



## Next Two Weeks

26th September	New School Website
October	Black History Month
2nd October	Y7 2026 Entry Open Evening 5-7pm <a href="#">Read more information here</a>
10th October	World Mental Health Day

## Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

**Attendance** - Please email

[yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk) for Y7-Y11 or [sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk) for Y12/13 **on each day** of absence if your child is absent from school.

We cannot assume they are still unwell from the previous day. Please can we also ask that students are not kept off school for a whole day for medical appointments as this impacts their overall attendance. Please let us know in advance of any planned medical appointments.

**Lunchtimes** – We know some parents and carers have been worried about students eating outside in the rain. Please be assured we're on top of this.

While there's sometimes a short queue at the start of lunch, students can return later when it's quieter. Alongside the main dining hall, our Snack Box offers a quick alternative, and we always make sure there's plenty of food available throughout lunch.

We also have two covered canopies and open classrooms when it rains so students have space to sit inside.

We're always reviewing our arrangements, but no one should be left out in the rain or without something to eat.

## Careers Updates

**Work Experience Opportunity** - there is an amazing work experience opportunity for 14-18 year olds over 4 days in half term with Severn Trent Water. Students need to apply directly, not through the school. [More information is available here.](#)

## Other Key Dates

15th October	Y7-Y11 Flu Vaccinations
16th October	Y7 and Y12 Settling in Evening (OL)
20-24 October	Half Term
1st November	6th Form Open Day 12.30-3pm

## In Our Classrooms

**Maths - Calculators** - The maths faculty is currently selling Casio fx-CG50 Graphical Calculators at a discounted rate of £89.94 on Wisepay. We strongly recommend all A-level students invest in this calculator, as they will be used in lessons. The faculty are trained in their use and enable students to access exam questions with them. Students in other year groups are welcome to purchase them, particularly if they are considering study of A-level maths, and they are allowed in GCSE exams.

**Exam Papers** - From 30th September Year 11 students will be working on fortnightly exam papers in class. These will be backed up by revision sessions after school every other Wednesday up until Christmas, and more regularly subsequent to that.

**PE - New Sports Rotation From Monday, 6th October**, all Year 7, 8, and 9 PE lessons will transition to new sports as part of our planned curriculum rotation. Please refer to the PE lesson timetable that was sent home at the start of term for specific details about your child's new activities.

**Equipment Requirements - Boys' Football:** Students will need to bring football boots and shin pads for all football sessions.

**Weather Considerations** - As the weather becomes cooler, students are now permitted to wear a **black jumper or hoodie** during PE lessons. This is particularly recommended for outdoor activities to ensure students remain comfortable and warm.

If you have any questions about these changes or need clarification about equipment requirements, please don't hesitate to contact the PE department.

