Welcome to Ashlyns’ e-Bulletin. School life is always busy, so here are a few reminders about events that have happened and events to come.

Next Week (Week 1)

13 December Carol Concert – 5pm in the Chapel – All Welcome
16 December Senior Citizens’ Christmas Tea & Carols
18 December Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children - £1 Donation per student
18 December Last Day of Autumn Term – School Closes at 12.30pm
4 January 2016 First Day of Spring Term- School Starts at 8.35am

This Week’s News

Sports Leaders Mix With An International Star!
Over the past four weeks, six Sports Leaders have been lucky enough to attend a coaching workshop run by Lynsey Keable, an England Netball player. Working with Shelley Netball Club and Sally Whittle, the six students involved attended the Thursday club night to help lead with the coaching and to take hints and tips from the England Netball player. Many thanks to the following Leaders who attended and especially to Shelley Netball Club for inviting our students to take part: Amy Tyler & Emily Kiernan (Year 13), Molly Jarvis & Jess Potts (Year 11), Maddie Kiernan & Ellen Northwood (Year 10).

Visit from Julie Mayhew - Author
All of Year 9 attended a talk in the chapel where Julie discussed the inspiration behind her latest book The Big Lie - a powerful story from the perspective of how modern day Germany would be if the Nazis had won WW2. Some Year 8 and Year 9 students took part in creative writing workshops in the library where they also had the chance to add to Julie’s “protest quilt” which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Julie’s comments: “Thank you so much for inviting me in on Friday. I thoroughly enjoyed it. The students’ enthusiasm for the tasks and willingness to share experiences made the workshops all the more successful. It was really lovely and unique to see how supportive they all were of each other, especially when voicing thoughts and opinions in the large group talk. There can be a tendency among teenagers to judge or laugh at those who speak up and that absolutely wasn’t the case at Ashlyns, even when discussing ‘embarrassing’ topics like the tampon tax. It was truly refreshing.”
Geography Awareness Week 2015
As part of Geography Awareness Week, Geography groups have been involved in a wide range of activities and lectures investigating local and global issues.

Year 9: Following the successful trip to the Natural History Museum, all Year 9 Geographers have been taking part in a global GIS project called Ashcloud Apocalypse, mapping the potential impacts of a mega eruption on Berkhamsted.

Year 10 Geographers have been researching and presenting a range of Geographical stories in the news linked to the topic Population Dynamics; including assessing the change in the China One Child Policy and the migration crisis in the EU.

Year 12 Geographers attended a Geographical Association Lecture by Professor Martyn Tranter from Bristol University speaking on the Biological darkening of the Greenland Ice Sheet and the impact it has on ice melt. A number of A Level Geographers also attended an exciting day of Geography lectures called ‘Around the World in Five Case Studies’ at UCL in London. Speakers included Professor Iain Stewart discussing Planet Oil and future challenges and Dr Ruth Craggs on Global Migration benefits and challenges in the twenty first century.

All students have been fantastic and developed a real sense of geographical enquiry, as well as being an asset to the school.

Show My Homework
If you are having difficulty with SMHW, please try the following:

If the blank screen persists, please try clearing your browsing history in Chrome. You can just do ‘the past hour’ and search for Show My Homework in particular so you don’t delete everything in your history.

If you continue to have problems please ring 01442 863605 ext 234 and speak to Caroline Draper.

Hemel Storm Basketball
FANCY A GREAT FAMILY FUN NIGHT OUT WATCHING HEMEL STORM BASKETBALL TEAM!

Senior Men's Pro Basketball takes place Saturdays, 7.00pm tip off, at Sportspace Hemel. Visit Storms’s website for fixture lists!!
www.stormbasketball.net They offer all local school pupils and families discounted prices of £6 per adult and £1.50 per U16. Just ask on the door on the night!

Music Lessons
The deadline for notice to stop music lessons at February half term is Thursday 17th December. This must be done in writing to Mrs Wilson or by email to twilson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk . All notices will be responded to as confirmation of receipt.

Trip instalments due for payment now - History trip to Berlin second instalment.

Deadlines for trip instalments due next week - Sports Tour to Holland third instalment by 18th December, Year 10 French language students trip to Normandy third instalment by 17th December.

ASA NEWS
EASYFUNDRAISING Do you shop online at home or at work? Do it through easyfundraising.org.uk and raise a free donation for Ashlyns School - Berkhamsted every time you shop! For more information please follow the link https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashlyns/
### Sports Fixtures

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### Dates to watch out for

- **8 January**  Year 11 Trial Exams Issued to students
- **14 January** Sixth Form Open Evening for Prospective Students & Current Y11
- **19 January** Y10 Chateau Trip Information Evening for Parents
- **21 January** Y9 Parent Consultation Evening
- **24 January** Spanish Exchange Departs
- **28 January** Y9 Options Evening

### Letters sent out this week

- Y9 Secret Santa
- Y10 Immunisation Forms
- MFL GCSE Revision Guides
- AS Geography field trip

### Groupcall

Would parents ensure that you have the following addresses in your contact list please. There are occasions when emails bounce back to Groupcall and block emails from getting to you.

- admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk
- 9195406@groupcallalert.com

### Parenting Puzzle Toolkit

Please see flyer attached for a parenting workshops in March. Details of how to book a place are also included on the flyer.

Two Sixth Form students - Ella Stanford and Sophie Barley - have made a very impressive Christmas tree out of books in the library!

Well done girls – great job!