



Next Two Weeks

5th May	May Bank Holiday
7th May	Ashby School Aquathon 3.15 - 6pm
8th May	School Early Finish 2pm
15th May	Year 7 Parents' Evening - Online Letter available to read here.

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Punctuality -students should be on the school site by 8.35am and in their tutor rooms at 8.40am please.

Bikes and Scooters - if students ride a bike, or scooter to school then these need to be walked through the school site to the locked area.

Lanyards and ID Cards - these should be worn in school every day, even if students do not purchase food or drinks from the catering facilities. Replacements can be purchased from the KS4 Canteen and the 'Snackbox'.

Uniform - Our Uniform procedure and guidance has been [updated on our website](#). We would also like to remind students and parents that skirts should be of a respectful length and that leggings are not part of our uniform policy. Please also remember that we have transitioned all our school jumpers to be grey and so from August 2025, black jumpers can no longer be worn. Our stockists now only stock grey jumpers in line with this.

Stephen Lawrence Day - We have been marking Stephen Lawrence Day (which was in the Easter holidays on 22nd April) by having a registration activity for all students this week and a 'wear an orange accessory' day on Friday.

Operations Updates

Change of Contact Details - We would like to remind parents to let us know if any contact details have changed so that we can update them on our systems. This includes postal address, email address and phones numbers. Thank you.

Other Key Dates

20th May	HPV Vaccinations - Additional Information in 'Other Updates'
26th - 30th May	May Half Term
6th June	Culture Day (Non-Uniform)
12th June	Year 10 Parents' Evening -Online
19th June	Year 8 Parents' Evening - Online
26th June	School Early Finish 2pm
14th & 15th July	Disaggregated Days

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](#)

Careers Updates

We need your voice to help improve our careers provision for the young people at Ashby School

Dear Parent or Carer, the local Careers Hub is working with schools and colleges in Leicester and Leicestershire to understand your experience of your young person's careers education programme. This survey asks some questions about you, your careers knowledge, and experiences. [Please fill in this short survey](#) and help us to ensure you have access to the required information at the best time to support your young person to make their next best step. Thank you from the Careers team at Ashby School.

Other Updates

HPV Vaccinations - On the 20th May, we are offering our Year 8 Students the HPV Vaccination. A letter has been sent to parents to provide information on the vaccine and instructions on how to give consent. A copy of the letter is available to [read here](#) with all the information you need.

What's been happening...

Naples Trip - The Geography department of Ashby School took 43 year 11s, 12s and 13s to the Naples region of Italy for 4 days over the Easter break. After an incredibly early start the students experienced the wonders of Naples including its unique architecture and its fascinating Roman tunnels. After enjoying a pizza in one of the world famous street restaurants the students were taken on a guide tour of Herculaneum. The following days included a walk up Vesuvius and a tour of the crater from a vulcanologist, a guided tour of Pompeii, a boat trip along the Amalfi coast and a fantastic pizza making experience at one of the regions oldest pizzerias. The students and staff had a fantastic time and we are already planning next year's trip.



Ashby Youth Theatre - Our brilliant Youth Theatre company performed their play *15 Reasons Not to be in a Play* over two evenings to an audience full of their friends, family and teachers. They approached this comedy with amazing enthusiasm and dedication creating a play that included, in parts, physical theatre, puppetry, choral work, and dance. The cast were not alone, our KS4 and KS5 students supported them throughout the whole process by taking on directorial roles and helping to create the large number of props required. We also had students as part of our tech team who took over the responsibility for ensuring that none of the lighting, sound and projection cues were missed. Both Mr Allcroft and Miss Gaskell are very proud of them all and are already looking forward to the next performance in October.



Rewards Breakfasts - This week Year 7, 8 and 9 have been having their rewards breakfasts from their inter-form competitions.

LCFC Trip - We took 5 students from year 7,8 and 9 to the King Power Stadium where they looked at careers in Football and Maths in Football, they were given a tour of the press office and changing rooms and then went pitch



What's been happening cont'd...

