



Next Two Weeks

19 th – 23 rd October	Half Term
Saturday 31 st October	Sixth Form Open Day 12:30-3:00pm

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

(Because every day in school really does count!)

Why attendance is so important:



- Good attendance = better learning, more confidence, and stronger friendships.
- Missing school adds up quickly - even a few days here and there can make a BIG difference.

Did you know?



90% attendance may sound OK... but it means 1 day off every 2 weeks!

That's 19 days a year — nearly a whole month of learning lost.

Over 5 years of school, that's almost half a year missed.

DfE guidance:



The Department for Education (DfE) says good attendance is 96% or above.



Schools must work closely with families where attendance falls below this.



Parents/carers have a legal responsibility to make sure children attend school regularly.

Top tips for families:

- ✓ Aim for every day, on time — small steps build great habits
- ✓ Book appointments outside school hours where possible.
- ✓ If your child is worried about school, talk to us — we're here

Every school day = a learning day.

Careers



Please find our Careers Bulletin for October [here](#).

Empowered to Succeed Revision

Please find our latest Empowered to Succeed Revision Newsletter [here](#):

Other Key Dates & Events

3 rd November 2026	Arts Showcase 5pm - Tickets
4 th November 2026	Sixth Form Subject Open Evening 5-7pm
11 th November 2026	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12 th November 2026	School Early Finish (2pm)
Saturday 14 th November 2026	Sixth Form Open Day 10:00-12:30pm
16 th November 2026	Odd Socks Day (marking start of Anti-Bullying Week)
19 th November 2026	Year 13 Parents' Evening (Face to Face)
19 th November 2026	Onatti French Play for Year 9&10 Students – Please read Letter Here .
20 th November 2026	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day
Friday 27 th November 2026	Disaggregated Day – School closed to students
3 rd December 2026	Year 11 Parents' Evening (Face to Face)
Tuesday 8 th December 2026	School Early Finish (2pm)

Extra-Curricular

Our PE Extra-Curricular Clubs are changing after half term. Please find the updated schedule on our website [here](#).

Vacancies

Exam Invigilators – [Please apply Here](#)

Homework

Students should record their homework in their school planner when set by subject teachers.

Homework should also be recorded on Arbor as an assignment by teachers. Students have the ability to 'submit' their homework task to record that it is completed, via the Student version of the App. This can be done even if a physical copy of work still needs to be handed into the teacher.

Teachers will not necessarily update the records when this is submitted as the student should be doing this independently.

If homework is not completed, this will be recorded on Arbor as a behaviour incident for your records.

Duke of Edinburgh



Last chance to sign up to the Silver Award!

(open to Year 10): Similar to the Bronze, students will take part in volunteering, skills and physical activities but this time over six months, before completing a training, practice and qualifying expedition.

For more details, including costs, commitments and expedition dates, please see the letters below:

[Silver Sign Up Letter](#)

Wellbeing Updates

One of our Year 12 Students, Adam Worley has written this poem that he would like share:

I Hope

I asked my friend the other day
'When was last time you cried'
He looked back at me with an awkward gaze in his eyes,
Proclaimed to me when England lost in the World Cup last time,

He could be telling the truth,
But I cannot deny
With the sadness hidden deep in his eyes
He thought better to lie
And carry on pretending
To avoid the truth that his heart needed mending,

From his inner battles he won't talk about,
Rather stay quiet then scream or shout
He's found acceptance in silence
Stupidity in speaking up

And Quickly he sinks
At the speed of his drinks
And his mascaraed starts to crumble
As his words start to fumble

He says
To answer you mate the last time I cried
The last time I cried was when my grandfather died,
And it clear to see now the darkness he hides,
The damage silence has done to him
His peace reduced to paper thin

But the silence will stay when the alcohol leaves,
And I pray and I pray
To god and I plead
That he'll come see me in his greatest time of need,
Disband from his creed
And talk to me
About his struggles and successes

And I hope for him what I hope for you
That courage will come
And peace will prevail

That's the issue now
It's clear to see
The warped and failed idea of masculinity,

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 thanks, please email:

compliments@ashbyschool.org.uk

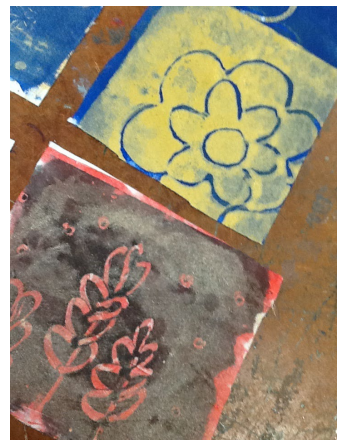
What's been happening...



