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ASHLAWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue Date:
Friday 17 September 2021

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Message from the Principal

I have been so impressed by the positive start made by our students in their first week of lessons. Over 16,698 positive behaviour points have been awarded and over 100 praise postcards have been given to students. We have noted improvements in all aspects of student behaviour which has led to lessons starting promptly and staff have commented on the excellent attitude to learning in lessons. This means that learning is more easily able to take place, which benefits everyone. We are very proud of our students and the way that they are embracing their education.

It has also been an absolute joy to see the start of routine extra-curricular activities. Seeing the courts full of netball players and the field busy with footballers this week felt so right. After more than a year of restricted activities we are so pleased to be able to provide these opportunities for everyone.

During my welcoming assembly to all students I urged them to make the most of the opportunities offered to everyone, both inside and outside the classroom. Please look out for a full list of enrichment opportunities coming soon.

Siobhan Evans

Student Leadership Team

Last Friday, the Student Leadership Team; Taran, Lily, Darius and Denis, conducted interviews for the positions of Senior Prefect. The students put into practice the interview training Year 13 had received earlier that day and there were some excellent performances by both interviewer and interviewee. The successful candidates were awarded their badges by Mrs Evans and me on Monday and will be leading five committees to improve different aspects of students' experiences of school. Please join us in congratulating our five successful Senior Prefects: Amy Neal (Wellbeing Committee), Isabella Goodridge (Academic Committee), Ethan Denis (Charity Committee), Oliver Grundy (Eco Committee) and Samuel Simmonds (Enrichment Committee). Prefects will now be assigned to the five committees by the Senior Prefects and will start work on their chosen initiatives. Watch this space!



Miss L Smith

Head of Year 13

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/>



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Sporting News

Lila who is in Year 8 won the Leicestershire U18 Girls County Championships on Sunday, winning the 36 hole Nett Trophy at Kibworth Golf Club playing off a handicap of 7.

Lila also won The Alice Watson Trophy at the Leicestershire County U18 Girls Matchplay event the previous week at Kilworth Springs Golf Club. She won her semi-final in the morning and progressed through to the final in the afternoon. The final went all the way, in a tense battle, to the 18th hole where Lila had a putt to win and sunk it in front of a crowd that had gathered to watch this exciting final. Well done Lila, we're proud of you.

Mr J Barton

PE Department



Menu for week commencing 20 September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MD: Cold BBQ Chicken Pasta	HMD: Hunters Chicken and Rice	HMD: Roast Pork, Veg, Potatoes and Stuffing	HMD: Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls and Rice	HMD: Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas
MD: Cold Tuna and Cucumber Pasta	HMD: BBQ Quorn and Rice	HMD: Quorn Roast, Veg, Potatoes and Stuffing	HMD: Quorn Sweet and Sour with Rice	HMD: Moving Mountain Veggie Burger and Chips
Jacket Potato and Tuna	Hot Pasta King: Meat	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket Potato and Beans
Hot Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Small, Flavoured Hot Chicken Baguette	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	Hot Chicken Fillets
Hot Cheese and Pepperoni Pizza	Hot Cheese and Bacon Toastie	CMD: BLT	Hot Rollover Hotdog	CMD: Hot and Spicy Chicken Mayo
CMD: Ham Salad	CMD: Chicken, Bacon and Mayo	CMD: Egg and Cress	CMD: Coronation Chicken	CMD: Ploughmans
CMD: Cheese Salad	CMD: Tuna and Cucumber		CMD: Cheese and Pickle	

Second Hand School Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding a school uniform sale on the following dates September 25, November 27, January 29 and March 26. These will take place at Ashlawn School in the Dining Room from 10am till 11:30am.

