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ASHLAWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Issue Date:
Friday 7 January 2022

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Message from the Principal

Happy New Year! It was wonderful to welcome our students back for the start of term on Wednesday. Our students bring energy and excitement to the building and we miss them when they are away.

All students had a start of term induction with a reminder of expectations. During this session, we reminded students of the behaviours that lead to success. We call them the four R's and they are as follows:

- ◇ **RESPECT:** Learning with others
(Being kind, relating well to others, following instructions, being polite, valuing property and equipment, valuing and celebrating each other's differences.)
- ◇ **REFLECTIVENESS:** Taking charge of your learning
(Improving as a learner, correcting behaviour without reminders, accepting consequences, reflecting on how to improve and on feedback to improve work.)
- ◇ **RESILIENCE:** Enjoying the feeling of learning
(Managing self and coping with challenges, not giving up when things are challenging, the ability to recover from setbacks, arriving on time and ready to learn, using time effectively to maximise learning.)
- ◇ **RESOURCEFULNESS:** Thinking in different ways
(Thinking about and improving past performance, taking pride in work, being equipped and ready to learn, asking questions and making links between different topics and adapting to different situations.)

You will notice that most of the reward points your children receive this term are aligned with these behaviours and we hope that you will join us in talking to them about how they are showing these behaviours at home or in their activities outside of school.

Thank you to the many parents of students in Years 7 – 11 who contacted us to give us feedback about our inspirational speaker, Hezron Brown. It was a great way to start the term and he really allowed us to appreciate that, in the words of a Year 7 student, "It doesn't matter how bad you think you've messed up, there is always a chance to make things change for the better."

Our students made us proud with the **respect** that they showed to Hezron and the way that they **reflected** on his story and the lessons they could learn from him. We hope that he will inspire everyone to be even more **resilient** and **resourceful** in the future.

Siobhan Evans

College Achievement Points

This week's winner is...

1280



1319



1357



1360



1417!

Each week we will be rewarding the highest scoring form group in each year with a 'champions' breakfast', this will be during form time on a selected day for each year group. Students will attend form with their tutor in the dining area, where messages for the day can still be shared, but with the added bonus of a warm drink and a breakfast snack to start the school day. Our first 'Breakfast of Champions' will be on Monday 17 January.



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Knife Crime Awareness Day

Police Officers from Rugby Safer Neighbourhood Team will visit Ashlawn School on Thursday 13 January to engage with pupils as part of the knife crime prevention campaign Operation Sceptre.

Operation Sceptre is a national knife crime prevention intensification week that takes place twice a year, supporting the work Warwickshire Police carry out all year to ensure people are safe from knife crime in their community.

Officers undertake a range of activities including educational programmes to raise awareness of the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife and the risks of grooming and exploitation by gangs.

As part of the initiative, Warwickshire Police will be taking a metal detection knife arch to schools within the county. Whilst there is not a big knife problem within Warwickshire schools, working with them is the most effective way to get this important message to children.

A knife arch will be placed at the entrance to Ashlawn School on Thursday requiring students to walk through it. This offers a way of opening positive and friendly debate around the reasons why some young people choose to carry a knife and why it is safer not to carry them and walk away from harm.

Warwickshire Police is committed to making sure communities are safe and feel safe. We would like to thank our local police officer Naomi Elcock, parents and students for their support and forward thinking, proactive approach towards knife crime prevention.

If you have any further questions about Operation Sceptre then please contact Warwickshire Police.

Mrs Pountney



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.

Reporting Home Lateral Flow Device Results

We would like to remind 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 result: <https://ashlawn.org.uk/coronavirus-notification/>

It is really important you complete this form so that we can advise close contacts to test daily.

Attendance

During last term, we reviewed our attendance policy to make it a more efficient way to report absence from school. Please be advised that there will be a new telephone number to call to report student absence **01788 532831**. This is an automated system where you can leave a message which will be picked up by our attendance administrator.

EduLink will still be available to report absence. You can also see your child's attendance. Please go to the app and click on:



Attendance



Absence Reporting

If you call into our main reception line, you will be diverted to the answering service and emails to staff will no longer be actioned.

A friendly reminder that absence can be anything from being off school for the day due to sickness, or an appointment in which your child will be late into school or will have to leave early. **We can not allow a student to leave school early for an appointment if we have not been notified in advance.**



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Hezron Brown

On Wednesday 6 January we welcomed Hezron Brown to join us in school for our 'Reset' day. Hezron won the Pride of Britain award for the Prince's Trust in 2019 for his contribution to young people.

