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SUMMER NEWS 2026

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Welcome from the Executive Principal

As we reach the end of another remarkable year, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything our school community has achieved together. This year has been filled with outstanding moments - from academic triumphs to sporting achievements, creative performances to community initiatives - each one a testament to the spirit that defines our school and giving our best, always.

I want to congratulate all our students, and particularly our GCSE and A Level cohorts, who have worked so hard throughout their studies this year. Your focus and commitment have been truly impressive, and whatever the results bring, you should be proud of the effort you have put in.

Beyond the classroom, this year has given us so many brilliant memories - on school trips, at events, and in the everyday moments that make up school life. These experiences shape not just academic success, but the character and friendships that will stay with our students long after they leave us.

There are so many highlights within this newsletter that showcase just how incredible our students are, I really am in awe of all of the incredible young people that attend Ashlawn School.

As we head into the summer, I want to thank every member of our school community - students, staff, and families - for your hard work and support this year. I hope everyone has the chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy some well-deserved time off over the break.

Wishing you all a restful and happy summer.

Paul Brockwell
Executive Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

What a year it has been! As we come to the end of term, I find myself reflecting on just how much our school community has packed into these last twelve months - and what brilliant memories we've made along the way.



This year has been full of laughter, learning, and genuine achievement. Seeing our students grow, take on new challenges, and support one another has been a real privilege.

A huge well done to all our students for their hard work this year - and a special mention to our GCSE and A Level students, who have shown incredible dedication throughout their exam courses. The effort you've put in, both in lessons and in your revision, has been fantastic to see, and I know it will pay off.

To every student, member of staff, and family member who has been part of this school year - thank you. You've all contributed to making it such a memorable one.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer, filled with time to relax and enjoy with family and friends. We can't wait to welcome everyone back on Wednesday 2nd September, ready for more great things ahead.

Enjoy the summer, everyone!

Stephen Darby
Head of School

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ASHLAWN SUPERSTARS

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of some of our superstar students. Their dedication, determination and commitment continue to inspire us, whether they are excelling in the classroom, on the sports field or through their wider interests and talents.

A huge well done to everyone featured below, and to all students who continue to work hard, challenge themselves and make Ashlawn proud.

London to Paris: Student Goes the Extra Mile for Charity



A huge congratulations to Year 7 student, Esmae, who has completed an incredible 250-mile cycle from London to Paris in support of the charity Sense.

Taking on the challenge alongside her best friend, Iris, Esmae has shown outstanding determination while raising money in honour of Iris's sister. Together, they didn't just reach their fundraising target of £3,000 - they smashed it, raising almost £12,000.

Everyone at Ashlawn is incredibly proud of Esmae's achievement and the perseverance she has shown throughout this inspiring challenge. Well done, Esmae and Iris - what an amazing accomplishment!

If you would like to support this fantastic cause, there is still time to donate: www.justgiving.com/page/toparis

Zack Excels in GCSE Maths

Zack achieved an incredible milestone in GCSE Maths after moving from Foundation to Higher Tier GCSE Maths following an exceptional result in his Year 11 December mocks. This late progression is a rare achievement and reflects his determination and ability.

Now studying A Level Maths, Zack has been forecast an A* - a fantastic achievement that highlights the hard work and resilience he has shown throughout his studies.

Aavani Shines in Badminton



Year 7 student, Aavani, has enjoyed an outstanding badminton season, achieving success at county and national level. She is now ranked number one in Warwickshire Women's Singles Under 14, Under 15 and Under 16 categories.

Her achievements include gold at the Northumberland–Tyneside Badminton England Under 15 Tournament, silver at the Northamptonshire Under 15 Tournament and bronze medals at the Wiltshire and Oxfordshire Under 15 Tournaments.



Double Gold at the Warwickshire Schools Athletics Championships



Jacob in Year 12 and Benjamin in Year 10 celebrated success at the Warwickshire Schools Athletics Championships, both securing gold medals while representing Ashlawn and East Warwickshire.

