



Next Two Weeks

15th November	6th Form Open Day 10 - 12.30pm
20th November	Year 11 Parents' Evening (Face to Face) Read letter here
28th November	Disaggregated Day – School closed to Students

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Attendance - Punctuality -students should be on the school site by 8.35am and in their CREW rooms at 8.40am please. If students arrive after this time, they will receive a break time detention the same day, unless we have been given prior notification from parents as to why they will be late.

Duke of Edinburgh

DofE Silver Sign-Up - We are excited to launch sign-ups for our new **Silver** DofE cohort for 25–26!

Silver Award (open to Year 10 whether you've done the Bronze award or not): Students will take part in volunteering, skills and physical activities over 3 to 6 months each, before completing a training, a practice and a qualifying expedition. It's a fantastic way to build confidence, resilience and teamwork while having fun with friends. Don't miss the chance to take part in this amazing opportunity!

For more details, including costs, commitments and expedition dates, please see the full letter linked below which includes a link to the presentation that was given during the online information event. [Silver Award Information Letter](#)

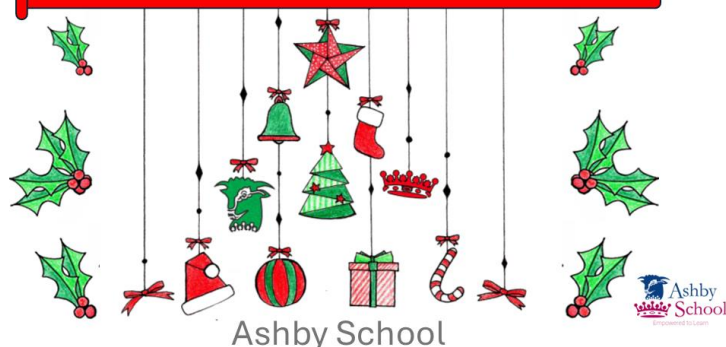
Careers

Please find our latest careers bulletin [here](#).

Other Key Dates

4 th December	Yr 13 parents' Evening (Face to Face)
11 th December	- Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children) - Non-Uniform Day
15 th December	Christmas Concert
16 th December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Concert 2.30-4.30pm. Tickets are FREE – contact reception or email us .
19 th December	End of Term – (Full Day)
5 th January	Teacher Training – School closed to Students
6 th January	School opens to Students

Christmas Carol Concert for Senior Citizens



Ashby School

Tuesday 16th December 2:30 – 4:30pm

The concert will start promptly at 2:45pm, entry will not be granted before 2:30pm. Refreshments will be available after the concert.

Tickets are free, contact reception or email enquiries@ashbyschool.org.uk

Operations Updates

Parent/Carer Parking in Range Road:

Please do not park along Range Road when dropping off or collecting your child from school, as this blocks driveways and causes congestion for buses who are arriving/departing our site. We endeavour to maintain a harmonious relationship with our neighbours and local community, so would request that you park away from the school site, so your child can walk safely into school via the authorised entrances. Thank you.



In Our Classrooms



Year 7, 8 & 9 PE lessons - All students in year 7, 8 and 9 will change their PE sports from Monday 17th November. All students have been informed. Please refer to the schedule sent out at the start of term to see what your child participating in. Please note rugby will need boots and a gum shield.



Food - Ingredients and cooking dates are on the Arbor assignment tab and will not be emailed. Ingredients need to be labelled and brought in before CREW and students need a container/foil to take their cooking home. Please bring an apron.

Year 11 - Students have now handed in NEA 1, we are focusing on practising cooking skills for NEA 2 and will be starting soon. Practical lessons for NEA 2 will be after Christmas.

Upcoming Food events:

Tuesday 25th Nov and Tuesday 2nd Dec - Sheffield Food Tour – Please see email to sign up and pay via WisePay (year 11 and 12 students).

Thursday 11th December - Fish in Schools workshop for year 11 students who have signed up and year 12 food students.

Outside of Our Classrooms



Senior Maths Challenge - The Senior Maths Challenge was held on the 9th October. It was a 90-minute, multiple choice maths competition designed for students in Year 12 and Year 13 to encourage mathematical reasoning, precision and creative problem-solving skills.

We entered 47 students: 15 Year 13s, 23 Year 12s, 3 Year 11s, 2 Year 10s, 3 Year 9s and 1 Year 8.

Three students achieved a gold certificate and have moved on to take part in the "Andrew Jobbing's Senior Kangaroo". Oliver Wildeman (Year 13) who came best in school, Josh Zheng (Year 12) and Rose Shepherd (Year 10). 18 students received a silver award, including Year 8 student Liliana Dickson.

