). While we hope that this will not be necessary, we are ready for all eventualities, and will return to a full live online offer if required to do so, while continuing to support vulnerable children and the children of Key Workers at school.

We are also required to provide an onsite test for all students before they return to school on 5 January. We have previously sent a form to parents (via Edulink) so that you can indicate if your child will be attending the on-site test centre on 4 January. We ask that **all** parents complete the form and choose one of the three options.

Siobhan Evans

Ashlawn school is proud to announce that on Friday 17 December we will be launching our new College System. All students and staff have been invited to join one of the colleges. These are:

- **Brooke College (Rupert Brooke) - Head of College: Katie Bond**
- **Evans College (Mary Evans) - Head of College: Lee Rice**
- **Livermore College (Judy Livermore) - Head of College: Shikisha Mabbott**
- **Ruddock College (Sam Ruddock) - Head of College: Aimee Williams**
- **Webb Ellis College (William Webb Ellis) - Head of College: Steve Massey**



For Friday, we encourage students to wear an item of clothing in their college colours which can be seen above and in the logos below.

During the morning students will partake in a range of fun activities including Christmas quizzes, team building activities and celebrating and sharing successes.

Our first inter-college competition is in support of Rugby Food Bank. Students should bring an item for the food bank and will receive points towards their college for each item.



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Bus Time Change

A-Line, Warwickshire Travel and Catteralls Coaches have agreed to pick students up at the earlier time of 12:50 pm approx. next Friday (17 December) due to the school closing at 12pm.



Christmas Jumper/ Top day and Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 16 December we are inviting all students to wear a Christmas Jumper/T-Shirt on top to celebrate the Christmas dinner at lunch time.

Students can wear any of the following:

- * A Christmas Jumper
- * A Christmas T shirt
- * A Green Top
- * A Red Top
- * A Gold/ Silver Top

This is **NOT** a non uniform day. Students must wear their School uniform on the bottom half. If students do not want to wear a Christmas top then this is fine but they must come in full uniform.



Non Uniform Day in aid of Rugby Food Bank

On Friday 17 December we invite all students to come in non school uniform in exchange for an item for Rugby Food Bank. Students will take their item to form as this will also contribute towards the first 'College Competition' where items will be counted and points awarded for the college who has donated the most.

Items needed include:

- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Tinned goods like beans or soup
- Lentils or dried pulses
- Nappies or baby wipes
- Rice or pasta
- Toothbrushes and tooth paste
- Washing up liquid, detergent
- Deodorant



Food Banks in the UK are preparing for what they say could be their busiest Christmas yet!

Figures from the charity the Trussell Trust suggest that December is their busiest time. Last December, more than 186,000 people were given three-day emergency food parcels (almost 80,000 of these went to children). That's 44% higher than the monthly average. Rugby Food Bank is calling on more people to donate to food banks before Christmas this year.

If your family would like to request a food parcel then please contact **Mrs Pountney** via email pountneyl@ashlawn.org.uk

Menu for week commencing 13 December 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HMD: Meatballs and Spaghetti with Garlic Bread	HMD: Hunters Chicken with Rice	HMD: Chicken Curry and Rice with mini Naan	Christmas Dinner	
HMD: Vegetarian Meatballs Spaghetti and Garlic Bread	HMD: BBQ Quorn with Rice	HMD: Quorn Curry and Rice	Vegetarian Christmas Dinner	
Jacket Potato and Tuna	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Sandwich	
Hot Chicken Fillets	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Hot Cheese and Tomato Bagel		
CMD: Chicken and Stuffing Sandwich	Hot Sausage Roll	CMD: Chicken and Bacon with Mayo		
CMD: Ploughman's	CMD: Ham Salad	CMD: Egg and Cress Sandwich		
	CMD: Tuna and Cucumber Sandwich			



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Music Tuition

🎵 Music can stimulate and challenge all children and give them a real sense of achievement, it can help create a powerful community bond across the whole school 🎵

Please enquire about the peripatetic music tuition lessons available at school in conjunction with Warwickshire Music:

websterc@ashlawn.org.uk



Badminton Club

Badminton club is back up and running from 13 December.

Wednesday lunchtime: Year 7

Thursday lunchtime: Years 9 + 11

Remember to bring a packed lunch.

I look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Mrs Brown



Outdoor PE Lessons - Ensuring you stay warm this winter!