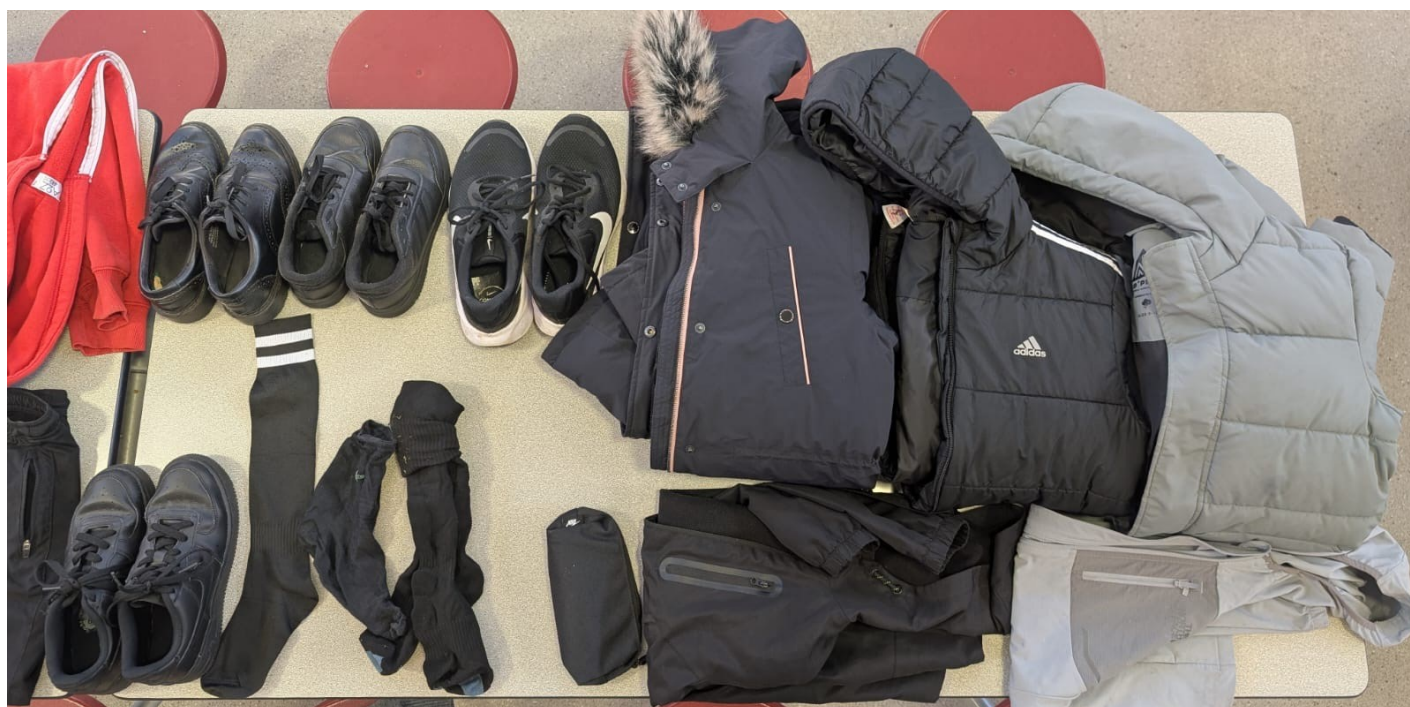


## Other Updates

**New School Website** - Our new school website will launch Friday 26th September. Please note that previous links to website content will no longer work. Please bear with us while we transition to our new site. If you need any information please use the contact form on our website or email [enquiries@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ashbyschool.org.uk)

**Planners** - Please can we remind Students to bring planners into school every day. Lost planners can be purchased via Wisepay for £3.00.

**Lost Property** - We have a lot of lost property so far this term that belongs to Year 7 and Year 8 Students. If your child has lost anything, please send them to the year rom to collect. (Photos below)





# What's been happening...

**Artist Workshop** - On the 16th September our year 9 students were given the amazing opportunity to work with a practicing artist to create artwork for a group installation to be displayed at the National Memorial Arboretum. The artwork will be part of the 'leading lights' exhibition in December. To launch this activity Mahtab Hussain came into school to do an assembly during CREW time and then worked with each year 9 class delivering the launch lesson.



## Golden Ticket Winner Pizza Parties

- Two of our Year 8 Groups enjoying their pizza parties.



**Year 13 Leavers' Prom** - On Friday 29th August we said a final farewell to our 2024-2025 Year 13 cohort at their leavers' Prom. After months of planning by the senior team that included students voting on location, food choices and creating a playlist made up of song requests (Cotton Eye Joe is still going strong after 30, yes 30 years!) the students arrived at Colwick Hall in Nottingham. The Prom was held in the Hall's marquee and students had access to the beautiful grounds for those all-important photo opportunities, as well as photo print outs from a 'magic mirror', and entrance photos taken by Mrs Richardson. After a buffet dinner, the dancefloor came alive until midnight when we said our goodbyes. It was great to see so many students there, and especially heartwarming to witness the friendships and bonds students have made over the last two years. We wish them all the best as they move on into their next chapter. Special thanks to Mrs Richardson for her help with decorations and photos, and to Mr Owen for sound, lighting and visuals.





## Young Leaders Host Youth Assembly with Liz Kendall MP - Citizens UK



In July, Braunstone Frith Primary welcomed Liz Kendall MP to engage with 7 schools and 101 people over the concerns that are facing our young people today. On the day they heard stories of students struggles: mental health and lacking support; housing and forced moves to temporary housing; and migration and the struggles immigrants face. Liz engaged with our young people during a 'listening' session and students described her responses as engaging, encouraging, and felt personally connected. Some of our Sixth Form students were among the attendees. You can [read more about it here](#) and [watch a video here](#).

Citizens UK is delighted to announce that the voting age will be lowered across the UK, which means around 1.5 million 16 and 17-year-olds will be able to vote at the next general election. Those young leaders will have felt they played a role in making that happen. [More information is available here](#).

## Guide Dogs



On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 12 welcomed some special guests to assembly. We were lucky enough to get a sought after assembly presentation from Graham and Mary who are puppy trainers for the Guide Dogs charity. They brought along 7 month old Casper and talked through the process of being a puppy raiser. This assembly coincided with our Year 12 Enrichment launch.

While Ashby Sixth Form has an extensive Enrichment offer available, the purpose of this assembly was to help our Y12s think about how they can get involved with local volunteering groups and charities if there is something they want to do outside of or alongside the Sixth Form offer. We are fortunate that the Guide Dogs local district fundraising group are keen to support our Enrichment programme by collaborating with us through fundraising, and organising awareness events. We are excited to see what we can achieve together this year!

## Ashby Statutes

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September a group of 19 Year 13 students continued the long standing Sixth Form tradition of supporting the Ashby and Coalville Lions Club with an annual event they organise. For nearly 50 years the Statutes fair owners have set aside the Monday morning of the fair to allow children with special educational needs and their guests to attend. Our Sixth Form volunteers assisted the Lions in the car parks, registering visitors arrival, directing them into the fair and facilities, and accompanying visitors on the rides and/or around the fair, and helping to distribute refreshments. Our Lions contact Bob Williams gave the below feedback- "I would like to thank your students for the work they did. They did an excellent job-polite, courteous and are a credit to the school."



Thank you to these Year 13 students for showcasing our school values in the community and supporting this event on a very windy Monday morning!