Jacob achieved first place in the 110m hurdles with a personal best, while Benjamin won the pole vault with a season-best clearance of 3.60m - outstanding achievements alongside their academic commitments.

Lydia Named Under 18 Player of the Season

Year 10 student, Lydia, has been recognised as Under 18 Player of the Season, receiving the Karen Duffin Award from the Rugby Area Netball Association.

The award celebrates Lydia's dedication, versatility and support for her team and wider club. Alongside playing, she has completed her umpiring qualification and supports younger players through coaching sessions.

Georgia Celebrates Football Success

Year 9 student, Georgia, has enjoyed a fantastic season with Wootton St George Youth FC, competing across the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire leagues. Her team recently reached the Under 14 Plate Final at Corby Town Stadium, securing a brilliant 1–0 victory.

Georgia's success reflects her teamwork and commitment to the sport – Well done, Georgia!

HERE ARE SOME OTHER STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS WE'D LIKE TO CELEBRATE THIS TERM...

Jake E qualified for the British Schools Trampolining National Finals in Derby after progressing through two qualifying rounds. Jake finished an outstanding 8th place nationally - a fantastic achievement.

Our Year 9 footballers enjoyed a brilliant season with Hillmorton U14 Juniors, finishing third in Division 1 and winning the Mid Warwickshire League Cup. The team secured the trophy after a dramatic 9-8 penalty shootout victory in the final.

William S in Year 8 had the honour of performing at the Mayor's Inauguration at St Andrew's Church. Following his performance, William was also invited to have tea with the Mayor.

Abhiram K achieved great success in badminton, winning the WSBA U17 Open Singles title and adding another local tournament gold medal in May. His achievements reflect his dedication and talent in the sport.

Mohnish recently achieved his Trinity Keyboard Grade 1 qualification and is already preparing for his Grade 2 examination. We wish him every success with his next musical challenge.

Amy K in Year 9 was awarded a Merit in her Grade 4 Ballet examination earlier this year. This is a wonderful recognition of her hard work and commitment to dance.

Annabelle M in Year 9 finished in third place in the Mixed Doubles Competition at Wallasey Golf Club alongside her grandfather, despite being the only junior golfer taking part. Her coach has also confirmed that her ball speed is now approaching professional standards.

Elliott B has enjoyed an impressive cricket season with Warwickshire Under-14s, taking 6 wickets for 34 runs against Buckinghamshire and becoming the first player in his age group to record a five-wicket haul. He has also been invited to bowl for international women's teams preparing for the T20 World Cup.

Vivienne R has qualified to represent Team England at the Dance World Cup Finals in Dublin. Viv will compete in both Jazz and Lyrical categories after progressing through a highly competitive national qualification process.

Ava M achieved an outstanding second place in England for Song and Dance Musical Theatre at the Global Dance Open competition. She will now represent England in Spain against competitors from 37 countries.

Lucy W completed the challenging 52-mile London to Brighton Bike Ride, raising more than £200 for the British Heart Foundation. Her determination and commitment to training made this an incredible achievement.

Richard H in Year 7 helped Willoughby Cricket Club Under-13s reach their first Rugby & District Cricket League Junior Knockout Cup final in many years. Individually, Richard also finished the league as the joint top fielder with six fielding wickets.

Mikey J in Year 8 successfully passed his Trinity College London Grade 6 Classical Guitar examination after just nine months of study. Achieving this level so quickly is a testament to his dedication and hard work.

ASHLAWN ATHLETES SHINE AT TOWN AND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

It has been a fantastic term for Ashlawn athletics, with students competing at the EWSSA Town Championships.

The Year 10 girls finished an impressive 2nd overall out of ten schools. Ava won gold in both the 100m and 200m, breaking school records in both events, while Eloise, Martha, Ruby and the girls' relay team also secured medals.

Other standout performances came from Luca, who broke the school record in the 100m hurdles to win silver, Rudy with bronze in the 400m, Amelia with gold and a school record in the 1500m, and Daniel and Jeremy, who both earned silver medals in the jumps.

