



## Next Two Weeks

1st December	Do You Hear the People Sing? – A celebration of music from Les Miserables - Concert 5pm and 7pm - <a href="#">Tickets available here</a>
4th December	Yr 13 Parents' Evening (Face to Face) <a href="#">Read letter here</a> .
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save The Children) - <b>Non-Uniform Day</b>
15th December	Ashby School Christmas Concert 7pm – Tickets available <a href="#">here</a> .

## Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates



### Important Safeguarding Reminders

#### School Arrival & Departure

- Any students arriving to school on time should be using the pedestrian or turnstile entrances (unless pre-arranged agreements have already been made).
- Any student arriving or returning to school after 9am **MUST** enter via the Main Reception on Nottingham Road, unless they are a Sixth Form student who needs to sign in at the Sixth Form reception.
- At the end of the school day, Students **MUST** exit via the pedestrian or turnstile exits and not through the Main Reception. (unless pre-arranged agreements have already been made).

**Attendance** – You must let us know if your child will be absent **by** 8.30am, on each day of absence.

**Yr7-Y11** – Call us and leave a message on ext. 202 or email [yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk).

**Sixth Form** - Call us and leave a message on ext. 265 or email [sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk).

## Other Key Dates

15th December	Exams Certificate Collection 10am – 5pm from Sixth Form Reception. <b>Students must bring photo ID.</b> To collect for someone else, bring a <a href="#">signed permission form</a> and ID.
16th December	Senior Citizens' Christmas Concert 2.30-4.30pm. Tickets are FREE – contact reception or <a href="#">email us</a> .
19th December	End of Term – (Full Day)
5th January	Teacher Training - closed to Students
6th January	School opens to Students
6th January	Exams certificate Collection

## Communication Update

Following feedback regarding the volume of emails received from school, we have reviewed our strategy and as a trial from the start of next term we will be moving some communications to the School Newsletter and/or Arbor App notifications. We advise you to allow push notifications on the Arbor App, if you haven't already done this. If you don't have this enabled, you may still receive emails to inform you when a notification is sent to you. You will still receive some communications via email, including the fortnightly newsletter, urgent notices, specific trip information for your child and behaviour communications. We may occasionally use text messaging for a time sensitive issue such as an emergency closure. If you don't have the Arbor App installed, please [follow this link](#) for further guidance. We will evaluate this approach in the Spring term and thank you for your understanding whilst we improve our systems.

## Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

**Safeguarding - Kayleigh's Love Story** – You may have seen in the BBC Leicester News recently that they covered 'Kayleigh's Love Story, about Leicestershire teenager Kayleigh Haywood, who was murdered in 2015 after being groomed online. Kayleigh was a student at Ashby and was taught by teachers who are still working here today. Our Head of School KS5 and Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Rundle-Brown spoke to the BBC for their report. It is important for Ashby School/Sixth Form to always remember Kayleigh and we are passionate about turning such an awful tragedy into something that potentially could save students' lives in the future. You can read the full BBC article [here](#).

## Careers

**Careers Bulletin** – please find our latest careers bulletin [here](#).

**Year 11 Apprenticeship Workshop Sign Up** - Year 11 students are invited to sign-up for an Apprenticeship workshop session which is taking place on Wednesday 17th December in school-time. The session will focus on searching and applying for Intermediate and Higher Apprenticeships. We will be looking at top tips at navigating the process and discussing the application process as well. Students will also be given time on the laptops to explore potential apprenticeship opportunities and start their applications. The Careers Team will be on-hand to support students with this. If your child is interested in signing-up for this optional workshop, then please encourage them to complete the sign-up form [here](#).

## Uniform

**BOGOF Uniform** - One of our Uniform suppliers, Baby Planet Online (Uniform only) is currently offering a Buy One Get One Free offer. You can visit their [website here](#).

## Vacancies

**Teaching Assistant & Admin Support** - Please visit ETeach [here](#) for information and to apply. Closing Date: Monday 1st December 9am.

**Cleaner** - Please visit ETeach [here](#) for information and to apply. Closing Date: Friday 5th December 9am.

## Duke of Edinburgh

### Final Reminder – DofE Silver Sign-Up for Year 10

Sign-ups and deposits need to be made by this Sunday 30th November. All costs, commitments and expeditions dates are available here: [Silver Award Information Letter](#)

If finances are an issue at this time of year, please get in touch on : [dofesilver@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:dofesilver@ashbyschool.org.uk)

## In Our Classrooms



**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](#).

**Design Rotations:** - rotation information can be found on Arbor.

Order of rotations;