Black History Month Assemblies – Our Year 13 student Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors led the Black History Month assemblies to every year group, where they talked about the importance and relevance of Black History Month, its history, the focus for this year, which is honouring our communities, and who Doreen Lawrence, Stephen Lawrence's mum, is and why she's relevant. A number of students from other year groups in lower school, who are also Stephen Lawrence Ambassadors, stood up and spoke about the impact that being an ambassador has had upon them and why they became an ambassador in the first place. They communicated some really poignant messages for other students to take away. They also talked about the Stephen Lawrence Ambassador system that we have in place across the trust and the opportunities for new ambassadors to join, should other students wish to get involved.



Black History Month Design- Throughout this month, our design faculty are offering extra curricular workshops at lunchtimes. This week we had a 'Gelli' printing workshop inspired by Althea McNish in Textiles.



Black History Month Music - For Black History Month, Music have had a rolling PowerPoint presentation in the Arts foyer with Black artists throughout the years, which lots of students stopping to look at and discuss with the faculty last week. Some of the examples were:

Scott Joplin, an American Composer and Pianist.

Louis Armstrong, an American Trumpeter and Vocalist.

Nina Simone, an American singer, song writer, pianist, composer, arranger and civil rights activist



What's been happening...

Leicestershire Music - On 9th October, we hosted 9 primary schools who were invited to watch an amazing musical performance from the creative arts organization **Umpatucum Arts** in partnership with **Leicestershire Music**. The 5 musicians brought their 'Catapluf's Musical Journey' show, a unique blend of Afro-Brazilian vibes, to the lecture theatre. Over 350 children and their teachers all joined in with body percussion, call and response and dancing across 2 highly visual and engaging performances. Thank you to Leicestershire Music for choosing our school to host and Umpatucum Arts for their amazing performance.



Rewards - Pizza Party and the CREW Breakfast for 9A winning the Quiz last week.



LCFC Trip - 6 students from Year 9 and 10 were invited to a careers event at the LCFC Training Ground's Turf Academy who were hosting along with the Grounds Management Association. Students were given behind the scenes access to the elite training grounds, workshops and the golf course.

Charlie said "I really liked how they walked us round the whole training ground and through the pitches. We did 4 activities while we were there and there were a lot of inspirational speeches as well".

We visited the different areas of the grounds, using the line painting machines, creating new holes on the golf course and learning why our core subjects such as Maths and Science are important for these careers.

Students also heard about the career highlights from Guest Speakers such as the Deputy Grounds Manager at Real Madrid and one of the grounds team at Wimbledon and Twickenham Stadium.



Events & Community Information...



ASHBY SCHOOL

Arts Showcase

Tuesday 3rd November

5PM



ORCHESTRA



JAZZ BAND



CHOIR



YOUTH THEATRE

— AND MORE! —

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM



[www.seaty.co.uk/
artsshowcase](http://www.seaty.co.uk/artsshowcase)



Open Day Events

- Saturday 31st October 12:30-15:00
- Saturday 14th November 10:00-12:30

Come and view our campus, see our amazing facilities and meet the Sixth Form Pastoral Team.

No need to book please just arrive between the designated times.

Tours will start from our Sixth Form reception on the Leicester Road site

For more information, please email us:
sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk



Action!
ONATTI PRODUCTIONS

**GET IN QUICK
TO GET YOUR
TICKET!**

A play in French

Year 9 & Year 10
French students

Thursday 19th
November in lesson 5.

Tickets cost £2.60 and are available via WisePay.
Deadline for payment is Friday 16th October.



Open Evening

Wednesday 4th November 17:00-19:00

Take this opportunity to find out more about our impressive Sixth Form, meet our subject specialists and explore our broad and diverse curriculum.

No need to book.

This evening will be based at our Nottingham Road site.

For more information, please email us:
sixthform@ashbyschool.org.uk



Events & Community Information...



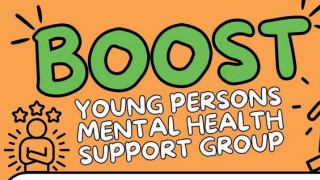
Year 13 Apprenticeship Workshop

Tues 10th November

1 hour session

**To sign up, complete the Form
below below and send it to:**

This is an excellent opportunity to learn the
best techniques for searching and applying
for apprenticeships, and some time to spend
starting your research and applications.



