



ASHLAWN SCHOOL

Newsletter Week Ending:
29 March 2019

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Message from the Principal

Welcome to our first edition of our weekly newsletter. We hope that more frequent newsletters will enable you to feel more informed and involved in our school life.

Today, Year 11 students enjoyed a special SMSC Day. Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Development is key to all that we do here at Ashlawn and we were delighted to welcome partners across a range of professions and organisations to support our Year 11s in their developmental journey. Pleasingly, our visitors have been overwhelmingly positive about our students and the quality of their responses during the sessions. They agreed that Ashlawn students were a pleasure to work with. I was very proud to receive feedback from one professional who told us that out of the schools she had been to, 'Ashlawn School is the most socially aware and students have a good understanding of the issues homeless people face.' She went on to add that Ashlawn students were 'non-judgemental towards homeless people.' It is wonderful to see our values of acceptance for all people translated in this way.

This is a key time for Year 11 and 13 students as they focus on their preparation for their GCSE/A Level exams. Keeping our students focused on what is really important is so important in ensuring that they can maintain perspective and prepare without feeling overwhelmed. Special curriculum days like today go a long way towards contributing towards this.

If your child is feeling overwhelmed, please do contact us at school so that we can provide them, and you, with support and advice.

Siobhan Evans

What's on next week

Tue 26 March: Lunchtime - DT Club (designing on CAD ready to print phone cases). KS3 students who want to finish off work may also attend on Tuesday lunchtime

Evening - Year 7 Revision Seminar

Wed 27 March: After school - Table-top games club Lab 12. Students learn rule interpretation and writing; painting miniatures;

tactics; history; how to make scenery and working in a team amongst other things

Evening - KS5 concert - 7:00pm in the East Hall (see further detail on page 2)

Thu 28 March: Year 13 Parental Consultation Afternoon.
School closes for students at 1:00pm

Book Club

Book Club takes place every Monday lunchtime in the Library and is run by Miss Campbell and Mrs Mills.

We currently have groups running for Years 7, 8 and 10, but welcome interest from all year groups. We read a diverse range of books from different genres which spark some interesting discussion and lively debate. Currently we are reading:

- ◆ *The Crowfield Curse* by Pat Walsh (Year 7)
- ◆ *Mortal Engines* by Phillip Reeve (Year 8)
- ◆ *Chasing the Stars* by Malorie Blackman (Year 10)

Any students who would like further information should speak to Miss Campbell (English Department) or Mrs Mills (Library) or pop along on a Monday lunchtime to speak to one of us then.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Reading!

Miss Campbell and Mrs Mills

Art Piece of the Week

Created by Megan in Year 13.

Exam title: Water

Representing the damaging of our sea creatures that we learn through the TV.



Sporting success

Ashlawn U13 Girls Football Team's first match of the season resulted in a 5 - 0 win vs Rugby Free School.



This was an excellent result - well done girls!

Thought of the week "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"

- Nelson Mandela



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	Ashlawn Singers MU1 All Welcome Guitar Club MU2 All guitarists welcome		A Level intervention	STOMP MU2 Year 7 - 9 welcome Entry by audition ACE Grade 5 and over Entry by audition	Orchestra MU2 All orchestra players welcome
3:40 - 4:40		GCSE Drop in and intervention	GCSE Drop in and Intervention Music Tech Club MU1 All welcome	A Level drop in and intervention	

Practice rooms are available for booking at break times, lunch times and after school. If you would like to book a room in order to rehearse, please ask a member of the music staff who will fill out the booking sheet form you.

The practice rooms available are:

P1 and P2 which both have drum kits and access to guitar and bass amps. Please bring your own electric guitar and amp lead.

P3 which is our acoustic room. Here you will find conga drums, cajons and you may use the school's acoustic guitars

P4 houses an acoustic piano

The recording studio is also available for KS4 and KS5 students to book.

A large number of students have been using the computers and keyboards in the music classrooms at breaks and lunch times, which is brilliant to see! You don't need to book to do this, however please remember to check with the member of staff in the room that you can use the equipment. And of course, leave your workstation tidy when you have finished.

The Music Department's KS5 concert takes place on Wednesday 27 March at 7:00pm in the East Hall. This concert comprises year 13's A level recitals and performances from year 12's. The year 13's will be recorded and the performances submitted as part of their A level music. This is set to be an exciting evening where our students get to really showcase their talent!

Revision/Exam tips for GCSE Music

When writing a comparative essay follow this structure:

What is the same in both pieces?

What happens in the piece you have studied?

What happens in the comparative piece?

Revise your elements of music and what feature falls under each element. This will help you to answer questions with a relevant answer.

Revision/Exam tips for A Level Music

Learn the main features of each genre/era/style and link these features to two detailed and specific examples from the pieces you have studied.

Revise the context behind section B pieces.

When doing practice papers, always do the paper in the order you have been advised to by your teachers (for most of you this is backwards).



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British Values

In school we are highlighting the importance of British Values in lessons and in our school community.

The British Values are:

” Tolerance of different faiths and communities”

“ Democracy”

“The Rule of Law”

“Individual Liberty”

“Mutual Respect”

Everyone has the right to be treated fairly and be respected. In recent years we have seen these values in society being challenged.

As a society we might forget the importance of freedom that comes with correspondent responsibilities.

At Ashlawn we will be discussing these fundamental values of our society. Students will have an opportunity to learn about the 5 core values that support all of us to be better citizens. The idea is that by highlighting the British values we can raise awareness of the need to grow morally and socially.

British Values at Ashlawn School

Mutual Respect

Questioning the understanding of empathy
“How does it make you feel?”

Rule of Law

Reinforcing school values and expectations of behaviour

Individual Liberty

Independent thinking and learning to be encouraged

Democracy

A discussion or debate allowing people to express their opinions with consideration and due recognition

Tolerance of Different Cultures & Religions

Tolerance, acceptance and appreciation of different faiths and cultures





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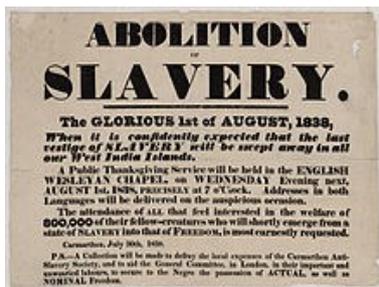
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This coming week in History



March 25, 1807 - The British Parliament abolished the slave trade following a long campaign against it by Quakers, MPs like William Wilberforce and others.



March 26, 1992 - Soviet Cosmonaut Serge Krikalev returned to a new country (Russia) after spending 313 days on board the Mir Space Station. During his stay in space, the Soviet Union (USSR) collapsed and became the Commonwealth of Independent States.



March 27 1853 Birthday - Vincent Van Gogh (1853-1890) was born in Groot Zundert, Holland. He produced thousands of paintings but sold only one during his lifetime. In 1987, his "Iris" painting sold for \$53.9 million, the highest price ever paid for a work of art up to that time. During his life, Van Gogh suffered from despair and bouts of mental illness, at one point cutting off part of his own left ear. He committed suicide in 1890 by gunshot.

Term Dates

Term Ends: Friday 12 April
Easter Break: Monday 15 April to Friday 26 April inclusive

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts: Monday 29 April
May Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May
Half Term: Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May inclusive
Term Ends: Friday 19 July

Autumn Term 2019/20

Inset Day: Monday 2 September
Term Starts: Tuesday 3 September