

ASHTON HIGHLIGHTS

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Message from the Headteacher, Miss Asquith

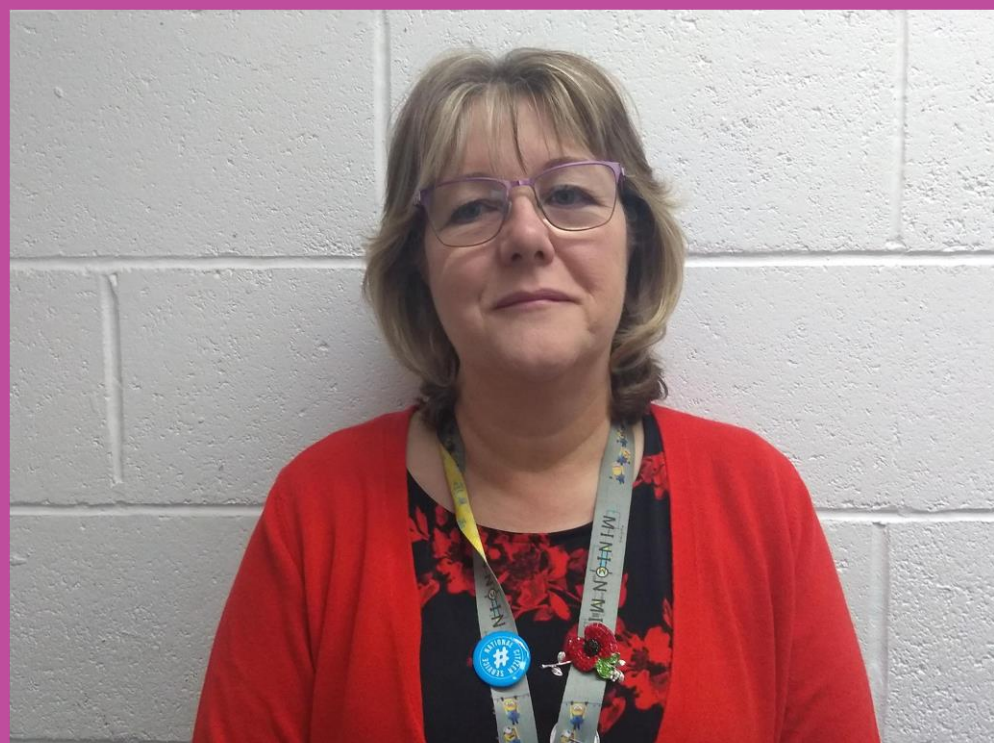
We opened the consultation on Friday last week to explore whether we should convert to academy status.

The consultation lasts for 6 weeks, and we are keen to hear your views. Please check our website for more information.

We will be holding a meeting for parents on Wednesday 13th November at 6pm in the main school hall to try and answer any questions you may have.

We will update the website regularly to keep you as informed as possible.

This is an exciting opportunity to work within a family of like-minded good and outstanding schools so please take a moment to look at our website and find out more about the Trust we have been invited to join.



Congratulations go to

our careers advisor Mrs Long who has successfully completed her Level 6 Diploma in Career Guidance and Development qualification after 18 months of hard work in and out of school.

Mrs Long works with Mr Wallis to ensure that employability skills are an integral part of our curriculum at Ashton. This involves providing guidance for students in all year groups, widening their understanding of the workplace by meeting employers as well as planning opportunities for students to develop their own employability skills.

In her own words "I just want to make sure our students are as employable as they can be by the time they leave us in Year 11, taking with them a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the different pathways they can take to reach their aspirations".

If you would like to speak to Mrs Long her door is always open at break, lunch or after school. So why not drop in and start planning now for your future!



YEAR 11 CAREERS INTERVIEWS



Mrs Long has scheduled 30 minute appointments for every Year 11 student over the coming weeks. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss your career aspirations with a professional and gain support for the next steps in your journey, to make sure your choices will lead you where you want to go.

Don't know what you want to do? Mrs Long is here to guide, support and point you in the right direction and to advise you on all the different options that are open to you.

This is your opportunity to talk to an expert and ask the questions you want to.

YEAR 7 FESTIVAL GOERS

Explore
LEARNING

Explore Learning, a private tutor group came into school to deliver "Fabulous Festivals" to Year 7.

In the workshop students worked in teams to come up with a theme for a festival. They worked together to identify the different job roles needed to make the festival a success. Each group chose a job role and worked as a team to come up with a job advert for their vacancy. In groups they discussed the qualifications, qualities and skills they were looking for in the perfect candidate.

Our Year 7 students really enjoyed the workshop and through the activities practised their own employability skills of creativity, listening, communicating and team work.



Here's what Beth and Connor had to say about the day.

