

# ASHTON HIGHLIGHTS

ISSUE

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29 OCTOBER  
2019

## Upcoming Events:



W/C 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER  
Year 11 Careers  
Appointments

7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
Year 7 Talent Show

14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
Year 11 Parents' Evening

29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
Inset Day (School Closed)

2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER  
Inset Day (School Closed)

5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
Year 10 Parents' Evening

12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
Year 9 Parents' Evening

13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
Christmas Lunch

W/C 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
Wellbeing Week

20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
School finishes for  
Christmas at 1pm



### *A Message from the Headteacher, Miss Asquith*

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year. It has been a busy half term and looking forward, it's going to get even busier! To try and keep you updated with the many wonderful things that happen in school on a daily basis, we intend to send out a newsletter on a weekly rather than half termly basis. Please keep an eye out for it landing in your inbox each week.

We are fortunate here at Ashton to have so many talented young people, so if you have any achievements you would like us to share in our newsletters, please let us know. From our Alumni feature, you will also see that many of our students keep in touch and share their successes with us, so if you are a former student who would like to do this, we would love to hear from you too.



# HARRY POTTER VISITS ASHTON!



Year 7 had a truly magical day on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September partaking in a number of fun filled activities which were inspired by the enchanting world of Harry Potter.

The day started with an outstanding theatrical performance by Q20, which was a perfect mix of comedy and mischief.



They were also treated to a guest appearance from the 'Sorting Hat' who decided which Hogwarts House they would be placed into.

The rest of the day consisted of mastering the art of Quidditch, making wands and experimenting with potion making.

The students and staff had a truly magical day.



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# "THE DIGGERY" BRINGS A WHOLE NEW DIMENSION TO SCHOOL LIFE AT ASHTON!

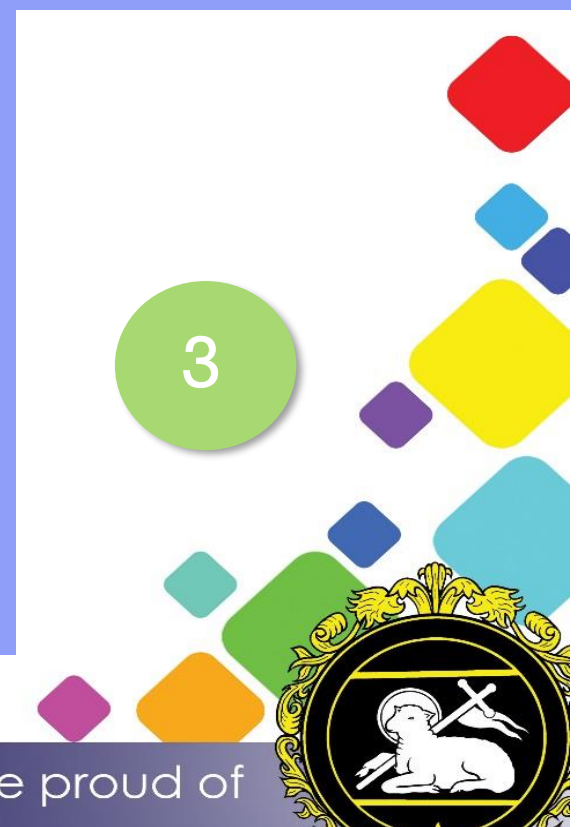


Designed and created in conjunction with The Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT), this formerly disused area of the school grounds is being given a new lease of life. Incorporating an outdoor classroom with fire pit, a pond with a dipping platform, an allotment space, a sensory garden, semi-mature woodland, seating areas and quiet reading space, The Diggery brings a whole new dimension to school life at Ashton.



The Diggery will be the venue for the LWT's MyPlace project team to deliver ecotherapy workshops for students in school. They will also deliver the John Muir award to students within the curriculum giving them a totally different educational experience.

The outdoor areas will be open to staff, students and the local community over the coming weeks and months providing a quiet retreat from the hubbub of daily life. Visitors will be able to help with the upkeep and development of the areas or simply relax in the surroundings enjoying the benefits of spending time outdoors and being closer to nature.



# SCHOOL GAMES SPOTLIGHT

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October UCLan Sports Arena hosted the Preston School Games Year 5 and 6 Girls Football tournament. The event was organised by Harriet Ascroft, the Preston School Games Organiser (SGO) based here at Ashton. 27 teams competed, over 60 football matches were played on 6 pitches and the winning teams, St Bernards Primary School and St Francis Small School will now go on to represent their District at the County Final.



