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# ASHLAWN SCHOOL

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## **Message from the Principal**

As we reach the end of 2021, it is hard to think that this time last year we had just heard that schools would need to implement test centres on site and we hadn't even met our incredible test-centre volunteers at that point. It was all new to us, but now we are used to announcements released with little notice. Our test centre is ready to operate again in January for students who have indicated that they will attend for an on-site test, and we are looking forward to a great start to term. While we do not know if we will have any announcements over the festive period, I can assure you that we are prepared for several eventualities and will communicate these if it becomes necessary to do so.

This week, we have decided to celebrate the end of a long and challenging term and avoid speculation about what may lie ahead. Our students have been so resilient this term and it has been a pleasure to congratulate so many of them on their efforts this term. We have also enjoyed Christmas lunch. With music playing, staff and students dressed in festive gear and happy chatter amongst everyone, it was a lovely event.

We have also had a fantastic final day with the new school College launch. All staff and students have been assigned a college (except me) and it has been great to see the sense of college pride developing with students and staff alike wearing their college colours. I have celebrated all colleges today so have looked like I got dressed in the dark. Yellow, red, purple, green and blue make an interesting combination!

Next term we will start a new college reward system. Achievement points etc. will still be kept on record, but you will note that Edulink will show that we are starting afresh – an excellent opportunity for New Year resolutions and determination to contribute to the wider college community by aiming for as many achievement points as possible.

We wish you and your family a peaceful end to 2021 and look forward to welcoming our students to the start of term on Wednesday 5 January 2022.

**Siobhan Evans**

## **Contacting school during the annual leave period**

Please note that school staff are on their annual leave from 17 December until 4 January. For staff wellbeing reasons, email accounts will not be monitored and we ask that if you have any need to communicate that you wait to send your email (or schedule your email to arrive) on 4 January 2022. To support staff well-being it will unfortunately not be possible to attend to emails that arrive during the annual leave period.

We have included information on numbers to call if you need support while the school is closed at the end of the newsletter.

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

It was so lovely to see so many of our students and staff in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday. The atmosphere in the canteen at lunchtime was fantastic with lots of our students eating their Christmas lunch whilst singing along.

A great day was enjoyed by all.





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## **Christmas Concert**

This Year Ashlawn's Christmas Concert has gone virtual and the music department has prepared a few Christmas themed numbers for your enjoyment! The virtual concert was organised by some of our year 11 students and can be found on the school website. Start your Christmas off with solo performances from singers and instrumentalists, and some ensemble performances from of our in-house groups such as Ashlawn Singers performing 'Ring out those bells' which was composed by our very own Mrs Solway.

Have a great Christmas everyone and remember: "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is sing loud for all to hear"  
- Will Ferrell as Elf.



## **Keeping your children safe online over the festive period**

We know that young people spend more time online when they are not at school. Please follow the link to access important information about speaking to your child about online sexual harassment. It is particularly useful because it was written in collaboration with teenagers.



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## **Tycoon Business Enterprise Competition**

We are launching a 'Tycoon Business Enterprise competition' that will take place every Tuesday after school in PS5 (Business classroom). This will be an exciting opportunity for students in Year 9. Moreover, this will involve a business plan where money is lent to a successful business idea for starting up a business and trading for a few weeks. This will involve competing with other student companies through a kickstarter' style platform, in a safe and controlled environment. This competition is funded by the Peter Jones foundation from Dragons Den.



**PETER JONES  
FOUNDATION**



## **Sporting achievements**

On Monday 13 the Year 7 football team travelled up the M1 to play their 5th round tie against Deferrers School in Burton on Trent. After a fantastic win in the last round at Northampton Academy the boys were again expecting a tough game and so it turned out. After going 1-0 up Ashlawn found themselves under pressure and found themselves in the second half 2-1. All season the boys have shown character as winners but this was the first time they have had to show character whilst trailing in a game and that character and resilience soon paid off with an equaliser and then the winning goal coming with only a minute left before the whistle. As I said in the last match report, the boys have been a pleasure to take on all their fixtures and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching them develop into a really very good team. I am sorry I won't be able to see them continue their winning run. The next round will be early in the New Year and will probably be against a team from Telford Shropshire but thankfully Ashlawn will be at home this time.

**Mr Unwin**







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## *Year 10 Food and Nutrition—Christmas Cakes!*



**Louise W**



**Lily H**



**Evie S**



**Lewis I**



### **Candy Canes**

This year students were able to purchase Candy Canes for their friends to be delivered on the last day of term. We sold an overwhelming **4,026** in total! Christmas is all about giving and knowing that so many of our students wanted to do something nice for someone else has really spread the festive joy throughout school.



### **Secret Santa**

We have once again been overwhelmed by the generosity of our Ashlawn staff and parents 'Selfless Santa collection'.

Instead of buying each other gifts we bought for some students who have had a particularly tough 2021.

We hope the recipients get as much pleasure from receiving the gifts as we did selecting them.





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## Hezron Brown

On Wednesday 5 January we are excited to announce that ex gang member Hezron will be delivering assemblies to Years 7-11.

Hezron Brown has overcome an early life of gang-related crime, to now becoming a Pride of Britain winner - and it all changed when a court judge made a decision that altered Hezron's path.

Hezron fell into a bath of boiling hot water when he was just five years old, and was left with severe burns on parts of his body. He was bullied at school and says he grew up feeling angry, turning to violence as a coping mechanism. He fell into gang-related crime, and ended up in court.

He was facing a jail sentence, when a judge asked him how he had ended up there - and she made the decision not to jail him. It proved to be a life-changing point in Hezron's life.