"We designed a Neon festival that had lots of neon activities ending the day with neon fireworks. It was pretty cool."

"We designed a theme park based around foods like fish 'n' chips. I was expecting the event to be lots of writing but really enjoyed it and hardly wrote anything".

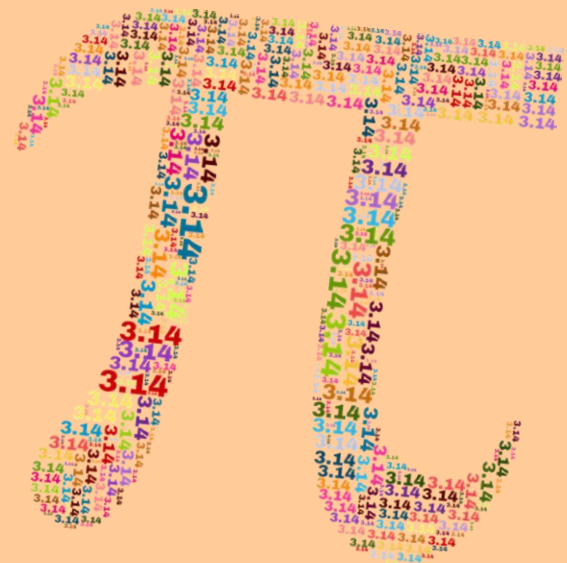
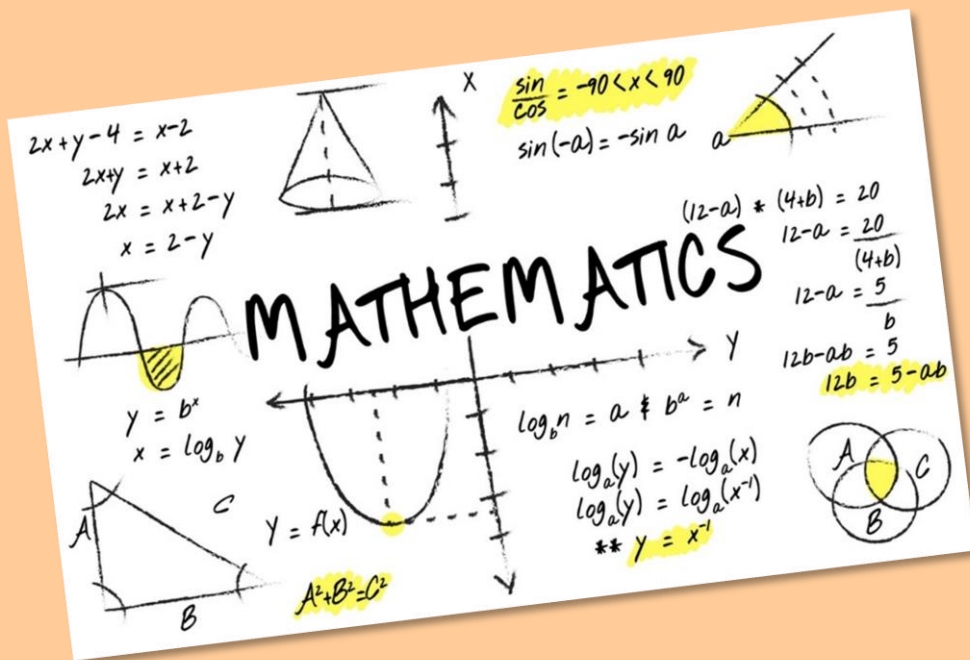
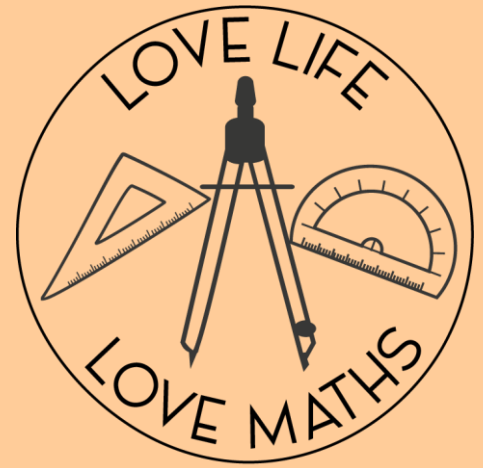


WEEKLY STUDENT MATHS CHALLENGE

When written as a word or words, what is the smallest positive whole number containing the letter 'a'?

Take your answer to Mr Fern in Room 25 for a smiley

We will share the answer in next week's newsletter



HEGARTY MATHS HEROES

Congratulations to our October Hegarty Maths heroes who have spent the longest learning hours on the platform completing activities.