Congratulations to all students who represented Ashlawn with outstanding effort, sportsmanship and success.

County Championships

A number of Ashlawn athletes went on to compete at the Warwickshire Schools Track & Field Championships.

Results included:

- **Jacob –** 1st place (gold), Under 18 Boys 110m Hurdles
- **Ben –** 1st place (gold), Under 17 Boys Pole Vault
- **Noah –** 2nd place (silver), Under 17 Boys Pole Vault
- **Ava –** 2nd place (silver), Under 17 Girls 100m
- **Amelia –** 3rd place (bronze), Under 15 Girls 1500m
- **Millie –** 3rd place (bronze), Under 14 Girls 75m Hurdles
- **Luca –** 4th place, Under 16 Boys 100m Hurdles
- **Eloise –** 5th place, Under 17 Girls 300m
- **Jeremy –** 5th place, Under 15 Boys Triple Jump
- **Lenny –** 5th place, Under 14 Boys 800m

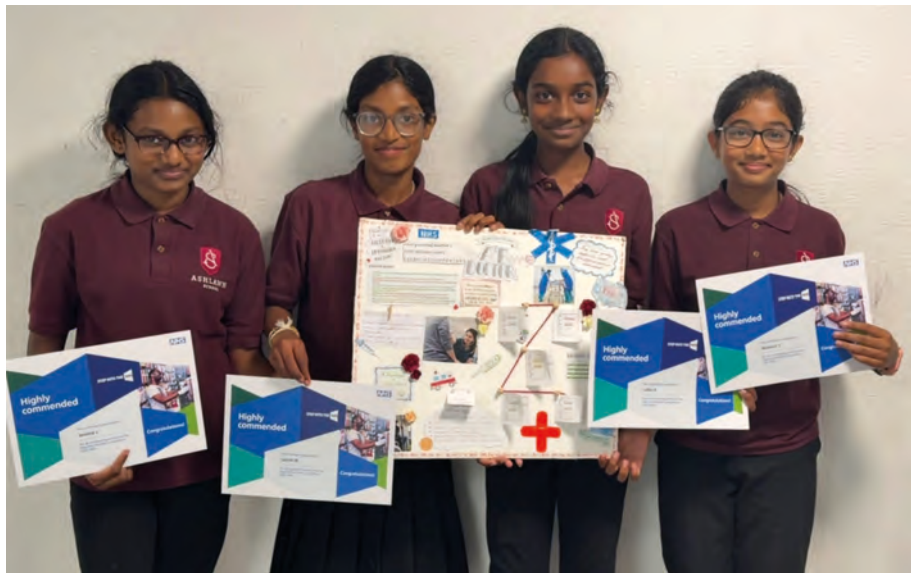
YEAR 7 STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Year 7 students Lalita, Jerome, Senithi and Manasvi, who have been recognised in this year's Step into the NHS competition.

As part of Careers Week, the students created job adverts showcasing different careers within the NHS. After months of waiting, we were delighted to learn that their entries had been awarded Highly Commended by the competition judges, who praised the outstanding quality and creativity of their work.

Although they narrowly missed out on the regional winner award, receiving a Highly Commended certificate is a fantastic achievement in a national competition.

We're incredibly proud of you all!





YEAR 9 STUDENT LEADS ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS

Year 9 student, Bedford, successfully organised and led a 12-week lunchtime entrepreneurship programme for Year 7 students.

Participants developed teamwork, leadership, presentation, coding and business skills while tackling real-world challenges. Working in professional roles such as CEO and CFO, teams created innovative business ideas and delivered £1 million investment pitches.

Standout projects included Jenga Maths, a maths revision web app, and TSC (The Sustainable Company), an environmentally friendly online marketplace concept.

The programme ended with a Pitch Day, where students presented their ideas and received certificates and prizes. Congratulations to Bedford for leading this inspiring initiative and to all the Year 7 students who took part.

