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# Year 7 Overview

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# Pastoral Support and Pupil Wellbeing

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# Y7 Pastoral Team



Miss S Kirkham  
Head of Year 7



Mrs L Simes



Mr I Deverill



Mrs K Johnston

Pupils feel **safe** and  
**happy** in their school

# Safeguarding Team

**DSL:**

\*Mrs N Timms

**Deputy DSL:**

Mr J Curry

\*Mrs H Ndongong

\*Mrs K O'Hara

Ms I Martin

\*Mrs S Arkinstall-Doyle

\*Mrs A Hampson

Mr Keogh

Leaders **actively promote**  
the wellbeing of pupils





### All Adults

All adults who work at the school are regularly trained in latest developments around pupil welfare and safeguarding. They are encouraged to raise any concerns with a pupil's form teacher.

### Form Tutor

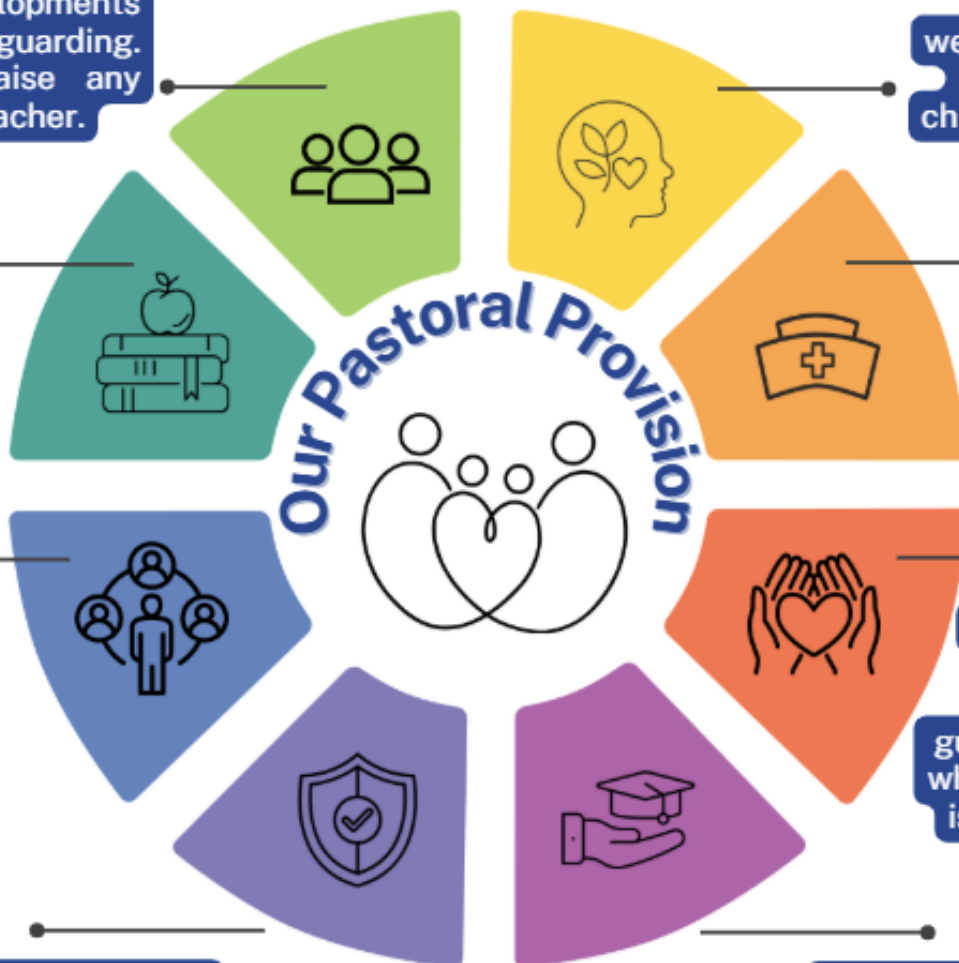
Form Tutors, who are the main point of contact for both parents and children, play the pivotal role in supporting children at School.