BOOST

**YOUNG PERSONS
MENTAL HEALTH
SUPPORT GROUP**

Limited
places
available



HEADS UP
Supporting families through life's challenges

Is your young person feeling low, anxious, overwhelmed?
Boost is a free group programme for young people aged 11-17 who need support with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

In a friendly and supportive environment, young people can meet others their age, build confidence, understand their emotions and learn tips and tools to help them manage their thoughts and feelings.

We are offering **Boost** to families across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. If you think your young person could benefit from **Boost**, talk to them about this opportunity and book their place as soon as possible.

**Our Thoughts
Our Behaviours
Our Emotions**

**Triggers and
escalation
Sleep
Food and
Movement**

**Our Physical
Symptoms
Keeping Well**

Topics include...

**Don't miss this opportunity!
Book now - Spaces are limited!**

AGES 11-13
To book please scan the QR code or visit eventbrite.co.uk/e/2001881247701

AGES 14-17
To book please scan the QR code or visit eventbrite.co.uk/e/2002059526939

Boost Group Key Information

Parents and carers attend their own separate support sessions called **Together** during the first 2 weeks, while young people attend all 8 of their group sessions.

The Grove Community Hub
Cort Crescent
Leicester
LE3 1QZ

Group for 11-13 year olds
6.00pm-7.00pm

Group for 14-17 year olds
7.30pm-8.30pm

Boost	Wednesdays
Session 1	7 October
Session 2	14 October
Half term break	
Session 3	28 October
Session 4	4 November
Session 5	11 November
Session 6	18 November
Session 7	25 November
Session 8	2 December

www.headsupleicester.org.uk

ADHD CONNECT

**PARENT/CARER
SUPPORT GROUP**

Connect is a friendly monthly group for parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD. Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to be able to attend. Meet other families who understand, share your experiences, and learn simple tips to help at home. Whether you are new to ADHD or are looking for extra support, **Connect** is a welcoming place to learn, talk and feel supported.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH:
UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL
AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

For more information and to book, scan the QR code or visit www.headsupleicester.org.uk/connect



Peer support for families at any stage of their ADHD journey

Wednesday 7th October
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Mountfields Family Hub, Squirrel Way, Loughborough, LE11 3GE

Monday 12th October
6:15pm - 8:15pm
Huncote Family Hub, Pavillion Centre, Sportsfield Lane, Huncote LE9 3BN

Tuesday 13th October
10:00am - 12:00pm
Lutterworth Family Hub, Coventry Road, Lutterworth, LE17 4RB

Thursday 15th October
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Melton Venture House Family Hub, Asfordby Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0HN

Monday 19th October
10:00am - 12:00pm
Hinckley Mencap Society, 46 Hill Street, Hinckley, LE10 1DT

Wednesday 28th October
10:00am - 12:00pm
Greenhill Family Hub, 171 Waterworks Road, Coalville, LE67 4HZ

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Real conversations | Practical ideas | Local Support | Everyone welcome





Partner Update

PRIMARY CARE & VCSE PARTNERS

Your monthly mental health update from NHS Talking Therapies.

OCTOBER 2026 | EDITION 1

**Stronger partnerships.
Healthier communities.**



Up to 10 days for Assessment



**Step 2
Online - up to 1 month**



**Step 2
F2F - up to 4 months**



**Step 3
Online - up to 3 months**



**Step 3
F2F - up to 6 months**



**77%
Patient Satisfaction**

Wait times are subject to change and vary from patient to patient depending on their specific needs

What you need to know...

- ✓ FREE mental health support for those who are 16+
- ✓ Low-moderate common mental health conditions
- ✓ We offer F2F, telephone, virtual, group & self-help sessions
- ✓ 18 F2F venues across Loughborough, Melton, Leicester, Wigston, Blaby, Coalville & Market Harborough
- ✓ We offer CBT, Counselling for Depression, EMDR and Interpersonal Therapy.
- ✓ Community Assessment Day **Tuesday 6th October 9-4pm** Braunstone Leisure Centre – support with referrals
- ✓ **Mental Health Toolkit Course - Now Open A** structured 6-week course offering practical resources, coping strategies, and wellbeing techniques to support positive mental health. **For more information, please contact the team.**

Additional Support for Patients

- ✓ Living Well with Menopause
- ✓ Student Ambassadorship Programme
- ✓ Worry Management Webinar
- ✓ Overcoming Panic Webinar
- ✓ Managing Low Mood
- ✓ Living Well with LTC's

To find out more contact
sophia.penny@vhg.co.uk

We are NOT an urgent care service

If patients are unable to keep themselves safe and need urgent care refer to CRISIS, 999 or secondary care.

