

# NEWSLETTER

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## Ashley Action!



**Independent Living** Year 11 students have been learning some of the skills to live on their own, be able to manage day-to-day tasks like personal care and food preparation, know how to budget and pay for things and to practice independent living skills before moving out. So far, students have learnt how to use a washing machine, change bedding and make themselves a hot drink.

**Guidance interviews** are now well underway for students in Year 11 and Year 14. These interviews allow students to explore their career ideas and options open to them for the future. It is likely that college open days and taster sessions will be done differently this year due to COVID-19 with many colleges choosing to offer virtual open days. Please see college websites for details or speak to Vicki Banks who can provide students and their families with information on open days and contact details for each college. The annual review meetings are also a good way to decide on a plan of action. Year 11 students also have their 6th Form taster session on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Students in Year 8** have been learning about Djembe African Drumming. Drums play an important role in every aspect of African life, including the physical, emotional and spiritual. African hand drums are played to communicate, celebrate, mourn and inspire. They are played in times of peace and war, planting and harvesting, birth and death.

**MakoCreate** are excited to announce Short Breaks creative sessions in Halton. The Short Breaks scheme helps to support families of children who live in Halton. These sessions have been adapted to be COVID safe to keep everyone safe. For more information visit: [www.makocreate.co.uk](http://www.makocreate.co.uk)



## And Finally...

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