Life at Ashby

6th November 2026

Next Two Weeks

11th November 2026	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12th November 2026	School Early Finish (2pm)
Saturday 14th November 2026	Sixth Form Open Day 10:00-12:30pm
16th November 2026	**Odd Socks Day** (marking start of Anti-Bullying Week)
19th November 2026	Year 13 Parents' Evening (Face to Face) Read Letter Here
19th November 2026	Onatti French Play for Year 9&10 Students – Please read Letter Here.
20th November 2026	Children in Need – **Non-Uniform**

Careers

Please find our Careers Bulletin for November here.

Careers are holding an event next Tuesday 10th November, in lessons 3 and 4 for Year 13 Apprenticeship Workshops. Year 13 Students have been emailed a form to complete if they were interested and wanted to attend.

Y11 Parents – PS16/ Next Steps applications -The school deadline for these to be completed is Friday **20th November**. Students will have one more Extended CREW dedicated to supporting this completion on 16th November, but students may still need to spend time on this at home. Please refer to the communications sent by our Careers Team to support you with this and you child.

Other Key Dates & Events

Friday 27th November 2026	Disaggregated Day – **School closed to students**
3rd December 2026	Year 11 Parents' Evening (Face to Face)
Tuesday 8th December 2026	**School Early Finish (2pm)**
10th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day (Non-Uniform) for Save the Children and Christmas Dinner.
10th December 2026	Year 7 Christmas Disco
15th December 2026	Senior Citizens' Carol Concert (2:30pm start)
15th December 2026	Christmas Carol Concert (7:00pm start)
18th December 2026	Last Day of Term
Monday 4th January 2027	Staff Training Day – **School closed to Students**
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Back to School – school open to students

Pastoral & Safeguarding Updates

Attendance - Punctuality - Students should be on the school site by 8.35am and in their CREW rooms at 8.40am please. If students arrive after this time, they will receive a break time detention the same day, unless we have been given prior notification from parents as to why they will be late.

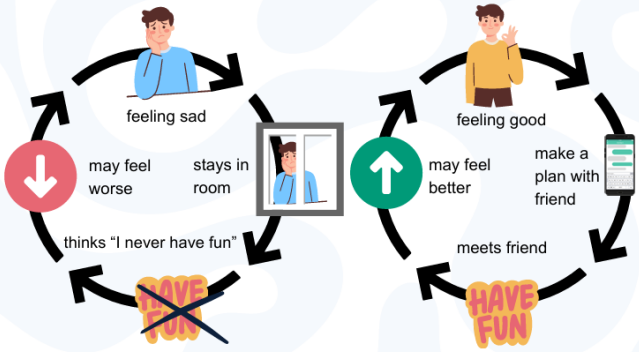
SEND – So that we can direct any queries or questions to the right person, please use the SEND@ashbyschool.org.uk e-mail address for all enquiries.

Wellbeing Updates



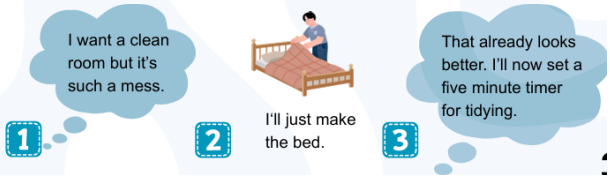
Getting motivated!

It can feel hard to get started with something, especially if you feel unmotivated. You know that 'can't be bothered' feeling? It is called *apathy*. It can leave you feeling stuck in your ways or thoughts.



The good news is that we can trick our brains into getting motivated. You just have to start, even if you don't feel like doing it.

1. Begin with things you enjoy or find rewarding. The way it is easier to get started and start building motivation.
2. Create a small goal that you can achieve.
3. Celebrate small wins and build your next goal.



Year 7 Space Centre Trip

NATIONAL SPACE CENTRE

Year 7 National Space Centre Visit – Friday 12th February 2027 We are delighted to inform you that a school trip has been organised for our Year 7 students to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their understanding of space and science in an engaging, hands-on and inclusive environment. The trip will also take place during National Science week, when we will be exploring a range of science themes throughout the week. For more information, please read our parent letter here.

