



Headteacher's Letter

After a very busy last few weeks, we reach the end of our summer term which has seen students attend reward trips, complete fieldwork, navigate trial and final exams and raise money for charity. Throughout these events, our students have continued to embody our 3Rs showing respect to their learning, accepting responsibility to represent our schools during off-site events and building resilience through some challenging weather conditions. They should be really proud of all they have achieved this year and excited for the year to come. We have also been working hard, as ever, on continuing to improve our school. We were delighted to see these improvements reflected in our staff, student and parent surveys in particular around our communication, our work on attendance and your confidence in the work we do. We will be continuing this work in the coming year and look forward to your reflections in our next annual surveys.

As ever at this time of year, we are saying farewell to some of our staff. We wish them well in the future and thank them for their valued work at Ashby School. We are also delighted to be welcoming a number of new teachers to some of our faculties and look forward to them joining our teams. We will introduce them in the first newsletter next year. It will also be a busy summer on site with a number of developments including new changing facilities for PE and improved Wi-Fi throughout the building, both very welcome additions.

Finally, thank you for your support during the year, it has been lovely to see so many positive comments coming into our compliments@ e-mail and the messages of thanks for the events and opportunities students have had this year. Your recognition of this work is much appreciated, and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

With best wishes for a lovely summer,
Dr Mellor

Summer Key Dates & Events

13th August	A Level Results Day A-Level Results Day Y13 2026 Letter A-Level Results Day Y12 2026 Letter
20th August	GCSE Results Day GCSE Results Day Y11 2026 Letter
21st & 24th August	Staff Training Days
Early Finish Dates for the 2026/2027 school year can be found on our website here.	

26/27 Autumn Term Dates

25th August	School opens to Students (Year 12 return 1 st September)
31st August	Bank Holiday (School closed to Students)
19th – 23rd October	Half Term
27th November	Disaggregated Day – School closed to students
18th December	End of Term (Full Day)

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

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. Sixth Form - Call us and leave a message on ext. 265 or email sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk.

Holidays & Term Dates – Please always check [our website](#) for Term Dates, Holidays, Disaggregated days and Early Finishes dates as they may differ from other Leicestershire Schools.

Wellbeing Updates

Holidays Together HAF clubs

<https://www.active-together.org/holidays-together>

Services

<https://www.healthforteens.co.uk/>

<https://chathealth.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.headsupleicester.org.uk/>



School Pantry

We are very lucky to be supported by MCKS charitable foundation which enables us to provide support to staff and students in the form of food and toiletries supplies.

Did you know that you can access our school pantry? If you or someone you know could benefit from help with food costs, please email foodpantry@ashbyschool.org.uk

All pantry visits are discreet and confidential.



Careers Updates

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

CREW Programme

Exciting News!

We're excited to launch our enhanced **CREW programme** next academic year, with a dedicated one-hour timetabled session each fortnight that builds on our strong existing provision and deepens our commitment to every student's personal, social, and academic growth.

CREW—Coaching, Reflection, Enrichment and Wellbeing—gives students structured time to form meaningful relationships with a consistent CREW Leader, develop agency and essential skills such as self-regulation and resilience, engage in purposeful coaching conversations, explore enrichment opportunities, and prioritise their wellbeing.

This dedicated hour strengthens CREW as a safe, supportive space where students can reflect, celebrate their strengths, and navigate challenges with confidence, ensuring we continue to help every young person thrive and believe that anything is possible.

Catering Costs

As you will be aware, we have continued to see food costs rise over the last few months. Therefore, we regret to inform you that we are having to increase our food prices slightly and in line with other schools in our trust. This means a meal deal will now cost £3.50 or a free school meal allocation with costs for individual items also seeing slight rises.

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.

Staff Leavers

Leavers

Mrs Barney – SEND
Mrs Bonilla – Admin
Ms Chotai – Psychology
Mr Critchlow – Geography
Mr Francis - Science
Ms Geraghty - Psychology
Ms Harrold – DT
Mrs Hearfield – Admin
Ms Ling - Languages
Mrs Matthews - Music
Mr Oakley – Physics
Mr Pancholi – Science
Mrs Preston – Pastoral
Mrs Richardson – Art
Miss Rutty – English
Miss Schroder – Maths
Ms Wells – Maths
Mrs Whatton - SEND

Open Day/ Evenings for 2027 Entry

Ashby School Open evening

Our open Evening for prospective parents and students for **Year 7 entry 2027** will be held on **Thursday 1st October 2026 5-7pm**.

