



Next Two Weeks

29 th June – 3 rd July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
30 th June	Year 7 Sports Day 8.40-11.10am
30 th June	Year 8 Sports Day 11.25-3.10pm
1 st July	Year 9 Sports Day 1.05-3.10pm
2 nd July	New Year 7 Transition Day & Parents' Evening
10 th July	End of Term

Other Key Dates & Events

13 th August	A Level Results Day
20 th August	GCSE Results Day
21 st August	Teacher Training Day
24 th August	Teacher Training Day
25 th August	School Opens to Students (Please note Year 12 only return on Tuesday 1st September 2026)
31 st August	Bank Holiday (school closed to students)

All further Term Dates and Early Finish Dates for the 2026/2027 school year can be found on our [website here](#).

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Attendance - If a pupil arrives after 9:35am (30 minutes after registration closes) and there is no acceptable reason for the lateness, they will be marked with a **U code**. This is an **unauthorised absence** and applies to the entire morning session.

Medical Appointments - Wherever possible please can medical appointments be made outside of School hours. Where this is not possible, we ask that time out of school is kept to a minimum please, with Students attending for at least part of the day, especially in the case of dental appointments.

Raise the Age - On Monday 15th June, the Government announced the plans for Social Media to be banned for under-16s. The new plans are expected to come into force in Spring 2027. We will keep you updated on further information as we receive it.

You Said, We Did

Following feedback regarding the volume of emails received from school, we started a trial of moving more communications to the newsletter and introducing Arbor App Notifications. We are continuing this trial and encourage parents to ensure that you have the Arbor App downloaded and allow push notifications, if you haven't already done this. Arbor and the newsletter are our main contact points for school to home communications.

Download the Arbor Parent App



Download the Arbor Student App



Careers Updates

Careers Bulletin June – Please read our latest careers bulletin [here](#).

Printing for GCSE Textiles Projects

Since students started their GCSE Textiles course, we have received many requests to print imagery for their personalised projects. Unfortunately, over the course of the year this has become a significant cost to the Textiles Department, and we would much rather direct our budget towards materials, fabrics and threads that directly support students' practical work.

Therefore, we will no longer be able to provide printing for students' project imagery within the department. If students need to print images at school, money can be added to their **WisePay** account, and they will be able to use the printing facilities available in the library.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Duke of Edinburgh

Save the Date – Duke of Edinburgh Award Launch Events in September.

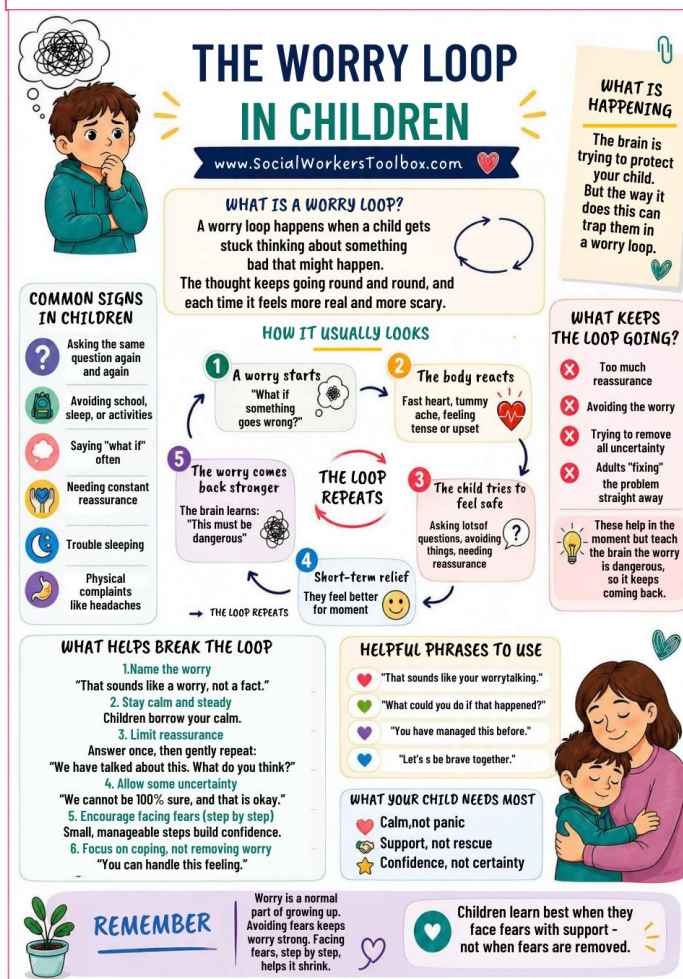
- Current Year 8 students (moving into Year 9 in August) and their parents/carers are invited to attend the **Bronze DofE Launch Event** on Wednesday 9th September at 5.30pm in the School Lecture Theatre.
- Current Year 11 students (moving into Year 12 in August) and their parents/carers are invited to attend the **Gold DofE Launch Event** on Wednesday 9th September at 6.30pm in the School Lecture Theatre.

