

Welcome to our fifth edition of LiFE at Ashby.

Next Two Weeks Events

- Friday 29 November 2024 - Disaggregated day (school closed to staff and students)
- Wednesday 4th December 5:30pm - Duke of Edinburgh Award Information Event for Y9/10 & 12
- 5th December - Y11 Parents' Evening (face to face)
Please find the [letter here](#).

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

It's Not OK.



It's Not OK Campaign - We are continuing our collaboration across the trust with our next topic - **Harmful sexual Behaviour** which will be our focus for the next 4 weeks. Our letter home can be found [here](#).

Absence - Please let us know if your child is going to be absent from school by emailing yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk or ringing and leaving a message on ext. 202 by 8.30am.
*There is no need to do both.

Behaviour - Keep your hands and feet to yourself

We have spoken to our students in Y7 to Y11 via form time this week to share the message that they must keep their hands and feet to themselves. We have a small number of students behaving in a boisterous way which, whilst often not malicious, can be impactful on other students around them. This also means that instances of 'play fighting' will not be tolerated. We would be grateful if you could reinforce this message with your child(ren).

Free School Meals - Thanks to donations from Pladis, Students entitled to Free School Meals can receive the following daily:
- Free Breakfast Club from 8.20-8.35 in KS3 canteen
- Snack at break (via relevant year team office)
To check eligibility and/or to apply [visit this link](#).

School Pantry - Stocks Canned foods, Cereal, Snacks, Pasta and Rice, Toiletries, Sanitary products and more. If you or someone you know could benefit from this, please don't hesitate to **contact**: foodpantry@ashbyschool.org.uk and let them know.

Key Dates

- Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) - Non Uniform Day
- Tuesday 17th December 2:30 - 4:15pm - **Christmas Carol Concert for Senior Citizens**. Tickets are FREE - please contact reception or email enquiries@ashbyschool.org.uk
- 20th December at 3:10pm - **Break up for Christmas**
- Monday 6th January 2025 - **School re-opens**

Other Information

Communication Feedback - In our continued drive to ensure effective communication, we would welcome your feedback on the Life at Ashby newsletters that have been published this academic year. Please could you spare a few minutes by **Monday 25th November** to complete this survey to provide us with information to support us going forward? [Survey link here](#).

Duke of Edinburgh Award (Years 9, 10 and 12) - Please [read our letter](#) to parents about our upcoming information event at the school.

In Our Classrooms

Presentation of Work - We have been working hard with our students this half term on ensuring a high quality presentation of their work. Please find a link to our [presentation expectations here](#).

Rotary competitions - information for the competitions can be found [here](#).

Operations Updates

MORNING DROP OFF FOR THE NOTTINGHAM ROAD ENTRANCE GATE: Please **park in an area away from the school** and ask your child to walk to the Nottingham Road entrance gate, which is open from 8.25am to 8.40am. We are witnessing dangerous incidents where cars are stopping suddenly in order to drop their child at school.

Responsibility - Please can we remind Students to act in a responsible manner on the way home from school and not to disturb local residents.

What's been happening...



For Remembrance we had staff and Students in their uniforms at school, Sixth Formers represented us in the town for the parade and 11am service and we had poppy displays on both sites



Our It's Not OK campaign, started with Anti-Bullying. Anti-Bullying week was 11th – 15th November with the focus on Choose Respect. We also took part in Odd Socks day on Tuesday 12th November.

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For Children in Need the Student Council ran activities at lunchtime to raise money. These included a Non-Uniform Day, a Bake Sale, Sponge a Teacher and a Basketball Shootout.

We raised a total of
£1,441.50



Students in Year 10 & 12 textiles attended an artist workshop with Nikki Parmenter last week. Students experimented with fusing plastics, free motion embroidery and embellishment to create a final outcome.

The Snackbox

Our new catering outlet for KS3/4 students is open at break and lunch outside the library. It sells grab and go food such as toasties, drinks, sandwiches and cakes as well as basic stationery like pens, pencils, rulers, erasers and sharpeners.

On World Kindness Day all of our students were given a postcard to colour in, write a message and then give to a friend, a teacher or a member of their family. The postcards were designed by the Year 13 wellbeing leaders.

