

July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I am very much looking forward to taking your child through into Year 10 in September as their new Head of Year. I am approaching my 7th year at Ashlawn as a geography teacher and have been working within the pastoral team for several years, having previously been KS4 Pastoral Assistant, progressing to be Head of Year. I supported my previous year group through year 9 and 10, until taking Maternity Leave in September 2021. I am keen to build strong, mutually supportive relationships between school and home. I enjoy working with a range of professionals to find solutions to any barriers students may face; I always appreciate being as well informed as possible to allow this to happen efficiently. We have a fantastic year team in place ready for year 10, with excellent tutors and support staff; I would always urge parents / carers and students to build a rapport with tutors and use them as a first port of call for day to day pastoral queries / concerns because they know their tutees very well. I will usually be at the year group's gate from 8.30am each morning and I look forward to this as it gives me the opportunity to greet each student in the year group, each day. Students can also easily find me if they have any urgent concerns or updates to make me aware of.

Year 10 is an exciting transition into Key Stage 4, with students experiencing a range of new opportunities, including their chosen GCSE options and Work Experience.

As we end the current year and begin to plan for a successful year in September, we look forward to working in partnership to help your child to meet their potential. The following important information will help your child to have a successful start to the new academic year. We appreciate you taking the time to read this so that you can support your child to have a smooth start to the year and for them to be prepared to learn and meet school expectations every day.

Induction Day:

The induction day for year 10 will be **Thursday 8 September**, which will help students to prepare ready for their timetabled lessons starting Friday 9 September. On Thursday, students will be with their tutor groups, and roomings will be signposted on entry to the school.

All students will be participating in a full induction programme at the start of the academic year, designed to inspire, challenge and support them in having a positive start to the new school year.

Timings of the school day:

Times	
8.45	Registration (20 min)
9.05	Lesson 1
10.10	Lesson 2



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11.10	Break (20 minutes)
11.30	Lesson 3
12.30	Lunch (45 minutes)
1.15	Lesson 4
2.20	Lesson 5
3.20	End of school day

Uniform:

Following a recent survey of students, parents and staff about uniform, please find below the updated Ashlawn uniform as agreed with the Academy Improvement Management Board.

Core Uniform:

- Ashlawn School logo polo shirt (Burgundy for Y7-9 and Black for Y10-11)
- Black, smart, tailored trousers (please note that trousers should be full length, in a fabric suitable for formal wear and with a button and a zip. Trousers that have rivets or stitching like jeans are not permitted. Leggings are not permitted)
- Ashlawn School logo knitted jumper/cardigan (if student wishes to wear a jumper)
- Plain black leather or leather look shoes or trainers

Optional Uniform Items:

- Ashlawn School logo pleated skirt.
- Ashlawn School logo shorts

Please note students can ONLY wear a pleated Ashlawn skirt with logo or shorts with a logo. NO other skirts or shorts will be permitted.

PE Kit:

- Ashlawn School PE t-shirt
- Ashlawn School PE shorts/skort
- Royal blue socks
- Trainers

Additional PE items:

- Rugby/football boots
- Gum shield



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Other PE items are also available to purchase but these items are not required. Please note that we only ask for the new style PE kit to be purchased if you choose to buy new items. We encourage passing clothes to younger siblings/family/friends or purchasing second hand clothing items.

We encourage parents and carers to purchase uniform items from the PTA uniform shop. Good quality pre-loved items are available at very low prices and making use of this option is brilliant for the environment.

Other uniform notes:

- Make up should be subtle and designed to enhance rather than accentuate features
- Students may wear one pair of stud earrings and one watch. Please note that earrings **must** be removed for PE, therefore care should be taken when choosing to pierce ears.
- No other jewellery is permitted. **All other jewellery, including any facial piercing jewellery, will need to be removed upon entry to the school site.**
- Hair should be of a colour that is considered natural. Extremes of hair colour or style are not permitted. Hair should be styled in a neat style that allows participation in all activities. Longer hair will need to be tied back for PE and other practical activities and should not cover eyes during lessons.
- Nails should be of a length suitable for all activities, including PE. All nails should be short and, if painted, be a neutral colour. Please note that students will need to file down long nails if they attend school with nails of an unsuitable length to safely participate. Please do not allow long extensions during the school term unless you are happy for your child to be directed to file them to a suitable length for all school activities.

Equipment:

The following equipment is essential for each student.

- School bag, large enough to hold A4 sized books and equipment
- Pencil case
- Black or blue pen x 2
- Green pen for responding to feedback
- HB pencil x 2
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Ruler, 15 or 30cm
- Highlighter pen
- Scientific calculator

Homework:

I would greatly appreciate your support in regularly checking Edulink for homework which has been set and ensuring your child is able to meet the deadlines for these.



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Mobile Phones/airpods:

Mobile phones and airpods are not permitted in school. Students should hand these into their Head of Year at the gate if you prefer that they use them during their travel to and from school. If a student is seen with a phone, either in their hand or in their pocket, this will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. If a student is seen using a phone within the school grounds this will be confiscated and will need to be collected by a parent or carer during reception opening hours.

I am really looking forward to September working with you as parents and carers, and welcoming students back into school for this next phase of their journey.

Yours sincerely



Donna Holland
Head of Year 10