Hezron Brown was living on the streets from age 13 and from then got involved in street gangs. When given the opportunity to turn his life around, Hezron left the gang culture behind and now gives young people motivational speeches and helps those who are at risk of slipping into the same position in which he once found himself.

Hezron spoke to students in Year's 7—11 about his story and the reception from our students was superb. You could have heard a pin drop in the room as he shared his journey and how he has overcome some of life's worst challenges. Our students asked appropriate and heart warming questions and Hezron answered them with honesty.

The message that he gave to our students was 'You Are Destined For Greatness'. Hezron discussed how each of his negative actions had a consequence and that you must never give up on trying to better yourself.

Hezron enjoyed the day as much as us and gave us the following feedback:

'Ashlawn students are some of the nicest students I have come across. Ashlawn provides opportunities and services that I have not seen before in other schools. Thank you for the opportunity to welcome me into your school.'

Thank you for all the messages that we have received from parents and carers. We have been overwhelmed by how positive this guest speaker has been received.



"My son talked non stop all the way home, he was buzzing and so inspired! Thanks for organising such a great first day back"



"My daughter was full of it when she came home. She couldn't get her words out quick enough. Really inspiring!"



*"J*** really enjoyed this, he talked about Hezron the whole way home! What an inspiration, thankyou to Hezron for coming to chat to the children and thankyou Ashlawn for arranging his visit"*



*"Very positive feedback from H****..... even got a FaceTime at work to tell me all about it so must have inspired him. Great for the kids to hear positive stories and positive endings from inspirational young men"*

My daughter really enjoyed the opportunity to hear how Hezron turned his life around, and clearly found him an inspiration. A great start to the New Year for Ashlawn pupils.



"When I asked my daughter what she would take away from the day she said this....." It doesn't matter how bad you think you have messed up, there is always a chance to make things change for the positive".



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Drama Trip

On Wednesday 15 December, 49 students took a trip to watch Dick Whittington at the Royal and Derngate Theatre, Northampton.

We sang, we laughed and we hid from super soakers whilst experiencing the magic and wonder of live theatre.



Custard pies were thrown which sent many giggles through our rows, as well as lots of opportunity for audience participation including chances to shout out the classic "He's behind you!!!"

We were very privileged to receive a special personalised video message from BBC's Mr Maker ahead of our trip, and many of us also got to meet Tommy the Cat at the stage door when we were leaving too which was really exciting!

The absolute highlight was watching our students dancing like nobody was watching during the finale.



The students were outstanding ambassadors for our school. They were polite, respectful and a joy to spend an afternoon with.

Thank you to Mr Baidoo, Mrs Pickering and Miss Hall for accompanying me on this magical trip.

Mrs Ballinger

Recruiting now Administrative Assistant



Provide a full administrative service and clerical support to the Student Services office. Work is governed by established processes and without close supervision, other than that provided through working arrangements, methods and procedures. Overall guidance and supervision will be from a senior member of staff (normally admin).

Hourly rate:	NJC04
Hours:	37.5 per week
Work pattern:	Monday to Friday
Working weeks:	Term time plus 7 days
Contract:	Permanent



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If you are interested in this job opportunity, please apply online today by downloading an application form from our website, TLET vacancies, or get in contact via careers@tlet.org.uk or call 01788 593108.

The post holder will have a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of all children and young people.

School Production



**Ashlawn School East Hall February 9, 10 & 11
2022 @ 7 pm**

Tickets available on ParentPay

Food Menu w/c Monday 10 January 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
HMD: Lasagne with garlic bread and sweetcorn	HMD: Sausage, mash and vegetables	HMD: Chilli and nachos	HMD: Sweet and sour chicken bites with Rice	HMD: Fish, chips and mushy peas
HMD: Vegetable lasagne, garlic bread and sweetcorn	HMD: Vegetarian sausage, mash and vegetables	HMD: Vegetable chilli and nachos	HMD: Sweet and sour Quorn with rice	HMD: Cheese and onion pasty and chips
Jacket potato and beans	Hot Pasta King meat	Jacket Potato and Cheese	Hot Pasta King Meat	Jacket potato and cheese
Hot Sausage roll	Hot Pasta King vegetable	Hot Cheese and Tomato pizza	Hot Pasta King Vegetable	CMD: Cheese and Ham
CMD: Chicken & stuffing	Hot Cheese and ham toastie	CMD: Hot pepperoni pizza	CMD: Ham salad	CMD: Cheese and Tomato
CMD: Egg and cress	CMD: BLT	CMD: Hot n spicy chicken with mayo	CMD: Cheese salad	Small flavoured hot chicken
	CMD: Cheese and pickle			