Join us and **Premier Expeditions** to find out more about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and the exciting opportunities ahead.

Wellbeing Updates

Tellmi - What is Tellmi? Information for

Parents/Guardians: Tellmi is a free, safe, and anonymous mental health support app available to your child, thanks to NHS and local authority funding. It provides a moderated space for young people to talk about their feelings and connect with others who understand. We know you may have questions about your child using a digital mental health service. To help you understand exactly how Tellmi works, including their commitment to safety and moderation, Tellmi has created a [short information booklet](#).



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

Trip Launches

Residential Visits for the 2026–2027 Academic Year

At Ashby School, we are committed to providing students with enriching experiences beyond the classroom. We are pleased to share details of two residential opportunities planned for the next academic year so that families can begin to plan ahead.

Christmas Markets Trip – Cologne, Lille and Bruges 2–4 December 2026

Students in Years 10 and 11 next academic year who are studying French or German will have the opportunity to visit three of Europe's most famous Christmas destinations. The trip includes visits to the festive markets in Cologne, Lille and Bruges, offering students the chance to experience different cultures, practise their language skills and create lasting memories with their peers.

- Open to: Next years year 10 and Year 11 students studying French or German – please note expressions of interest for this trip need to be made by Monday 6 July.
- Dates: 2–4 December 2026
- Cost: **£455**

Please find the letter containing further information, payment schedules and details of how to sign up for this residential visit [here](#).

PGL Caythorpe Court Residential

28–30 June 2027

PGL residentials provide students with an exciting programme of outdoor and team-building activities designed to develop confidence, resilience and communication skills. The trip is open to students currently in Years in year 8 and 8 next academic year. Please note that, in future years, this residential will become a Year 8 opportunity only.

- Open to: Next years Year 8 and 9 students.
Deadline for signing up 1st September.
- Dates: 28–29 June 2027
- Cost **£360**

Please find the letter containing further information, payment schedules and details of how to sign up for this residential visit [here](#).

Additional information about Educational Visits and allocation of places for oversubscribed visits can be found on our Extra Curricular page [here](#).

Families are encouraged to review the information and register their interest promptly.

As visits can be popular and may become oversubscribed, the school operates a clear and transparent allocation process to ensure fairness and equitable access for all students. Full details of the oversubscription criteria can also be found on our Extra-Curricular webpage.

We appreciate that residential visits require advance planning and hope that sharing these opportunities early allows families to consider the exciting experiences available to their children over the coming academic year. We look forward to offering our students these opportunities to learn, grow and create lasting memories beyond the classroom.

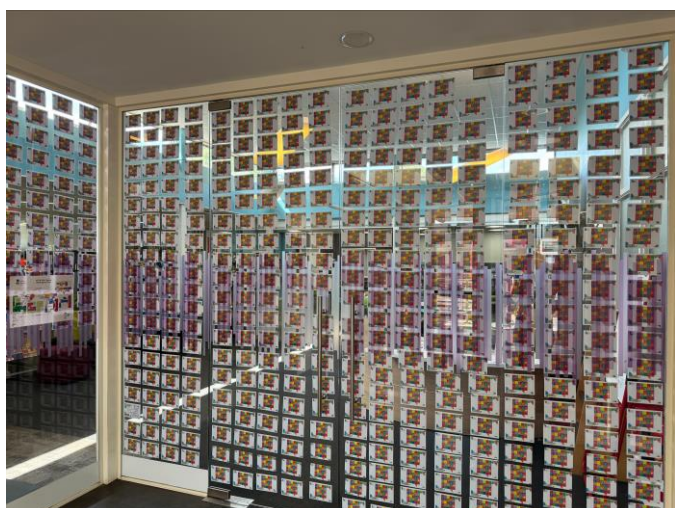


What's been happening...

Year 8 Drayton Manor Trip – Despite the weather, a great day was had by all. All students behaved impeccably and represented the school well, showing the 3 R's.



Thank a Teacher Day – Our Thank a Teacher postcards are now on display on the Library doors. They will be distributed to teachers next week. Thank you to all of our students that took the time to thank a teacher.



Match Report: County Athletics Finals – The County Athletics Finals took place on 11th June at Loughborough University. It was a challenging day for competition, with very wet weather conditions making events more difficult for all athletes. Despite the rain, students showed excellent determination, resilience, and commitment throughout the day.

All students competed extremely well, demonstrating great effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship while representing the school. The difficult conditions did not stop them from producing some fantastic performances across a range of athletics events.