Empowered to Succeed Revision

Please find our latest Empowered to Succeed Revision Newsletter here:

Design GCSE & A-Level Coursework

Students who studied Product Design, Engineering or Textiles at GCSE or A-level are now invited to collect their coursework from school.

Collection details:

Date: Thursday 26 November

Time: 3:10 pm – 4:30 pm

Location: Range Road entrance (turnstile gates)

An email has been sent with further details- please check.

Vacancies

Admin Assistant – apply here.

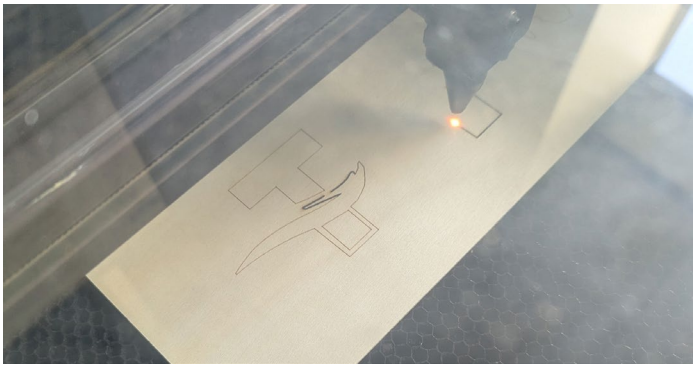
Staff Compliments

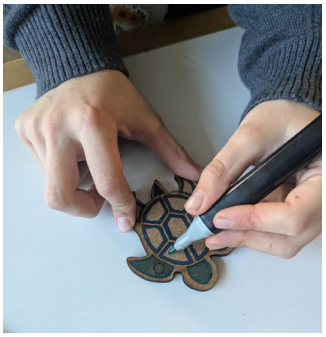
At Ashby School, we are proud of our dedicated staff and always welcome positive feedback. If you would like to share a compliment or pass on thanks, please email: compliments@ashbyschool.org.uk.

What's been happening...

Black History Month - Students in all year groups last week have been engaging in discussions and completing activities in their CREW focused on Black History Month. They have been honouring our communities and remembering those who have made a difference.

Design - Year 7s celebrated this occasion looking at the work of Stephen Burks, a renowned African American designer known for creating modern products which celebrate African culture, tradition and making skills.







Food Workshop - For Black History Month, we ran a Food workshop where students could choose to make one of two Jamaican sweet recipes - Coconut drops or Banana fritters.





Swimming Success - a number of Ashby School students attended an intensive swimming training camp in Spain over October half term. Coalville Swimming Club are extremely grateful to Ashby School for granting the authorised absence, which meant that the students could travel to Malaga on Friday 15th October in preparation for the 6-day training camp.

Swimmers trained for 4 hours per day, racking up a total of 24 hours in the pool, plus over 10KM of walking per day to get to and from the 50m Olympic size outdoor pool on the outskirts of Torremolinos. Many sessions started before sunrise, with swimmers able to see the sun come up over the Mediterranean sea. They also took part in additional land training sessions, focused on core strength, flexibility and power. They had the opportunity for some fun too, with team games like rounders and basketball, and a trip down to the beach (where, of course, they played more team games!). The week was incredibly hard, but the swimmers gave it their absolute all and are looking forward to seeing the benefits in their upcoming events, with some competing the day after they returned! The Ashby School pupils taking part in the camp were - Oli G, Izzy S, George C, India S, Nick L, Jessica M, Luke M, Tom B and Morgan S.

Congratulations to all the students that took part.



What's been happening...

DofE at Ashby School – Celebrating Success and Record Sign-Ups! Last week, we celebrated the achievements of our 2025/26 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award cohort, with an incredible 44 out of 47 students successfully achieving their Bronze Award – an outstanding 94% success rate! This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the dedication, resilience and commitment shown by our students throughout their DofE journey.

A special thank you must also go to Mrs Kelly, our Bronze DofE Leader, whose unwavering dedication, encouragement and tenacity have been instrumental in helping so many students get over the finishing line and achieve their awards. Even more encouragingly, over 50% of these students have chosen to continue their DofE journey by progressing to Silver!

