



Headteacher's End of Term Letter - Welcome to the year's final edition of LIFE at Ashby! I hope you have found our fortnightly round-up increasingly useful as we have changed things from the feedback we have received. You will know that it has been another incredibly busy year at Ashby School and Ashby Sixth Form. We have seen a huge number of trips supporting a range of curriculum areas for every Key Stage and are very grateful to the staff who organise and support these. Within this, we have visited a range of countries, pursued a range of activities and appreciated a range of culture. Trips will run right up to the end of this year with our Year 8 and 9 multi-activity residential trip to Osmington Bay happening this week to complete our offer of a residential experience in each Key Stage. [Please continue reading here.](#)

Next Two Weeks

11th July	Last Day of Term - Normal Finish Time
14th & 15th July	Disaggregated Days

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Generative AI Safety - Read [here](#) about AI Safety.

NWL Self-Harm and Suicide Prevention Training Survey - [please read and complete survey here.](#)

Attendance for the School Year -Year 7-11 - (before study leave): 86/1,096 had 100% attendance, Highest attendance: Year 7, Top 3 forms: 7A, 7B, 7D.

Sixth Form (before study leave): 28/466 had 100% attendance, Highest attendance: Yr12, Top 3 forms: 12K2, 12E2, 12F3.

Uniform - A reminder that **only grey jumpers** can be worn from August 2025 - No black jumpers please.

In Our Classrooms

Sparx key achievements for this academic year.

1,352,335 questions correctly answered.

20,528 hours of maths practice completed.

181,654 misconceptions and knowledge gaps addressed through videos viewed by our students.

43% of 348 students have either improved or are considered confident, in their times tables.

Tesco blue tokens Ashby school will appear in the stronger starts section of Tesco between July and September, please help by collecting and voting for our key stage 3 equipment project.



Other Key Dates

14th August	A Level Results Day - Students are invited to collect their results from 08:15am - 10:30am, from the Sports Hall - Remember your Photo ID!
21st August	GCSE Results Day - Students are invited to collect their results from 08:40am - 10:30am, from the Sports Hall - Remember your Photo ID!
26th August	Teacher Day
27th August	School opens to Students

Other Updates

Cervical Screening Awareness Week was 19th to 24th June 2025. The Women's Health Group would like to highlight the vital role of regular cervical screening (smear tests) in the prevention and early detection of cervical cancer. Read [poster here](#).

Holidays Together - Summer 2025 Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Delivery North West Leicestershire - For more information [please see the timetable here](#).

Clockwise Credit Union
safe savings & affordable loans

[Affordable Loans & Safe Savings](#)

Lost Property - If your child is missing any items please encourage them to come and look at lunch/break/after school before the end of term. Our end of term lost property policy is as follows: - Any PE Kit or School Uniform is laundered and used as spares. - Any other excess items are donated to charity.



What's been happening...



Code Club - Congratulations to our incredible code club students! Our talented coders have received their certificates for successfully completing the **Astro Pi Challenge** — an out-of-this-world opportunity where they wrote code to display images on an LED matrix aboard a computer on the International Space Station! Their creativity and coding skills have literally made it to space — well done!

KS3 Awards Evening - On 24th June, for the first time, we held a KS3 Awards Evening. We were proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Year 7, 8 & 9 students. It was a lovely evening, filled with moments of recognition for academic achievements and the embodiment of our core values: Respect, Responsibility, and Resilience.

The evening highlighted the dedication, perseverance, and hard work of our students, as they continue to excel both inside and outside the classroom.

A huge congratulations to all our award recipients!



KS3 Art Takeover - On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July the Library was taken over by an exhibition of KS3 Art work that has been completed this academic year. Ranging from the Year 8 Great British Culture Module where they created a Great British Tea Party, including decorated plates, cakes, doughnuts and tarts, to the Year 9 Human Figure module inspired by Alberto Giacometti's haunting post-war sculptures and to the Year 7 Recycled Garden Module, there has been a showcase of magnificent creativity and artistry. Well done to everyone that has worked so hard this year on the artwork and to Mrs Richardson for planning and curating the exhibition.



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Sports Leadership - This year has been another busy year for our sports leaders. Over 80 students from years 7-12 have given up their time to help support various events throughout the year run by North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership and Ashby School. Students have shown all of the Ashby 3 Rs in officiating and leading at these primary and secondary sports events. Students taking part in these events have developed valuable skills to support them in everyday life, like communication and teamwork skills. Others have used



this experience to support their 6th Form sports courses.

A special mention is to 14 of our Year 10s who have been successful in achieving a Level 2 in Sports Leadership this year, achieving this qualification in addition to their school work. Thank you and well done to everyone who supported the PE department this year.

Sports Day - It was a very hot day for sports day this year but there was great participation from everyone involved.



Year 7 Beaumanor Venture Day - It was a great trip and there was amazing effort for the Venture products with some outstanding projects.





Sixth Form Taster Day

On Wednesday 11th June, Ashby Sixth Form welcomed approximately 90 Year 10 students from Ivanhoe and 100 Year 10 students from Ibstock. They spent the day on the Sixth Form campus getting a feel for what we were like ahead of starting to think about their Post 16 options next year. All students had three sessions that they had picked in advance as well as a meal from our Sixth Form dining room. Students enjoyed the day and were really positive about the experience.