Student Finishing Places:

- Rohan – Discus – 4th place
- Ella – 200m Final – 2nd place
- Florence – 200m Heats – 7th place
- Leo – Javelin – 2nd place
- Cherry – Javelin – 1st place
- Seb – 800m – 6th place
- Matilda – 1500m – 5th place

A special congratulations goes to **Cherry** for winning the javelin event and to all students who achieved excellent finishing positions against strong county-level competition.



Overall, it was a very successful day. The students should be proud of their performances, especially given the difficult weather conditions. Their attitude, perseverance, and positive approach throughout the competition were outstanding. Well done to everyone who represented the school at the County Athletics Finals.

Standing Ovations at the Coalville Theatre Festival!

From June 19th–21st, our talented Year 12 Theatre Studies students took centre stage at the first Coalville Theatre Festival.

Performing at the historic Century Theatre, our students showcased their own original, devised piece titled "*FRAMED*." The performance was a resounding success, earning rave reviews from the crowd, with audience members commenting on how deeply moved they were by the students' honesty, creativity, and powerful delivery.

Created entirely by the students to explore the many challenges facing young people today, *FRAMED* captures a specific moment in time for a teenager that is defined entirely by perception. The narrative focuses on a pivotal event for all the characters involved, serving as a defining turning point in a young person's life. Through shifting perspectives and subtle changes in detail, the performance masterfully questions truth and bias, ultimately asking the audience whether we confine young people within frames shaped by our own assumptions.



Organised in collaboration with Coalville C.A.N. and the Arts Council, the Coalville Theatre Festival is deeply committed to grassroots, community-driven arts. Working with underprivileged residents, youth, and marginalised groups, aiming to increase cultural access across North-West Leicestershire. This vibrant, community-led celebration of performance showcased new writing, bold staging, and shared stories across multiple venues. A huge congratulations to all involved for putting on such a profound and successful show!



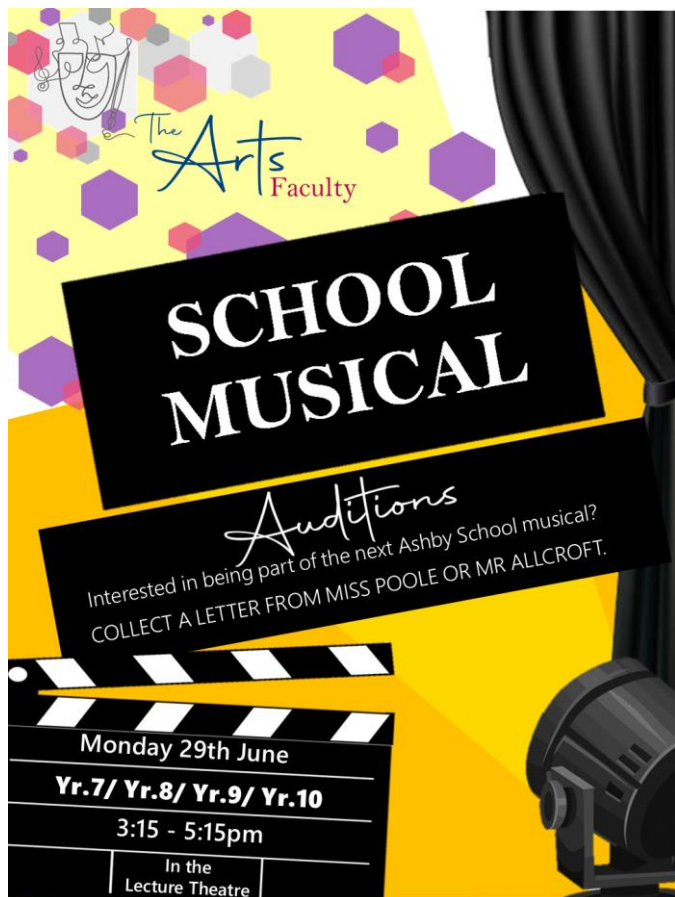
Sports Leaders - Once again, we've had a fantastic year of volunteering happening through our sport leadership programme at Ashby School. Leaders from years 8-12 have supported events across school including primary sporting events organised by Northwest Leicestershire School Sports Partnership. Events included Primary netball events, Sports Days and Primary Dodgeball competitions. Sixteen Year 10's have also achieved a Level 2 in Sports Leadership to help them develop skills and communication to become an effective leader. Well done and thank you for all your hard work this year.



New Table Tennis Table – Thanks to the Tesco Clue Token scheme, we were able to purchase a Table Tennis Table for our KS3 area. Our Year 7 and 8 students can bring a bat and ball to play at social times.



