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# ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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## Message from the Principal

We have been very proud of our students who have been taking Mock and Public exams this week. Their sensible and conscientious approach has been evident for all to see. While school is not (and should not be) just about exam results, we know that they can be useful in opening doors to future endeavours and we have been pleased at the resilience that our students have been showing. These, and the mock assessments that took place last term, help to inform our planning to support students to maximise their potential and allow us to plan intervention. While it is a few months away, we will be holding Easter Revision School after the Easter bank holiday weekend and we hope that those who are invited will take advantage of the opportunity to refine their exam technique. More information will follow as details are confirmed.

We are also looking forward to our annual school production next month (Covid guidance permitting.) Having had the chance to see some of the rehearsals, it is a show not to be missed. This year our talented students will be performing *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. Please make sure that you book your tickets before they sell out (see information later in this newsletter.)

We have been so pleased with the way our students have been working towards achievement points for their College – the number of achievement points is staggering. We are also starting a subject leader board for points – watch this space!



Siobhan Evans

## College Achievement Points

*Congratulations to the top scoring pupils from each college this week!*



3196



3099



3097



2921



2878

	Webb Ellis	Evans	Brooke	Ruddock	Livermore
Year 7	Allegra P	Daniasias J	Isabella H	Ava M	Charlotte P
Year 8	Oyinkansola K	Pritisha P	Alice R Joshua S	Jesse R	Maximilian W
Year 9	Jasper D-M Oscar RL	Molly W	Emily W	Artjoms M	Inari
Year 10	William F	Daniel T Connor M	Robyn T	Denis I	Bonnie H
Year 11	Elliot H Roland T	Mohammed A	Hattie M	Jake L	Amber S Finlay U
Year 12	Lucy T	Teagan N	Georgia B Isabelle H	Dylan H	Ruby L
Year 13	Alex A	Chloe O	Charlie G	Jack W	Jeremy S



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### Coronavirus Vaccinations

We can now confirm that the date for our next vaccination clinic for Covid-19 Vaccinations is scheduled to be Monday 7th and Tuesday 8 March 2022. Further information and consent forms will be sent nearer the time.



### Uniform Sale

Our next used uniform sale is taking place on Saturday 29 January from 10 am until 11.30 am in the school canteen area. Please remember that our sales are only as good as the variety of donations we receive. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Sutton Trust Summer Schools

Applications for the Sutton Trust Summer Schools are now open to Year 12 students. This is a wonderful opportunity for sixth form students who are interested in studying at university but not sure what it will be like. They have a number of application criteria as one of their objectives is to increase social mobility, however it looks great on a university application or CV so is well worth a look. Check out the website here: <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>



### Knife Crime Awareness Day

Yesterday we held our first 'Knife Crime Awareness Day' in school and it was a real success.

Year 10 students were told in advance that the police would be carrying out spot checks on them as they entered school through the main gate. The intention of this was not to scare them but to educate them on the fact they could be stopped and searched at any point in the community.

We are pleased to say all students passed easily through the gates and our police were pleased with our students' engagement with the process.

Throughout the day, officers met with students to discuss different topics such as Drugs, Knife Crime, Anti Social Behaviour, County Lines and Social Media. Our students asked lots of difficult questions and were extremely mature in their approach. PC Naomi Elcock and PC Matt Birch ran all the interventions and were delighted with the engagement in all discussions.

The Year 12 Criminology group also had the opportunity to meet with the police and discussed some of the most difficult scenarios that police have to deal with.

At break and lunch time the police met with students on the playground and students then had the opportunity to sit in the police cars and in the police van. This caused much excitement and large crowds gathered to have a look.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Rugby Police for an amazing day. We have strong links with the police and moving forward hope to have an officer in school for 1 day a fortnight in the near future to continue with community engagement.

### Lorna Pountney





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## Drama Extra Curricular Workshop: 'They Fight' with Squire Stage Combat



The Drama Department was joined by professional actor and fight choreographer, Mark from *Squire Stage Combat* to train some of our GCSE and A Level Drama and Theatre in the art of stage combat.



Students were taught a range of basic techniques and how to portray stage violence effectively with correct actions and reactions. They gained an understanding of the basic

principles of stage combat including angles, staging and misdirection. Using these skills students were then encouraged to stage their own fights looking at how, where and, most importantly, why a fight happens and what effect it has on the performance as a whole.

