

Welcome back after our Half Term and to our fourth edition of LiFE at Ashby.

Next Two Weeks Events

- 🏠 **Remembrance Day** - Monday 11th November - Registration activity and Silence
- 🏠 **Anti-Bullying Week** - 11th - 15th November.
- 🏠 **Odd Socks Day** - Tuesday 12th November
- 🏠 **School Early Finish** - Thursday 14th November 2.00pm. Find lesson changes for the day [here](#).
- 🏠 **Children in Need Non- Uniform Day** - Friday 15th November.
- 🏠 **Sixth Form Open Morning Site Tour**- Saturday 16th November - 10:00am - 12:30pm.
- 🏠 **Year 13 Parents' Evening (face to face)** - Thursday 21st November - Letter can be found [here](#).

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

It's Not OK.

For our 24/25 **It's Not OK** campaign we are starting with **Anti-Bullying**, which will be our focus for the next 4 weeks. **Anti-**

Bullying week begins on **Monday 11th November** and the focus of this year's nationwide campaign is 'choose respect'. We will be covering this and looking at the **role of the bystander**. Please see our [Anti- Bullying Letter](#) for more information.

WisePay- Please can we remind all parents to ensure that their child's account is topped up before they attend school so that they do not need to call home during the school day. Thank you.

PSHE Topics - for this half term are:

Year 8 - Careers: Explore/Citizenship

Year 9 - Careers: Consider

Year 10 - Citizenship, Government & Politics

Year 11 - Careers

Year 12 - Readiness For Work

Year 13 - Independence



Children in Need - Friday 15th November

The Student Council are running activities at lunchtime to raise money so please

bring in cash. Activities include **Non-Uniform Day** (£1), **Bake Sale** (50p per treat) - Please bring **shop brought (NUT FREE)** donations to the library, **Sponge a Teacher** (50p a sponge, 3 for £1) and a **Basketball Shootout** (50p a shot). **Every Donation Counts!**

Key Dates

- 🏠 5th December - Y11 Parents' Evening (face to face)
- 🏠 20th December at 3:10pm - Break up for Christmas

Term Dates 2025/26

- 🏠 27th August 2025 - School open to students
- 🏠 20th - 24th October 2025 - October half term
- 🏠 Friday 28th November 2025 - Disaggregated teacher day (school closed to students)
- 🏠 19th December 2025 (Full day) - Autumn term ends
- 🏠 6th January 2026 - Spring term starts for students
- 🏠 16th - 20th February 2026 - February half term
- 🏠 27th March 2026 (Full day) - Spring term ends
- 🏠 13th April 2026 - Summer term starts for students
- 🏠 4th May 2026 - May Day Bank Holiday (School closed to students)
- 🏠 25th - 29th May 2026 - May half term
- 🏠 10th July (Full day) - Summer term ends

In Our Classrooms

Please find links to an overview of what students will be learning in their subjects during this half 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 ahead!

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

Operations Updates

Following a near miss with a pedestrian we would like to remind all Parents and Sixth Form Students to **please take care when driving to and from school**, be mindful of your speed and to leave sufficient time when planning your journeys.

Other Information

County Lines Awareness Webinar - Ivison Trust has a FREE Webinar on 28th November 7pm – 8:30pm. The event is in partnership with East Midlands Police. If you are interested the booking link is [here](#).

What's been happening...

The Mercian's Band came in on Wednesday to perform to Years 7/8/9/10/12 throughout the day. Afterwards they did talks covering key Safeguarding messages and signed autographs.



Last Friday Year 12 Art & Photography students went to Birmingham to study the artwork of Curtis Holder as well as exploring the city's architecture and urban life.



On Tuesday we had a full day of optional careers talks for Year 12s. Students were able to select a talk to attend in an area or industry they have an interest in as a potential career path.



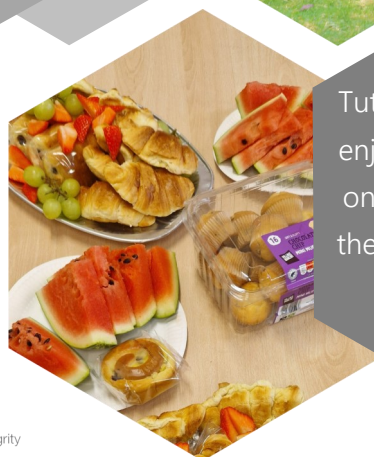
We now have our Remembrance Poppy displays on both sites ready for Remembrance Day on Monday where we will have a minute's silence.



Last month a Premier League Inspires group attended Tech Slam 2024 in Birmingham with Leicester City in the Community. These events are a convergence of two worlds sports and technology.



Our Year 7 Netball & Football Teams both came second in the Ashby CVL games on Wednesday.



Tutor Groups 7S, 8A and 9H enjoyed a rewards breakfast on the last day to celebrate their successes with our 3Rs.
Respect
Responsibility
Resilience