

At the end of a busy term, and our first as an 11-18 all through school, please follow the link to read our [letter from the Headteacher](#).

This Week

Friday 20th December - School finishes for Christmas - **normal finish time for students**.

First Two Weeks Back Events

Monday 6th January 2025 - School Re-opens

Tuesday 7th January 3:30 - 5:30pm - A Level Exam Certificate Collection

Thursday 9th January 3:30 - 5:30pm - GCSE Exam Certificate Collection

Thursday 9th January 2025 - Year 9 Parents' Evening (Face to Face) [Letter can be found here](#).

Friday 10th January 2025 - Ashby School Sixth Form Applicant **Deadline**

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Rewards - We have recently updated our Rewards Scheme for Students and you can read more information [here](#).

Other Information

Duke of Edinburgh Award - The Sign up information for Year 9, 10 and 12 Students can be found [here](#).

Enquiries - To try and further improve our communication, our enquiries form will be available from the 6th January 2025 to use via our website. This will allow enquiries to be directed to the most appropriate person.

E-Scooters - It is against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public pavement. You can only ride an e-scooter on private land with the landowners permission. If a student arrives at school on one we will need to confiscate the scooter and ask parents to collect in the first instance, it cannot be returned to the child. More information can be found [here](#).

Ashby Food Bank - All Ashby Foodbank Centre's will be open on their usual days and times up to, and including, Friday 22 December 2024 as set out in this [link](#).

Other Key Dates

Thursday 16th January - School Early Finish 2pm

Thursday 13th February - School Early Finish 2pm

Shrek Musical - Performances & times:

Wednesday 29th January 5:30pm (relaxed performance)

Thursday 30th and Friday 31st January 7:30pm

Saturday 1st February 2:00pm (matinee family performance) and 7:30pm evening performance

Ticket prices: £6/ £4 concessions

Link for tickets: <https://www.seaty.co.uk/ashbysshrek>

In Our Classrooms

Please find linked an overview of what students will be learning in their subjects at Ashby School during the first Spring half term to support them to become **Empowered to Learn** and know that **Anything is Possible**. [Year 7](#) [Year 8](#) [Year 9](#)

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to a productive and enriching half term ahead!

Operations Updates

Parking for Parents' evening - please can all Parents/Carers use our car parks rather than using the side of the road out of consideration to local residents.

Dropping Students off at school - For the safety of all Students and Parents/Carers, please can we remind you to either park in one of the visitor bays at the front of our main reception, or to pull into the car park to allow your child to get out safely. Please use the marked walkway, taking them to reception, where they must sign in with the reason for being late. Please do not stop in the driveway to drop off your child as this can be dangerous when other cars are also driving in and out.

What's been happening...



Congratulations to our KS4 Girls Football Team, who beat Castle rock on Monday 9th December 1-0 with a fantastic goal scored by Rosie after the ball was crossed in by Eva. This means that they are NWL champions and go through to the next round. Details of this will be released in February 2025.

The Ashby Endowed school's Foundation Chair Mr Peter McBride was pleased to present two former Ashby school students Awards for the excellent A level results they achieved last year. Alice Cleaver is now studying Maths at Cambridge and achieved A* in Chemistry, Further Maths and Physics. Alice was awarded the Prance Award and was given £100. This Award was set up in 1883 to support students whose excellent achievements had enabled them to go to Cambridge University.

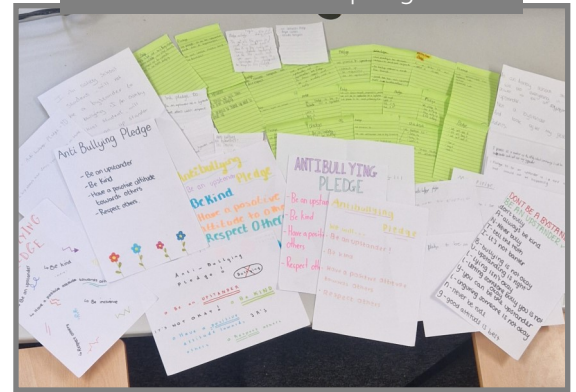
Katie Menham was presented with the Woodcock prize and also received £100. This Award was set up in the 1960's to recognise "outstanding Academic excellence". Katie achieved A's in Drama and Theatre, Film Studies and Media Studies and is studying Acting and Music at Leeds Conservatoire. Peter McBride congratulated them on their achievements and wished them every success in their future studies.



For **Christmas Jumper Day** on the 12th December we had a non-uniform day with Christmas Jumpers being encouraged for a **£1 donation** (50p to Save the Children, 50p to our student welfare budget). In total we raised **£747.50**. Thank you to everyone that contributed.



As part of our **It's Not OK** campaign, for Anti-Bullying, every tutor group was asked to create an Ashby School pledge to stand up to bullying and be an upstander. Each Year Team Leader is selecting their best and then we will look to select the best to translate into our actual school pledge.



On Tuesday our Netball team played Roundhill Academy in the Quarter finals. We were the NWL champions and needed a win to see us into the Semi-finals. The girls worked well as a team, passing the ball up the court efficiently and with pace. Our shooters were exceptional to hit the net 19 time and the defending was unbelievable from start to finish and limited Roundhill to score just 1 goal. Congratulations to the girls who go through to the next match in the New year, bring on the semi-finals!