### Head of Year

The Heads of Year oversee more complex year group issues whilst having an overview of the needs of the year group

### Safeguarding Team

Our team of DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads) work across the whole school in order to promote the children's welfare and safety as well as in collaboration with external agencies and parents.



### Wellbeing Team

Whether it is Time4Me, specialised support or some time with our Chaplain, our wellbeing team are always there to provide a safe area in which children can share their feelings.

### Health Centre

Our health team work closely with the staff, children and parents / guardians to ensure that children are as mentally and physically healthy as they can be.

### Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team, led by the Senior Deputy Head, work closely with pupils, parents / guardians, and outside agencies, when necessary, to ensure there is sufficient support in place to enable every child to thrive.

### Learning Support

Learning Support team provide tailored interventions and support to pupils in order to promote their academic and pastoral development, and ensure they achieve their best.



Pupils are **kind, tolerant** and **respectful** of each other



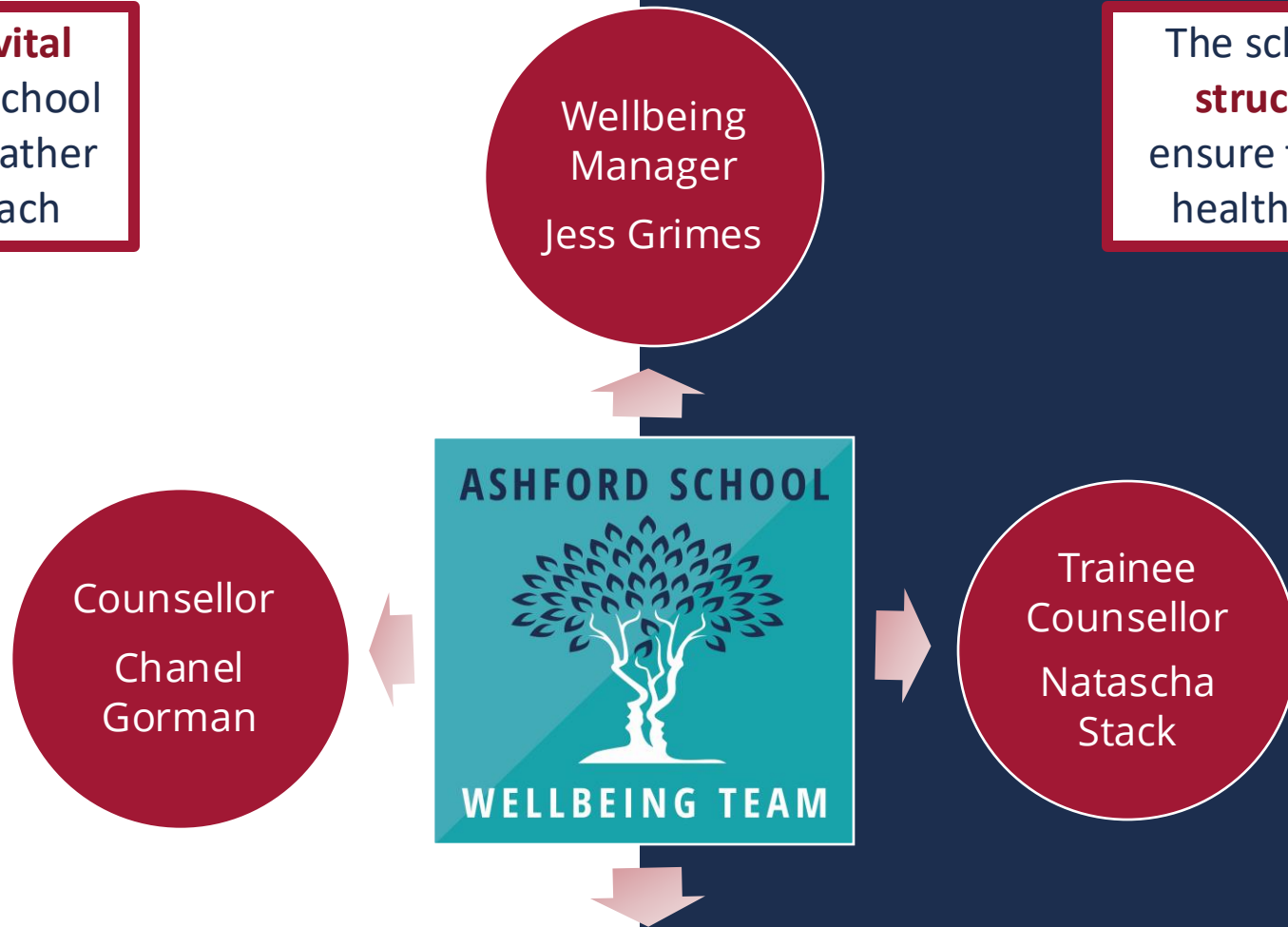
Pupils display excellent **manners**, highly developed **communication skills** and **compassion** through their words and interactions