Sixth Form Open days/evening

OPEN DAYS

Saturday 31st October 2026 12:30-3:00pm

Saturday 14th November 2026 10:00-12:30pm

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 4th November 2026 5-7pm

Vacancies

Teaching Assistant - Required from August 2026.
For more information and to apply [visit Eteach](#).

Intervention Teaching Assistant – Required from **August 2026**.

For more information and to apply, [visit Eteach](#).

Admin Assistant – Required from **August 2026** -
For more information and to apply, [visit Eteach](#).

Free School Meals

There are important national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will begin in September 2026 – Please read our [letter here](#).

What's been happening...

Stephen Lawrence Ambassador Conference -

Ten Student Ambassadors from Years 8 and 12 attended the Student Ambassador Conference at the Stephen Lawrence Research Centre, where they joined ambassadors from across the Trust for a day of learning, collaboration and celebration. The day began with an inspiring keynote talk from Vanetta Morrison on '**Building a Foundation for Evidence-Based Self-Worth**', encouraging students to reflect on confidence, identity and resilience. Throughout the day, ambassadors participated in interactive workshops, sharing ideas and developing skills to support positive change within their schools.



In the afternoon, students attended the Ambassador Showcase, where schools celebrated the achievements and initiatives of their ambassadors. This highlighted the importance of student voice and demonstrated how ambassadors make a meaningful impact within their school communities by promoting inclusion, leadership and positive relationships.



This marks the **third consecutive year** that Ashby School has taken part in the conference, and it has been wonderful to see the Ambassador programme continue to grow. Mrs Cooper said she is incredibly proud to see the Ashby School Ambassador group expand year after year, with more students embracing the opportunity to represent their peers, develop their leadership skills, and make a positive difference within the school and across the Trust.



The day concluded with the presentation of badges and certificates, followed by a commitment activity where students reflected on how they would continue to make a difference in their own schools. It was a valuable and inspiring experience that reinforced the importance of the ambassador role and motivated our students to continue leading positive change within our school community.



What's been happening...

The Marlborough Rovers took part in the Mare Nostrum Cup in Salou Spain, in the U16 competition, which is a multinational competition with over 150 teams taking part. Marlborough qualified for the knockout stages by topping their group, beating 34-degree academy teams on the way to having the best defensive record in the competition. Unfortunately, they were knocked out in the quarter finals having played a number of games in 34-degree heat and remarkably playing two years up in the U16 competition.

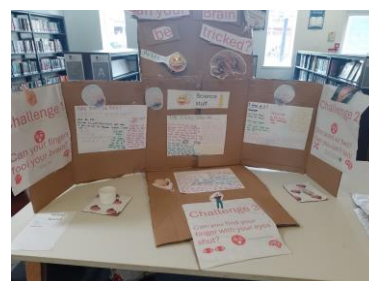
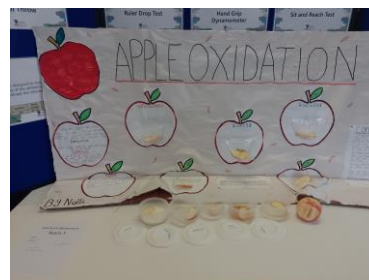
However more importantly they stayed at a hotel amongst over 20 other teams (Males and female) and mixed exceptionally well, teaching each other songs from their respective homelands. Over 1200 players took part in the tournament, and 5 of those were from Ashby School – Harrison, Ethan,

Oliver, Oliver and Xavier.



Primary School Science Fair - On Thursday 18th June over 16 teams from local primary schools came to Ashby School to compete in our Science fair. Primary students took part in a variety of workshops hosted by Ashby school staff and supported by our sixth formers. Our guest speaker and judge was Emily Coulson a Science teacher and space advocate who got us all really thinking about space and space travel.

