



Next Two Weeks

1st November	6th Form Open Day 12.30-3pm
4th November	Year 10/11 Modern Languages Christmas Market Trip Parents' Meeting 6-7pm
6th November	6th Form Open Evening 5-7pm
10th - 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week 10th November Odd Socks Day
11th November	Remembrance Day
12 th November	Online Information Event for DofE Silver
13th November	School Early Finish 2pm
14th November	Children in Need (Non-Uniform Day)

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Safeguarding – It's Not Okay – Our next It's Not Okay campaign is Anti-Bullying and will start with Odd Socks Day on the 10th November, which is the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week that runs 10th – 14th November.

Attendance - Miss School...MISS OUT! - Most mild illnesses like colds and coughs can be managed at school. Keeping your child home unnecessarily can disrupt their learning and social development. We want to work with you to prioritise your child's education and well-being together! If you're unsure, consult your local pharmacy, or your child's doctor for advice.

If your child is too unwell for school, then please notify as soon as possible on each day of absence. Y7-11, email yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.co.uk or call ext. 202. Y12/Y13 email

sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk or call ext. 265.

Sixth Form Sign Out – a reminder that Sixth Form students should be signing out on B Block and not coming through the main reception.

Other Key Dates

15th November	6th Form Open Day 10am - 12.30pm
20th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening (Face to face)
28th November	Disaggregated Day

In Our Classrooms

What are we learning Autumn Half Term 2 -

Please find an overview of what students will be learning in their subjects during the second half of the Autumn 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!

[Year 7](#)

[Year 8](#)

[Year 9](#)

Careers

Careers Bulletin – Please find our latest Careers Bulletin [here](#).

Rolls-Royce Degree & Highers Open Evening - Y13 students are invited to attend an upcoming Rolls-Royce Degree & Highers Open Evening in Derby on **Tuesday 25th November!** These events are a fantastic opportunity for young people to explore the wide range of apprenticeship programmes on offer and get a real insight into what it's like to start a career with Rolls-Royce. This event will be hosted at the Rolls-Royce [Learning & Development Centre \(Gate 5A\), Wilmore Road, DE24 9BD](#), from [5-8pm](#). Students can sign up for a 1-hour slot of their choice, but spaces do fill up quickly. **Please note** – due to venue capacity, each student may attend with *one* parent or guardian only. **Students can find out more and register via the [link here](#):**

Duke of Edinburgh

DofE Silver Launch - We are delighted to offer the opportunity for Year 10 students to complete their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. The DofE Award offers young people the chance to strive for achievement, overcome obstacles and set their minds to a personal challenge. You can read more about it on their website: www.dofe.org

It is available to students who are completing/just finished their Bronze award time to students who haven't done their Bronze award.

We will be holding an online information event for parents and students on **Wednesday 12th November** via Microsoft teams.

[Please click here](#) for a link to the letter that provides all the details.

Trips

Please find a [letter here](#) for the Year 7 Space Centre Trip Launch.



Other Updates

Collection of GCSE and A Level Textile Work - The time has now come to collect your GCSE or A Level Textile work. All work has been placed in a room within the sixth form area. When you arrive at the sixth form reception, staff there will be able to direct you. **You can collect your work between Monday 1st Dec to Friday 12th, from 9:00am to 3:15pm.** Unfortunately, if you choose not to collect your work, it may be discarded due to limited storage facilities in school. If you would like to keep your work but cannot collect it within the allocated time, please email Mrs Sheldon s-sheldon@ashbyschool.org.uk directly to see what arrangements can be made. If any of your work is missing, please email as it may have been missed when packing up the work.

Getting NHS Help Fast - Since the pandemic, demand for services, including those at GP practices, has increased. The NHS in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland is making it easier for people to get help quickly when they need it. They are inviting you to share your views, to help improve services further. [Read More here.](#)

What's been happening...

The Arts Celebration evening – The night was an opportunity for The Arts students to showcase what they have been working on last half term. The evening included the Orchestra, Youth Theatre, Samba Drumming, a Year 13 Band and a display of KS3 Artwork.



Textiles Off to a Creative Start - The Textile groups across all year groups have made a fantastic start to the term, diving into a wide range of textile techniques and producing some truly impressive work. Mrs Sheldon has been especially impressed by the creativity, skill, and enthusiasm students have brought to their projects. It's been a vibrant and inspiring start to the year—well done to all involved!



