

Welcome to our second edition of LiFE at Ashby. Once again we are rounding up the events from the last 2 weeks as well as highlighting upcoming events for your information. We hope you are finding this useful. As we approach half term, we will be asking for your feedback. Alongside this fortnightly bulletin, we have also updated our e-mail links on our website to continue to improve our communication. If you have a query, we now have an enquiries form on our website to help get your query to the right person more effectively. For more specific queries, you can continue to send it to our enquiries@ashbyschool.org.uk address which has replaced our admin e-mail link. Best wishes, Dr Mellor

Next Two Weeks Events

Thursday 17th October - Y7/Y10/Y12 Tutor

Settling in evening – further details about the event and how to book appointments can be found [here](#).

Black History Month Students will be exploring this throughout lessons, registration and assembly.

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

PSHE Topics – for this half term are:

Year 8 – Drugs & Alcohol

Year 9 – Peer Influence, Substance Use and Gangs

Year 10 – E-Safety & Health

Year 11 – Citizenship – Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Year 12 – Mental Health & Emotional Health

Year 13 – Next Steps

Year 7/8 wet lunch times – With the wet weather now with us we have opened up the lecture theatre for Yr. 7/8 where we will be showing TV shows to keep them out of the rain.

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

World Mental Health Day - Thursday 10th October

We are celebrating by encouraging Students to accessorise in something yellow e.g.

- Hair band/hair bobble/hair clip/bow
- Socks/Book bag
- Watch or badge
- Yellow stud earrings

Students should wear normal uniform and normal rules apply. We will not be collecting money.

We will have a form activity for students to participate in to acknowledge on the morning.

Other Information

Find more information on [Study Smart](#) fully funded courses for school support roles [here](#).

Key Dates

10th October KS3 & KS4 Flu Vaccinations

19th to 27th October – Half term

Saturday 2nd & Saturday 16th November – Open morning tours of our Sixth form site

7th November – Open Evening for students considering Ashby Sixth form

14th November – School early finish 2.05pm

21st November – Y13 parents evening (face to face)

5th December – Y11 parents evening (face to face)

20th December at 3:10pm – Break up for Christmas

In Our Classrooms

Students have had a great start to their learning this year and have worked hard to build great habits at the start of lessons.

Start of the Lesson Expectations



Arrive on time and ready to learn



Sit in your prepared seating plan



Have the correct equipment to move learning on



Check the board for connecting learning activity



Be prepared to think hard straight away

Homework – Thank you for your support encouraging students to complete their homework this half term. We are aware that there have been cases of Arbor showing that homework is overdue once it has been submitted. We are working to resolve this and appreciate your understanding whilst we roll out our new system. It is our intention that homework is logged on Arbor by subject teachers and for KS3 students, it should also be written in their planners.

Operations Updates

Event parking – For face to face parents evenings, please walk where possible. We discourage parking on nearby roads. Please use our Nottingham Road, Range Road or Leicester Road car parks.

What's been happening...

We had our first open evening on Thursday for Y6 students thinking of joining us in 2025.



Congratulations to our Year 8 Netball champions. They played a tournament here at Ashby against, Ibstock, Ivanhoe, Castle Rock and Newbridge and won all of their games last Wednesday 25th September.



To celebrate European Day of Languages on 26th September, our Yr7's did a passport to languages, Yr8's played games, including a Treasure Hunt and the Library also had activities.



130 Yr11 GCSE Geography Students went to the Longshaw Estate in the Peak District to investigate changing river characteristics on Burbage Brook as preparation for their GCSE



Our extra curricular Choir group meet on Thursday lunchtimes. Click [here](#) for a full list of lunchtime activities.