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By Agata Year 10



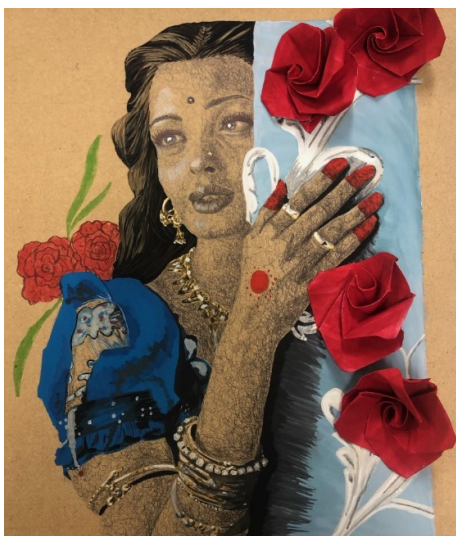
By Jiya Year 8

Art of the week

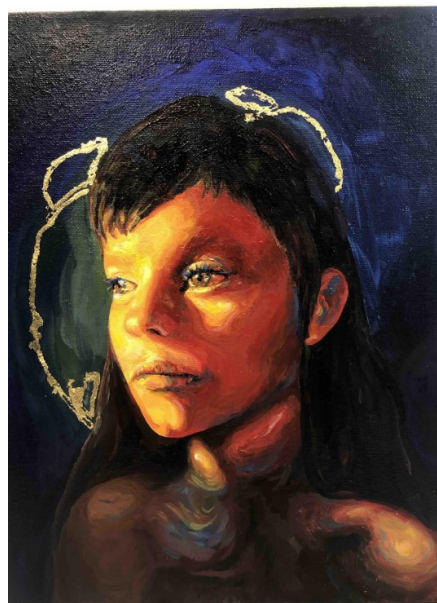
By Ismay Year 13



By Dhruvi Year 13



By Erin Year 8



By Alice Year 13



By Amelie Year 9





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Extra Curricular Clubs 2021/22

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Guitar Club  Mr Baidoo MU2 All guitarists/bass players welcome	Year 9 Film Club 	Year 11 Film Club 	SAMBA BAND  Miss Bond MU1 All welcome	Year 13 Film Club 
Practice Room Booking book with Miss Bond	Practice Room Booking book with Miss Bond	Practice Room Booking book with Miss Bond	Practice Room Booking book with Miss Bond	Practice Room Booking book with Miss Bond
Ashlawn Singers  Mrs Solway MU2 All welcome	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	Concert Band  Miss Bond MU1 All Instrumentalists welcome
	Japan Club  Years 7 to 12 in W4A	Japan Club  Years 7 to 12 in W4A	Japan Club  Years 7 to 12 in W4A	Gardening Club in the Biology Greenhouse (Starting after Oct Half Term)
	GCSE Drama Rehearsals Year 10 and 11 DR1 and 2	SAMBA DRUMMING All year groups MU1	Performing Arts/Singing  Miss Bond	
	Music Theory Club Those studying GCSE or A Level/ Theory Grades	Tech Club – All Welcome  Mr Baidoo MU2		
Science Club  Years 7, 8 and 9	Jazz Band  Mr Walker by audition or invitation MU1 Level 2GCSE/RSL Dance Years 9 and 10 Mrs Pickering DS1	PERFORMING ARTS Upper School Mrs Pickering DS1	PERFORMING ARTS Lower School Mrs Pickering DS1	
	Astronomy Years 9 to 12 Mr Hardiman L1	Chess & Maths Puzzle Club Mr Norman E6	Art and Photography Catch Up Year 10 and 11 and outside the curriculum students	
	Boys Football Years 7 to 11 School Field	Boys Football Years 7 to 11 School Field	Boys Football Years 7 to 11 School Field	
	Netball Fixtures End times vary due to home or away games	Netball Fixtures End times vary due to home or away games	Netball Training	
	Jazz Band All year groups MU1	 Girls Football Years 7 to 11 School Field	Board Games All year groups Mrs Davis Lab 12	
	Law Society/ Mooting Competition Team Years 10 to 13 PS6	Games Design Years 9 to 13 IT2	Gardening Club in the Biology Greenhouse (Starting after Oct Half Term)	
	Tycoon Enterprise Competition Year 9 PS5	Fantasy/ Futuristic Table Top Games / Gaming Club Mr Thomson Lab 12		
		Y7 Cycle Safety Mr Chadwick (Meet in the covered area at the back of the canteen)		
		Cross Stitch Miss Lodge Lab 14 (hut)		



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Science Club



Science club restarts for Years
7—9 on **Monday 10th January**
after School in **Lab 10**

Dates for Your Diary

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

Flu immunisation **18 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 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
- 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



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.

