



ASHLAWN
SCHOOL

Our best, always

Prospectus
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TL Proud to be part of the
Transforming Lives
EDUCATIONAL TRUST



Every Student,
Every Opportunity



Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to Ashlawn School, a warm and forward-thinking school community that combines high quality education with traditional values and high expectations. Building on a legacy spanning almost 70 years, we are proud to provide an excellent educational experience for our students.

At Ashlawn, we strive for academic excellence for all, knowing that all students have great potential and should be given every opportunity to fulfil it.

Our wonderful teachers deliver a broad and balanced education through a well designed, contemporary curriculum and we offer fantastic facilities that cater for all students. As a bi-lateral school, this includes provision for students who have joined us through the 11+, as well as our specialist Modern Languages stream.

We also pay close attention to supporting the varied needs of all our students and have a dedicated Learning Development Department with specialist teachers, learning mentors and assistants on hand to support students' individual needs.

We passionately believe in promoting a holistic approach to education with a focus on the development of the whole child, not just their academic results. Our students are also encouraged to develop skills and expertise outside of the classroom through

our extensive enrichment programme and an effective personal development curriculum, allowing us to nurture all students' talents while supporting their wellbeing.

We are determined that every student will be able to reflect on their time at Ashlawn as happy and fulfilling. A time that has not only enriched their lives and nurtured their aspirations, but that has provided the foundations needed for long term future success.

We hope that this prospectus provides you with a flavour of life at our wonderful school and look forward to welcoming you soon.

Paul Brockwell
Principal

The Ashlawn Pledge

We commit to being part of the Ashlawn community and pledge to:

- **Demonstrate kindness** to all and help those in need
- **Be proud** of our uniqueness and champion the differences of others
- **Celebrate** our successes together
- **Express gratitude** for things that others do for us
- **Show respect** and pride in our words and actions
- **Challenge ourselves** and each other to be our best, always



Transform your child's future

At Ashlawn School, we believe in the power of education to present the greatest possible life opportunities.

Our core purpose is, therefore, to enable every young person to exceed their potential: to develop a love of learning, to widen their horizons, deepen their confidence and to aspire to all that they can be.

We believe that each student is unique and their learning is enhanced by a shared commitment to their education. Learners, teachers, parents and carers work together as a community to ensure outstanding opportunities for all.

The Transforming Lives Educational Trust (TLET)

Our family of primary and secondary academies works together to provide the best start for our children and young people.



Our ambitions



Nurture Potential

We flourish in the places we create together.



Inspire Community

We champion each other to make a difference.



Deliver Excellence

We strive to achieve our best.

At Ashlawn we CARE...

Community

We value every member of the Ashlawn family and treat each other with kindness and compassion.

Aspiration

We work hard and make the most of exciting and challenging learning experiences, in order to open up the world around us and achieve our dreams.

Respect

We respect each other and our differences. We respect our learning environment and appreciate everyone's right to the best possible experience at Ashlawn.

Excellence

We are committed to trying our best and achieving the highest standards in our love of learning, so that we can be the best versions of ourselves.





