



## Next Two Weeks

5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day
6 <sup>th</sup> –15 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
9 <sup>th</sup> March	D&T Rotation – information on Arbor
10 <sup>th</sup> March	School Early Finish 2pm

## Other Key Dates & Events

19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 10 Parents' Evening (Online)
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mercian Band – Music & Misogyny Talk
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform for Comic Relief
27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term – Normal Finish Time (Easter Holiday)
13 <sup>th</sup> April	School Opens for Summer Term
21 <sup>st</sup> April	School Early Finish 2pm
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Student 3-in-1 booster + meningitis ACWY vaccinations
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed to students)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 11 Prom –read letter <a href="#">here</a>

## Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

**Absences** –Yr 7-Y11 - Please let us know if your child is going to be absent from school by emailing [yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:yearteamabsences@ashbyschool.org.uk) or ringing and leaving a message on ext. 202 by 8.30am. Sixth Form - Please call extension 265 or email [sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk).



**Operation Encompass.** –

There is an important update to **Operation Encompass**, the national scheme that helps schools provide timely support for children who may have been affected by domestic abuse. Please read the full [letter here](#) which explains these changes.

## In our classrooms

**Empowered to Succeed Revision Newsletter** – latest newsletter can be [read here](#).



**Rotations in D&T:** Our next

Rotation in D&T is **9/3/26**. Information is also available on Arbor. **Order of rotations:** D&T, Engineering, Food, Drama or Visual Communication (Year 9 only), Textiles. **Next change is 18/5/26.**

**Reminder that** all ingredients for food tech will be on Arbor on the assignments tab.

## Wellbeing Updates



**Essential support for under 25s in the UK**

**Self help for your young person** - The Mix offers a text messaging service and counselling for 13–25-year-olds where parents and students can self-refer using [this link](#). They also have self-paced learning modules in their life skills section, to enable students to learn more about emotions and mental health – these can be found [here](#).

## Careers

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



### Staff Compliments

At Ashby School, we are proud of our dedicated staff and always welcome positive feedback from parents and carers.

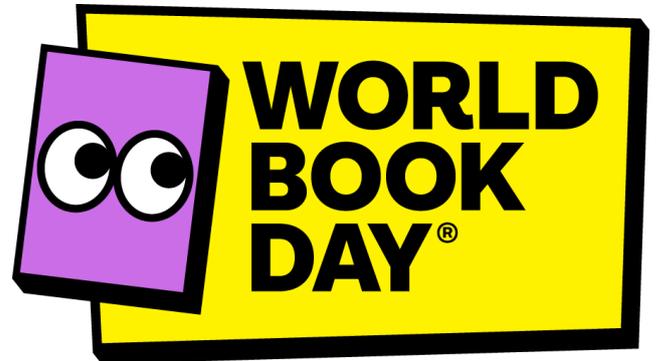
If you would like to share a compliment or pass on your thanks, please email [compliments@ashbyschool.org.uk](mailto:compliments@ashbyschool.org.uk)

### Edurio Survey

Our annual Parental LiFE MAT Trust survey is launching next week. The link will be sent out via an Arbor App Notification, so please look out for this and enable notifications if you have not yet done so. The deadline for the responses is 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### Operations Updates

**Road Safety** - Please can we remind all students to take care when crossing the road around the school and sixth form site and to ensure they are using allocated crossings and check before walking across the road.



World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Like last year, we will be starting each lesson with a reading from a section of a novel that builds up throughout the day. However, this year, there will be a 'masked reader' reading the part of the novel and students have to guess who is behind the mask! It would be great for all students at the start of every lesson to listen to the extract and have a go at guessing who is the masked reader!

The English department will be dressing up, but please note that ALL students MUST attend in FULL UNIFORM.

There will also be activities in the library at break and lunch.

### School Awards

**Ashby School Awards Sponsorship** – At Ashby School we strive for the promotion of academic success alongside holistic success. On 16th April 2026 we are holding our annual Awards Evening, and we would like to ask for your support through sponsorship of the awards to be given to our most deserving students. Please read our [letter here](#) about sponsoring our KS4/5 Awards Evening in April.

# What's been happening...

**Rewards** - Pizza Party for Ava Boylin 8Y, the winner from last term's awards assembly that she enjoyed with Poppy, Esme and Katie.



**Rewards** - Before half term, our Year 8 Golden Ticket winner, Annabelle Heath 8H, enjoyed a Pizza Reward Lunch with her friends Elouise and Jessica.



**Bosworth Heritage Trip** - Our Year 13 historians enjoyed a fantastic day deepening their understanding of the culmination of the Wars of the Roses at the Bosworth Heritage Centre. A definite highlight was perfecting their Tudor-era war cries and marching in formation as part of the army.



**Children's Mental Health Week – Sponge a Teacher** – Our Wellbeing Team put together a week of activities at break and lunch for Children's Mental Health Week, across the school to raise money for both wellbeing and mental health charities. One of these events, was our much-loved and highly profitable Sponge-a-Teacher event.

Thank you to our Wellbeing Team for organising the event, to our fantastic teachers who were great sports and took part and to everyone that donated to great causes and had fun sponging a teacher in the process!



# What's been happening...

**F1 STEM Competition** - Ashby School has entered four teams this year into the STEM racing competition at Harper Adams University. There has been lots of success this year with four awards being gained; Best engineered car, lightning reaction time, best portfolio and research and development. The competition consisted of several tasks throughout the day – A pit display presentation, design and engineering presentation, a verbal presentation and the race itself which is gas-powered against a competitor school with compressed gas-powered cars along a drag strip. All teams have worked exceptionally hard in all areas in preparation for the event.



**Photography Exhibition** – Our year 13 Photography students showcased their coursework in an exhibition on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Parents and Governors were invited to view the exhibition and the students' hard work. The reception and feedback has been very positive, with one Governor commenting "The messages were very clear and very loud. Well done to you all and thank you for sharing this".