Empowered to Succeed - We welcomed y11 students and parents to the recent launch of their 'Empowered to Succeed' programme where they found out more about their y11 journey, GCSE exams and how to prepare and revise effectively. This was followed by the opportunity to speak to Faculty Leaders about more subject specific exam preparation. The 'Empowered to Succeed' Newsletter, which contains revision updates and faculty foci, will be emailed to parents' fortnightly until Christmas then weekly in the New Year.



Gymnastic Success – Freddie has been shortlisted for the Northwest Leicestershire Let's Get Moving Awards in the Sports Person of the Year category recognising his achievements in gymnastics. He will attend the awards event on 27th November where they announce the winners. Freddie was part of the GB squad 2024 and 2025 and on 28th September was the East Midlands Elite Grade champion U12.



Gyotaku Printing Year 10 Art– This week year 10 Art students experienced Gyotaku printing. This is an ancient Japanese printing method that fisherman used to record the size of their catches. Students inked up seabass and successfully took prints for their current project.



Life at Ashby Sixth Form



Open Day Events

- Saturday 1st November 12:30-15:00
- Saturday 15th November 10:00-12:30

Come and view our campus, see our amazing facilities and meet the Sixth Form Pastoral Team.

No need to book please just arrive between the designated times.

Tours will start from our Sixth Form reception on the Leicester Road site.

For more information, please email us: sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk

Open Evening

Thursday 6th November 17:00-19:00

Take this opportunity to find out more about our impressive Sixth Form, meet our subject specialists and explore our broad and diverse curriculum.

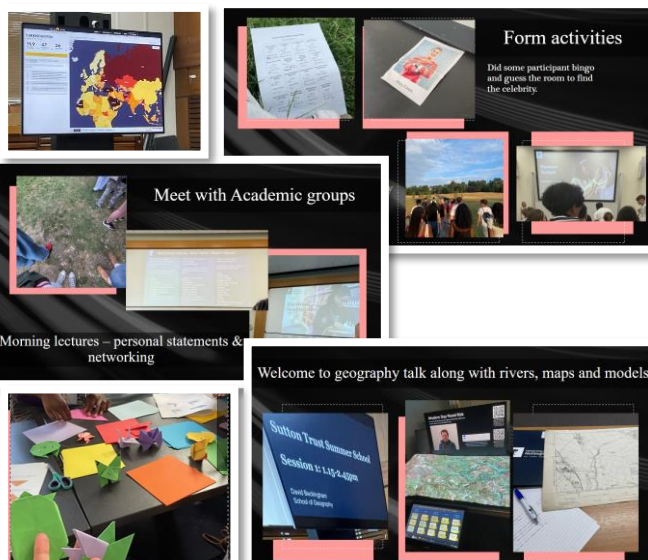
No need to book.

This evening will be based at our Nottingham Road site.

For more information, please email us: sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk

Summer School Experience

Our Year 13 student, Molly H, spent time at the University of Nottingham during the Sutton Trust Summer School on the geography strand and shared a photo diary with us. She also had this to say *"I loved being part of the Sutton trust summer school as I got to meet so many amazing people. I made friends from all over the country with similar aspirations and interests along with having the opportunity to talk to professionals in my field. The seminars gave me a great insight to what University would be like as well as sparking my interest in topics I had never considered before. I believe everyone can get something out of attending summer school, for me I loved the social activities, and I learnt a lot about my capabilities to communicate with a range of different people. I feel I've grown as a person and now have the ability to be as prepared for university as I can be. Molly.H"*



Black History Month

Over the last couple of weeks all year groups have had assemblies on the topic of Black History Month, delivered by our Year 12 Stephen Lawrence ambassadors Bilel and Thalia.

This years BHM theme is 'Standing firm in power and pride' and the assembly focused on historical figures that have pioneered positive change, modern influencers, and how the mantra can be used going forwards for individuals and communities to carry on shaping an inclusive world through empowerment, growth and unity.

The year 13 assembly also coincided with the Give racism the red card day, which was also organised by our Stephen Lawrence ambassadors. Thank you to students across all years who supported this by wearing their red accessories.

Bilel and Thalia are looking to expand their team. Students that are interested in learning more about being a Stephen Lawrence ambassador can let a member of staff know initially and their interest will be passed on.