Academic Excellence for All

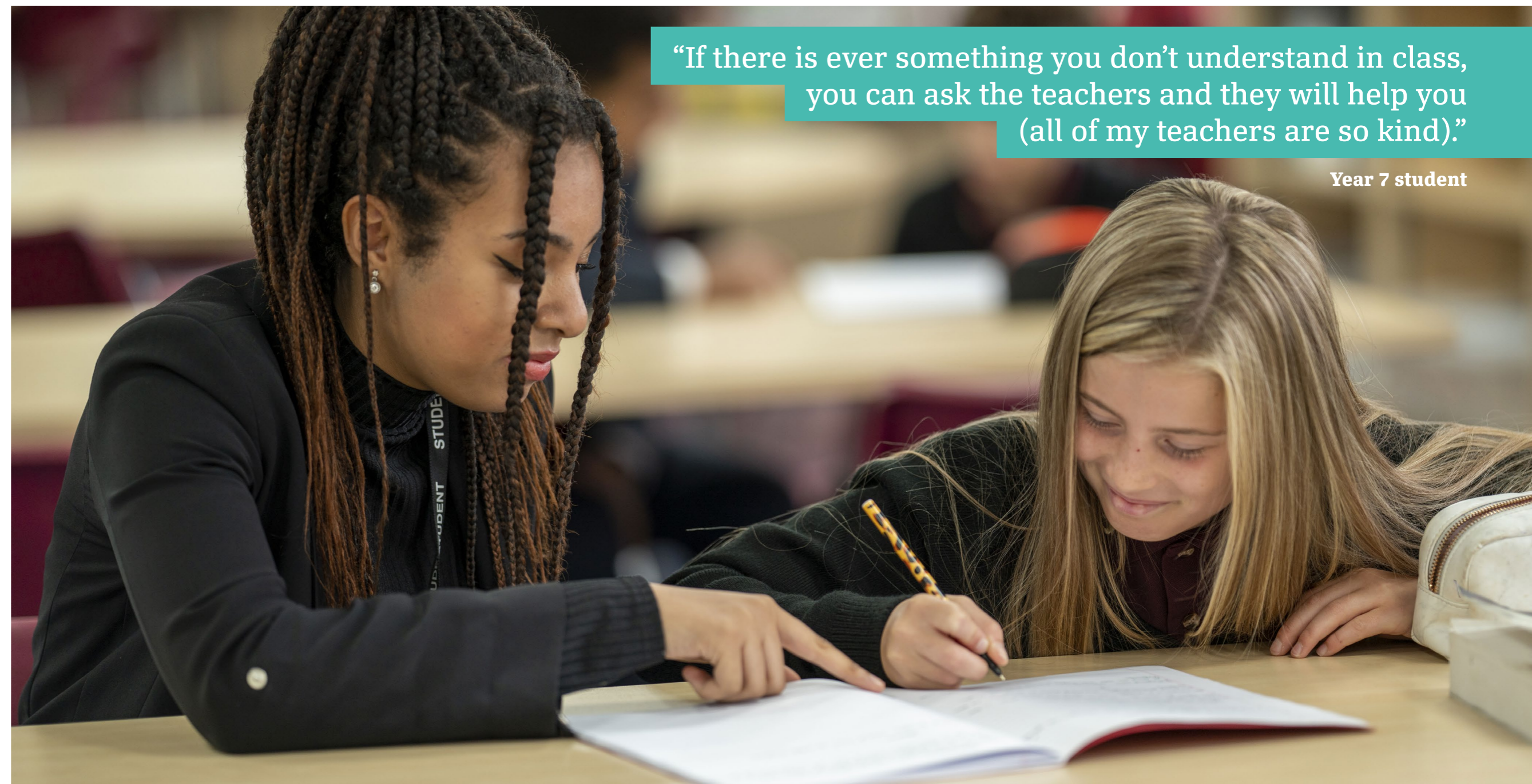
At Ashlawn School, our students study a broad and exciting curriculum that equips them with the knowledge and skills they need for the future.

Throughout their time with us, students are encouraged to develop a lifelong love of learning, deepening their knowledge, inspiring their curiosity and nurturing their aspirations at every key stage.

We place the highest value on the quality of teaching and our lessons are structured around an agreed set of principles for effective learning, with clear routines and high expectations to support them.

Alongside the traditional subjects, we offer a dedicated personal development curriculum, focusing on building important life skills, developing an understanding and awareness of different cultures and beliefs, and nurturing personal qualities that will help our students to become exemplary citizens of the future.

As an inclusive school, we are also committed to enabling young people to achieve their full potential, providing a personalised approach and additional support where needed, to allow every individual to flourish.



“If there is ever something you don’t understand in class, you can ask the teachers and they will help you (all of my teachers are so kind).”

Year 7 student



“I have been at Ashlawn for the last five years and have enjoyed every minute of my time here.”