The standard of entries was extremely high this year with Packington winning the Golden Bunsen award for a project on terraforming Mars. Other projects included experimental designs about renewable energy, how our brain senses and how coral reefs can be saved. It was amazing to see our sixth form students supporting younger scientist in their scientific explorations on the day. Well done to all involved.



What's been happening...

Student Success in Athletics - Ella Swanepoel (year 8) and Leo Zebrowska (year 9) have been selected to represent Leicestershire at the English school athletics.

Ella will be competing in the junior girls (year 8/9) 200m. Leo will be competing in the junior boys (year 8/9) pole vault.

This is an amazing opportunity for both students to compete against the best athletes in the country.

Year 7 Sports Afternoon – There were 8 stations of activities to be completed in their CREWs, including an ice cream truck, javelin, speed bounce, 100m, endurance race, long jump, balance ball challenge and water relay. All CREW groups were in their CREW colours. We held it on our Sixth Form Site and had lunch on the field. We finished with a Tug of war, and the winners were CREW 7B. Congratulations to our Sports day winners, 7D. Thank you to the PE Staff, SSP, Year 12 work experience students and Year 10 Sports Leaders that supported.



Year 7 Venture day –Held on Tuesday 30th June. All Year 7s were off timetable for the day, with presentations in the theatre 9-11am and sports day in the afternoon.

E2L this half term has been focused on the Venture project and answering the following question - What do we do with a plastic water bottle when we are finished with it? A design lesson and a science lesson were also dedicated to supporting the project, giving specialist information and facts about plastic. Each CREW group was then tasked with creating a presentation to be delivered to the rest of the year group and had half a term to prepare it, with all CREW members involved in the project somehow (reading / creating / presenting).

Examples of the plastic venture projects were as follows - the Traitors / stop motion film / Gogglebox / band played a song / poem / David Attenborough / artwork / Britain's Got Talent. All presentations were incredible and showcased our students' ability to communicate effectively, work together as a team and was an excellent celebration of the entire E2L year. Students demonstrated how in a CREW they are "stronger, together" and at Ashby school they can achieve and that "Anything is Possible".



Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions - It's been a busy and exciting end to the school year for our Duke of Edinburgh participants! Over the past few weeks, 50 Bronze students successfully completed their Qualifying Expedition in the Peak District, while 26 Silver students took on their Practice Expedition, developing their navigation, teamwork and camping skills in preparation for their Qualifying Expedition in September.



Our 13 Gold students also rose to the challenge, completing their demanding Qualifying Expedition in the Lake District with resilience, determination and fantastic teamwork. We are incredibly proud of every participant for stepping outside their comfort zone, supporting one another and representing the school so positively throughout their expeditions. Well done to everyone involved and a huge thanks to Premier Expeditions and school staff for making all this possible.



Forest School Last Day – For the last Forest Day of the school year students built a fire and then cooked themselves breakfast and s'mores.



A huge thank you to Warren Harrison (Year 10) who has been supporting the Forest School this year. He has been a really positive role model for the younger students and assisting in their development.