Year 7 - Olivia Edwards & Piotr Kucybala

Year 8 - Adi Jayakrishnan

Year 9 - Leo Shevlin & Jamie Temple

Year 10 - Keaton McMillan & Chelsea-Leigh Stirzaker

Year 11 - Chloe Holden & Chloe Stillwell



If you want to stand a chance of being on the leaderboard, log on to Hegarty Maths and join the club!

<https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner>

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FIT FRIDAY AT ASHTON

Every month at Ashton we put on our gym clothes and provide extra opportunities for students and staff to lead a healthy and active lifestyle.

The purpose is to educate us. All physical activity is as beneficial to our mental state as it is to our physical state.



On Friday we began our day at 8am in the sports hall with Michelle, Ribby Hall Spa Wellness Manager, for a bit of light yoga bringing some positive zen. We even managed to squeeze in a couple of minutes into our staff briefing!



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GETTING FIT AT ASHTON



During lessons students got involved in all sorts of activities to support their learning and achievement.


active kids learn better

GRADES:



20%
more likely to earn an A in math or English

Learn more about why active kids learn better and how schools can help at activelivingresearch.org/activeeducationbrief.

 **ACTIVE LIVING RESEARCH**

You would have thought that staff would have been tired by the end of a very active Friday but many turned up to play badminton to unwind for the weekend ahead.



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INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF ...



Mr Thatcher

What was your previous post before joining Ashton Community Science College?

This is my first position in a school. Before this I completed a PGCE in Physical Education at the University of Cumbria.

Which subject do you teach?

Physical Education

What are your hobbies and interests?

I enjoy taking part in as much sport and exercise as possible. My main sports are rugby and squash. I take part in badminton, golf and biking. I also enjoy travelling, playing the guitar and music and films.

What book are you currently reading?

Siya Kolisi - Against All Odds

Describe Ashton in 3 words

Family, Fair, Vibrant

Favourite moment of your first half term?

Taking a team of year 7 boys to our first rugby tournament. This was my first fixture as a teacher as well as their first fixture as students. Although the result was not in our favour, the boys showed great promise for future games and enjoyed every minute of it, as did I.



Miss Evans

What was your previous post before joining Ashton Community Science College?

This is my first post. Last year I trained with Preston Teaching School Alliance.

Which subject do you teach?

Maths

What are your hobbies and interests?

Running and reading

What book are you currently reading?

It by Stephen King

Describe Ashton in 3 words

Welcoming fantastic Ashton!

Favourite moment of your first half term?

Fit Friday

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YEAR 7 HAVE TALENT!



ASHTON COMMUNITY SCIENCE COLLEGE
A SCHOOL TO BE PROUD OF

YEAR 7 TALENT SHOW

THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 6.30PM START

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
SCHOOL RECEPTION**



FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!

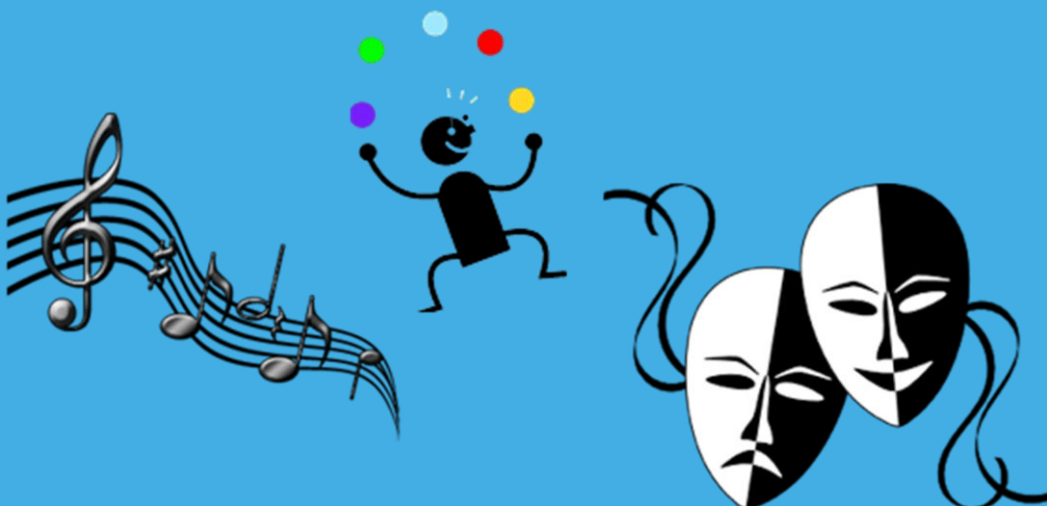
Our Year 7 Talent Show is set to be an evening packed with a variety of acts from our new year 7 students. They will be performing for “One Night Only” as part of their settling in process into high school life.

The evening boasts a variety of acts from singers to dancers, to choirs and budding musicians and is a chance for students to showcase individual talent and encourage our youngsters to get involved in the life of our school.

