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Message from the Principal

As predicted, positive cases of Covid in schools everywhere are rising rapidly. Following guidance from Public Health, we unfortunately had to ask Year 11 to work remotely today. They will return to school next week following either a negative PCR test or confirmation of a positive PCR test within the last 90 days. Lessons moved completely online for them as per our Remote Learning Policy.

We will be monitoring case numbers very closely. Should the current rate of positive cases continue, we will have no choice but to re-introduce the wearing of face coverings in all areas of school.

We encourage all families to test themselves twice a week with a Lateral Flow Device so that asymptomatic cases are not brought into school. Students can collect LFD tests from Student Services. Packs will be available daily at 3.20 pm for students to collect and bring home.

While I know that high rates of positive tests can be unsettling for everyone, it has been wonderful to see the resilience and high standards of behaviour that our students continue to exhibit. Yesterday, Years 7, 10 and 12 had their school photographs. It made us so proud to hear from the school photographer team that Ashlawn is the best school that they have ever worked with in terms of behaviour, student attitude and standards of dress. Thank you for all that you are doing to support both your children and us as a school.

Siobhan Evans

All students and staff are welcome to join the competition

STAR BAKER

Join the google classroom for more information

Classroom Code:
nqpi6nh

It's been a busy week with practicals starting in the food department, and there have been some fantastic dishes made across the school.

Year 7 have started their Ashlawn food journey with couscous salads - focussing on hygiene and safety methods with their cutting, using the bridge and claw methods.

Year 8 have started the year with learning how to make fresh pasta.

Year 9 have been using their skills to make a healthy light lunch.

Year 10 have started their GCSE course with a sausage and bean casserole.

In addition to this, the Food and Nutrition Department will be running the

Great British Bake Off @ Ashlawn competition each week.

Week one - Cake Week

On your marks....get set.....BAKE!

Food and Nutrition Department

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You're invited to... ASHLAWN SCHOOL'S OPEN EVENING 7th October 2021 www.ashlawn.org.uk We can't wait to meet you!

Ashlawn School Open Evening—Thursday 7th October 2021

We can't wait to welcome Year 6 parents to our Open Evening. Our online booking system is now live on Eventbrite and can be accessed by the following link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ashlawn-school-open-evening-tickets-170122046621.
Please book a time slot to come and visit the school either 5-6.45 pm or 7-8.45 pm

We will also be holding short tours during the school day between 11 and 15 October. These tours can be booked by calling our reception team from Monday 27 September.

Year 7 European Day of Languages Bake Off

Unfortunately, due to the current climate, we have had to take the decision to cancel the MFL bake sale on Monday. Whilst we will not be able to hold the event in school and raise money for charity, we have decided to hold the event virtually. A Year 7 Google Classroom has been created for the event and all Year 7 students have been added to the classroom. They will be able to upload images of a cake or cakes they have decorated at home as well as a description of the cake outlining their reason for choosing it. We will then judge the cakes virtually and award a first, second and third prize as well as awarding achievement points to all students who have submitted an entry. We held the event in this way last year and it proved extremely popular still. It will also allow students to see the entries from all participating Year 7 students. We appreciate this may not be what the students were expecting but we think that this is the safest way to proceed whilst still allowing pupils to enjoy the event.

Mrs Goodland

MFL Department

Second Hand School Uniform Sale

The PTA will be holding a school uniform sale this Saturday 25 September. This will take place at Ashlawn School in the Dining Room from 10am till 11:30am.

Ashlawn School PTA

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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Art of the Week
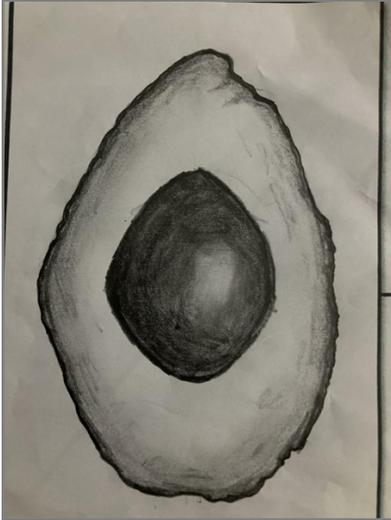
By Emily Year 7
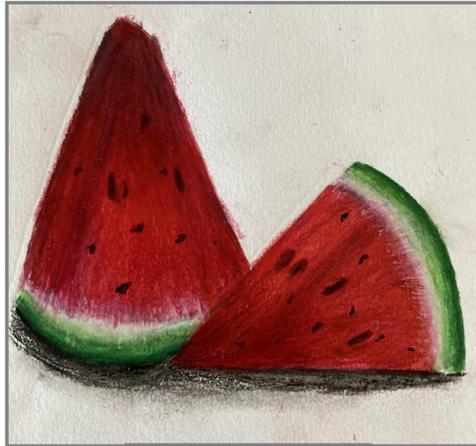
By Ravina Year 8

By Darna Year 7

By Julia Year 13

By Holly Year 8

By Jess Year 10
Photography

Numbers and Letters

Theme – Books

I decided to use books that I had around the house and put them randomly placed on shelving.

The top image is a person placed in a sea of books displaying letters and symbols not necessarily readable but knowing they are there.

The bottom left image a pencil is sandwiched between a story.