Year 11 student

Skills in STEM

Preparing our students for the future world of work is at the forefront of our ambitions. Naturally, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) is a key part of our curriculum.

Alongside teaching fundamental skills for future work and life, our STEM provision also nurtures critical thinking and problem-solving skills, fostering curiosity and instilling a passion for invention, innovation and entrepreneurship.

At Key Stage 3, our students explore the fundamentals of STEM through Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths, Design Technology and Computer Science. They then have the opportunity to take up specialist 3D Design, Engineering, Business and Marketing courses at Key Stage 4 and Business, Economics and Engineering in our sixth form.

Students also have the chance to participate in a host of inspiring STEM opportunities, which include entry into the V&A Innovate Challenge, Science Club, the UK Mathematics Trust Challenges, Design and Technology Club, Women in STEM careers conferences, Astronomy Club, Tycoon Enterprise and many subject related extracurricular trips.





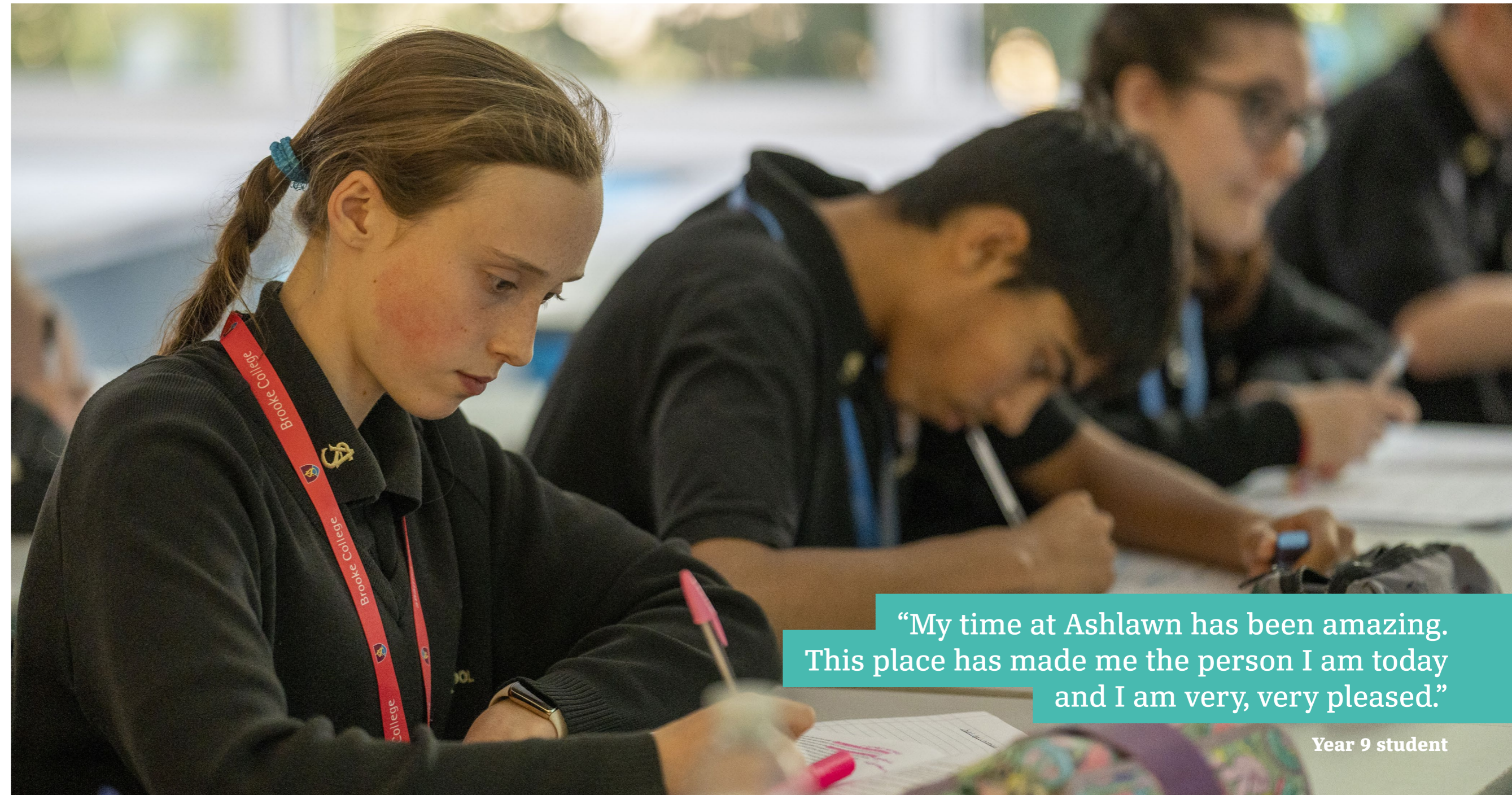
Embracing the Arts and Humanities

The Arts and Humanities at Ashlawn are a vibrant and exciting part of our offer.

With subjects including Art, Drama, English, Geography, History, Modern Languages, Food and Nutrition, Religious Studies and Music, there are so many benefits to embracing the arts and humanities. From encouraging self-expression and creativity to building confidence and a sense of individual identity, these subjects can also help to develop critical thinking skills, understand and orate/articulate how language works, and the ability to interpret the world around us.

Every Key Stage 3 student takes part in timetabled lessons in each subject each term, with many more opportunities to showcase creative skills and talents during productions, competitions and performances throughout the year.

This includes submitting applications to the Rotary Young Artist of the Year Awards and school clubs including Ashlawn Singers, Orchestra and Jazz Band, Guitar Club, Photography Club and Languages Club.



“My time at Ashlawn has been amazing. This place has made me the person I am today and I am very, very pleased.”

Year 9 student



“My favourite lesson is PE and I have played for the girls’ football team, which I love, as it has enabled me to get to know more people.”

Year 8 student

Inspiring a Passion for Sport