### Quotes from the students:

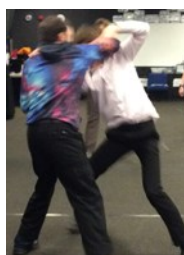
"Really, really fun!"

"Very, very fun and exciting!"

"Really helpful as I want to work in the industry so it's great to know what you need to do."

"Really high energy"

"Interesting! Particularly with learning about how fights work on stage and screen."



## FOOD MENU

WEEK COMMENCING 17/01/22

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
HMD Macaroni Cheese with Bacon & Garlic Bread	HMD Chicken Chow Mein	HMD Roast Chicken. Vegetables, Potatoes & Stuffing	HMD Sweet & Sour Chicken Bites & Rice	CMD Fish, Chips & Mushy Peas
HMD Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	HMD Quorn Chow Mein	HMD Quorn Roast, Vegetables, Potatoes and Stuffing	HMD Quorn Sweet & Sour with Rice	HMD Moving Mountain (Vegetarian) Burger & Chips
Jacket Potato - Tuna	Hot - Pasta King (Meat)	Jacket Potato - Cheese	Hot - Pasta King (Meat)	Jacket Potato - Beans
Hot - Chicken Fillets	Hot - Pasta King (Veg)	Hot Cheese & Tomato Bagel	Hot - Pasta King (Veg)	Hot - Sausage Roll
CMD Ham Salad	Hot Chicken Curry Wrap	CMD Hot & Spicy Chicken with Mango	Hot Cheese & Pepperoni Toastie	CMD Cheese & Ham
CMD Cheese & Pickle	CMD Coronation Chicken	CMD Ploughmans	CMD BLT	CMD Cheese & Tomato
	CMD Egg & Cress			

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.

### School Production



Ashlawn School East Hall

February 9, 10 & 11 2022 @ 7 pm

Tickets available on ParentPay

Expressive Arts Box Office

£6 Concessions, £8 adults



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**SILLY CHALLENGE  
OF THE WEEK**

**TAKE THE BEST  
PET SELFIE**

UPLOAD ENTRIES TO THE ASSIGNMENT ON  
YOUR COLLEGE GOOGLE CLASSROOM



**2 ACHIEVEMENT POINTS PER  
ENTRY. WINNERS WILL  
RECEIVE 5 ACHIEVEMENT  
POINTS**

## Competition

Here is one of the many college competitions for this spring term. You will find all the details on your college google classrooms

### 'Art College Competition'

Your challenge is to recreate a large-scale version of a famous art work using whatever you can find around your house.

You can include yourself in the artwork and use a mixture of props to create it. We will be awarding college points for the most imaginative in each year group.

It does not have to be a famous art piece, it could also be a CD cover or film poster.

When submitting your work, please remember to share with us the original piece you have been inspired by. Include your name(s) and year group and send to [seadonn@ashlawn.org.uk](mailto:seadonn@ashlawn.org.uk). Here are some examples below:





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## Autistic Writers

Would you be interested in joining a free, friendly online creative-writing group, led by a professional lead writer with lived experience of autism?

*Beyond The Spectrum* is a project for autistic writers of all ages and abilities, run by Writing East Midlands.

We are currently looking to expand the project, and would like to find out if there are autistic writers in Northamptonshire who are interested in writing with us.

More than 95% of those who started the programme, almost a year ago, are still writing with us. The groups are extremely welcoming and are tailored to people with autistic spectrum conditions.

There will be groups available for adults and young writers.

Visit our website to watch a video about the project and register your interest for free: <https://writingeastmidlands.co.uk/projects/beyond-the-spectrum-new-groups-2022/>

BEYOND  
THE  
SPECTRUM  
NORTHANTS



## INTERESTED IN POLICING?

KEEN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY?  
LOOKING FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY?

### Warwickshire Police Cadet Recruitment Opens 1st Jan to 28th Feb 2022

You need to live or go to  
School in Warwickshire

You need to be aged 13 -16 years old  
on or before 1st September 2022

Download the application form at  
Warwickshire Police Website/Careers/Police Cadets

Visit Facebook/twitter or our website for more information  
about the cadets



@WarksCadets



Warwickshire Police Cadets



[www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/cadets)

Email: [cadets@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cadets@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

**The Kaleidoscope Group**

Struggling to manage your thoughts or emotions?

We are here to support you.

**Text TeamKPG to 85258**

**Free, confidential support that doesn't show on your phone bill.**

**The Kaleidoscope Group**

**Warwickshire County Council**

**Peer support groups for Warwickshire Parents/Carers of young people who self-harm**

You are not alone in how you feel. Please get in touch for support.

