

Next Two Weeks		
27th March	Online Safety Parent Webinar - 5pm	
1st April	Spring Concert - 7PM <u>Buy Tickets</u> <u>Here.</u>	

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

It's Not OK Campaign - Online Safety Update -

- 1) **Tellmi App** This week we are excited to be promoting the Tellmi App with our students. We have had many positive first-hand experiences with this app amongst our students and we want more students (and their parents/carers) to be aware of it. **Please find a letter here** for more information.
- 2) Parent Webinar We have been able to organise an online parent workshop (run by the NSPCC). This is scheduled for THURSDAY 27th MARCH at 5pm and it would be great to have as many parents join as possible. The workshop is focused on how you as parents can keep your children safe online (flyer here). More details about how to join will be sent nearer the time but please save the date.

Miss School...MISS OUT! - Coming to school when you are a bit under the weather - Most mild illnesses like colds and coughs can be managed at school. Keeping your child home unnecessarily can disrupt their learning and social development. We want to work with you to prioritise your child's education and well-being together! If you're unsure, consult a local pharmacy, or your child's doctor for advice.

Uniform - As per communications last year, we would like to remind you that from August 2025 all students who choose to wear a school jumper must wear the new grey jumpers rather than the black jumpers. A reminder of our full uniform requirements can be found here.

Operations Updates

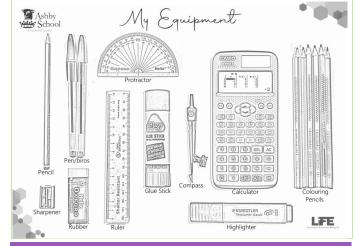
Arbor Updates - A reminder to login frequently to the Arbor App for attendance and behaviour updates for your child/ren.



Other Key Dates		
11th April	End of Term 3.10pm	
28th April	Summer Term Starts	
5th May	May Bank Holiday	
8th May	School Early Finish 2pm	
15th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening - Online	
26th - 30th May	May Half Term	

In Our Classrooms

Equipment reminder - please arrive to your lessons with the correct equipment. We have some stationery items that can be purchased from the 'Snack Box' if needed and will be deducted from your wise pay account.



Other Updates

Enquiry Form - Don't forget our new <u>enquiry form</u> 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.

PE Donations - PE are looking for donations of: Ashby Maroon PE tops (it doesn't matter if they have initials on), any black shorts or joggers, spare trainers and football boots. Please take any donations to PE or drop them off in Reception, thank you.

Easter at the IYC Hub Ashby - April 14th - 27th for 11 -16 year olds. There are space for Pupil Premium and non-Pupil Premium Students. For more information on timings and price for those not eligible for FREE sessions read here.

What's been happening...



Ashby School

Ashby Netball Club - We are very proud of the Ashby School Students who recently took part in the 75 Hour Netball Marathon, some playing in the dedicated young player slot for 3 hours and some taking on multiple slots across the 4 days. Well done to the following students: Jessica Bennett, Cora Binns, Ashley Bourne, Abi Booth, India Sawyer, Matilda Garey, Isabelle Reading, Libby Brown, Emily Jeans, Isabel Spencer, Lucy May, Ffion Thompson, Eleanor Stevenson, Natalie Battaglia, Shanita Sparrow, Nicole Vickrage and Megan Harris.

KS4 Girls Football - The quarter final match was played against Market Bosworth on Tuesday 11th March. Two 30min halves were played, with us battling with only 9 players (whilst Market Bosworth had time to make a sub). Our goal was scored by Mia, with the assist from Rosie, but unfortunately we lost 5-1. Player of the match was Gracie. "They adopted a tactical approach to the game playing in a defensive formation, winning individual battles and pressing as a team to close the space when not in possession of the ball. The tenacity, strength and resilience shown throughout the game was incredible to watch and I was so proud of how each and every player conducted and applied themselves." - Miss Wright



Pi Day - was on the 14th March and the Library had a Pi-Day display. The Maths department also set a challenge for Students.

Several posters were put up around the KS3/4 site. Each poster had a number of objects and a letter or word. As a group the students had to collect all the objects and letters/words and give them to their form tutor who then added them to the answer grid. They then needed to unscramble the letters/words to find the maths joke. All correct

the answer grid. They then needed to unscramble the letters/words to find the maths joke. All correct answers were entered into a draw for a prize.



Comic Relief Ashby Food Bank Collection - This year is the 40th Anniversary of Comic Relief. To celebrate, as a school we wanted to do something nice so we did a food bank donation drive for Ashby Food Bank across two days! The food bank is entirely separate from comic relief and rely on donations. We wanted EVERY year group to donate at least 40kg overall. We ran this as a competition between year groups. Thank you to everyone for their





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Post 18 Pathway Update

Student Finance Webinar - De Montfort university hosted a bespoke webinar for Yr 13 students and parents Introduction to Student Finance





on 3rd March 2025. It provided students who have applied to university for the 2025 intake, key insights and information on how to fund their studies. Topics covered included: Tuition Fee Loans, Maintenance Loans, How to apply and other finance options and advice available. The session calmed any anxieties over the cost of paying for university and answered any questions that students and parents had. A recording can be accessed here for anyone that missed it:



CV Workshop - We are excited to share highlights from the recent CV and Employability Workshop delivered by expert external provider Phil Sterne for our Year 13 students

on Tuesday 25th February. The workshop was designed to equip students with essential tools and strategies to boost their employability as they approach the next phase of their careers. Key Insights from the Workshop included: Developing a Careers and Employment Growth Mindset, Leveraging AI to Support Career Decisions and Maximising Your CV. More information can be read here.

The School Pantry



The school pantry is based on our Sixth Form site and is supported by two of our senior prefects Sophie B and Tegan, with the help of Sophie T-V. They do a fantastic weekly job of receiving stock, replenishing the

pantry and date checking goods. Their help is vital to the running of the pantry and showcases the Sixth Form community spirit we are so proud of. So we would like to say a big thank you to them all.

Read more about the items we have available here. We also have an e-mail, foodpantry@ashbyschool.org.uk. If you wish to request items, we can prepare an 'order' to be collected. We are all very friendly in Sixth Form and look forward to welcoming students and their families!

Student focus

Holocaust Memorial Day - On the 15th of October, one of



our Year 12 Students, Harry Booton, travelled to Poland to visit Auschwitz-Birkenau with the **Holocaust Educational**

Trust's Lessons From Auschwitz Project (LFA). The LFA is a charity whose aim is to educate future generations about the horrors and stories of the Holocaust, but also tackle the denial and distortion around the historic event. This LFA project offers post-16 students the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust and consider its relevance for

today.

Harry's LFA project after the trip was to then do something with the experience, whether that be a



research project, a piece of artwork, or delivering a speech or presentation on the subject. Harry loves presenting and teaching others so there was no other option but to ask if he could deliver an assembly on Holocaust Memorial Day. He delivered an assembly to the Year 12s, worked with another student to talk in a Year 10 lesson and created a form time PowerPoint activity for all of the other year groups. He discussed what he saw and experienced on the trip, how it made him feel, what he learnt and what he has taken away from it, while detailing how relevant genocide still is today.



Harry is also an Air Cadet, and after giving his presentation to them as well, has already had an enquiry about delivering it in another school to their

Year 10 and 11s. His career path is currently leading him to Military Intelligence and Teaching History and we wish him all the best in his future work as an Ambassador for LFA and in his future career.