



Next Two Weeks	
27 th April	Student 3-in-1 booster + meningitis ACWY vaccinations
30 th April	Year 7 Parents' Evening (Online) – Please read letter here .
30 th April	Year 11 and Year 13 Group Photos
1 st May	Colour Run – 1.45pm -3.10pm. Sponsorship forms and money need to be brought in on Thursday 30th April.
4 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed to students)
6 th May	Aquathon 3.15-6pm – Entry forms need to be handed in by 30th April.

Other Key Dates & Events	
4 th May	Bank Holiday (school closed to students)
6 th May	Aquathon
18 th May	D&T Rotation – See Arbor
22 nd May	Year 11 Prom – read letter here
25 th – 29 th May	May Half Term
25 th May	Year 13 Study Leave Starts
5 th June	Culture Day - Non-Uniform
5 th June	Year 11 Study Leave Starts
18 th June	Year 8 Parents' Evening (Online)
19 th June	Pride – Non – Uniform Day
25 th June	School Early Finish 2pm
25 th June	KS3 Awards Evening

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Attendance - We ask that you support your child and Ashby School with their attendance and specifically request that you do not take your child on holiday during term time. Penalty Notice fines will be considered if there have been 10 sessions of absence in a 10-week period.

Behaviour - We kindly ask parents and carers to support us by speaking with their children about the importance of behaving respectfully during transition times throughout the school day. Moving between lessons, break times, and other activities should be calm, safe, and considerate of others. Reinforcing these expectations at home helps create a positive environment for everyone in our school community. Thank you for your continued support.

Personal Development Consultation

As part of the review of our Personal Development curriculum to incorporate the new Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) statutory content for teaching from September 2026, we are consulting parents around these changes. Please find a letter with further details, links to our draft policy and curriculum and how to share your feedback [here](#). The consultation period is open until 22nd May 2026.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a new vacancy for the role of Parent Governor on our local governing board. More information can be found in the [letter here](#). If you're interested in applying for the role, please complete the candidate form linked [here](#) by **3pm on Tuesday 5th May 2026.**

Applications for 26/27 Travel

The application process for home-to-school transport for the 2026–2027 academic year for **Ashby School** students is now open. If your child requires transport to and from school, please complete the application using [this link](#). Please ensure all applications are submitted by **Friday 24th July 2026** to guarantee arrangements are in place for the start of the new school year. For more information, please [read the letter here](#).

Become a host family with WEP

WEP Education is looking for families in the local area to host exchange students looking to study at Ashby. Would you, or anyone else you know be interested in becoming a host family? Please email wepeducation@wep.org. For more information, visit their website [here](#).

Wellbeing Updates

Children's Commissioner Resources - [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives](#).

SAFEGUARDING NEURODIVERGENT YOUNG PEOPLE



RECOGNISING RADICALISATION RISKS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE



This workshop will help families keep young people safe from risks such as online extremism, grooming, radicalisation, and wider harms.

THESE SESSIONS WILL:

- Explore how to recognise when a young person might be at risk of radicalisation
- Support you to manage challenging conversations around online safety and wellbeing
- Help distinguish between red flags and everyday neurodivergent behaviours
- Support you to connect with local safeguarding provision

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW

- Wed 22nd Apr, 1PM-3PM
- Tue 28th Apr, 10AM-12PM



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Careers

REMINDER: Year 9 Work Experience – Take Your Child to Work Day - Thursday 11th June 2026 - As part of our careers programme development in school, we require your support so all our Year 9 students can take part in the 'Take Your Child to Work Day' initiative. This will involve your child spending the day with you (could also be another family member or family friend) at work.

This is an exciting opportunity with the aim of allowing all Year 9 students to gain a **one-day experience of the workplace on Thursday 11th June 2026**. Experiences of the workplace is a vital part of Careers Education. It allows our young people to:

- Explore potential career paths
- Gain first-hand insight into the workplace
- Develop confidence, communication skills, and independence

This is one of the most impactful career-related opportunities your child will have during their school life, so your support is paramount.

SIGN-UP HERE: Once the place is confirmed, please complete the consent form via [this link](#).

Extension of Deadline - Year 10 Work Experience Programme – 9th–11th June 2026

- As you are already aware, all Year 10 students will have the opportunity to partake in a three-day compulsory work experience programme, from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th June 2026. We have now made the decision to extend the deadline to apply, to **Friday 29th May**. Please read our [latest letter here](#) for more information.

Revision Newsletter

Latest Revision Newsletter can be [read here](#).

What's been happening...