Rainbow Waste Trip - The visit was attended by 6 Student Council members as well as two of the school's premises team. During the visit, we got to learn the policies affecting Rainbow Waste via the Environment Agency and how that in turn impacts our school. We found out that new food waste measurements coming into place meant that our school would now be sustainably removing food waste from our site to be 'anaerobically digested' - an environmentally positive way of getting rid of food waste that helps produce good energy for usage. As well as this we got an in depth look at the in-house Biomass Boiler that produces electricity for the surrounding industrial estate; this explanation included an explanation as to the inner mechanics as well as the outputs that make Rainbow Waste one of the most positive waste sites to use.



Year 9 Inspires Wembley Trip - Four students from our school had the incredible opportunity to visit Wembley Stadium after winning the Leicester City FC Inspires programme heats of a national competition focused on gender equality. As one of 41 clubs to be represented, the experience was nothing short of amazing. The day was filled with excitement, not only because of the students sharing their presentation and ideas with each other but also due to the exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the stadium. Walking through the iconic halls, standing in the players' tunnel, and seeing the pitch up close gave the students a taste of what it's like to be part of a major sporting event. It was an unforgettable day, blending passion for gender equality with an appreciation for the significance of Wembley. A big thank you once again to Zoe from LCITC who has supported the students throughout the whole competition and to Miss McCafferty who supported the students on the day.



Egg & Spoon Race - The egg and spoon race was a nice way to end the term with a little competitiveness between years 7 and 8. Year 7 had the fastest form with a whopping 3:24!!! The winning forms from each group enjoyed some crème eggs and year 7 earned bragging rights.



A record day for the Hero Project

We are thrilled to announce that 179 of our students signed up for the Hero Project in partnership with the Anthony Nolan charity on Wednesday 2nd April. This



remarkable initiative encourages young people to join the stem cell donor register, offering hope to individuals battling life-threatening blood disorders, with a record number of students signing up in one visit. What's more is the number would have reached over 200 if they hadn't run out of donation kits (more coming in the post!)

Our students demonstrated incredible enthusiasm and commitment, recognising the life-changing impact that stem cell donation can have. Through informative sessions and discussions the week before, they learned about the importance of the register and how a simple swab test could potentially save a life. The overwhelming response to the sign-up is a testament to the compassion and generosity of our school community. By taking this step, our students are making a real difference and providing hope to those in need.

The Anthony Nolan ambassadors were blown away by student kindness, politeness and how



welcome they were made to feel. We are immensely proud of their dedication and willingness to be part of such an important cause. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this initiative such a success!

Y12 EPQ students shine during presentations

Our Year 12 students recently reached a major milestone in their academic journey, successfully completing their Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) presentations. In a format inspired by university Viva examinations, students confidently presented their research findings before an audience, demonstrating not only their depth of knowledge but also their ability to engage critically with complex topics. The EPQ is an opportunity for students to undertake independent research into a topic of their choice, refining skills in critical thinking, academic writing, and presentation. This year, our



students tackled a remarkable range of subjects, from the role of artificial intelligence in medicine to historical

analyses such as the Battle of the Somme. Each



presentation was followed by an insightful question and answer session, allowing students to

defend their sources and explore their topics in greater depth. Throughout the process, students showcased impressive dedication, intellectual curiosity, and professionalism. Their ability to articulate and justify their findings under questioning mirrored the rigorous expectations of higher education, preparing them well for future academic pursuits. We are incredibly proud of all our students for their hard work and perseverance. Their presentations reflected not only their passion for learning but also their readiness for the challenges ahead. Congratulations to all involved!

Y12 University of Cambridge East Midlands Conference

A group of enthusiastic Year 12 students had the incredible opportunity to attend the University of Cambridge East Midlands Conference on Tuesday 1st April. This inspiring event provided an invaluable insight into university life and the application process, equipping students with the knowledge and confidence to take the next steps toward higher education. Throughout the day, students were able to tailor their experience by selecting from a range of talks and seminars that best suited their interests and ambitions. These sessions covered essential topics such as subject-specific information, application support, admissions assessments, and interview techniques, offering a comprehensive overview of what it takes to apply to one of the world's leading universities.

A highlight for many was the opportunity to gain first-hand advice from Cambridge admissions tutors and current students. Engaging discussions shed light on the expectations and realities of university study, and students left feeling more prepared and motivated to navigate the admissions process with confidence.

The conference was an eye-opening experience, inspiring our students to aim high and consider their future academic pathways. We look forward to seeing how they apply these valuable insights as they continue their journey toward university applications!