Whilst we are very lucky to experience such beautiful views on our school fields at this time of year (photograph courtesy of Mrs McHale), we are aware the change in weather and climate has dropped significantly and is set to continue as we move into January.

Despite this change in weather our PE curriculum will continue outdoors, as per students set lessons, unless the weather becomes significantly cold or where the learning of students is affected. Therefore please can I ask that all students are appropriately dressed and equipped for all of their PE lessons. A quick reminder of the PE kit that is allowed and some additional items that may be useful to keep warm when taking part in PE outdoors.



- Ashlawn School PE top - polo shirt or new round neck t-shirt
- Ashlawn School PE sweatshirt, hoody or quarter zip top
- Ashlawn School base layer or alternative dark coloured base layer or long/short sleeve t-shirt, to be worn underneath their polo shirt or T-shirt
- Ashlawn School shorts or tracksuit bottoms, leggings or alternative black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or sports leggings (no short cycling shorts). Leggings can also be worn underneath tracksuit bottoms or shorts for additional warmth.
- Thick Ashlawn socks, thick blue socks (football or rugby socks) additional socks for added warmth.
- Football or Rugby boots if working on the field to ensure feet remain dry and students have clean, dry footwear to change into following their lesson.
- A lightweight dark coloured (preferably no hood) jacket/waterproof (one which allows full movement).
- Hats can be worn outdoors (a dark coloured beanie hat is most appropriate).
- Gloves can be worn outdoors for Football lessons and the warm-up of all outdoor lessons - they will be required to be removed if students are taking part in sports where they will be handling the ball.

If you have any queries about the PE kit, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at stanleywilliamsc@ashlawn.org.uk.

Mrs Stanley-Williams - Head of Faculty for PE and Health



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Badminton

Year 7

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: Well done to the boy's badminton squad who played 4 matches in the finals v Avon Valley school. The result was 2 v 2 but Ashlawn won due to winning our matches by a greater margin. Congratulations **Noah, Luke, Sam, Lewis and Harry!**



Year 8

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: Congratulations to the boy's badminton squad who won 3 out of the 4 matches in the finals v Harris school. A great achievement! Well done **Saksham, Shaan, Satvik and Chanukya.**



Year 10

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: Not to be out done, the boy's badminton squad also won beating Harris school in the finals. Well done **Aiden, Kyle and Dan!**



Year 7 Football National Cup

The year 7 football team travelled to Northampton this week for the fourth round of the ESFA Cup. They had previously beaten a very good Bishop Ullathorne side in the third round after a superb performance away from home. With the quality of the teams improving with every round, the boys and I were expecting a tough game. After an epic walk from the minibus to the Northampton Academy playing fields led by their 'Director of Elite Sport', a title that did not fill me with confidence, we got down to business. We decided to play safe and start with a more defensive formation until we learned a little more about the opposition but it quickly became apparent that despite not being put under much pressure at the back we were being overrun a little in midfield so moved to a 3 4 1 formation. From that point on Ashlawn dominated the game and finished the game 4-1 winners. I have been extremely proud of the way the team has played this year, not only for scoring double figures in some games but for the way that they have approached their games. My own personal highlight for the year has nothing to do with scoring or winning but instead was when at 9:0 up against a weak opposition our defender made what looked like an uncharacteristic error allowing the opposition a one on one with the goalkeeper and to score. A strange highlight you might say but I know with certainty our player could have cleared the ball but instead he knew the difference that 'consolation' goal would make to the other team and their enthusiasm to keep playing. It was a very proud moment and one I will remember long after the 10-1 win.

Mr Unwin

Boy's Year 9 Basketball

A fantastic effort shown this week by our year 9 team playing against a very strong LSS team. The boys battled and gave their all clawing back an early deficit only to come up short in the final quarter. LSS 28 - 19 Ashlawn. A special mention to Lukas from Year 8 who ran non stop and was nominated as our MVP.

Mr Barton





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Food & Nutrition News

It has been a busy week in Food & Nutrition

Year 7 - Mrs Taylor's group had a Food Science lesson and made butter. It was great fun shaking the cream whilst dancing to 'Shake it Off' by Taylor Swift. Mrs Taylor had made some bread rolls and students were able to taste test their butter.



Year 8 - students were able to use their creative skills in a food styling challenge. It got very competitive between the teams. We were very impressed with what they presented. Masterchef hopefuls maybe?



Year 9 - groups in Year 9 have rotated from Design Technology to Food & Nutrition, and vice versa.

