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Welcome to
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Welcome from the Executive Principal

Welcome to Ashlawn School, a warm and forward-thinking school community that combines high quality education with traditional values and high expectations. Building on a legacy spanning almost 70 years, we are proud to provide an excellent educational experience for our students.

At Ashlawn, we strive for academic excellence for all, knowing that all students have great potential and should be given every opportunity to fulfil it.

Our wonderful teachers deliver a broad and balanced education through a well designed, contemporary curriculum and we offer fantastic facilities that cater for all students.

We also pay close attention to supporting the varied needs of all our students and have a dedicated Learning Development Department with specialist teachers, learning mentors and assistants on hand to support students' individual needs.

We passionately believe in promoting a holistic approach to education with a focus on the development of the whole student, not just their academic results. Our students are also encouraged to develop skills and expertise outside of the classroom through our extensive enrichment programme and an effective personal development curriculum, allowing us to nurture all students' talents while supporting their wellbeing.

We are determined that every student will be able to reflect on their time at Ashlawn as happy and fulfilling. A time that has not only enriched their lives and nurtured their aspirations, but that has provided the foundations needed for long term future success.

I am also pleased to confirm that during their recent visit, Ofsted judged our school to be 'good' across each inspection area, with widespread praise for the Ashlawn community.

We hope that this prospectus provides you with a flavour of life at our wonderful Sixth Form at Ashlawn School and look forward to welcoming you soon.

Paul Brockwell
Executive Principal



Introduction from the Head of Sixth Form

Ashlawn Sixth Form is a special place to be.

We want our students first and foremost to enjoy their experience here with us and aspire for everyone to achieve the best grades they possibly can.

With a broad range of over 30 courses on offer including both A Level and Vocational qualifications, Ofsted specifically commented on how our Sixth Form students value the quality of their learning and the high-quality teaching by our dedicated teachers.

We encourage our students to aim high with their career aspirations, be this university, an apprenticeship or employment.

We first inspire and then support by arranging keynote speakers, alumni talks, university trips, Oxbridge mentoring, employer interviews, apprenticeship workshops, a full week's work experience and 1-1 careers advice. Over 80% of our students go on to university with a third securing a Russell Group place and more and more are successful in degree apprenticeships.

We also want much more for our students.

We encourage all our students to find a place where they feel a sense of belonging, where they get the confidence and support to develop their character and explore a broad range of enrichment opportunities including our Pay it Forward and Student Leadership programmes. Students may find themselves performing at local care homes, listening to Year 7 students read as a Reading Buddy, giving advice to KS3 students as a Peer Mentor or presenting to Senior Management

about a Charity event. Ofsted praised how impressively keen our Sixth Form students were to give back to the school community and how they could see this in action in the opportunities that we offer.

We support all our students whenever they might need a helping hand, academically and pastorally.

In addition to our specialist Sixth Form teachers who inspire, challenge and support students, we have a strong, dedicated Sixth Form team which includes a Sixth Form Academic Mentor and a Sixth Form Pastoral Officer who are always there to give students the academic, pastoral and wellbeing support they need.

We are proud that our Alumni want to keep involved in our school community.

They talk with pride about their Sixth Form experience and tell us about how their academic achievements and enrichment opportunities opened doors and developed key employability and personal skills that have helped them to go onto successful careers.

This is our aim for all our students.

We hope you can see for yourself what a special place this is.

Lorraine Cunliffe
Assistant Principal
Head of Sixth Form and Employability

Ashlawn’s Student 2030 Ambitions

Our long term ambitions for all of our students are:

Academic Achievement

“Ashlawn is an inclusive school. We pride ourselves in providing a high quality education for all of our students, regardless of the challenges that they have faced or will face in life.”

Employability

“Our broad curriculum provides students with opportunities to gain the skills, knowledge and leadership experience that support their lifelong learning and highest aspirations.”

Place in Community

“We value all members of our community, treat each other with respect and kindness, and are considerate of the beliefs and values that each of us hold. We actively teach understanding, acceptance and celebration of our students’ and staff uniqueness.”

Personal Character

“We believe in educating for life, providing our learners with the skills to become positive contributors to their community.”

Creation of Aspiration

“We actively plan to create within our community the courage and desire to develop and stretch ourselves, a curiosity for understanding the world and our place within it, and a joy of learning.”

At Ashlawn we CARE...

Our guiding pillars for day-to-day life are:

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

An Exciting Future



We are proud to be part of the Transforming Lives Educational Trust as it gives us the opportunity to extend and enhance the experiences we offer our young people.