Upcoming Training

07/10/2026

World Mental Health Webinar 12-1pm

22/10/2026

Winter Worries Webinar 12-1pm

18/11/2026

Mental Health Advocacy Programme 2 days

To find out more or book your place please click [here](#) or email the team LLR.mentalhealthtrainers@vhg.co.uk

Vitahealthgroup.co.uk
Sophia Penny – sophia.penny@vhg.co.uk
07918586775

Contact us for more service updates & team presentations

Events & Community Information...

SOCIAL PRESCRIBER SATURDAYS

Need support for your child/young person?

Come along and have an informal chat with our Social Prescribing Link Workers for both Families and SEND Families.

First Drop-In Session

24th October

2:00pm

GP Surgery

Or book a 1:1 appointment
Available Saturday Mornings

FREE FRIENDLY CONFIDENTIAL



No diagnosis needed



Parents and carers welcome

We can help with:

- ✓ Navigating SEND services
- ✓ School, EHCP and education support
- ✓ Benefits and finances
- ✓ Housing concerns
- ✓ Accessing local services and activities
- ✓ Parent/carer wellbeing support
- ✓ Connecting with community groups and resources
- ✓ Finding the right support for your family

Social Prescribing
Link Workers
North West
Leicestershire -

Sally Taylor
Linda Hall
01530 831645
(option 2)



NWL GP Federation
Working together for our patients



"Helping families find the right support, at the right time." ❤️

SEW AN ADVENT CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS IS NOT AS FAR AWAY AS YOU THINK!
WOULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY LIKE TO MAKE A
CHRISTMAS TREE ADVENT CALENDAR?
THEN JOIN US IN THE OCTOBER HALF TERM AND
GET-A-SEWING!

19TH-23RD OCTOBER

1PM-3PM EACH DAY

ATTEND FOR AS LITTLE OR
MUCH AS YOU WANT
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!

ALL AGES
ALL ABILITIES



SCAN TO BOOK

£10
PER PERSON

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:
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OHSEWSPLENDID@GMAIL.COM
OR POP IN TO OUR STUDIO

SEWING STUDIO
COALVILLE CAN,
MEMORIAL SQUARE, LE67 3TU

<https://bookwhen.com/ohsewsplendid/e/ev-so5bh-20261019130000>



ENGLAND TALENT PARA OPEN DAY | LEICESTERSHIRE

Are you—or is someone you know—a young, aspiring footballer with Cerebral Palsy, a Hearing Impairment, or a Visual Impairment?

Delivered by the **Leicestershire & Rutland County FA**, this open day features assessments from specialist coaches with direct opportunities to progress into **England Para Talent Hubs**—all while players stay connected to their local grassroots teams.

We're giving male and female players aged 7–16 the chance to train, show their skills, and take their first steps onto the **England Para Talent Pathway**!

Date: Saturday 24th October

Time: 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: The Aylestone Centre, 70 Belvoir Dr, Leicester LE2 8PA

Who: Boys and girls aged 7–16 (CP, HI & VI)

How to Register:

Simply **scan the QR code** on the poster image, or reach out to **Karl.Percival@leicestershirefa.com** for more details!

Book your space here: [FA Para Football - England Talent Days Player Registration Form \(Season 2026/27\)](https://FAParaFootball-EnglandTalentDaysPlayerRegistrationForm/Season2026/27)

Learn more about the pathway: EnglandFootball.com/Para

UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL. REDEFINE THE GAME.



Leicestershire Local Offer
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities Roadshow



**Wednesday
4th November**

10.00am - 13.00pm

Whitwick & Coalville Leisure
Centre, LE67 3FE

**Come along and find out about
Local SEND services and support
in your area.**

The Roadshow brings together information and services which support families of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) all in one place.

A chance to meet and chat with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and its partners.

Scan here
to book tickets



Please book your **FREE** tickets via:
leicestershire.gov.uk/local-offer-roadshows



To find out more about the SEND
Local Offer in Leicestershire please visit:

leicestershire.gov.uk/send