## Support from Pupils

Buddies  
Peer Mentors  
Lead Prefects  
Year Prefects  
House Prefects  
Pupils Voice Prefect  
School Parliament

Mental health is of **vital importance** and the school practise a **proactive** rather than reactive approach

The school has **excellent structures** in place to ensure that pupils' mental health is well cared for



Refer yourself or ask a member of staff /  
parents / guardians to refer you...  
[wellbeingteam@ashfordschool.co.uk](mailto:wellbeingteam@ashfordschool.co.uk)  
Wellbeing Referral Form in Year Group  
Teams



Concern Report Form



Bullying Report Form



Wellbeing Services Referral Form

## Online Support

Available in MS Teams  
Accessible on all school devices  
Accessible from home



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# Academic Provision

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**" Pupils of all abilities are  
achieving well above national  
age expected levels and better  
than that suggested by  
baseline tests."**

**”**



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“  
**Pupils make good progress across the curriculum due to high-quality teaching and teachers who are nurturing, supportive, understanding, helpful and informative.**  
”



**Deputy Head Academic**

**Faculty of English**

**Faculty of Mathematics**

**Faculty of Science and Technology** (*Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Design & Technology, Food Preparation & Nutrition*)

**Faculty of Sport and PE**

**Faculty of Arts**  
(*Drama, Art, Photography & Music*)

**Faculty of Languages**  
(*Spanish, French, German and EAL*)

**Faculty of Humanities**  
(*History, Geography, Business, Economics, Psychology, Religious Studies, Politics, Global Perspectives*)



# Academic rigour



- Two week timetable: weeks A and B
- **Homework timetable:** first three weeks no homework; then only core subjects/MFL/music practice until half term; all subjects after that. All pupils have a planner
- **Baseline testing for all Year 7s:** computer adaptive assessments: vocabulary, maths, English, non-verbal ability and skills. No preparation required
- **Grade reports, one full end year report and one Parents' Evening**
- **End of year exams** in core subjects; all subjects run half termly assessments throughout the year
- **Ashford Advance:** skills-based education fortnightly
- **PSHE** once a week
- **Learning Enhancement**



# Literacy and Reading

Supported through:

- Reading Challenge
- Library lessons in Somerville Library once a fortnight
- Reading Log in English exercise books
- Free book in the autumn for Year 7s through Bookbuzz
- Author visits
- Celebrate World Book Day
- **DEAR** in afternoon registration (Drop Everything And Read)





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# Co-Curricular Provision

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# OUTDOOR ED &



## TRIPS

Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Year 8

Duke of Edinburgh Year 9

# SPORT



Comprehensive schedule of  
competitive fixtures

(**Boys** - rugby, football hockey, cricket)  
**Girls** – hockey, football, netball, cricket)



