

September 2023

YEAR 10 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10,

I would like to introduce myself as the new Head of Year 10. My name is Mr Stokle and I am also a Chemistry teacher at Ashlawn. I have been teaching for 10 years prior in London and Kettering working in various Departmental and Pastoral roles. I am really looking forward to getting to know all the students and families. If you have any issues at all with your child please don't hesitate to get in contact with myself or the tutor team.

Kind regards
Mr Stokle
stoklep@ashlawn.org.uk

Point of Contact

Please contact form tutors initially with any queries or concerns. We also welcome you to share good news with form tutors so that we can celebrate this as part of our school community. Form tutors will be able to liaise directly with relevant staff if needed. This also allows form tutors to be aware of any issues arising. You can email your child's form tutor directly using the email address below or through Edulink.



10A - Mr Norman

I would like to introduce myself as tutor of 10A (the best form). I am a teacher of Maths and have been at Ashlawn for 3 years. Previous to teaching I was in the Army, since then I have taught in prisons, children's homes and another mainstream school in Rugby. I am aware that having a new form tutor may be daunting, please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to discuss anything.
Email: normanr@ashlawn.org.uk

10B - Mrs Shuaib

I will be the form tutor for 10b - on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. I am a teacher of Maths and this is my first year at Ashlawn. I am very excited to get to know the students and here to help them with any worries they may have. If you have any concerns or questions throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me. Email: shuaibf@ashlawn.org.uk



10B - Miss Moran

I will see 10B on a Thursday and Friday. I am the Head of Mathematics at Ashlawn and joined in July 2021, although I spent a lot of the 2022/23 academic year on maternity leave as I welcomed my first child.

Email: moranl@ashlawn.org.uk

10C - Mr Chadwick

I am a teacher of Maths & Economics and have been at Ashlawn for 10 years. All three of my kids have attended Ashlawn - two having already left - with my youngest currently in Y11.

Email: chadwickr@ashlawn.org.uk



10D - Miss Marson

I am for the form tutor for 10D. I am a maths teacher, and this is my second year here at Ashlawn. In my spare time, I enjoy reading and going on walks. I look forward to getting to know you all. Please feel free to contact me with any worries or concerns.

Email: marsonk@ashlawn.org.uk

10E - Mr Greenfield

I am a teacher of Mathematics and have taught at Ashlawn for 2 years, having previously taught in Whitby, Warwick and Hong Kong for over twenty years. Email: greenfieldl@ashlawn.org.uk





10F - Miss Parker

I am 10F's form tutor and teach maths. I enjoy swimming, walking, and playing strategy games.
Email: parkerr@ashlawn.org.uk

10G - Mr Thomas

I'm Mr Thomas, I teach Maths, and have been at Ashlawn for just over 1 year.
Email: thomasm@ashlawn.org.uk



10H - Mr Champney

I've been teaching Maths at Ashlawn since 2016, and am currently the Deputy Head of Faculty for Maths. Outside of the classroom, I'm regularly supporting our students on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, helping them to experience and enjoy the great outdoors!
Email: champneys@ashlawn.org.uk

10I - Mr Patel

I am a teacher of Mathematics and this is my second year at Ashlawn. I enjoy watching sports such as football/cricket. As your form tutor I'm here as a point of contact, I will be overseeing your achievements and promote good behaviours, if you would like to discuss this any further, please feel free to get in touch.
Email: patelh@ashlawn.org.uk



10J - Mrs Stevenson

I am a teacher of Mathematics and this is my second year at Ashlawn. Email: stevensona@ashlawn.org.uk

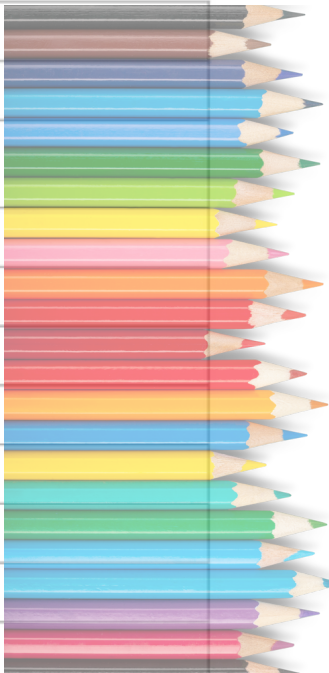
PSHE

PSHE is a really important part of the curriculum at Ashlawn School. During their PSHE lessons year 10 students will learn about a variety of different topics. Please see the timetable below for the topics that will be covered across the first term.