In addition to this, the Intermediate Maths Challenge is being held on 28th January. Once again it is a 90-minute, multiple choice maths competition, but designed for students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

To prepare for this, thirty students in Year 9 are having a fortnightly session with the nine students in Year 13 Further Maths. In these sessions the Year 9s work in small groups, each having a sixth form helper to help guide them and prepare for the upcoming competition.

What's been happening...

Year 7 Netball - On Wednesday 29th October the year 7 Netball team took part in a fixture that was hosted at Newbridge. We played against Ivanhoe, Castle Rock and Newbridge. We had 8 players and students rotated fairly; some played out of position to help others and give opportunities to all. We won 2 matches and lost only by 2pts to Castle Rock. There was lots of great sportsmanship shown, with hand shaking at the end of every match. Thank you to Mrs Cooper, the seasoned mini-bus driver and professional DJ.



Model Cell Biology - Year 7 students have been creating model cells as part of their cells and movement module in Biology this past week. These are a few of the amazing examples created including some educational sweet treats and a spot of Crocheting. As always it is amazing to see the pride which our students put into their work.



Core Maths Halloween Escape Room - On 30th October, our Year 12 Core Maths students traded their textbooks for teamwork, taking on a thrilling Halloween-themed escape room challenge designed to test their problem-solving skills in a high-pressure environment.

The challenge required students to work collaboratively in groups of four to seven. Their mission: solve a series of cryptic puzzles and mathematical challenges to successfully escape "Rowan's Curse, before their competing classmates.

The event fostered excellent collaboration and critical thinking. Despite the spooky theme, all groups worked exceptionally well and successfully managed to break the curse and escape the room.

It was a fantastic opportunity for students to apply logical reasoning and teamwork outside of a traditional classroom setting, and a great way to celebrate Halloween while enhancing their core skills.



What's been happening...

We were delighted last week to have two employers come in to talk to our Year 11 and 13 students about apprenticeship opportunities. VF Logistics, in Bardon, Ibstock, talked to our Year 11's about the exciting opportunities that are available within their Logistics enterprise. Apprentices are recruited each year to start learning the industry in the warehouse to begin with, with exciting opportunities to progress onto all areas of the organisation.

Year 13 students were visited by a second-year degree apprentice from Ibstock Brick. She talked about the varied degree apprenticeships on offer at the company, as well as her own journey as a Manufacturing Management second-year who is studying a Material Science Technologist degree apprenticeship through Sheffield Hallam University. She inspired so many of our students.

We are so grateful to our external employers who come in to talk to our students and help them to be aware of the many opportunities that exist once they finish GCSEs or A Levels.



A Rolls Royce Work Experience - After being nominated by us, Jack Bromley, Year 13 student, was lucky to have been given a place on Rolls Royce 'Next Generation Programme' to experience a finance themed weeks' work experience.

"During my week of work experience at Rolls-Royce, I gained valuable insight into how finance operates within a major engineering company. We took part in team-building activities, such as building planes from recycling, that developed our communication and teamwork skills; and spoke to employees from a variety of departments. It was fascinating to learn about their career paths and how different roles work together to support the company's success. The main focus of the week was a group case study where we advised the board of an aeroplane engine company whether to begin work on an electric engine. Working as a team, we formed recommendations based on the nature and conditions of the market and presented our conclusions to senior employees within Rolls-Royce. We also toured different sectors within the business, including the manufacturing facilities, to see how finance plays a part in every aspect. Overall, it was an inspiring and informative experience that showed how finance plays a key role in a global company's success."

Remembrance Sunday

Ashby Sixth Form students and our Head of Sixth Form, Mrs Rundle-Brown represented Ashby School & Form at the Ashby remembrance parade and service.



Armistice Day

On Tuesday morning, Students from the Student Leadership Team attended the Armistice Day 2025 service in Ashby to represent our Sixth Form.



We had a fantastic number of people attend school in their various uniforms for Armistice Day



We held our Sixth Form Remembrance Service. Harry Booton, Year 13, put together and lead the remembrance service which included readings by Sixth Form students Harry Booton, Liam Hogan, Pip Gibson, and Joseph Taylor. They read from Ashby School's War Dead, The Story of RS Hallam, The Exhortation. The Bugle playing the last post lead into a 2-minute silence, then finished off with In Flanders Fields and closing words by Mrs Rundle-Brown.