## DRAMA

Junior Musical/Play

Arts Fest



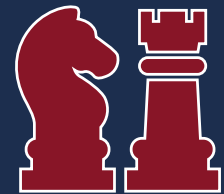
## MUSIC

Instrumental Scheme

Performances at Christmas and  
Summer Concerts

Arts Fest

## ACTIVITIES



Choose 3 from 40+ per week

Selected at the start of the term

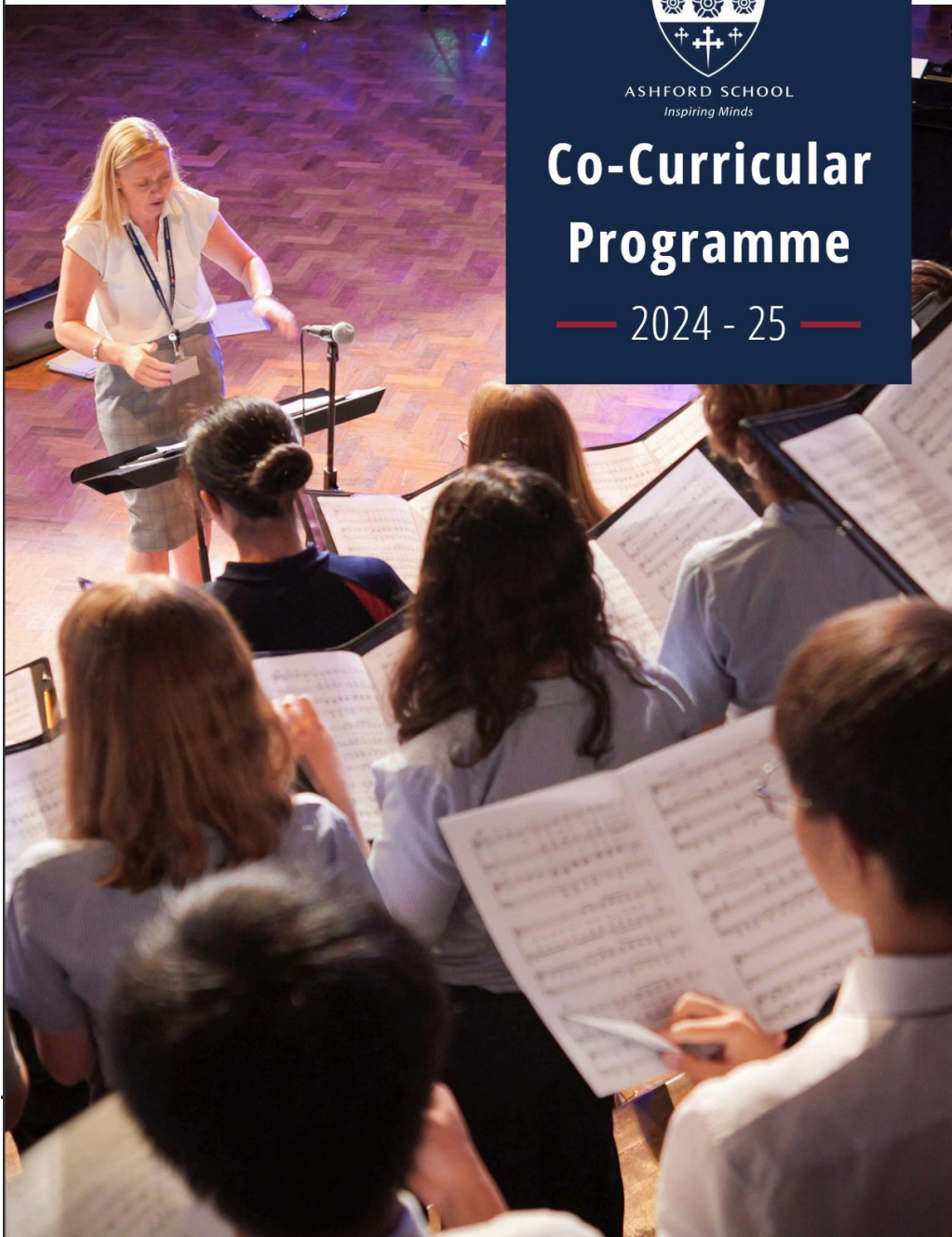




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# Co-Curricular Programme

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## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Aquaponics	04
History Around Us	04
International Club	04
Mandarin	04
Philosophy Society	04
Psychology Club	04
Russian History	04
Spanish Film Club	04
Young Enterprise	04

## CREATIVE ARTS

Animation & Digital Media	06
Art for Wellbeing	06
Art Scholars with Artist in Residence	06
Ceramics Club	06
Cross Stitch and Embroidery	06
DT Club	06
Graphic Art Club	06
Mindful Colouring	06

## LIFE SKILLS

Coding	08
E24	08
Foodie Club	08
Rewilding	08
Senior Debating	08
Touch Typing	08

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chemistry Academy	10
Combined Cadet Force	10
Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze	10
Duke of Edinburgh Award Silver & Gold	10
Maths Academy	10
Orienteering	10
Student Parliament	10
The Impact Squad	10

## PERFORMING ARTS

Ashford School Choir	12
Ashford Youth Jazz Orchestra	12
AshTec	12
Ballet	12
Band Workshop	12
Brass Ensemble	12
Dance	12
Flute Group	12

Jazz Band	12
Junior Drama Club	13
Junior Guitar Quintet	13
Junior Recorder Ensemble	13
Music Theory Group - Grades 1-3	13
Music Theory Group - Grades 4+	13
Orchestra	13
Percussion Ensemble	13
Senior Chamber Choir	13
Senior Guitar Ensemble	13
Senior Guitar Quartet	13
Senior Musical	14
Senior Play	14
Senior Recorder Ensemble	14
Show Pop and Jazz Choir	14
String Group	14
Training Orchestra	14
Vocal Ensemble	14
Year 7 Instrumental Scheme (Singing)	14

## SPORT

Activity Swim	15
Archery	15
Ashford School Swimming (Pathway and Performance)	15
Athletics	15
Badminton Club	15
Basketball	15
Cricket Nets	15
Curriculum Swimming Training	15
Football	15
Pre Season	16