We are proud to offer a wide range of sports opportunities for our students to participate in, encouraging them to develop a life-long commitment to living an active and healthy life.

From team sports to individual sporting specialisms, we encourage our students to participate in a range of sporting opportunities each week through the curriculum and beyond.

This includes a dedicated enrichment programme consisting of netball, rugby, football, handball, badminton, athletics, rounders, cricket, table tennis and trampolining (to name a few!).

In addition, we also encourage students to explore outdoor adventure opportunities, including international ski trips and Duke of Edinburgh expeditions.





Outstanding Opportunities

We encourage every student to participate in a wide range of enrichment activities during their time with us.

From science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), to debating, dance and drama – and everything in-between – there is something for everyone to try, learn more about and build their talents in.

This includes a dedicated programme of after school clubs, as well as the chance to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, World Challenge and special events that take place throughout the year.

Recent opportunities have included UK and overseas residentials and cultural trips, inspirational guest speakers and author visits, as well as exciting sport and arts events, which encourage students to broaden their horizons and explore the world around them.

We also believe that our contribution to the wider community is incredibly important. Our community programmes allow our students to give back to others, planning and running fundraising events and volunteering to support the NHS, local hospices, care homes, food banks and other important causes.



“These groups massively enhance confidence and social skills which is reflected in all areas of day-to-day life.”

Year 12 student



“All the teachers and support staff are so supportive and only want the best for every individual.”

Year 11 student

Wellbeing at Ashlawn

We understand the importance of young people’s emotional wellbeing and how it relates to their ability to learn. We know that good mental health is being able to manage a range of positive and negative emotions and is fundamental for us to be able to enjoy our lives.

As a result, every student at Ashlawn School has access to well-being staff who provide one to one support, interventions, and group workshops, which focus on tools and strategies for managing their own mental health.