ASHLAWN STUDENTS ACHIEVE SSAT STUDENT LEADERSHIP ACCREDITATION

We are incredibly proud of the 59 students who have achieved the prestigious SSAT Student Leadership Accreditation (SLA) this year, with more students set to complete the award soon.

Their success reflects the confidence and leadership skills those students have developed both in and beyond the classroom.

Students worked towards their accreditation by building skills in areas such as communication, organisation, teamwork and supporting others.

As part of the programme, they took part in a "coach the coach" approach, developing their ability to plan and deliver lessons before sharing their knowledge with peers.

Congratulations to Our Award Winners



Gold: Akua, Hansini, Alfie, Avani, Delilah, Tanmayee, Sophie, Kotryna, Charlotte



Silver: Suhana, Caitlin, Emilia, Phoebe, Nicole, Chelsea, Isabella, Megan, Amy, Sophia, Gracie, Beth, Ashita, Ellie, Varsha, Zuzanna, Chloe, Isla, Sienna-Rose, Imogen, Rafia, Sameera, Summer, Amelia, Aanya, Josephine, Mia, Leela-Maria, Karina, Chloe, Ella, Diya, Daisy, Astrid, Darcey, Hasini



Bronze: Amara, Amelie, Tanaya, Sofia, Darshith, Rison, Sheza, Jiji, Sophie, Patricia, Riona, Imogen, Tayah-Mai

A huge congratulations to all of our students and thank you to the staff who supported them throughout the process.

A TRIP THROUGH TIME

Year 8 History students had a fantastic visit to the Black Country Living Museum, where they explored what life was like in the Black Country during the last century.





Led by knowledgeable tour guides, students discovered the stories, sights and experiences of the past, before enjoying traditional fish and chips and classic fairground rides.

The visit brought history to life in a way that simply can't be recreated in the classroom and gave students a fascinating insight into times gone by.

YEAR 8 BUSHCRAFT ADVENTURE

Our Year 8 students made the most of their Bushcraft adventure, taking on a range of outdoor challenges designed to develop practical skills.



Throughout the trip, students constructed shelters, practised rescue and first aid techniques, built pizza ovens using natural materials and cooked their own meals over the fire. They also enjoyed exploring the woodland environment while learning new skills and supporting one another through each activity.

The experience was packed with adventure, problem-solving and plenty of opportunities to create lasting memories. Well done to everyone for embracing every challenge with such enthusiasm.

GERMANY TRIP 2026

A group of Ashlawn students recently enjoyed a school trip to Germany, where they visited the BayArena, home of Bayer 04 Leverkusen, and climbed the 532 steps of Cologne Cathedral, showing great determination and resilience.





Students also travelled to Koblenz for a cable car ride with stunning city views before visiting the Lindt Chocolate Museum. The trip provided valuable opportunities to explore Germany's culture and history while creating lasting memories.

It was wonderful to see our students grow in confidence as they used their German language skills in real-life situations. Experiencing the language and culture firsthand helped deepen their understanding and develop their communication skills beyond the classroom.

EXPLORING BARCELONA

Students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Barcelona, experiencing some of the city's most famous landmarks and immersing themselves in Spanish culture.



The visit began with an afternoon at Parc Güell, where students explored the colourful park and even took part in an impromptu dance class before enjoying dinner together.

The following day included a visit to the magnificent Sagrada Família Basilica, time to explore the bustling streets of La Rambla and a traditional flamenco performance. The day ended with a tapas dinner and an evening by the harbour, giving students the opportunity to experience the sights, flavours and atmosphere of the city.

The trip was a fantastic opportunity to bring language learning to life while creating memories that will last for years to come.



ASHLAWN STUDENTS LEAD THE WAY WITH "CUT THE CYCLE"

This term, students at Ashlawn School have been leading "Cut the Cycle", a student-led knife crime awareness campaign developed through the Young High Sheriff (YHS) Programme.