Ashlawn School PTA





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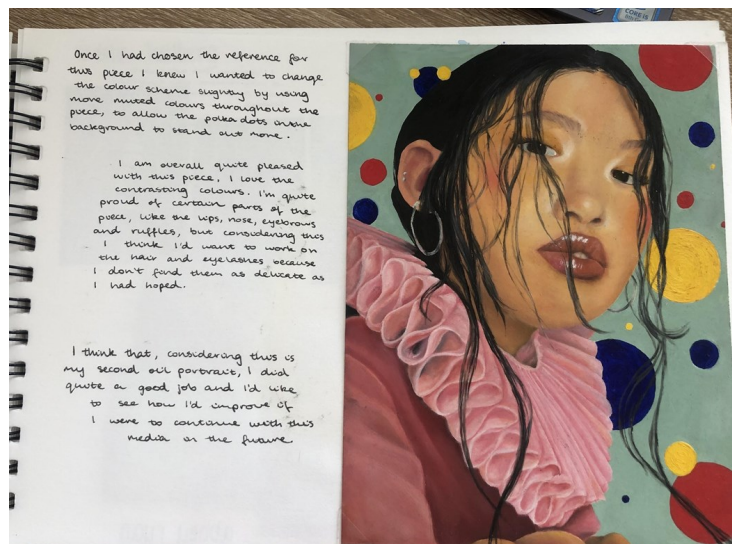
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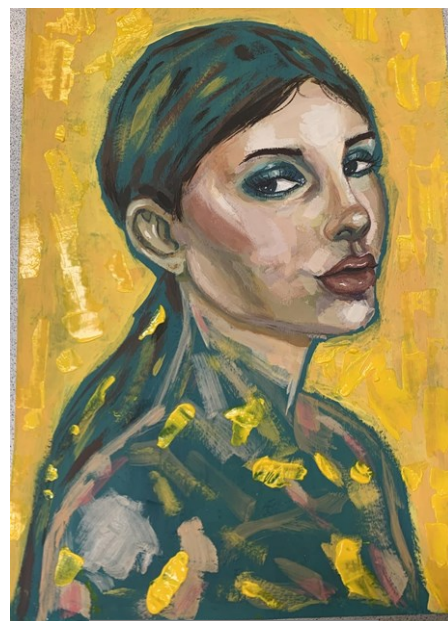
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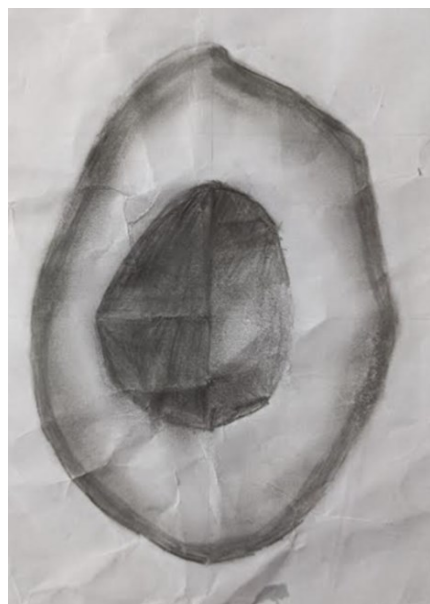
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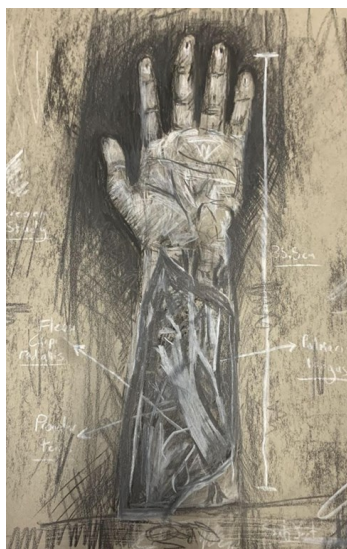
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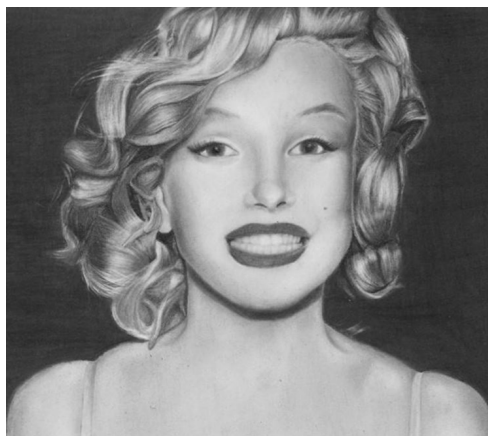
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By Aaron Year 7



By Charlie Year 13



By Blythe Year 10



By Lana Year 13



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Parent Webinar Series Autumn Term 2021

Elevate Education is providing parents with free exclusive access to their Parent Webinar Series for Autumn Term, 2021. The first webinar for term is happening on Tuesday 21 September at 6pm. To reserve your spot, you can [register for free](#) below,

[Parent Webinar Series click here](#)

The webinar is run live online from 6pm – 7pm where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills, and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

Topic: How to Get (and Keep!) Your Child Motivated: the goals, habits and strategies you can use to get your child motivated for the year ahead

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

charlotte@elevateeducation.com

01865 987 732

Parents - Netflix Age Ratings

You will be aware that Netflix is hugely popular across all ages but there have been concerns in relation to age ratings and the type of content that is recommended to viewers. Like many other services, Netflix uses algorithms to determine what you might like to watch based on viewing history, what you have liked etc.

Since last year, Netflix has been working with the BBFC and 100% of the content on Netflix is now age-rated to BBFC classification standards. It is the first UK streaming service to accomplish this.

