



## Next Week – Week 1

- 4 October: Open Evening (early finish for students at 12.20)
- 5 October: INSET day (school closed to students)

A full calendar is available on our website

## School News and Notices

### Skate Park

We have been advised by our local PCSOs of some anti-social behaviour occurring over recent weeks at the Berkhamsted Skate Park involving young people from within and beyond the local area. Whilst our students have been praised by police for their conduct in many instances in the face of provocation, we have been asked to make parents aware and to advise students to step away from incidents of potential anti-social behaviour.

### Parents interested in Teacher Training

Ashlyns School is a member of the Alban Federation partnership for teacher training. The federation trains applicants straight from University or those who are changing careers, and places them in a host school to enable them to gain Qualified Teacher Status.

All applications are submitted through UCAS. The application window is scheduled to open on 9th October 2018, for courses starting in September 2019. Courses are available in both Primary and Secondary programmes, with salaries or bursaries available for suitably qualified candidates in many subjects.

If you are interested in becoming a teacher or know someone who is, there is an **Open Morning on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018** in St Albans, 9.30am – 12pm

Further details can be obtained from Sarah Crawford ([scrawford@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:scrawford@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)) or direct from The Alban Federation team: [afgtpenquiries@sandringham.herts.sch.uk](mailto:afgtpenquiries@sandringham.herts.sch.uk)

## ASA Messages

### 🎃🎃🎃 Y7 & Y8 Halloween Party Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 7-8.30pm 🎃🎃🎃

Tickets are £5 including a drink and snack, and there are fancy dress prizes as well as a 'Spooky Stall' to purchase Halloween essentials - so bring some pocket money! Booking form is attached. Places are limited so please book early.

We'd love to hear from parents who would like to help on this event – please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094eaea823a1f85-ashlyns2>

### ASA Quiz Night

Tickets are selling well for **Friday 9th November** so don't forget to book your place. There's a great raffle and a game of heads and tails for one lucky winner. Bring all your own refreshments or use our top up bar.

**Craft Fair – 18 November** - Perfect for your early Christmas shopping, this Autumn Fair supports local producers, artists and designer-makers.

**Thank you to everyone who popped a token into Waitrose's Community Matters box for Ashlyns School over the summer. This raised £315 towards our fundraising.**

## Key dates this half term:

- 11 October: Y13 Parent Consultation and Target Setting Evening
- 18 October: Y11 Parent Consultation Evening
- 24 October: Into the Sixth Evening for Y11 students and parents
- 25 October: Autumn Chill Concert
- 29 October: Half Term / Duke of Edinburgh Gold/Silver practice expedition
- 9 November: ASA Quiz
- 18 November: Craft Fair

## Letters sent out this week

- Y13 Home Study
- Y12 Government and Politics Trip
- Y11 Geography Revision Programme
- Y7 Author Visit
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Careers Trip

## This week's attachments

- ASA Y7&8 Halloween flier
- The Teen Brain

## Ashlyns School Vacancies

- Office Administrator

### Earrings

Parents and carers are reminded that the wearing of jewellery at school is discouraged. However, if students with pierced ears wish to wear earrings in school, they may wear only one pair of simple studs, one stud in each ear lobe. These must be plain metal (silver or gold coloured) with no glass inset or diamante. Studs or rings must not be worn on any other part of the body.

# The teen brain

**FREE**

For those parenting 11 - 16 year olds



**4 sessions to help parents understand what's happening to their teen and to offer some ideas on understanding teenagers, communication and managing conflict.**



When: **Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm**

Dates: **13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November & 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Where: **Thomas Coram School, Berkhamsted, HP4 2RP**

To book, or for more information: call Lisa MacGovern on **07780 114079** or email [lisamacgovern@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lisamacgovern@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk)



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**Year 7 and 8  
Halloween Party**

In the School Hall – Friday 12th October – 7.00-8.30pm  
 Tickets \$5.00 (including snack and drink)  
 Fancy dress prizes  
 Spooky stall – bring your pocket money!  
**Tickets must be bought in advance**

To get your e-ticket please return the booking form overleaf to the school office,  
 marked "ASA HALLOWEEN PARTY" by Wednesday 10th October at the latest.  
**First come, first served – 200 tickets available!**



**Please detach and return with your payment:**

Student's Name:	
Form:	
Parent/guardian's telephone number:	
Email:	
Please tick if you can help:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Set up at 4pm   or <input type="checkbox"/> During the evening party	
Payment enclosed:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheque   or <input type="checkbox"/> Cash   Amount: \$	

**Cheques made payable to Ashlyns School Association**

(Tickets will not be issued – your ticket confirmation will be e-mailed to you and the student's name added to the entry list)