After identifying knife crime as an issue they wanted to tackle, students worked with partners including Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Crimebeat to create an impressive programme of activities. These included immersive Virtual Reality workshops, assemblies, tutor activities, awareness campaigns and the development of the cutthecycle.org website to educate young people and signpost support.

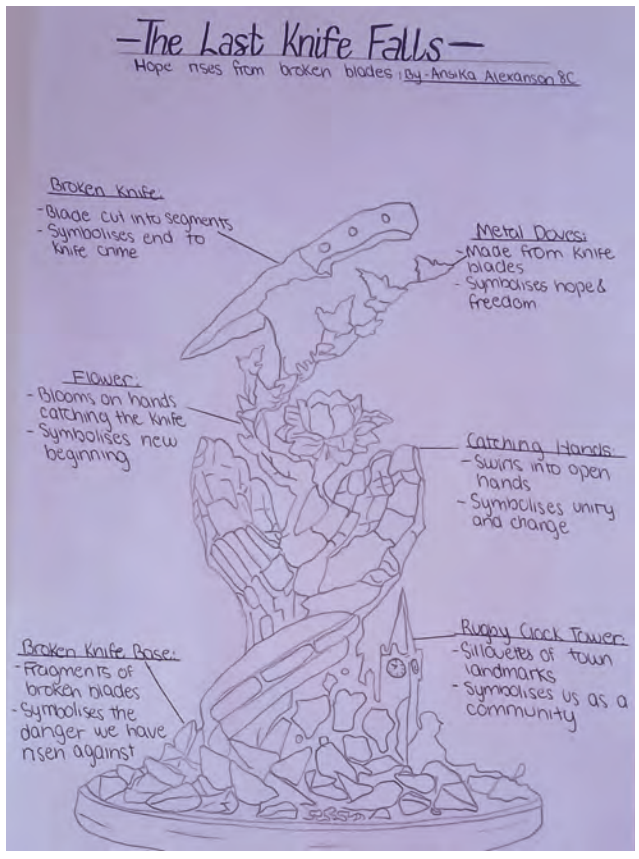
A particular highlight came on Thursday 2nd July, when students welcomed community partners to Ashlawn for the live forging of the project's legacy sculpture.

Local blacksmith Olly began creating the artwork from decommissioned surrendered knives, combining the two winning student competition entries into a striking design featuring hands with a phoenix rising from them – symbolising hope, resilience and positive change.

The sculpture will continue to be developed before beginning a rollout to schools across Warwickshire, helping to spread the campaign's message to even more young people.

The project has received fantastic praise from community leaders, who commended our students' creativity, leadership and commitment to making a positive difference.

We are incredibly proud of everyone involved. Their passion, teamwork and determination have shown just how powerful young people can be in leading change within their communities, and we look forward to seeing Cut the Cycle continue to grow next year.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Congratulations to our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award students, who recently completed their Qualifying Expeditions. Building on their practice runs, they demonstrated self-sufficiency, technical skill and impressive resilience.

Bronze Cohort (Oxfordshire): Our Bronze teams navigated Oxfordshire's hot weather and winding footpaths with focus and determination. They strengthened their OS map-reading, managed campcraft effectively, kept morale high during long days of backpacking, and even found time to watch England in the football World Cup.

Silver Cohort (Peak District): Starting at Carsington Water, our Silver students tackled three days of demanding trekking through rugged terrain. They managed complex contour navigation, steep climbs and unpredictable weather with great maturity.

With staff supervising from a distance, students worked independently throughout. They set up camp each evening, cooked hot meals on Trangia stoves and followed the "Leave No Trace" principles carefully.

Their grit was especially impressive. Despite heavy packs, blisters and fatigue, the teams supported one another, shared leadership and kept a positive "can-do" attitude all the way to the finish.

All groups successfully passed their expeditions. Well done to everyone involved. Participants should now upload their remaining evidence to DofE to finalise their awards. Thank you to all Ashlawn staff who helped make this experience possible.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Sign Up Now!