Year 9 & 10 Careers Trip – LCFC. -

Fourteen Year 9 and 10 students from Ashby School, along with 65 additional students, took part in our Judiciary Day in partnership with the National Justice Museum. Four judges from across the East Midlands shared insights into their career journeys and the various aspects of their roles. Students then participated in a mock trial, taking on key courtroom roles as they explored a case focused on county lines. In the afternoon, two soldiers delivered an engaging talk about their careers in the Army and led the students in a dynamic team-building activity.



All students participated, were engaged in the activities taking on roles such as the defendant, prosecutor and Jury and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Zoe and the LCITC Inspires project who hosted this event.



Talent Identification event run by The FA at Cedars Academy, Birstall Leicester - This was an event offered to us by the School Sports Partnership (Kirsty - who promotes female football) for teachers to select students with the potential to get onto the England Football Talent pathway. The information provided to us was regarding "future lioness characteristics".



Six students from Year 8/9 were chosen to attend this event. Students could already be in academies or playing at club level. The event was positioned to identify the most talented female footballers within the school system in years 8 and 9, providing players with the opportunity to showcase their ability in a positive environment aligned with The FA's player development principles and ensuring no talent goes unnoticed.



What's been happening...

U14s Boys' Hockey Team – On Friday 27th March our U14s Boys' Hockey Team attended the England Hockey Tier 2 State Schools Festival. There were 7 Boys teams, and we played all 6 other teams. We won 6 games and drew 1.

We had to face the team we drew against in the final and it was close! The opposition scored to take it to 1-0. We fought hard and had lots of possession but struggled to finish. In the last few seconds, we won a short corner and SCORED taking it to 1-1 as the whistle blew.

This meant we had to face shuffles (hockey's equivalent of penalties). We had to nominate 3 players to start. After the first 3 it was level at 2 each and so it went to sudden death. 9 shuffles later and the opposition were crowned winners leaving us with a very respectable 2nd place overall.

Mrs Rundle- Brown is very proud of the whole team (mix of Year 7s, 8s & 9s). Winning team was all Y9s!



British Heart Foundation Classroom RevivR – Back in March we trained 1441 students in CPR skills. It is the third year that we have used the British Heart Foundation resources with our students. We believe that it is vital to renew students' knowledge and understanding of CPR annually and usually try to do this in February to coincide with heart month - We were just a little late this year! We have had 2 instances this year of students doing CPR in our local community and believe that raising the profile of such important training is crucial. Sessions went well and nothing but positive feedback from staff.

Children's Mental Health Week Wellbeing Art Competition Winners – celebrating our school's creativity & Talent.



SECOND PLACE	FIRST PLACE	THIRD PLACE
LYDIA TILBURG	OLMA YOUNG	LAYLA ALI
10Z	YR13	9A



Thank you for all the entries and making Children's Mental Health Week a special one.

What's been happening...

KS4 & KS5 Awards Evening – On Thursday 16th April, we held our annual KS4 and KS5 Awards Evening. We recognised many students who have excelled in specific subjects, embraced the opportunity to be leaders and role models within our school, and those students who have excelled within our broader curriculum on the sports fields, on the stage, in collaboration with industry and in the community. However, perhaps most importantly, we celebrated our students who continue to embody everything that is great about our school through their realisation of our 3 Rs. Our students show respect every time they work hard in their learning, they take responsibility every time they go above and beyond, and they build resilience through their relentless drive to be the best versions of themselves. These skills are not just skills for school, they are skills for life, and we are proud of the opportunities our students create as they build their own routes into the future. Congratulations to all of our Students that won Awards.



Duke of Edinburgh Awards – We recently celebrated the achievements of our Duke of Edinburgh Award students at a dedicated awards assembly, recognising their commitment, resilience and hard work. The Duke of Edinburgh Award challenges young people to develop skills, volunteer in their community, improve their physical fitness and complete an expedition. While the expedition weekends are a highlight, students also show sustained dedication over several months through their Volunteering, Skills and Physical sections.



This year's results reflect both the determination of the students and the strength of the programme at Ashby School.



We are proud to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level as an inclusive opportunity for all students, helping them to develop confidence, independence and valuable life skills. Congratulations to all students who achieved their Bronze and Silver Awards this year — a fantastic achievement.

What's been happening...

Food Bank Collection



On Friday 17th April the Student Council arranged a Food Bank Collection for Ashby Food Bank. Ashby Food Bank had requested specific items that they are short of and so each year group was tasked with a specific item. There was a whole school/sixth form competition based on weight donated. The total for the collection was 205kg with Yr 13 making the largest contribution at 57kg. Overall, it was a fantastic effort and greatly appreciated by Ashby Foodbank and the Student Council would love to thank everyone who got involved.