This is good news for parents and we urge you to visit the guidance on how to set up a child account and choose maturity ratings. Please visit the link below for more information.

<https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>



Snapchat

Snapchat is an app for sending photos and videos (known as 'Snaps'), and text messages. The 'Stories' feature lets users share photos or videos with all their contacts at once. Snaps disappear after being opened, usually within seconds. Stories disappear after 24 hours. Images and messages aren't automatically saved on phones. The minimum age to use Snapchat is 13, but it's easy to sign up if you're younger.

Last year we received a number of referrals for students that were being bullied online. As you can imagine it is really difficult to investigate an allegation that has disappeared once it has been viewed. We ask all parents and carers to monitor their children's social media pages. If you are unsure how to do this I have included a 'parent guide' to support you.

Mrs L Pountney

Assistant Principal



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ASHLAWN SCHOOL'S OPEN EVENING

7th October 2021

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We can't wait to meet you!

Ashlawn School Open Evening—Thursday 7th October 2021 from 5.00pm

We can't wait to welcome Year 6 parents to our Open Evening. We will be sharing more information in the coming days and our online booking system will be up and running very soon!

Thursday 7 October early school closure

As has been practice for many years, school will close at 1.25 pm on Thursday 7 October to enable staff to set up their classrooms and activities for Open Evening which takes place from 5 pm that evening. All students will have lesson 4 at 12.25 – 1.25 and will leave site at the end of lesson 4. Please note that lunch will not be served on that day due to the timing change of lesson 4 for students in Years 7, 9, 11 and 13. Students who are eligible for Free School Meals will be able to collect a packed lunch at break or 1.25 pm in the Dining Room.

Timings of the school bus services will remain the same. Should a student not be able to travel home at this earlier time, please contact Student Services. We will be happy to supervise students in school until normal leaving time if necessary.

School Photos for Years 7, 10 and 12

On **Thursday 23 September** we have the school photographers in. The year groups involved will be years 7, 10 and 12.

A date for years 8, 9, 11 and 13 is still to be confirmed. Students should, as always, be in full school uniform.

Mr N Taylor

Key Stage 4 Leader

Car Parking

We understand that many of you wish to drop off your child close to the school and need to pick them up in the local vicinity.

Please could you work with us and be mindful that Windmill Drive and the surrounding area of Little Morton are private drives and should not be used for parking or waiting for students.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Music Extracurricular Clubs 2021/22

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Guitar Club	Music Theory Club		SAMBA BAND	
	PRACTICE ROOM BOOKING	PRACTICE ROOM BOOKING		PRACTICE ROOM BOOKING	PRACTICE ROOM BOOKING
		PA/DANCE DS1 Individual Rehearsal Book With Mrs Pickering	PA/DANCE DS1 Individual Rehearsal Book With Mrs Pickering	PA/DANCE DS1 Individual Rehearsal Book With Mrs Pickering	

Access to Toilets

As you will be aware, we are bringing in a number of changes to ensure that all of our lessons start with real focus and purpose. Our students, for example, are lining up when they arrive at their class. They are being greeted by their teacher at the door, and then go into their lessons in a calm and orderly fashion – which helps sets the tone for the rest of the lesson.

One of the issues that we faced, however, was the disruption caused by toilet breaks. We are all human and calls of nature are inevitable – but it was becoming clear that some students were frequently using a toilet trip to ensure that they missed the start of lessons and/or that they would use them to break up the lesson itself. This not only negatively impacts the learning of the student concerned, but also disrupts the lesson and learning of every child in their class.

As part of our new expectations, we have, therefore, now slightly amended our approach to toilet access so it is more in line with that of most other schools. Of course, toilets are freely accessible before school, at break, lunch and after school. We also monitor if children are having to *queue for the loo*, and more often than not they do not need to. We are, therefore, now actively encouraging all students to use these times for their toilet breaks, and will close the toilets during lesson times.

There will, however, inevitably be some occasions where a student can't wait for their free time. If that is the case, then a student simply makes a request to the teacher, just as they have done in the past, and then picks up a key from Student Services. Student Services is in a centrally located position in the school and adjacent to the toilets, so collecting a key does not delay a student's journey to the toilet.

Those students who have medical needs have been issued with a pass and they are able to access toilets more freely. If you would like to discuss these changes and the medical needs of your child, then please get in touch.

While I fully appreciate that any change causes some unrest and confusion, what I can say is that the changes are having a noticeable and tangible impact on lessons. The atmosphere around school is calm, and our students are learning really well. In addition, this is also helping us tackle low-level disruption - which benefits all of our children. As with all changes to practice, we will keep this approach under review to ensure that it continues to positively impact on the quality of education for our students



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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

**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!

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