Students in Years 9, 10 and 12 are invited to sign up for next year's Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award. Whether working towards Bronze, Silver or Gold, the DofE offers an exciting opportunity to try new activities, build confidence, develop valuable life skills and enjoy unforgettable experiences with friends.

Full details, including how to enrol, have been sent to parents.

The deadline to sign up is Friday 25th September 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Ford at fordj@ashlawn.tlet.org.uk





CADETS TAKE TO THE SKIES

To celebrate the successful first year of Ashlawn's Combined Cadet Force in partnership with Rugby School, our wonderful cadets enjoyed an unforgettable experience at the Gliding Centre at Husbands Bosworth Airfield.

The visit gave cadets the opportunity to take to the skies and marked the end of a fantastic inaugural year for the programme. It was a fitting way to recognise their commitment, teamwork and personal development throughout the year.

A huge thank you to the staff at the Gliding Centre for making the day so memorable.

Well done to all of our cadets - we are so proud of everything you have achieved and look forward to seeing what the next year brings.

COUNTY LINES

Year 7 students recently welcomed officers from Warwickshire Police for an important workshop on County Lines.

The session helped students understand what County Lines means, how young people can be targeted, and the impact this can have on individuals, families and local communities.

Through real-life examples and discussion, students explored how to recognise risks, where to go for help, and the practical steps they can take to keep themselves and others safe.

Students were respectful, thoughtful and highly engaged throughout the workshop, asking excellent questions about the role of the police and the work officers do within the community. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to build their awareness of safeguarding issues and to feel more confident about seeking support if they ever have concerns.

A big thank you to the Warwickshire Police team for visiting and for delivering such an informative and engaging session for our Year 7 students.



CRICKET SUCCESS FOR ASHLAWN TEAMS

Ashlawn's cricket teams have enjoyed some competitive fixtures this year, with both the Under 15s and Under 13s producing impressive performances. The U15s put in a determined display away at King Henry VIII School, with standout performances from Shriram G and top scorer Zane S, eventually finishing on 100-8 in pursuit of 133.

Meanwhile, the U13s secured a thrilling victory over Heart of England School. Shriram G starred with the bat, retiring unbeaten on 25, before a disciplined bowling performance helped Ashlawn restrict their opponents to 106-6, sealing a hard-fought six-run win.

Well done to all pupils involved for representing the school with pride and excellent sportsmanship.

KS3 DRAMA CLUB SHINES AT ARTS SHOWCASE



Friday evenings are always full of energy as KS3 Drama Club meets alongside our KS4 and KS5 Drama Leaders. The club is all about making friends, having fun and building confidence, with every student encouraged to take part and shine.

This year's performance of Snow White was a fantastic success at the Arts Showcase in July. A special thank you goes to our KS5 Drama Leaders, who stepped in as performers on the night, demonstrating Ashlawn's CARE values and helping to make the production one to remember.

WELCOMING COVENTRY CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

We were delighted to welcome guests from Coventry City Football Club to Ashlawn School to deliver an inspiring careers session for our Year 9 and Year 10 students.

Students explored the wide range of careers available within the football industry, discovering that there are many exciting opportunities both on and off the pitch. It was fantastic to see such high levels of engagement, enthusiasm and thoughtful questions throughout the session.

A huge thank you to Coventry City FC for giving our students such a great insight into careers in football!

SIXTH FORM TASTER DAY

It was a pleasure to welcome future Sixth Form students to Ashlawn for our Year 12 Taster Day.

Students sampled their chosen subjects, explored Sixth Form life, and learned about careers, enrichment and personal development opportunities. They also met current Sixth Form students and a representative from the University of Warwick.

Thank you to everyone who attended. We hope you have a fantastic summer and look forward to welcoming you back for GCSE Results and Sixth Form Enrolment Day on 20 August.

FOXCROFT INTERSCHOOL SCIENCE QUIZ

Six of our brilliant Year 12 Scientists proudly represented Ashlawn School at the prestigious Foxcroft Interschool Science Quiz, hosted by Rugby School.