Of course, there can be no show without an audience so we hope we can encourage as many parents and family members as possible to come along and support our children in their first event in school.

If you would like to attend, please contact main school reception to purchase your ticket(s), priced at just £2.00 per ticket.

We would love to see you at our event!



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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

This academic year we have introduced a new initiative in school to celebrate the amazing contributions our students make to the school and wider community every day.

Wonderful Wednesdays see a group of students who have been nominated by staff welcomed into the staff room to share their success with colleagues and enjoy recognition for their efforts. So far this year we have had some outstanding contributions highlighted on Wednesday mornings. We have celebrated students who have gone the extra mile in their classes to make exceptional progress and students who have given up their own time and resources to help out, for example through volunteering on our open evening.



We have also had students who have reached sporting milestones such as making the county squad for their age group and others who have demonstrated amazing achievements - like memorising Pi to 150 decimal places!

Perhaps the most memorable nomination so far was for a Year 8 student who intervened at our local Tesco store to save a life. Callum was on his way to school one morning when he called in to the shop for some supplies and found a gentleman collapsed in one of the aisles. Callum's quick thinking in calming the man down, making him comfortable and swiftly alerting shop staff to call an ambulance made all the difference. The paramedics treated the man for a cardiac arrest and were in no doubt that Callum's actions had saved the man's life. Truly amazing!



Wonderful Wednesday has quickly become a highlight of the week for many. Look out for more winners' stories in next week's newsletter.

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YEAR 5 TRANSITION IN SCIENCE



On Friday 1st November Year 5 pupils from Pool House Primary School visited us for their first session of the half term.

They got involved in some practical work to extract pure salt from rock salt. During the lesson they practised many science techniques such as dissolving, filtering and evaporating and the pupils were excited to learn how to safely light and use a bunsen burner!



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Community Facilities Available for Hire

We have facilities that are available for hire to the local community during the evenings, weekends and holidays.

at Ashton Community Science College

Aldwych Drive, Ashton-on-Ribble,
Preston, Lancashire PR2 1SL



SLSatAshton



@AshtonSLS



3G Pitch (Floodlit)



Sports Hall



Drama Studio

Facility Hire Prices

Prices may be subject to V.A.T - Events may be charged more. For up to date prices see our website. Price per hour unless stated otherwise.

Sports Hall £32

Fitness Suite Please enquire for prices

Tarmac Multi Use Games Area £22

Drama Studio £22

Dining Hall £22

Lecture Theatre £22

Multi Purpose Room £20

Classrooms £15

Specialist Classrooms £18

(e.g. IT/Cookery)

Pitch Rates

Hourly Rate

Fixture Rate

	Full	Third	1hr	1.5hr	2hr
3G Pitch (Floodlit)	£75	£38	£38	£45	£55
Grass Football Pitch	N/A	N/A	£30	£37.50	£45
Grass Rugby Pitch	N/A	N/A	£30	£37.50	£45

For more info or to book, get in touch!

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LIKE TO VIEW THE ROOMS
WE HAVE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**

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CARDINAL NEWMAN MASTERCLASS



To give our Year 11 Physicists an idea of what studying A level Physics would be like, Mr Wallis took a small group to a masterclass at Cardinal Newman College.



The masterclass involved students completing complex practical activities as an extension of the physics curriculum at school, using their maths and scientific skills to measure changes and calculate relationships.



Students really enjoyed the practicals especially observing the changes in water when left in dry ice and felt confident that the skills they have developed at Ashton will help them make that transition to A level.

YEAR 7 BECOME 'STREETWISE'!

Year 7 were recently treated to a performance on road safety by 'Streetwise'.



Lancashire County Council delivered an incredibly engaging performance on road safety.



The show gave the students an exciting learning experience enabling them to make informed decisions about managing their personal safety.

The show had a hard-hitting ending making it very memorable and we hope the students use what they have learnt when out and about.

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SPORTS REPORT



On Thursday 31st October, our under 16 girls football team prepared for their game against Broughton High School.

Although we were defeated 4-0 we should celebrate our demonstration of teamwork, great football skills as well as our grit and determination. Our girls never gave up and definitely showed a school to be proud of!

Good luck to our under 14 girls playing Broughton and Moor Park on Thursday 14th November at home.

This Week's Fixtures - Boys

Rugby



Mon 4th Nov
Yr 9 vs Archbishop
& Our Ladys

Football



Tues 5th Nov
Yr 11 vs QEGS

Wed 6th Nov
Yr 11 vs St Michael's

Wed 6th Nov
Year 7 vs Our Ladys &
Broughton

This Week's Fixtures - Girls

Netball



Tues 5th Nov
Yr 9 & Yr 10 vs Broughton

Football



Thurs
7th Nov –
U16 vs
Broughton

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