He went back to education, got a job in local theatre through The Prince's Trust, impressing many with his work ethic. He then became an ambassador for the charity, and now works to help steer thousands of young people away from gangs and violence, through regular academic talk visits.

We cannot wait for our students to hear his story.



## Rugby Food Bank

A massive thank you to all our students and families for their kind donation of food and toiletries. We collected a whopping **2,596** items for Rugby Food Bank in school today!

It was, of course, our first 'College' competition and the results of what each College collected can be seen below!

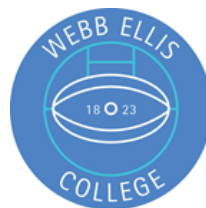
The winning form who managed to bring in the most items was 7B with 134 donations!



5th Place



4th Place



3rd Place



2nd Place

and the  
winner is...



1st Place!





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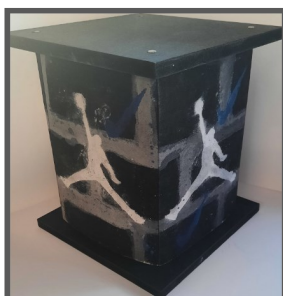
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## Year 10 DT Project

Year 10 Design and Technology students have got off to a flying start this year after spending the first term learning about the different material areas they have completed their first practical piece. Students gained an understanding of the importance of collaborative design. We focussed on graffiti artists and researched links with sportswear brands. Students were able to develop a range of skills when making this lamp including printing, machine and hand sewing, drilling and cutting. They are extremely proud of their outcomes, as are we! Next term a metalwork vase inspired by female designers from the last century.



Maia



Jaycob



Dylan



Lewis



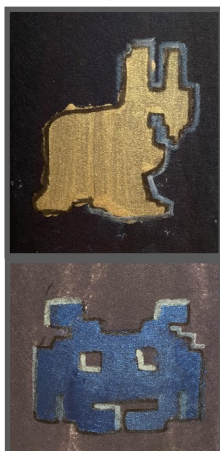
Corey



Ellis



Blythe



Nathan



Joseph



Josephine



## School Production

Lyrics – Tim Rice Music – Andrew Lloyd Webber

Ashlawn School East Hall

February 9, 10 & 11 2022

7:00 p.m.

Tickets available on ParentPay

Expressive Arts Box Office

£6 Concessions, £8 adults





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By Jacob Year 8



By Lauren Year 13



By Nathalie Year 10



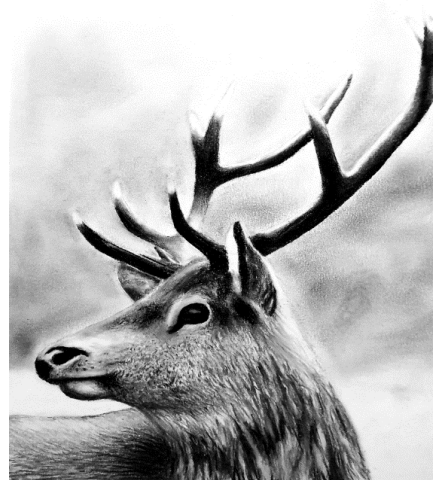
By Iris Year 8



By Adam Year 10

## Art of the week

By Jonathan Year 10



By Evie Year 9





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## COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 12-15

**NHS**  
Coventry and  
Warwickshire Partnership  
NHS Trust

### COVID-19 vaccination clinics are now available for children aged 12-15 who have not had their first dose.

Please note, if your young person has had a positive COVID-19 test, they need to wait 12 weeks before attending a vaccination clinic. The 12 weeks start from the date they had their PCR test. Please pre-book their vaccination via the links below at your preferred location. They will be given one dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccination resources for children and young people are available on the government website in a variety of languages, Braille and Easy Read. These [resources](#) are to help children, young people and their parents or guardians make an informed decision about whether to take up the offer of the COVID-19 vaccination.

Vaccinating children can help stop the spread of COVID-19 to other people, including within schools. COVID-19 is usually mild in most children, but it can make some children unwell. One dose of a COVID-19 vaccine gives good protection against your child getting seriously ill.



#### COVID-19 Vaccination clinics

##### Northgate House - Warwick

**When:** Every Saturday and Sunday

**Location:** Cape Rd, Northgate South Side, Warwick CV34 4JH

**Times:** First Appointment: 10:00, Last Appointment: 15:55

**How to Book:** <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk> - Northgate House

##### Coventry Central Library

**When:** Every Wednesday & Saturday

**Location:** Smithford Way, Coventry, CV1 1FY

**Times:** Wednesday: 15:30 to 17:55, Saturday: 10:00 to 15:55

**How to Book:** <https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk> - Coventry Central Library

##### Bedworth Civic Hall

**When:** Daily

**Location:** Civic Hall High Street, Bedworth, CV12 8N

**Times:** Monday to Friday 16:00 to 19:30,

Saturday and Sunday 08:30 to 19:30

**How to Book:** [National Booking - Covid Vaccination Link](#)

##### Hospital of St Cross - Rugby

**When:** Sunday (commencing 12th December) Mon & Tues Evening

**Location:** Willow Unit, Barby Rd, Rugby, CV22 5PX

**Times:** Saturday and Sunday 10:00-15:55,

Monday and Tuesday 15:30-19:25

**How to Book:** [Rugby Hospital 12 to 15 Vaccine Clinic](#)

The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines are safe and effective. If you have any questions, please speak to a clinician at the vaccination centre.





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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/>

## Dates for Your Diary

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

**4 January** - Lateral Flow testing

**5 January** - School re-opens to students

[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**