This was no ordinary science competition. Our team went head-to-head with some of the region's top grammar and independent schools, tackling a series of incredibly challenging questions across Biology, Chemistry and Physics that pushed far beyond the standard A-Level curriculum.

The competition was fierce, with questions designed to test not only scientific knowledge but also problem-solving, collaboration and the ability to think creatively under pressure. Throughout the event, our students demonstrated outstanding determination, diligence and teamwork.

We could not be prouder of the way they represented Ashlawn. Their passion for science, commitment to learning and positive team spirit truly showcased the very best of our school community.

HOME LEARNING REVIEW

Thank you to everyone that has completed our recent survey on Home Learning. We received responses from over 400 students, 250 parents and 50 staff.

We'd like to share a few key points from the results, as well as actions that that we will be taking forward now:

- Over three-quarters of parents and students said they were overall satisfied with the frequency, style and variety of home learning set this year.
- Students and staff generally said that they knew the expectations regarding home learning – but parents felt less informed. In Autumn of 2026, we will be launching a Home Learning Section on the school website, this will contain video guides, links to all platforms and key contacts.
- From sampling and student responses, there was found to be generally a good balance of home learning by type and complexity. Students appreciated the projects and presentations as well as core fluency and retrieval. The most valued home learning (by far) was exam-oriented content.
- Staff, students and parents felt that home learning should be related to current learning, with high rigour that is equal to that found in lessons, but would like to see more consideration for the quantities and timescales of home learning set.
- Through comments received as part of the survey, there was an acknowledgement by all three groups that surge capacity (temporary levels of extra effort) were expected around exam time. We will be moving towards more flexibility in setting, with longer lead-in times where possible, but will be keeping the overall time allocation similar.
- Students requested more support, and parents said that they often felt unable to help their children. In 2026/27, Daily Homework Clubs led by teachers and subject sixth formers will be available.
- Likewise, parents and students both said that they felt more could be done with home learning before and after setting work, including scaffolding and feedback/support. Faculty schemes will dedicate more lesson time to independent learning preparation and feedback.

As always, for further information or more feedback, please email **hutchinsona@ashlawn.tlet.org.uk** with your thoughts.

WORK EXPERIENCE

This term, our Year 10 and Year 12 students took part in Work Experience Week, gaining valuable insight into a wide range of industries including engineering, healthcare, retail, education and hospitality.

These placements provided students with the opportunity to develop important employability skills, experience the world of work first-hand and explore potential future career pathways.

Students who remained in school completed our Virtual Work Experience (VWEX) programme alongside a range of careers activities, including visits to Coventry University. Through interactive healthcare workshops, students explored careers in areas such as maternity care, sports therapy and emergency medicine, helping them build confidence and make informed decisions about their future aspirations.





ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

High School Musical Alumni



We are delighted to share that former student Joseph Lennox, who completed BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts in 2022, has been cast in Disney's High School Musical, coming to theatres later this year.

Following his role in the Cats International Tour, this is another exciting achievement in Joseph's performing career and a fantastic example of where talent and dedication can lead.

Joseph's success is an inspiration to our current Performing Arts students, and we look forward to following his journey in the show.

Joe's Journey Around the World



Former Ashlawn student Joe Hutson, is showing how far a passion for languages can take you. After studying French and German at A Level and languages at university, he added Spanish to his skillset and has travelled to Chile, exploring places including the Atacama Desert.

Joe says learning languages has opened up exciting career opportunities and allowed him to experience different cultures, make friends around the world and travel with confidence.

His journey is a great example of how languages can open doors to new experiences and opportunities. We look forward to seeing where his next adventure takes him.



Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again...

We are delighted to share the success of former student Sam Downey, who has secured the role of Skye in the UK tour of Mamma Mia!

Sam's exceptional talent was first evident during his time at Ashlawn, where he delivered standout performances in our school productions, including memorable leading roles in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat and Bonnie and Clyde.

We are incredibly proud to see him pursuing a successful career in professional theatre and wish him every success on tour.