STEPHEN LAWRENCE DAY

Stephen Lawrence Day - For Stephen Lawrence Day, staff and students wore an Orange accessory, and we took part in the Stephen Lawrence 22 Challenge. Each challenge was inspired by the number 22. Our Sixth Form Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors went round some of our CREWs to film the challenges. Even our Senior Leadership Team took part!



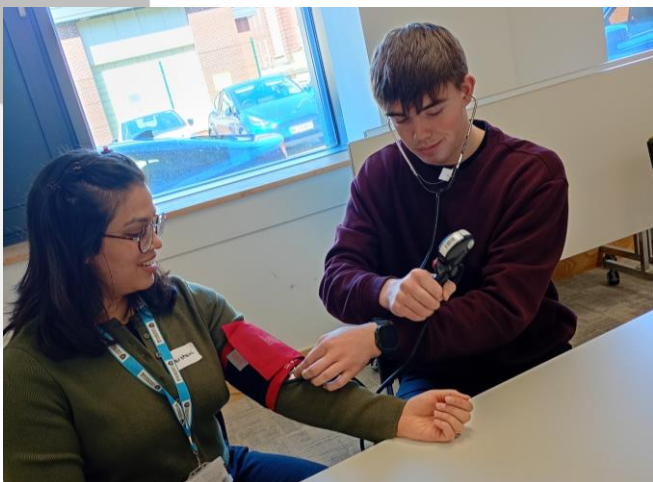


Medical Trip

On Wednesday 23rd April 24 Year 12 students interested in pursuing a Medical/Healthcare pathway attended a Post 16 University Experience Day at the University of Leicester. The aim from the University of Leicester is to introduce students to a different learning environment and demonstrate to them that higher education is an exciting and inclusive environment which they can aspire to.

Students attended 3 workshops throughout the day selected from the options of Medicine, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy, Diagnostic Radiotherapy, Midwifery, Working in A&E, Operating Department Practice, Empathy in Healthcare. There was also the options of a campus tour, meet the professionals, and UCAT support. Students were able to ask questions and gain more information to help them in their decisions regarding these specialisms.

Students also had the benefit of gaining practical experience via medical demos, for example using medical equipment to take blood pressure and assess lung function. Student feedback was that it was a very positive and beneficial day. Thank you to Mrs Clowes for organising the trip..



Year 12 UCAS Trip

On Wednesday 15th April, the majority of students in Year 12 attended a UCAS Discovery Fair at De Montfort University. Students were able to explore stands from over 90 university and college providers, speaking to the representatives about anything from course requirements and content, to student life, and of course getting the odd promotional bag or pen! There were also Q&A sessions on topics including apprenticeships, UCAS applications and personal statements, and subject spotlights.

One student gave feedback that they hadn't considered university before, but after the visit is re-thinking this and will definitely be attending some university Open Days. Ashby Sixth Form supports students to be informed about different pathways and gives them opportunities to explore these further, something that will be built on during our upcoming Post 12 Pathways Day. Exciting times ahead for Year 12!



Events & Community Information...



BUBBLE BLAST

LCH COLOUR DASH

 Get Sponsored - Run - Colour - Fun

MAY 1st 2026

1:45PM - 3:10PM

Recieve LCH Colour Dash Branded Prizes:
 Sticker, Rainbow Pencil,
 LCH Wristband, LCH Fidget Toy:

£2 =  + 
 £5 =  +  + 
 £10 =  +  +  + 
 £20 =  +  +  +  + 

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- YEAR 9 (U14 FOCUS - MOVING INTO YEAR 10)
- NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
- FREE FOR REST OF THE SEASON + SUMMER
- INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
- TOP PERFORMANCE AT COMPETITION LEVEL

BENEFITS YOU GAIN WITH US:

- RFU LEVEL 2 COACHING
- GAME VIDEO ANALYSIS
- GUARANTEED PLAYING TIME
- DEDICATED STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
- FULL SUMMER & PRE-SEASON PROGRAMME
- ANNUAL TOUR AND TEAM BUILDING EVENTS

TRAINING TIMES:

- THURSDAYS: 6:00PM - 7:30PM
- SUNDAYS: 11:00AM - 12:30PM

WEEKLY UPDATES VIA SPOND

BRING A FRIEND - TRY SOMETHING NEW - BE PART OF A TEAM



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Adventures

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DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100TH YEARS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Lots of Environmental Activities including:

- Canoe litter picking along the River Soar
- Guided site walks exploring wildlife, habitats
- River habitat viewing, using underwater cameras.
- Bankside litter picks led by Canal & River Trust
- Canal boat litter picking with Leicester City Parks, reaching areas that need it most



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