Rugby 7s	16
Runfit	16
Sporting Excellence Pathway	16
Strength & Conditioning	16
Table Tennis	16
Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)	16
Tennis	16

## WELLBEING & RECREATION

Board Games Club	18
Chess Club	18
Dungeons & Dragons	18
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Group (EDI)	18
Jewellery Making	18
Lego Club	18
Murder Mystery Club	18
Quiz Time	18
Scrabble Go	18

Our aim is to encourage pupils to participate in a well-rounded programme of activities.

- **Care** - wellbeing, caring for others and the environment
- **Craft** - learning and applying practical skills/techniques
- **Cognition** - thinking, learning and developing cognitive skills.
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- **Contribute** - Represent the school in sport, music and drama, read in services and assemblies, support charitable initiatives, be a member of the audience, enter internal/external competitions.

Pupils will be working towards a co-curricular diploma involving all four elements. This will be completed across their time in Year 7 and Year 8

M	T	W	T	F
Activity	Activity	Extended Games	Activity	Optional: Fortnightly Pre-Season

# Trips

## PGL – Bawdsey Manor

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025*

- Teambuilding
- Friendships
- Independence
- Support
- Challenge

## Ski trip – Auron, France

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

“  
The best part about PGL was that it gave me an opportunity to push my limits and try new things.  
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“  
PGL was great because it brought everyone together and I made so many new friends.  
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“  
I didn't know anyone but on PGL I made loads of friends and the activities were so much fun.  
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# Inspiring Minds

## **Ashford Prep School**

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## **Ashford Senior School**

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