SUMMER SUPPORT GUIDE FOR RUGBY FAMILIES

We know that the six-week summer break can bring additional challenges for some families.

To help, we have put together a Summer Support Guide for Rugby Families, which includes information about local organisations offering support with food, baby essentials, toiletries, financial advice and other practical help throughout the holidays.

Please remember that asking for help is a positive step, and we encourage you to contact us if there is anything we can do to support you. You can reach us at glasscoek@ashlawn.tlet.org.uk.

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

If you need a little extra support over the summer holidays, you are not alone. The following organisations can offer practical help.

Rugby Foodbank
Emergency food parcels (referral), toiletries, household essentials, nappies and period products (subject to availability).
https://rugby.foodbank.org.uk/get-help

Citizens Advice Rugby
Free advice on benefits, debt, housing, budgeting, employment and food bank referrals.
https://www.citizensadvicerugby.org.uk

Rugby Borough Council – Help for Households
Information on financial support, benefits, cost of living help and local services.
https://www.rugby.gov.uk/w/help-for-households-and-businesses

Baby Collective (Rugby)
Support for expectant parents and families with babies, including nappies, wipes, toiletries, clothing, formula and baby equipment.
https://babycollective.org/about

Rugby Community Fridge
Free surplus food available to anyone. Check opening times before visiting.
https://www.facebook.com/RugbyCommunityFridge

The Salvation Army – Rugby
Practical support, community support and access to food and essential items where available.
https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/rugby

Rugby Family Hub
Parenting advice, family support and signposting to local services.
https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/familyhubs

The Hygiene Bank
Find local locations providing free toiletries and hygiene products.
https://thehygienebank.com

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AND WELL THIS SUMMER

As we approach the summer holidays, we would like to remind families of some simple ways to help keep children safe, happy and healthy during the break.

Online Safety

Children often spend more time online during the holidays. Parents and carers can help by:

- Checking privacy and security settings on devices and apps.
- Talking regularly about online activity and who children are communicating with.
- Encouraging respectful and responsible online behaviour.
- Reminding children never to share personal information with people they do not know.

Mental Health & Wellbeing

For some children and young people, the loss of routine during the summer holidays can be challenging and may affect their wellbeing.

Parents and carers can support children by:

- Maintaining some daily routines where possible.
- Encouraging regular sleep, exercise and healthy eating.
- Spending quality time together.
- Checking in regularly and encouraging open conversations about feelings.
- Seeking support early if concerns arise.

It's okay not to be okay. Support is available if your child is struggling with their emotional wellbeing or mental health.

Mental Health Support

- **Childline –** 0800 1111 (Free, confidential support for children and young people, 24 hours a day)
- **YoungMinds Parents Helpline –** 0808 802 5544
- **Samaritans –** 116 123 (24 hours a day)
- **NHS 111 –** Select the mental health option for urgent support
- In an emergency, or if there is an immediate risk of harm, call 999

Summer Safety

- Never swim in open water without appropriate supervision.
- Wear helmets when cycling, skating or scootering.
- Stay hydrated during hot weather.
- Use sun cream and seek shade during the hottest parts of the day.
- Ensure children know how to contact a trusted adult if they need help.

Need Safeguarding Support?

If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child during the summer holidays, support is available:

Warwickshire Family Connect: 01926 414144

In an emergency, or if a child is at immediate risk of harm, **call 999**.

At Ashawn School, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.
We wish all our families a safe, happy and enjoyable summer break.





At Ashlawn we...

C A R E

COMMUNITY

We value every member of the Ashlawn family and treat each other with kindness and compassion.

ASPIRATION

We work hard and make the most of exciting and challenging learning experiences, in order to open up the world around us and achieve our dreams.

RESPECT

We respect each other and our differences. We respect our learning environment and appreciate everyone's right to the best possible experience at Ashlawn.

EXCELLENCE

We are commited to trying our best and achieving the highest standards in our love of learning, so that we can be the best versions of ourselves.

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