Science Fair

On Thursday 19th June over 16 teams from local primary schools came to Ashby School to compete in our Science fair. Primary students took part in a variety of workshops hosted by Ashby school staff and supported by our sixth formers. Our guest speaker and judge was Jodie Edwards, a conservation Biologist, who provided an inspiring talk on how students can make a difference to the environment.



The standard of entries was extremely high this year with Woodstone winning the Golden Bunsen award for a project on germs. Other projects included experimental designs about renewable energy and how Axolotls are adapted to their environment. It was amazing to see our sixth form students



supporting younger scientists in their scientific explorations on the day. Well done to all involved.

Student Leadership Team

Our new Student Leadership Team have now been selected. They went through a rigorous application process including an application form, video application, an interview, a group task, a presentation to the whole of year 12 in an assembly and a student vote! Congratulations to our new Senior Leadership Team for 2025-2026.

HEAD STUDENTS = Liam Hogan & Martha Scragg

DEPUTY HEAD STUDENTS = Harry Drew & Pip Gibson

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT = Harry Booton

DEPUTY STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTS = Alys Ross & Connor Woodley

WELLBEING LEADS = Grace McArdle & Hannah Venus & Harry Eaton



Molly Docherty

Molly was selected to play in the Pitea Cup Tournament in Sweden at the end of June for the "This Girl Kicks" organisation. She made it safely back to the UK and has also returned with a silver medal and a team trophy after losing just 1-0 in the final. The team did really well and won some tough games including a semi-final win decided by penalties.





UCAS Trip

Approximately 230 of our Year 12 students attended the annual UCAS Discovery Exhibition at Motorpoint Arena in Nottingham on Wednesday 2nd July. This event brings together representatives from universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers across the country. This fair provides an invaluable opportunity for students to interact directly with these representatives, ask questions, and gather essential information about courses, admission requirements, campus facilities, and student life. They returned to school laden with prospectuses, tote bags and further guidance on their careers paths.



Citizens UK MP talk



On Friday 4th July, in collaboration with six other schools from across the MAT and Citizens UK, a group of Year 12 students travelled to Braunstone Frith Primary School to meet Liz Kendall-the MP for work and pensions. Organised in conjunction with Leicester & Leicestershire Citizen (a chapter of Citizens UK) this grassroots, member-based alliance is made up of members from schools, faith groups and community organisations across the city and county and led by a local leadership team. United by their core values – a deep commitment to the common good of our city and to developing leaders, their mission is simple but powerful. They exist to enable everyday people to have the access and influence with decision-makers, helping win real, lasting change. The event was a great example of this, as it

included focus groups on the topics of Mental Health, Housing and Homelessness, and Votes at 16 during which students discussed and voiced stories in groups with other schools, prior to an assembly with Liz Kendall where representatives from each school shared these stories with her, and she was given the opportunity to respond.

It was a great opportunity for the students to meet with an MP and allowed them to engage in democracy, voice concerns, gain political insight and develop confidence, communication and critical thinking skills through real world experience. As always the students represented Ashby Sixth Form positively as reflected in the below feedback.

"Thank you so much for all the work that went into this event. Congratulations to all the students who were so well prepared, they were focused and great ambassadors for their schools. Those who spoke to the whole assembly did a great job, and it's not easy to speak in public. Those who spoke to Liz Kendall around the tables did so in a respectful manner and were clear about their worries. I wish, when I was at school, I had had the opportunity to take part in this kind of event because it was so powerful and special." Feedback from Roz Burch – Chair of Leicestershire Citizens.

Thank you to all who took part.





Skills for Success

On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July, our Year 12's attended the Skills for Success conference on our site. The 'Skills for Success' conference is run in partnership with a large number of professionals from a wide range of business sectors. It included activities and exercises designed to develop: Professional communication and networking, Time management and productivity, Problem-solving and critical thinking and Leadership and teamwork. This event was an excellent opportunity for our students to develop strong transferable skills as they prepare for the transition from school to further education or employment. We were also extremely privileged to welcome the Mayor of Ashby *dl la Zouch, Damilola Ojuri*, who gave a speech to our students at the beginning of the conference.

Quote from Dr Chris North "It's a privilege for all of us to return to Ashby school year on year, and work with the incredible group of year 12 students. After 37 years of the Skills for Success Conference, the young people continue to surprise us with their professionalism and enthusiasm, and we hope go into whatever their next steps in life are with a set of more developed skills".



Year 12 Sports Afternoon

Friday 4th July was our annual Year 12 sports afternoon. We had a variety of sports the students could do including Rounders, Netball, Water polo, Zumba, Table Tennis, and many more! It's a great way to unwind, use valuable teamwork skills and relax after a busy but productive year.



Alton Towers Trip

We took 166 year 12 students to Alton Towers on Monday 30th June. Despite it being one of the hottest days of the year (30+ degrees) all students had a great day enjoying the rides – the water rides were especially popular!