**This free service aims to:**

- Bring people together who are looking after a young person who self-harms, and support each other in an informal setting.
- Provide a safe space where individuals feel understood and supported.
- Support parents understanding, and support their child.
- Offer support, self-care, and signposting information.

**For further details please contact us:**

**Please note this group is unsuitable to bring children to.**

Email: [SPPARK@Kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk](mailto:SPPARK@Kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk)  
Call: 07970040016



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## Sharing nude images

Lots of our students own a mobile phone and many have had their first phone as a gift during the Christmas period. During form times and Life Skills lessons we deliver a variety of topics relating to 'Online Safety' including how to use a phone appropriately. However sometimes students make mistakes and put themselves in difficult situations when using their phone. Sharing 'Nudes' is one of those areas of risk.

Young people share nudes (naked images/videos of themselves) for a variety of reasons. However, children might also be put under pressure to share pictures of themselves or to spread nudes sent to them by others. An Ofsted review into sexual harassment in schools found that girls can be contacted by up to 10 or 11 different boys a night asking for nude or semi-nude images.

Children are put at risk when nude images or videos of them are shared online – in Whatsapp groups, for example. This can happen without the young person's consent.

Students tell us the reason why young people create and share nudes are varied and complex. Some reasons given by 16–21 year olds as to why a child might create and share nudes include:

- Social pressure: belief that 'everyone else is doing it'
- Validation: to gain acceptance, feel empowered and confident
- Coercion, manipulation, harassment (60% of girls who have shared nudes felt pressured into doing so).
- Flirting: to get someone's attention (particularly true for boys - 75% of boys who have shared a nude of themselves say they did so to attempt to 'turn someone on').
- As part of a relationship milestone

Young people say it is important that parents understand that the reasons for sharing nudes are complex. Their advice, if you find out your child has sent or received nudes, is to not jump to conclusions. Calmly ask your child open questions and try to understand the context in which the picture/video was taken and shared. This will help you to work out how to respond.

## Top tips from 16–21 year-olds

### Be proactive

- 1 Start speaking to your child about the risks of sharing pictures when you first give them a phone. You can do this in an age-appropriate way using the [Thinkuknow](#) videos.
- 2 Explain to your child early on that they may be sent naked pictures by someone else. The number one rule is that they don't send it on to anyone else. If it upsets them they should speak to you so you can look after them and help them to report it.
- 3 Don't assume your child is not involved. Sharing nudes is a very common part of growing up for some young people - although it shouldn't be. Be prepared to support them if something goes wrong.

### If your child tells you that they have shared someone else's nude:

- 1 Be very clear that pressuring someone for anything is wrong, especially something as personal as a naked picture. Have a conversation about how and why it happened.
- 2 Our young people think vulnerability is important in this situation. Remind your child we all make mistakes, and the important thing is to be honest and responsible after it has happened.

### If your child tells you that a nude image of them has been shared:

- 1 Teens want parents to offer practical advice (e.g. helping them contact tech platforms to stop images circulating.) Contact [Childline](#)/[IWF Report Remove](#) and make a report to [NCA/CEOP](#) if you think the image has been shared with an adult. More advice on how to respond can be found on [Internet Matters](#)
- 2 Seek advice from the safeguarding lead at your child's school. More information on how the school is likely to manage the situation can be found [here](#)
- 3 Teens want parents to be emotionally supportive. The young person is in a vulnerable state, and they are likely to be feeling fear and embarrassment among other emotions. They need to hear that you love them and that you will work things out with them.

"Now, it's considered normal to send nudes if you have a relationship."



"It's just how society works - pressure applies more to girls than boys."

"They do it for validation - some people may have a lack of confidence or self-esteem issues and they're doing it because people say 'that's a good picture'."



"A lot of parents might just blame the child instantly instead of trying to support them."



"Most young people seek validation from others... especially young girls seeking validation from boys cos they might not get it elsewhere."