All the teams worked extremely hard despite the challenging weather conditions. They smiled through the hail showers and demonstrated high determination throughout the competition. We saw fantastic teamwork and passion. The girls had trained hard and worked towards an enjoyable, fun event. Experiencing setbacks and having strong minded team talks brought them closer together.



This event could not run without the six Year 10 boys from Ashton Community Science College who refereed all games throughout the challenging weather conditions. Some of the boys are already qualified referees and others are working towards this. All were praised on the day for their professionalism and high quality refereeing.

These events offer great opportunity to develop leadership skills such as organisation, communication and teamwork as well as helping to build confidence and self-esteem as they take on responsibility of leading their peers and young children. Our boys demonstrated mature behaviour, good manners and initiative whilst remaining enthusiastic and professional throughout the event.

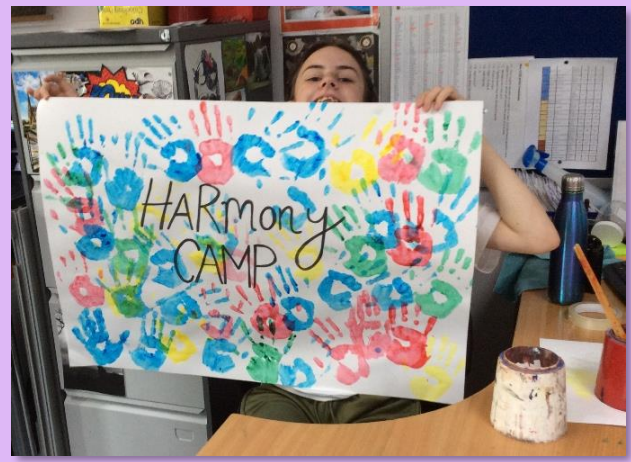


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# humanutopia

empowering young people to make positive change



Our Year 10 and 11 Heroes are working hard with the Humanutopia Team to improve the mental health & wellbeing of students by empowering them to make positive changes in their life

## HOPE

87% of students now feel more optimistic about the future

## CONFIDENCE

83% of students now feel more confident about their life and their future

## HAPPINESS

81% of students feel they could now be proud of who they are

## RELATIONSHIPS

87% of students now take the time to understand people without judging them

## EMPLOYABILITY

77% now feel more determined to develop necessary workplace skills



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# ANOTHER BUSY OPEN EVENING!

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 saw Ashton Community Science College open its doors for our annual Open Evening. With lots of invitations sent out to our local primary schools we were expecting to be busy, however on the night we were amazed to welcome approximately 400 families! This is an evening we all enjoy as it gives us a chance to show off all the things we do that make us “a school to be proud of”.



Giving potential students the chance to take part in everything from dance demonstrations to science experiments and code breaking challenges to joining Hogwarts, there really was something for everyone.



A massive Thank You to everyone who visited on the night!

For those who were unable to attend please feel free to contact school on 01772 513002 and we will arrange a convenient time for you to come in and meet the students and staff.

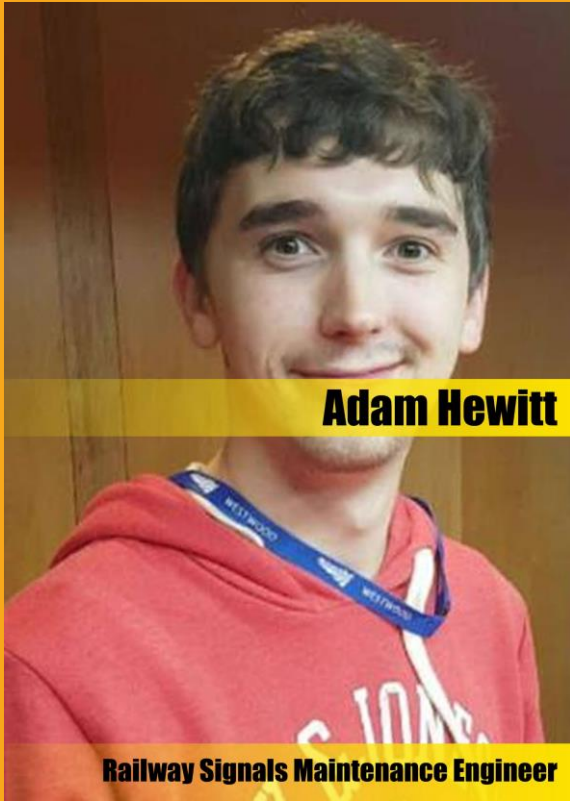


Please don't forget to apply for your secondary school place by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/?page=1>