The introduction of the Houlton Sixth Form provides us with an enhanced platform to do this. We are very excited by what this could mean for our students and we are taking the time to maximise this potential at the moment.

Full details of both the wider and curriculum offer and entry grade requirements will therefore be published soon. Please check our websites for further information.



“Students in the sixth form value the quality of their learning and wider experiences. They feel confident about taking their next steps in education or employment because of the strong guidance they receive.”

Studying with Us

Everything we do for our Sixth Form students is based on the pillars of **SUPPORT** and **OPPORTUNITY**.

We are here to support students academically and pastorally, to ensure that they are able to maximise their potential and make informed choices about their future beyond school. Moreover, we believe in the equal importance of helping them to grow into confident, happy and successful young adults.

Why choose Ashlawn Sixth Form?

At Ashlawn we welcome students who have a wide range of talents and aspirations. We are here to help all students to navigate their path to achieve their personal best; whether this is to go on to university, a degree apprenticeship, or the career of their choice.

Through individualised support we ensure every student reaches their full potential. We have a superb Sixth Form team who give support and guidance to our students throughout every step of their Sixth Form journey. They understand and care about students' needs and will encourage you to grow and develop as an individual, learn about yourself and take part in an exciting enrichment programme.

Personal Character and Place in Community

We believe that a student's education is about much more than simply the grades they achieve and that Sixth Form should provide a range of other opportunities to supplement and enhance their school experience.

With this in mind, we offer a number of additional activities to our Sixth Form students.

Timetabled Enrichment

The following activities are available as an option during the school day. You can express an interest in these on the Sixth Form application form:

- Extended Project Qualification*
- Core Maths*

These activities are for Sixth Form only and are in addition to the school-wide enrichment programme, which includes a range of additional after school and lunchtime activities.

PSHE is timetabled in tutor time for all students, giving them the opportunity to further their knowledge on a range of cultural, personal and social topics such as mental health, as well as having the opportunity to do a First Aid course, a driver awareness course, attend university trips, have a mock interview and attend keynote speaker presentations.

**see our course guide for further details*

Pay It Forward

Pay It Forward is a community programme and is timetabled for all Sixth Formers, giving them the opportunity to pay back to the wider school community whether this is by mentoring younger students, supporting KS3 and KS4 classes, or supporting key students in the Learning Department, running the Eco Club or performing at care homes. This enables our Sixth Formers to develop their team working and communication skills and understand the role they can play in the wider community.

Reading Buddies

Sixth Formers volunteer as Reading Buddies, supporting younger students with their reading at lunchtime, encouraging them in their confidence to read out loud.



Student Leadership

We are immensely proud of our Sixth Formers who are role models for the rest of our students. Many of them take full advantage of a range of leadership opportunities available to them including:

- **Head Students and Sixth Form Student Leadership Team** - An elected role for students who are the main voice of the student body and have regular meetings with the Executive Principal and Head of School.
- **Prefects** - a traditional leadership opportunity available to students who want to play a more active role in their school community; helping out with school events and important leadership roles during the school week.
- **Peer Mentoring** - full training is provided to enable our Sixth Form to work as peer mentors for younger students.
- **Year 11 Academic Mentoring** - Year 13 students provide academic mentoring and advice for some of our Year 11 higher attainers.
- **Student Council Focus Groups** - Our senior prefects work in special teams focusing on whole-school projects that feed into the school's CARE values (Community, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence).

In addition to these activities, our Sixth Form students enjoy numerous other enrichment opportunities including school trips, guest lectures, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, World Challenge UK and the Year 13 Prom.

Academic Achievement

At Ashlawn, we welcome students who have a wide range of talents and aspirations. We are here to support our students to achieve the best grades they can and to find the right post 18 pathway for them. **We are, therefore, proud of the breadth and depth of our curriculum offer, with over 30 courses on offer including both A Level and Applied Vocational courses.**

Students leave us with exam results they are proud of and say they value the quality of the learning they receive here.

A Level courses award grades of A*-E and Applied Vocational subjects award grades of Distinction * to Pass. Both are accepted at the vast majority of universities and apprenticeships. Typically you will need a Grade 6 in the A Level subject to study this at A Level and Grade 4 or 5 in the Vocational subject. To enter our Sixth Form you will also require five GCSE passes including English and Maths.