Half Term 1	Year 10 Life Beyond School Rights and Responsibilities	
	PSHE Teacher	Form Tutor
Week 1 & 2	What is marriage?	Instagram & Tiktok generation
Week 3 & 4	Rights & responsibilities	Targeting, advertising & your data
Week 5 & 6	Consumer rights	Exploring a paycheck
Week 7	Employment rights	

Key dates

There is lots going on in Y10 this year. Please see the following key dates below:

October 23rd	10 Assessment Window 1 opens	
October 25th	Work Experience Parents meeting	
November 23rd	Y10 Autumn Data Entry	
February 26th	10 Spring Assessment Window opens	
March 14th	Year 10 information evening Core Subjects	
March 22nd	Y10 Spring Data Entry	
May 10th	Work experience week	
June 24th	Mock exam week	
July 12th	Y10 Summer Data Entry	
July 16th	Trip- Alton Towers	
July 18th	Year 10/12 awards afternoon	

Vaping

If you've been out and about this summer enjoying Britain's "wonderful" summer weather, you're likely to have seen congregations of school age children with vape sticks. Within the space of a few years, it has become shockingly common place for those underage to have these devices.

It is vitally important that our students are well aware of the potential health implications of this new trend. Action for Children have published information on their website about vaping and we believe it's well worth a read. Please follow the link below to find out more:

[Worried about your child vaping?](#)

Online Safety

We all play a role in keeping children safe online and therefore we urge you to read the following information so you can support your child whilst using the internet:

[Keeping safe when using social media](#)

[Online games - understanding the risks](#)

[Advice and guidance on Internet connected devices](#)

[What to do if you see online abuse or inappropriate content.](#)

Please report serious concerns to the police directly and let the school know the incident number. Remember to check your child's phone on a regular basis to ensure they are using it appropriately.

School timings

Parents/Carers may already be aware of changes to timings within the school day, but here is a reminder:

Period 1	8.45am to 9.45am
Period 2	9.50am to 10.50am
Break	10.50am to 11.15am
Period 3	11.15am to 12.15pm
Registration	12.15pm to 12.45pm
Lunch	12.45pm to 1.15pm
Period 4	13.15pm to 14.15pm
Period 5	14.20pm to 15.20pm

The school gates are open for students between 8.30am and 8.40am. At 8.40am, year group gates are closed, allowing students 5 minutes to get to their lessons for period 1 beginning at 8.45am.

Any student arriving after 8.40am will enter via the main pedestrian gate at the traffic lights on Ashlawn Road. Students are only considered to be late if they then arrive to their period 1 lesson after 8.45am.

We consider punctuality to be important and ensures a smooth start to lessons. As per last term, there is a 'lates detention' every Friday for students arriving persistently late to lesson throughout the week. All minutes late will be recorded and students will be expected to make up any lost time on a Friday after school, up to a maximum of two hours.

Uniform

We would like our initial interactions with students on a daily basis to be positive rather than reminding students about uniform requirements. For the majority of students our uniform is worn correctly, with pride and exemplifies the high standards of the school.

Can I please ask for your support in upholding the uniform policy outlined below, specifically that black leggings are not part of our uniform. Any student not in the correct uniform may borrow uniform from our donated uniform items. Any student not in correct uniform may otherwise be off timetable until this issue is resolved during the school day.

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 (students can only wear a pleated skirt)
- Ashlawn School logo shorts
- No other skirts or shorts will be permitted

The next PTA used uniform sale takes place in school on Saturday 30th September from 10am to 11.30am.

Jewellery

- Students may wear one pair of stud earrings
- Students may wear a watch
- Rings, bracelets and necklaces are not permitted however negotiation will be considered for religious purposes
- Nose studs and facial piercings are not permitted. Please note, plastic nose studs are not permitted in place of nose studs

Students wearing excessive jewellery will be asked to remove it and place it in an envelope and collect it at the end of the school day.

Equipment

To be successful and ready to learn, all students should have:

- A school bag, large enough to carry A4 sized books
- Pencil case
- 2 pens, black or blue biro
- Green biro pen
- Highlighter pen
- Pencil
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator

Leave of absence during term time update information for parents

We would like to take this opportunity to update parents on changes to attendance and requests for leave of absence.

The Supreme Court has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wright 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not** grant **any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totaling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996. Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

**Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority
Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence
due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.**