In the top left, the image was taken in colour and edited to be in monochrome to make the image prominent.

In the bottom image I had inspiration of a photo I had found online and tried to recreate it with a different background.

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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.

Mr N Taylor

Key Stage 4 Leader

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Free Sanitary Items

Students can collect free sanitary wear at school. They are available from reception 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 as we have a few food parcels left and we are happy to deliver.

Menu for week commencing 27 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HMD: Lasagne and Mixed Salad	HMD: Chicken Fillets, Wedges and Salad	HMD: Chilli and Nachos	HMD: Sweet and Sour Chicken Balls with Rice	HMD: Fish, Chips and Mushy Peas
HMD: Vegetable Lasagne and Mixed Salad	HMD: Macaroni Cheese and Garlic	HMD: Vegetable Chilli and Nachos	Quorn Sweet and Sour with Rice	HMD: Cheese and Onion Pasty and Chips
Jacket Potato and Beans	Pasta King: Meat	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Pasta King: Vegetable	Jacket Potato and Cheese
Hot Sausage Roll	Pasta King: Vegetable	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pasta King: Meat	CMD: Cheese and Ham
CMD: Chicken and Stuffing	Cheese and Ham Toastie	Hot Pepperoni Pizza	CMD: Ham Salad	CMD: Cheese and Tomato
CMD: Egg and Cress	CMD: BLT	CMD: Hot and Spicy Chicken Mayo	CMD: Cheese Salad	Small Flavoured Hot Chicken Baguette
	CMD: Cheese and Pickle	CMD: Tuna and Cucumber		

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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

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 your child's social media pages and if you are unsure how to do this I have included a 'parent guide' to support you.

Mrs L Pountney

Assistant Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead

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Child safety on Snapchat

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What's the problem?

> There's a 'high' risk of seeing sexual content, and of bullying

> Your child's location could be shared automatically with their contacts, which could put them in danger if they have strangers as 'friends' on the app

> There's a risk of children being 'groomed' by strangers into sharing pictures and information about themselves. Gangs also use apps to groom and recruit children

4 steps to help your child use Snapchat safely

1. Tell your child to only use it with real friends

Anyone could pretend to be a child or teenager online, so encourage your child not to talk to people they don't know in real life.

2. Use privacy settings

By default, only 'friends' your child has added on Snapchat can contact them directly and see their story or location, so encourage your child to keep those default settings.

To check and change the settings:

> Tap the person icon in the top-left of Snapchat, then the cog in the top-right. Scroll down to 'Additional Services' and tap the relevant options ('Contact Me' and 'View My Story')

> Under 'See My Location', choose 'Ghost Map' to turn location sharing off

> Under 'See Me In Quick Add' you can stop your child's profile from being suggested to strangers as a potential 'friend'

3. Talk to your child about 'sexting' and being careful about what they share

Even though images disappear in Snapchat, they can be screenshotted and then shared – outside of the original sender's control.

So, remind your child to think carefully about the images they share, and with who. Before they share anything, tell them to ask: "would I be happy for other people to see this?"

In particular, make sure your child knows **not to take, share or view naked or sexually explicit pictures of themselves or another child, either voluntarily or if asked to by someone else**.

This is known as 'sexting' and is illegal, even when the person doing it is a child. It can also be distressing for a child to be a victim of sexting, or to see an inappropriate image that someone else has shared.

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4. Make sure your child knows how to use reporting and blocking functions To **report** a Snap or Story, press and hold on it, tap the flag, then explain the problem

To **remove** or **block** a friend, swipe to the right to go to the 'Chat' screen, then tap and hold on the person's name. Tap 'More', then choose 'Remove friend' or 'Block'

What can I do about online bullying?

Encourage your child to talk to you if someone says something upsetting or hurtful to them

Look for signs they may be being bullied, like being afraid or reluctant to go to school, feeling nervous, losing confidence or becoming distressed and withdrawn, or losing sleep

Tell our school about **any** bullying your child experiences

There are also few ways you can save images and messages as evidence:

Use another device to, quickly, take a photo of the image or message (this is the only way you can save the image without other people knowing)

Tap on the message, quickly, to save it (other people will know, from the grey background)   Take a screenshot, quickly (the person who shared it will get a notification)

Change your 'delete' settings to save messages for 24 hours – swipe to the right to go to the 'Chats' screen, tap and hold a friend's name, then 'More' > 'Delete Chats…' > '24 Hours after Viewing'

What can I do if I think my child is being targeted by a gang?

Share your concerns with our school immediately. You can also contact the NSPCC for advice – call 0808 800 5000 or email help@nspcc.org.uk.

Be alert to changes in your child – such as having new unexplained possessions, changing friendship groups, behaviour and mood changes, unexplained injuries.

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Parental Controls for Apps

A free online safety guide on how to set up parental controls for iPhone apps.

Most smartphones allow parents and carers to choose which apps and features appear on their child's device and which ones don't – also preventing young people from buying and downloading anything that's unsuitable for their age. The parental controls for managing apps on their phones will help you to reduce the chance of your child using a game or app that might not be appropriate for their age.

Please down load the guide for more information. In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of tips such as how to restrict built-in apps, the game centre and app store purchases.

https://hubs.ly/H0XTYQl0

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