The majority of students choose three subjects. Option Blocks are built after students have had their consultation meeting in January-March to try as far as possible to enable their combination of subjects to work. In addition to their three subjects, students are encouraged to take an enrichment course of either the Extended Project Qualification or the Core Maths Qualification, both of which are an AS Level qualification which is equivalent to ½ an A Level. This not only develops key study skills at KS5 but also can result in a reduced offer by many universities as it demonstrates student potential.

Please note we reserve the right to modify our grade requirements and curriculum offer.



Student Support

The ‘step-up’ to Sixth Form from GCSE can be a challenge, which is why we have a big team of experienced staff to support you. In addition to your class teachers, you can also get support from the following:

Tutor

Sixth Form tutors have a crucial role as a first contact for students. Your form tutor will see you every day, checking in on your wellbeing, workload and life in general. Form tutors will also monitor your attendance and liaise with your subject teachers and the Sixth Form Leadership Team if necessary.

Pastoral Officer

Your Pastoral Officer is a key figure during your time at Ashlawn. Your Pastoral Officer will monitor your attendance and your wellbeing. They will offer support in a number of different ways, should you need it, as well as staying in contact with your family as appropriate. As well as your form tutor, they will get to know you and give you opportunities to develop and reach your full potential.

Academic Mentor

We have a Sixth Form Academic Mentor who will monitor your overall academic progress and support you in achieving your academic goals and in enabling you to progress onto your post 18 choices.

Learning Coach

In the Study Hub we have an Academic Learning Coach who will support and guide you to develop good study habits. Their role is key to you becoming an effective learner; a student who makes the most of supported and independent study sessions.

Wellbeing Lead

Your mental health and wellbeing is extremely important to us. We have a full time member of staff attached to the Sixth Form, who is on hand to support you as you adapt to the new challenges that you may encounter in and out of school at this important time in your life.

Inclusion

Our Inclusion Department is at the heart of our school, with an incredible team including an Assistant Principal, Second in Faculty, an experienced SENDCo, Teaching Assistants and Learning Mentors, who are all on hand to support the individual needs of students.

We also have a dedicated admin personnel who can be contacted directly. We believe it is incredibly important to develop positive relationships with parents and carers, working together to achieve the best for every young person. Please contact us on:

trumanf@ashlawn.tlet.org.uk

Creation of Aspiration and Employability

Throughout Sixth Form, pastoral and academic staff support you to ensure you are aware of all the options available to you when you finish your Sixth Form studies and that you obtain the grades and skills you need to progress onto your chosen future path.

UCAS

Over 80% of our students go to university, with 87% securing their first choice following their Sixth Form studies. We have students who apply for a wide range of courses and institutions. Applicants receive personalised guidance on what path they wish to pursue and support with choosing a course and writing personal statements.

Early entry/Oxbridge

We offer a tailored support programme for early entry applicants for Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science to support them at an early stage with bespoke training from an Oxbridge Admissions Tutor as well as thorough mock interviews in collaboration with Rugby School.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are becoming an increasingly attractive and popular option amongst students. There are a number of different options available including a degree-level apprenticeship where you can work, earn and get a degree through your apprenticeship provider. Each year we support many students with this option. Some of the companies that our students have gone to work for include: Jaguar Land Rover, Mercedes, Western Power and JCB.

Financial Support

A national system of Bursary allowances is available to support post-16 study for those students who are within the advised defined vulnerable groups. These students are guaranteed an award of £1,200 per year.

Further details can be obtained on enrolment with us.

Mock Interviews

We arrange mock interviews in Year 13 with local employers to give students the chance to practise their interview skills and to receive detailed feedback in preparation for their actual university or apprenticeship interview.

Work Experience

In Year 12, students are given one week off timetable to conduct work experience in a field of their choice.

UCAS Trip

In the summer term, Year 12s get to experience the UCAS exhibition at the NEC, as part of a school initiative to get them thinking about their next steps.

Alumni

We are proud of our strong links with our Alumni who want to return to Ashlawn Sixth Form and pass on their advice and knowledge to our Sixth Formers.

Student Expectations

We are proud of our Sixth Form students. They are confident and polite and act as role-models for the rest of the school. They are smartly dressed, courteous and behave in a way that prepares them to be responsible young adults when they leave to pursue the next stage of their lives.

Passport

All students with good attendance, punctuality and study habits are rewarded with a passport from October in Year 12 allowing them to study at home.

“[Sixth Formers] are impressively keen to contribute to the school community and are excellent role models to younger pupils.”

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