Looking ahead, enthusiasm for DofE at Ashby School has never been greater, with record-breaking sign-ups for 2026/27. We are delighted to welcome 81 Bronze students, 26 Silver students and a whopping 33 Gold students – an impressive 140 participants across all three award levels!

We are incredibly proud of our students and their willingness to challenge themselves, develop new skills and embrace new adventures. With such fantastic participation, 2026/27 promises to be an exciting year for DofE at Ashby School!



Year 7 Art - Year 7 have worked collaboratively to create paper sculptures inspired by the artist Mlle Hipolyte, and how she raises awareness of the destruction of the world's coral reefs due to pollution. Over half of the worlds coral reefs have been bleached and have died as a result of pollution.

Each student made a colourful paper sculpture tile and also worked as a group of four to make bleached white paper sculptures. The work is currently on display in The Arts foyer.

The Year 7 students have made an excellent start to their Art journey here at Ashby School this half term.













What's been happening…

DeMontfort University Design related Careers and Courses Event on 26th October – We held an inspiring session with a lecturer and department lead from De Montfort University (DMU). They covered University courses and career pathways – exploring opportunities in Product Design, Engineering, Fashion, Textiles, Architecture, Interiors and other creative industries.

They offered examples of real student experiences so students could find out what studying a creative subject at university is like and where graduates have gone in their careers, as well as portfolio tips and advice – learning what makes a successful design portfolio and how to showcase creativity, skills and projects.

It was a great opportunity for interested students to explore their future options, gain inspiration and ask questions directly to university experts.



Siemens Mobility Ltd Event on 5th October – We welcomed Siemens Mobility to give a talk on their company, who develops technology for rail and transport systems. Its UK work includes designing and maintaining trains, alongside signaling, electrification, passenger-information systems, digital technology and software that help transport networks operate safely and efficiently.

They talked about how Design and Engineering work together to turn requirements and ideas into real solutions.

Students could hear about the representative's role, apprenticeships and work experience — and bring questions about careers and opportunities at Siemens Mobility.



Art Department Poppy display 2026 - The Art department was asked to create a new exhibition to pay tribute to the 122 Ashby School students who gave their lives in conflict.

The Year 9 have created Suffolk Puff Poppies that are seen on the soldier figure and also created 'Peace in our Hands' photography and paper collage poppies that are featured in the windows of the Arts block. The year 12 created plastic poppies on stems and Jane Roberts (grandmother to two year 7 Ashby School students and Kate Storer's mum) hand crocheted 290 poppies that have been hand sewn onto a green mesh fabric to compliment the work of the students.

The work is on display for the open days, open evening and to commemorate remembrance day 2026.











Life at Ashby Sixth Form

Year 12 Food & Nutrition – Stuffed Bread Wreaths









Primary Multi-Sports Festival - In the first couple of weeks of October, we have had the School Sports partnership running their Primary Multi-sports festival in our Sports hall. Our year 12 Cambridge Technical sports and physical activity students delivered the practical activities over the two days. This was to hundreds of year 1, 2 and 3 students, providing lots of smiles, enthusiasm and "high fives". This was a brilliant opportunity for the students to showcase their leadership skills and the organisers made comments on their communication skills, empathy and ability to build relationships for their coursework. It was a great insight into working with young people and sports leadership.

Comments from the organisers themselves:
Just wanted to say a big thank you for your help organising the Multi Sport / Skill Festivals from your end over the past few weeks. They were a big success, and all the schools loved coming along to them. Please pass our thanks onto the leaders as they did a brilliant job across both events.



Events & Community Information…

Learn British Sign Language

Including the alphabet spelling, greetings and basic conversations.

Every Tuesday lunchtime in E7

Open to all years

Starting Tuesday 3rd November 2026



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.

Christmas Carol Concert for Senior Citizens



Ashby School

Tuesday 15th December 2:30 – 4:30pm

The concert will start promptly at 2:45pm, entry will not be granted before 2:30pm.

Refreshments (and Bingo!) will be available after the concert.

Tickets are free, contact reception or email enquiries@ashbyschool.org.uk

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



KS3 Lost Property