D&T

Engineering

Food

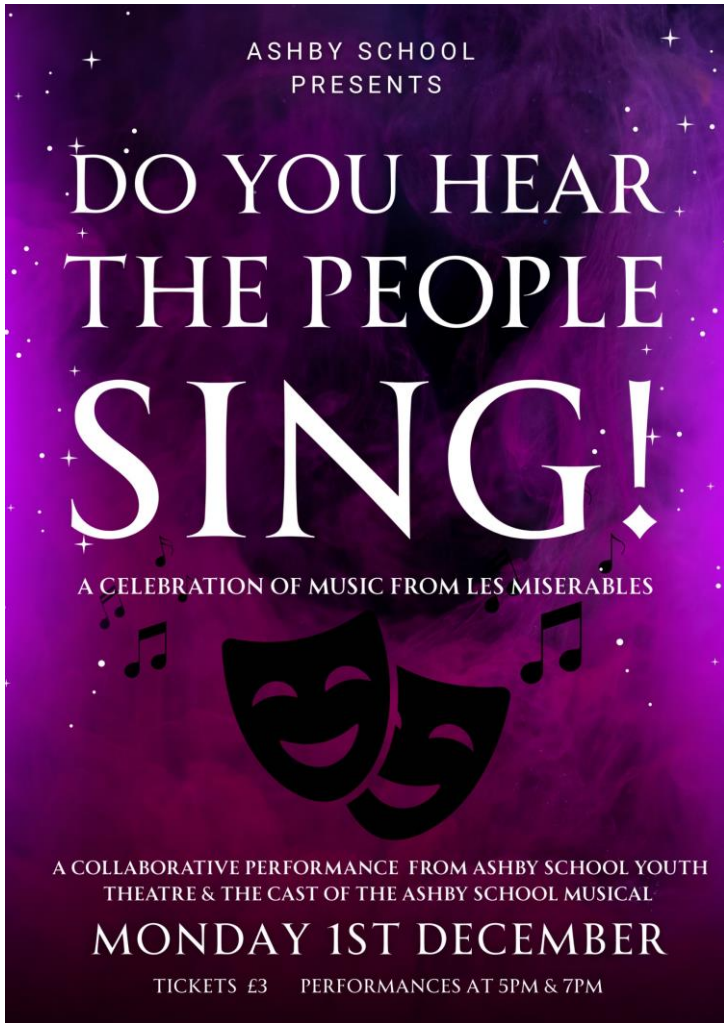
Drama/Visual Communication (Year 9 Only)

Textiles

Dates we change;

6/1/26, 9/3/26, 18/5/26

## Events



# Christmas Carol Concert for Senior Citizens



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@ashbyschool.org.uk)