Life at Ashby Sixth Form

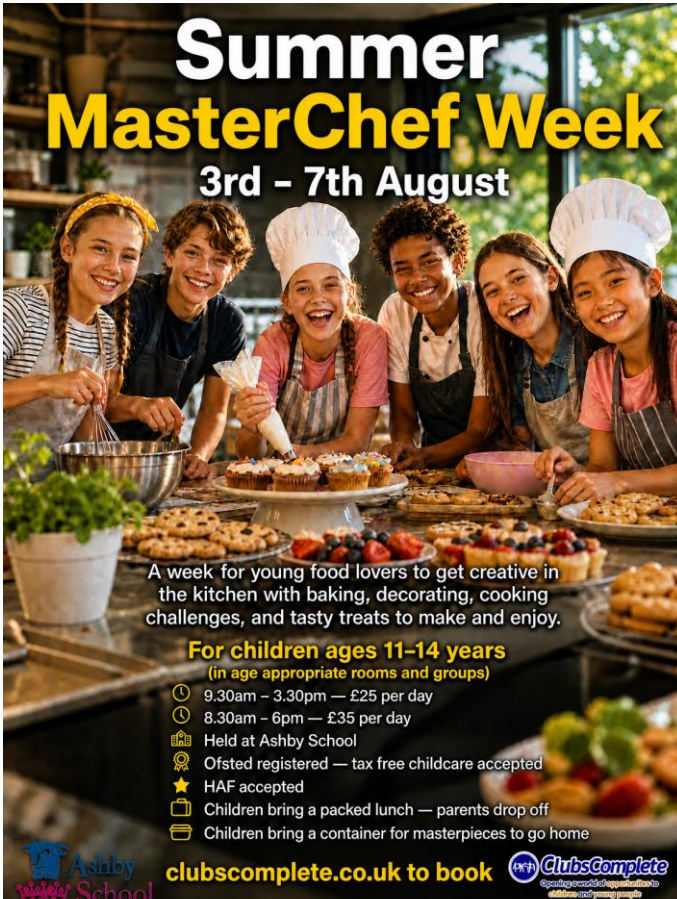
Year 12 Skills for Success Event

Over the course of two inspiring days, our Skills for Success Conference provided students with the opportunity to work alongside dedicated mentors and exercise leaders, developing the essential soft skills that will support them in their Post-18 destinations. Through a series of engaging challenges and team-based activities, students demonstrated resilience, communication, leadership and collaboration, growing in confidence as the event progressed. It has been fantastic to see how much our students have developed and shone throughout the conference. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our mentors and exercise leaders for generously giving their time, expertise and encouragement to help make the event such a valuable and memorable experience.



Summer MasterChef Week

3rd – 7th August



A week for young food lovers to get creative in the kitchen with baking, decorating, cooking challenges, and tasty treats to make and enjoy.

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 



GRESLEY ROVERS PLAYER RECRUITMENT U13 'S TRIAL

Does your son want to develop their football performance? A chance to play at the highest level in the Midlands? Gresley Rovers is recruiting for our clubs future talent playing every Saturday in the Midlands Premier Junior League against the Midlands top tier teams. Player's are free to participate in Sunday football leagues, allowing them to gain diverse playing experiences while still benefiting from our focused training environment.

INTERESTED??

For details of the Gresley trial's contact
Danny Dunne
Call: 07395 803447

PARENTS/CARERS SESSIONS

LIVE SAFE

KEEPING YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE FROM KNIFE-RELATED HARM

THIS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP PROVIDES PARENTS AND CARERS WITH AWARENESS AROUND KNIFE-RELATED HARM AND HOW TO KEEP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE.

FREE ONLINE SESSION DATES

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2026	6:30PM – 8:00PM
THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2026	6:30PM – 8:00PM
THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST 2026	6:30PM – 8:00PM
TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2026	12:15PM – 1:15PM
THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2026	6:30PM – 8:00PM
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026	10:00AM – 11:30AM
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2026	6:30PM – 8:00PM
THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2027	6:30PM – 8:00PM
TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2027	12:15PM – 1:15PM
THURSDAY 18TH MARCH 2027	6:30PM – 8:00PM

THE WORKSHOPS ARE DELIVERED BY THE VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK AND COVERS THE BELOW TOPICS:

- UNDERSTANDING KNIFE-RELATED HARM IN LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE, AND RUTLAND
- APPROACHES TO PREVENTING KNIFE-RELATED HARM
- THE REASONS WHY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE VULNERABLE TO KNIFE-RELATED HARM
- HOW PARENTS AND CARERS CAN KEEP THEIR CHILDREN SAFE
- THE IMPACT OF KNIFE-RELATED HARM ON INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES

THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS DURING THE WORKSHOP AS WELL AS HELP AND SUPPORT GUIDANCE.

PARENTS AND CARERS CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS IF PREFERRED. THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO USE YOUR CAMERAS OR MICROPHONES UNLESS DESIRED.

THE VRN ALSO DELIVERS BESPOKE, FACE-TO-FACE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS, IF YOUR ORGANISATION WOULD LIKE TO HOST A SESSION FOR YOUR PARENTS/CARERS. PLEASE CONTACT VRN@LEICS.PCC.PNN.GOV.UK TO ARRANGE.



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