



Headteacher Letter - As we approach the Easter break, a little later than normal, it is a good opportunity to look back on another amazing term. Our continued growth into an 11 to 18 through school saw Shrek, our first musical production including our Key Stage 3 students, perform to sell-out audiences and be hugely successful. I would like to thank all the students who gave their time to contribute to this production alongside the staff and parents who supported them. It is great to see that the future of the Arts is alive and well in our school.

[Please continue reading the Headteacher's letter here.](#)

Next Two Weeks

11th April	End of Term 3.10pm
28th April	Summer Term Starts

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Appointments - When students are leaving school early or arriving late for any pre planned reason, please can the information be sent to us in the same way that illness absences are reported and not sent to the Form Tutors. For **Years 7-11**, please email yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.co.uk or call the attendance absences extension 202. For **Years 12 & 13** please email sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk or call the Sixth Form extension 265.

Punctuality - We are noticing more and more students arriving to school after 8.35am. Students should be on the school site by 8.35am as the first bell rings at 8.37am. Too many students are arriving to school nearer or after 8.40am thus meaning they are late to school and this then results in a break time detention. Many thanks for your support.

Online Safety Webinar - Last Thursday we were lucky enough to have Emma from the NSPCC do a live online parent webinar on the topic of online safety. If you were unable to attend, you can watch the following link which takes you to the same (just not live) presentation. It lasts approximately 40 minutes. [Free online safety virtual workshop | NSPCC](#)

Ashby School Aquathon

Our Aquathon will be held on Wednesday 7th May, 3.15 - 6pm. [Please read the letter here](#) for more information on race categories, how your child can enter and to find the sponsorship form.

Other Key Dates

5th May	May Bank Holiday
7th May	Ashby School Aquathon 3.15 - 6
8th May	School Early Finish 2pm
15th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening - Online Booking information to follow after Easter
20th May	HPV Vaccinations
26th - 30th May	May Half Term
6th June	Culture Day (Non-Uniform)

In Our Classrooms

What are we learning Summer 1. - Please find an overview of what students will be learning in their subjects during the first half of the summer term to support them to become Empowered to Learn and know that Anything is Possible. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to a productive and enriching half term! [Year 7](#) [Year 8](#) [Year 9](#)

Other Updates

Holiday Activities/Food Easter Programme for Free School Meals Students. Please [click here](#) to find out more information. These HAF clubs will be run at the following schools and children from other schools can also attend: Braunstone Frith, Desford, Countesthorpe, Ibstock and Winstanley.

Enquiry Form - Don't forget our new [enquiry form](#) is live on our website. Please select your child's year group and what the enquiry relates to so that it can be directed to the relevant person. Please use this for all non-urgent and non-absence based enquiries.

What's been happening...



Ashby Spring Concert - We were delighted to have over 70 students involved in our Spring Concert on Tuesday 1st April. There were performances from Ashby School Orchestra, Jazz Band and Choir; as well as a selection of soloists which included showcasing some of the Year 11 and Year 13 GCSE and A Level performances. We also had a debut from the Year 7 Brass Project, who played two pieces, after only having lessons this term. The final highlight was the Orchestra performing a piece composed by A Level Music student Charlie Coleston-Shields called Dance of the Marinette, which he also conducted at the concert. It is amazing to give students these opportunities as he is off to study Composition at the Royal Welsh College of Music.

Awards Evening - Last week, we were proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Year 11 and Year 13 students at the annual Awards Evening. It was an inspiring evening, filled with moments of recognition for academic achievements and the embodiment of our core values:

Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience. The evening highlighted the dedication, perseverance, and hard work of our students, as they continue to excel both inside and outside the classroom. From those who have excelled in their subjects to those who have demonstrated exceptional character and leadership, it was a night that truly celebrated the spirit of achievement and personal growth. A huge congratulations to all our award recipients, and thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event a success!



We also had some Awards Evening Flowers that were going to go unused, so we wanted to deliver them to a local place that might benefit from fresh flowers. Thank you to our Student Council who hand delivered them to Hood Court, who were very grateful to receive them. They placed them in their communal area for everyone to enjoy during their bingo over the weekend and coffee morning this week!

KS3 Book Club - have once again been chosen as a Shadow Group for the Carnegie Medal for Writing. We have received our pack of shortlisted books and the students are avidly reading their way through them. We will then send our votes to the Judging Board to contribute to choosing this year's Winner.



Year 7 Girls Team Leicestershire Finals - On Monday 31st March, our Year 7 girls Sports Hall Athletics team achieved a silver medal in the County Sports Hall Athletics competition at Loughborough University. They worked really hard to achieve great results in track events and field competitions including the Speed Bounce, Vertical Jump and standing triple jump. Their attitude and behaviour was fantastic throughout the whole day.