In addition, we have a dedicated well-being centre, where our Mental Health Lead, who is a qualified counsellor, is supported by Year Group Welfare Leads and staff trained in Mental Health First Aid. Where additional support is required, we work with external agencies and counsellors and provide bespoke programmes of support focusing on difficulties such as exam stress, anxiety, and bereavement.

We also understand that young people often prefer to talk about well-being with their peers, so we have created the Peer Support Programme, led by Sixth Form students who are trained in active listening, safeguarding, and equipped with self-care strategies to support younger students.

Positive Behaviour and Rewards

Students at Ashlawn School are expected to model excellence in their behaviour and to take pride in the way they conduct themselves every day.

These are linked to our CARE pillars, whereby we promote:

- Community
- Aspiration
- Respect
- Excellence

All of our pillars are underpinned by ‘The Ashlawn Way’, where we each aim to be ‘our best, always’.

Our staff are trained in positive behaviour management strategies and the use of restorative approaches to ensure that students can learn in a safe, kind and nurturing environment. Rewards and recognition play a vital part in encouraging students to fulfil their potential and to demonstrate a love of learning. As a result, rewards are given to students for consistent and improved levels of achievement, both academically and for contributions to the life of the school.

Student Support

The wellbeing of every child is the most important aspect of any school and a young person who feels supported, confident, happy and safe is likely to thrive.

We have an outstanding pastoral team who offer care, guidance and support to all students. This includes supporting students, closely monitoring attendance and academic progress, and acting swiftly to implement necessary interventions.

The pastoral systems are overseen by Key Stage Leaders, each year group is led by a Head of Year and supported by a Welfare Lead and a team of Form Tutors.

Successful pastoral care is a partnership between the school and home. Ashlawn is committed to developing and maintaining these strong links by making regular contact throughout the year through revision seminars, parent consultation events, as well as our assessment system and termly reports.

Inclusion

Our Inclusion Department is at the heart of our school, with an incredible team including an Assistant Principal, Seconds in Faculty, an experienced SENDCo, Teaching Assistants and Learning Mentors, who are all on hand to support the individual needs of students. We also have a dedicated admin personnel who can be contacted directly.

We believe it is incredibly important to develop positive relationships with parents and carers, working together to achieve the best for every young person.



“Throughout my time here at Ashlawn, I was given endless support and encouragement within my subjects, from both the staff and peers surrounding me.”

Year 13 student



“Ashlawn is filled with incredible teachers that lend unwavering support to students, whether it be emotional, academic or moral.”

Year 12 student

Sixth Form

At Ashlawn Sixth Form, we pride ourselves on ensuring all students feel part of the Ashlawn community.

We offer a broad and personalised curriculum that challenges, supports and develops students in all aspects of life, preparing them for university life, apprenticeships or employment.

Our Sixth Formers are encouraged to contribute to the wider school through volunteering across the school and within the community and to make the most of our incredible educational visits in the UK and abroad, as well as the enrichment and leadership opportunities available.



Transition

Transition from primary to secondary education is an exciting prospect and a significant landmark in a young person's educational journey.

Each year, we work alongside parents and carers and primary schools to ensure a smooth transition for students joining us in Year 7.

This includes staff visits to feeder primary schools, to meet students and their current teachers. Dedicated transition events are also held each year, providing the opportunity for new students to meet staff, get to know their classmates and familiarise themselves with their new school.

How to Apply

We hope you like what you see and make Ashlawn your first choice.

Applications for a Year 7 place at Ashlawn School can be made through Warwickshire County Council's School Admissions. Applications can be made to the Grammar Stream through the 11+ test.

In addition to this, the school offers admission through a Foreign Languages Aptitude Test alongside the normal comprehensive admissions processes. Information about registration for the Ashlawn Foreign Language Aptitude test can be found on the school website in the Admissions section and must be made directly to the school using the form provided.

For further information about Ashlawn School and to book a tour visit www.ashlawn.org.uk



“From my experience at Ashlawn, having joined in Year 7 myself, I have learnt that the teachers and other students quickly become friendly faces who want what is best for you.”

Year 13 student



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