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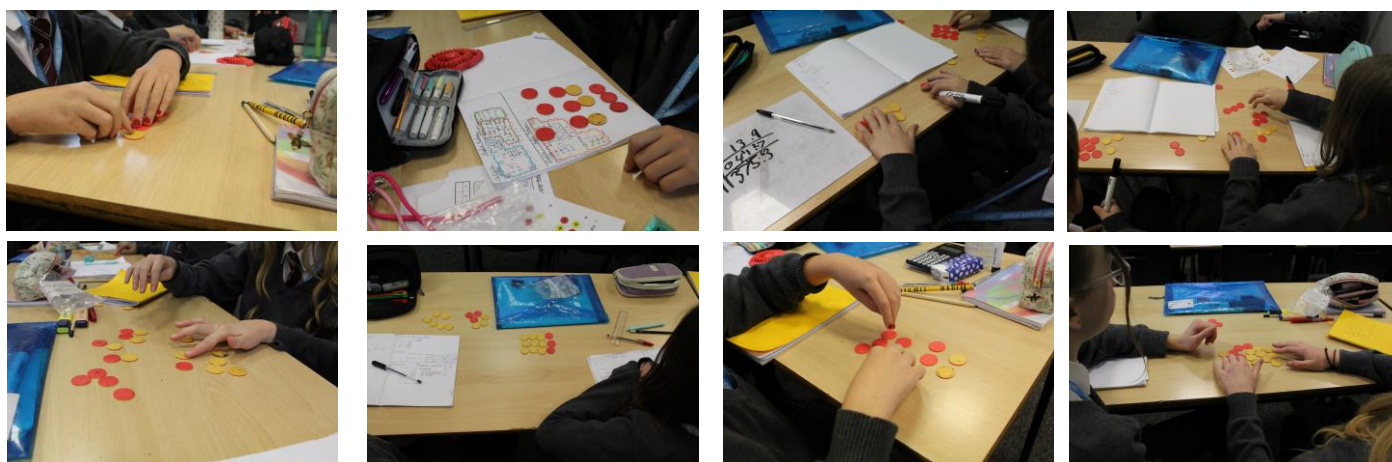
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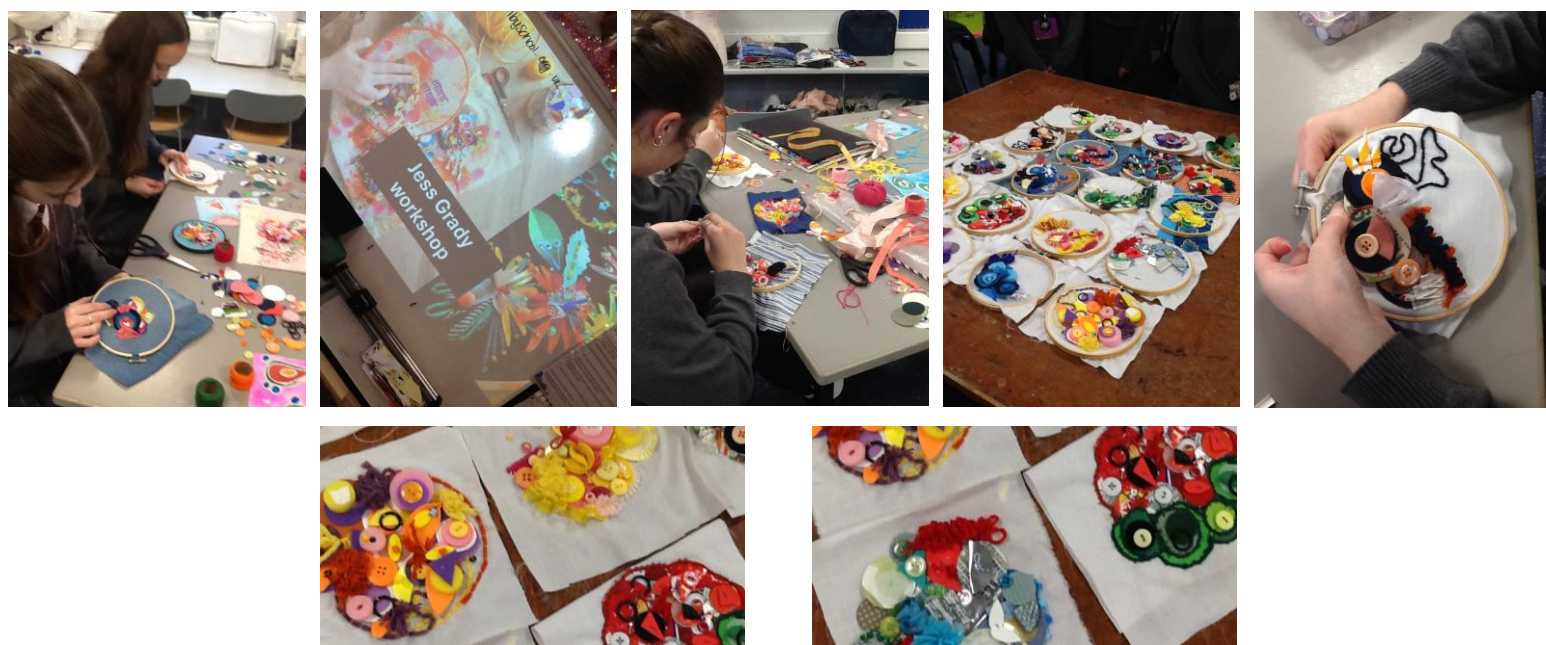


# What's been happening...

**Year 7 Maths - Two Coloured Counters** - In Year 7 we have been teaching directed numbers this term. Our approach to these involves using two-coloured counters to help students to grasp the concept. Often students struggle with directed numbers as historically they are asked to remember a lot of rules that don't make sense. Through using two coloured counters we introduce the concept of a zero pair, with red counters and yellow counters becoming zero together. This really helps students to build a conceptual understanding of what is happening with directed number calculations. We have been doing this with our Year 7s for the last 3 years and, anecdotally, we are seeing far fewer errors with negatives compared to before, later on in their school careers.



**Year 10 Textiles – Jessica Grady Workshop** - Year 10 textiles students, along with a group of A-Level Textiles students, recently took part in an inspiring workshop led by textile artist **Jessica Grady**. Throughout the session, students experimented with a range of decorative textile techniques, creating beautifully intricate samples linked to the themes of their current projects. The workshop offered them an exciting opportunity to explore new materials, develop their creative confidence, and refine their practical skills in a professional context. Jessica was extremely impressed with the high standard of work produced and praised the students' creativity and enthusiasm. Mrs Sheldon, who organised and supported the workshop, echoed this sentiment and looks forward to welcoming Jess back to Ashby again in the near future.



# What's been happening...

EFL Tournament at LCFC training ground – Year 7 & 8 Girls – On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November our Year 7 and 8 Girls took part in an EFL Tournament at Leicester Seagrave Training Centre. There were 10 teams present, and we came second overall. We lost to the Winning team, Thomas Estley Community College, in the final (1-0). It was a 7-a-side fixture, and matches were 10 minutes long. The girls worked well supporting each other and cheering for each other when on the sideline. A special mention to our two goalkeepers for keeping a clean sheet until the final and for Clarissa who scored from her goal line. Our top goal scorer was Lexi, but we had 6 different players score throughout tournament. Thank you to Mrs Cooper for driving the mini-bus, Miss Wright for coaching and Zoe (LCFC inspires project) who invited us, it was an Incredible experience!