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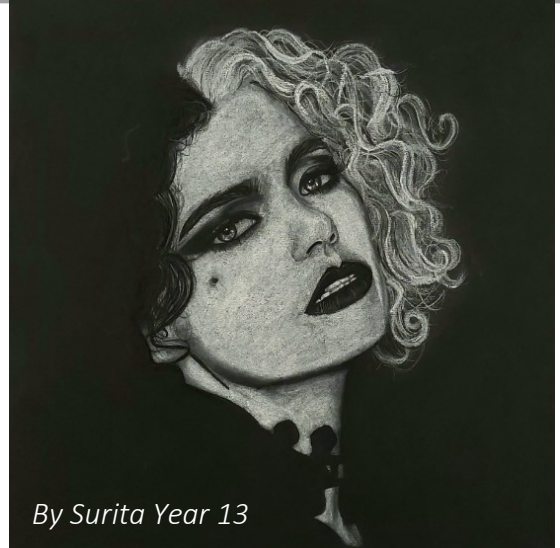
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By Isabelle Year 10



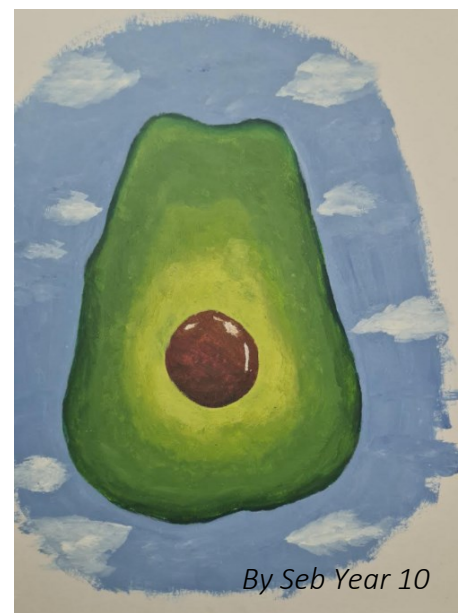
By Surita Year 13



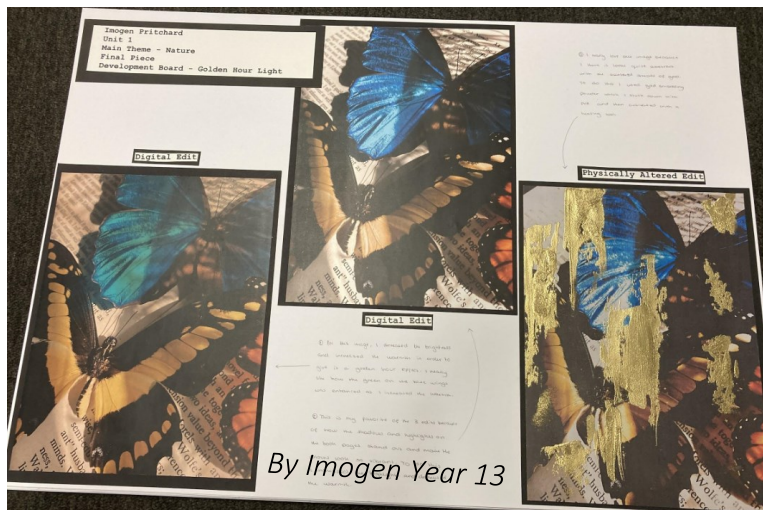
By Jacob Year 10



By Dharma Year 10



By Seb Year 10



By Imogen Year 13

Art of  
the week



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## Dates for Your Diary

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

Flu immunisation **18 January**

Used Uniform Sale **29 January**

Half Term **Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February**



[Term Dates](#)

## WARWICKSHIRE AND FAMILIES FRONT DOOR

If you have concerns that a child is suffering any form of abuse, neglect or cruelty contact the **Warwickshire Children and Families Front Door (Front Door)** immediately by calling **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the **Emergency Duty Team** immediately by calling **01926 886922**.

## POLICE

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the **police immediately by calling 999**.

**Call 101** for non-emergencies.

## CHILDLINE

Childline is a free, private and confidential service where you can talk about anything. Trained counsellors are there to support anyone under 19 with any issue. **Call 0800 1111**



## SAMARITANS

If you're having a difficult time and want to talk to someone confidentially, call the Samaritans on **116 123** (24 hours a day) or If you would prefer to text, you can **text Shout** to **85258** if you're experiencing a personal crisis, are unable to cope and need support.



## RUGBY FOOD BANK

This service provides emergency food for families and individuals in crisis. There are various pickups but the closest for Rugby is next to the Benn Hall.

Please email [www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.rugby.foodbank.org.uk) or phone 07557680019



## FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

If you are in financial crisis please call the free national helpline - Help through Hardship, on **0808 2082138** (open Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, closed on public holidays) to talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser. This phone call is free. They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.





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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