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**Adam Hewitt**

**Railway Signals Maintenance Engineer**



**Corrie Hewitt**

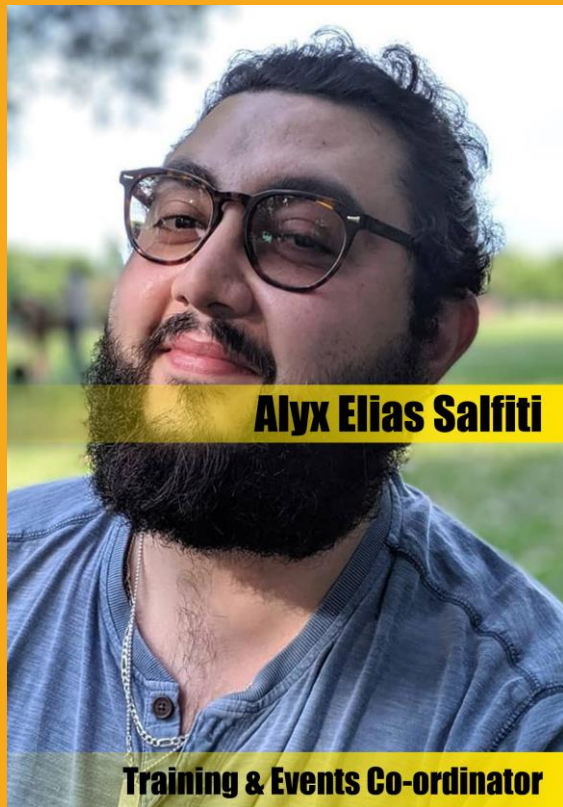
**Graphic Designer & Entrepreneur**



**Deborah Burn**

**Marine Biologist**

# ASHTON ALUMNI



**Alyx Elias Salfiti**

**Training & Events Co-ordinator**



**Charlotte Louise**

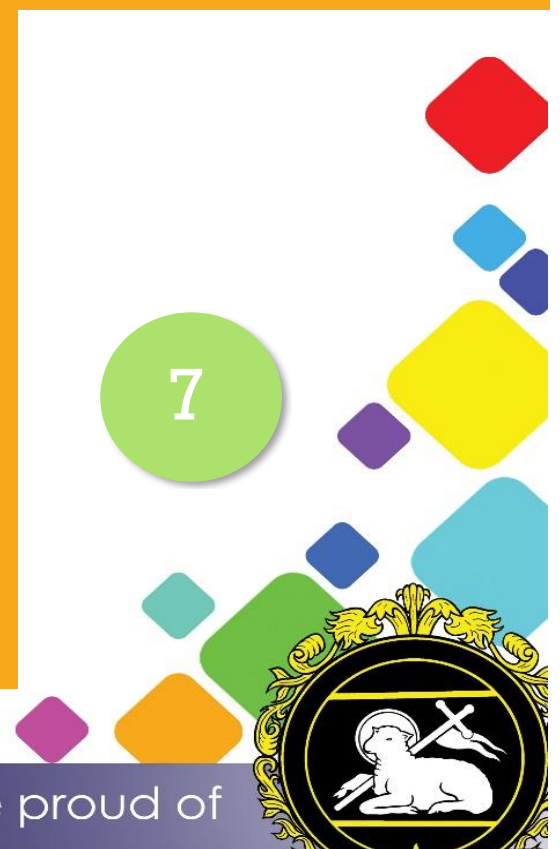
**Banker in Canada**

**PLEASE CONTACT  
US IF YOU WOULD  
LIKE TO JOIN OUR  
ALUMNI!**



**Dean Marshall**

**Studying PhD Psychology**



# YEAR 5 TRANSITION DAYS

Over the summer term we welcomed Year 5 pupils from 10 different primary schools across 2 days. To support their transition to secondary school they experienced lessons in Science, Technology, RE, Computing and Resistant Materials. Throughout the days they had the opportunity to try new things and learn new skills, supported by students from Ashton.



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