Events & Community Information...



Summer MasterChef Week (Ages 11–14)

Calling all young food lovers! Join us this summer for an exciting week of cooking, baking, decorating and kitchen creativity at **Summer MasterChef Week**.

From delicious bakes and sweet treats to fun cooking challenges and team competitions, children will spend the week learning new skills, building confidence in the kitchen, and creating dishes they can be proud of.

Whether your child is already passionate about cooking or simply loves trying new things, this camp offers a fun, supportive environment where they can explore their creativity and make new friends.

Throughout the week, participants will:

- Learn practical cooking and baking techniques
- Decorate cakes, cupcakes and other tasty creations
- Take part in exciting MasterChef-style challenges
- Develop teamwork, problem-solving and presentation skills
- Enjoy tasting and sharing their culinary masterpieces
- Build confidence and independence in a safe, supervised setting

Our experienced staff ensure all activities are age-appropriate and engaging, with children grouped accordingly to help everyone get the most from the experience.

Camp Details

3rd – 7th August

Ashby School

For young people aged 11–14 years

9:30am–3:30pm (£25 per day)

8:30am–6:00pm (£35 per day)

Ofsted registered

Tax-Free Childcare accepted

HAF accepted

Please note: Children should bring a packed lunch and a container to take home their delicious creations each day.

Spaces are limited, so book early and let your child enjoy a week packed with fun, friendship, creativity and fantastic food!

Book now at clubscomplete.co.uk: [Click this link to book](#)

A poster for 'Summer MasterChef Week' featuring a group of smiling children in chef hats and aprons behind a counter with various baked goods. The text reads: 'Summer MasterChef Week 3rd – 7th August'. Below this, it says 'A week for young food lovers to get creative in the kitchen with baking, decorating, cooking challenges, and tasty treats to make and enjoy.' The poster also includes details for children aged 11–14 years, such as the schedule, cost, and booking information. At the bottom, it says 'clubscomplete.co.uk to book' and features the Ashby School and ClubsComplete logos.

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For children ages 11–14 years
(in age appropriate rooms and groups)

- 🕒 9.30am – 3.30pm — £25 per day
- 🕒 8.30am – 6pm — £35 per day
- 📍 Held at Ashby School
- 📋 Ofsted registered — tax free childcare accepted
- ★ HAF accepted
- 🍱 Children bring a packed lunch — parents drop off
- 🍱 Children bring a container for masterpieces to go home

clubscomplete.co.uk to book



Year 12 Design Visit to De Montfort

Our Year 12 Design students recently enjoyed a fantastic visit to De Montfort University (DMU), where they had the opportunity to experience university life first-hand and explore a range of creative and technical subjects.

Throughout the day, students participated in engaging workshops in Interior Design, Product Design, and Fashion and Textiles. These sessions provided valuable insight into the types of projects and learning experiences available at university level, while allowing students to develop their own creative thinking and practical skills.



Students were able to view examples of degree-level work on display across the campus, helping them to appreciate the quality, variety, and ambition of projects undertaken by university students. They toured the university facilities, gained an understanding of campus life, and visited student accommodation situated on campus.



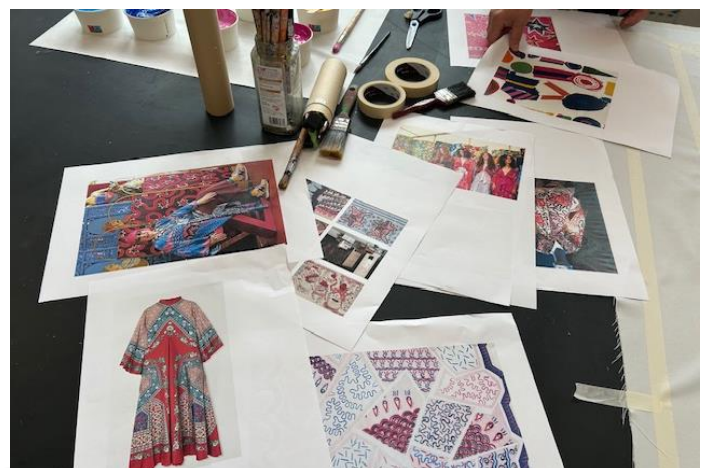
A particular highlight for many students was the opportunity to enjoy a complimentary lunch at DMU's Food Village, giving them a further taste of the university student experience.



The visit was both informative and inspiring, helping students to consider future education and career pathways while developing their understanding of higher Design education opportunities available to them.

We would like to thank De Montfort University for hosting such an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. The day was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Ms Patel - Teacher of Design and Technology



Lost Property

Main reception has a lot of lost property that needs to be collected by the end of term. After this time, they will be donated/disposed of appropriately.