The first practical task is to make a 'Light Lunch' dish which is healthy and meets the requirements of the Eatwell Guide. Lovely to see lots of colourful ingredients being used to provide plenty of vitamins and minerals.



Year 10 - Has been all about our Christmas Cakes for the past 2 weeks! Not sure who is more excited...the students or Mrs Taylor! Tins were lined, cakes were mixed, baked and had the marzipan layer added. Everyone is looking forward to next week when we get to add the icing and decorations. A huge thank you to one of our wonderful technicians, Mrs Walters, who baked all 23 cakes in one go!



School Production

Lyrics – Tim Rice Music – Andrew Lloyd Webber

Ashlawn School East Hall

February 9, 10 & 11 2022

7pm

Tickets available on ParentPay

Expressive Arts Box Office

£6 Concessions, £8 adults



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By Liv Year 10



By Amelia Year 10



By Lana Year 13



By Nathan Year 10



By Surita Year 13



By Hugo Year 10

By Amelie Year 13



By Elisa Year 13



By Josef Year 10

Art of the
week





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Careers News

Meet the Employer: Adam Land from Techno Group - Precision Engineering Solutions since 1978

Manufacturing solutions

With decades of experience in precision CNC engineering and assembly, achieving and maintaining AS9100 Rev D quality standards, Techno Group drives supply chain efficiency, component consistency and reliability through one-hit manufacturing from our fleet of multi-axis machines.

We have a worldwide reputation of excellence that we constantly strive to maintain and improve on. With over 65 people based across our strategically-located manufacturing sites in St Leonards (Technoturn) and Rugby (Technoset), Techno Group is ready to help you with your precision manufacturing needs.

Precision CNC turned components

Through our CNC machining services, Techno Group is passionate about using our equipment, skills and knowledge to maximise product quality and flexibility.

Operating two of the most advanced CNC turning facilities in the UK, our wide range of multi-axis, fixed and sliding head turning centres are equipped to deliver "one-hit" machining for the industry sectors we supply. Our lathes are suitable for a wide range of materials and allow us to produce components from 0.50mm to 200.00mm in diameter, and shaft products up to 2 metres in length.

Precision CNC milled components

Through our CNC machining services, Techno Group is passionate about using our milling equipment, skills and knowledge to maximise product quality and flexibility.

A wide range of modern single pallet and multi-pallet vertical machining centres provide efficient CNC milling capability. Equipped with rotary 4 & 5 axis indexers, spindle coolant and quick change fixturing allow both facilities to manufacture CNC milled components up to a machining envelope of 800mm x 400mm.

Assembled components

To offer a total manufacturing solution and to add value, we supply parts assembled or in kit form to the specification of our customers.

These CNC assemblies and kits are supplied into the aerospace and medical sectors, and are dispatched directly in the UK or exported globally. Our assembly department continues to grow and develop to offer our customers mechanical assembly, bonding and some electrical fitting services together with the supply of component kits in bespoke protective packaging.

It's a working lunch so any students who are interested in coming along to meet Adam, he will be delivering a short informal conversation about his careers including roles and responsibilities. Students will be able to ask questions relating to a career in this industry.

It's happening over lunch breaks:

- **Year 7, 9, 11 and 13 from 12.25 pm till 1 pm**
- **Years 8, 10, 12 from 1.25 pm till 2 pm**

Any Students who are interested please can let your form tutor know you are interested, or you can pop along to careers hub if they require more information from **Miss Martin** or **Mrs Cooke**.

Work Experience Year 12 & Year 10

Year 12 Work Experience Forms should have all been handed in by now, if you haven't return your forms, please can you do this soon as possible. If you are still struggling to find a placement please can you email **Miss Martin**. Year 10 Work Experience forms should have been handed in by Friday 3 December 2021

Any completed forms should be handed in at main reception or Student Services, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact the school or Miss Amanda Martin at the following email address: martina@ashlawn.org.uk



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Dates for Your Diary

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

13 December - Celebration and recognition week

16 December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

17 December - Non-Uniform Day + School closes to students at 12 pm

4 January - Lateral Flow testing

5 January - School re-opens to students



[Term Dates](#)

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/>

Nasal Flu Immunisation Years 7-11

The date for the Nasal Flu Immunisation has now changed to Tuesday 18 January 2022

Important Visitor Information

All visitors **must** report to Main Reception via the pedestrian gate so that they can sign in.

Please **DO NOT** enter the school via other open gates as this will activate an intruder alert.

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



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.





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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

