


Next Two Weeks Events

📅 **Wednesday 11th December** - Christmas Dinner at lunchtime - available in Café Express and KS3 Bistro. **£3.00 Meal Deal (For students) or SDM/FSM allowance** . £3.60 incl vat (For Paying Staff)

📅 **Thursday 12th December** - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) - It's  non uniform but **Christmas Jumpers are encouraged**. **£1 donation** (50p to save the children, 50p to our student welfare budget).

📅 **Monday 16th December** - Ashby School Carol Concert 7pm - Tickets available to purchase [here](#).

📅 **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

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Medical Appointments - Wherever possible please can medical appointments be made outside of School hours. Where this is not possible we ask that time out of school is kept to a minimum please, with Students attending for at least part of the day, especially in the case of dental appointments.

Wisepay - Parents are able to load their child's Wisepay account to pay for food and stationery which is really convenient. However, school has to pay a charge for every Wisepay transaction made which is costing a lot of money. We would therefore be grateful if parents would top up accounts with a minimum of £15 rather than on a daily basis to minimise these charges.

Sixth Form Absences - Please can all Sixth Form Student absences be reported by 8:30am by emailing sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk or by calling extension 265 and leaving a message if needed.

Other Key Dates

📅 Monday 6th January 2025 - School Re-opens

📅 Thursday 9th January 2025 - Year 9 Parents' Evening (Face to Face)

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

📅 Thursday 16th January - School Early Finish 2pm

📅 Thursday 13th February - School Early Finish 2pm

In Our Classrooms

GROW - Ask your child about their GROW goal. Students in all year groups have been developing their skills around taking responsibility in their own learning through E2L (Empowered to Learn) sessions with their tutors. These sessions focus on students' understanding of their own learning and give them the opportunity to set their own GROW (Goal, Reality, Options, What Will it Look Like) goals and reflections to make their own personal improvements.

Extra Curricular

Poetry Slam - Wednesday Lunchtimes in E2 with Mrs Smart and Mrs Borland. - All Welcome. Poetry slam is open to all students, where you can create poetry that is topical and perform it during the sessions. It was set up to allow students the opportunity to be creative. [An example of some of the Students work is here](#). Please encourage Students to come along if they are interested.

Operations Updates

Thank you to Parents/Carers for driving carefully in the proximity of the school site. There has been a noticeable difference noted.

Other Information

Duke of Edinburgh Award - Thank you very much to everyone that attended our Duke of Edinburgh Award information session last night. Information about sign up will be circulated next week.

What's been happening...

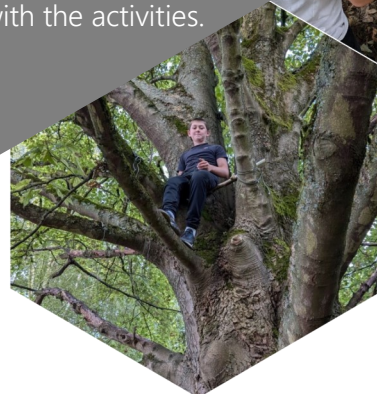
Award

A huge congratulations to Esmee who won the NWL Schools Partnership Let's Get Moving Young Hero Award, a fantastic achievement! She also accepted Ashby School's Silver Award for us with Mrs Cooper.



Forest School

During this half term we have been doing a lot of winter/Christmas based activities. We have been making reindeer out of wood, learning how to safely make a fire and shelter for the winter, witling our own Christmas ornaments and finding out how animals/plants survive the winter. These are just a few of the activities we have been doing. We are very student led, so the students decide what direction we go in with the activities.



Year 7 Girl's Football - The 9-a-side football team played against; Castle Rock, Ibstock, Ivanhoe and Newbridge in a battle to become the North West Leicestershire champions. Winning a lot of their games and conceding only a few, the team drew the competition against Castle Rock and this resulted in a head to head penalty shoot out to find an overall winner. Our girls scored lots, saved a few and hit the post a couple of times but sadly Castle Rock just beat us and they go through to represent NWL in the next round of games.

The girls played really well together after attending the afterschool sessions on Mondays. Demonstrating the 3 Rs throughout the tournament by fairly rotating the subs and shaking hands at the end of every match. Mr Ripley did a fantastic job as coach and we are both really proud of them and look forward to the upcoming Futsal competition in the new year. Miss Wright.

