



## Next Week (after half term) – Week 1

- 8 November: Y12 Parent Consultation & Target Setting Evening
- 9 November: ASA Quiz

A full calendar is available on our website

## School News and Notices

### Year 12 politics group visit to the Houses of Parliament

*'On our politics trip to Parliament we had a very interesting tour of the building. We learnt many interesting facts about important events from the time of Henry VIII to the struggles of the suffragettes.*

*We were able to watch a debate in the House of Commons where the government was being held to account about payment for disabled claimants. It was really exciting to see democracy at work.*

*After the tour we took part in a debating and law-making workshop where we saw how bills originated and became the laws of the land. It made us realise just how complex the government's role really is.*

*Overall the trip was really interesting and helpful, giving us a first-hand experience of what we learn about in our Politics lessons'.*

*Elizabeth Ashley & Emma Grego (year 12)*

### Uniform Purchase Changes

We are improving the way school uniform items are purchased. Please watch this space for further information on the new process which will commence January 2019. Meanwhile, there will be a period during the transition when uniform will be unavailable to order; if your child is likely to need any new items we would recommend placing your order before December.

### LRC Author Visit with Taran Matharu

On Friday 19 October the LRC welcomed Taran Matharu, author of the New York times best-selling *Summoner* series, to Ashlyns. Taran spoke to Year 8 and 9 and gave a wonderful talk on how he used the online social storytelling platform Wattpad to write his fantasy books which are now published in fifteen countries. Taran gave us an insight into his life as an author along with some tips and strategies for creative writing. Taran commented, "It was an absolute pleasure to visit Ashlyns School. The students were receptive and enthusiastic, and it was wonderful to see so many bright young minds at work. I hope I inspired them as much as they inspired me."

### Uniform Reminder

As we approach Halloween and half term could we please remind you of the following School Uniform rules for students upon their return:

Extreme hair lengths (such as being closely shaved or with shaved patterns) and synthetic colours are not allowed.

No nail varnish is permitted, or any fake/gel nails.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter could you please ensure that your child wears a suitable plain jacket or coat. Hoodies are not to be worn at any time.

Thank you for your support with this.

## Key dates after half term:

- 9 November: ASA Quiz Night
- 15 November: Y7 Meet the Tutor Evening
- 18 November: Craft Fair
- 21 November: ASA meeting
- 30 November: Occasional Day, school closed to students
- 21 December: Last day of term

## Letters sent out this week

- Spanish Exchange 2019
- Foundling Museum Event
- Year 7 Parents' Information Evening
- Maths Inspiration Show

## This week's attachments

- Parenting Course & Support
- Magnificent Munchers: Therapy for Fussy Eaters
- DSPL Conference

## Job Vacancies

- Finance officer
- KS5 Learning Mentor
- TA
- Teacher of Geography

### **Army Cadet Force Assembly**

In assembly this week Yr8 and Yr9 received a short presentation from the Head Boy, Teddy Hukins, who is one of the most Senior Army Cadets in the UK. The Army Cadet Force (ACF) is a youth organisation for 12-17 year-olds which aims to offer its cadets new experiences and skills. The ACF gives opportunities in areas such as First Aid, BTECs, Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Fieldcraft training as well as many more.

If you have a son or daughter interested in joining, Berkhamsted ACF parades every Monday and Wednesday evening from 19:00 to 21:30 at Berkhamsted ACF hut on Chesham Road, HP4 3AZ. Please come into the detachment for more information or visit the national website: <https://armycadets.com/>

## **ASA NEWS**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY.** Thank you to all the volunteer helpers, sixth formers and teachers, and to the kids who dressed up in such brilliant costumes - we hope you had a great time! It was our best one yet and we raised over £500!

### **QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 9th November - 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)**

There are still several tables left, so please do consider getting together with friends to support this fantastically fun social night - we can't wait to see the plasticine sculptures this year! It is a brilliant fundraising event for the school and a lovely way for our new year 7 parents to meet up...form attached, and copies available in reception.

### **CRAFT FAIR - Sunday 18th November - 11am-4pm**

Over 70 stalls in 3 halls of gorgeous handmade gifts by local tradespeople, plus a Creative Classroom with workshops and demos, and the students Art and Textiles on display. All 'under one roof', and with our superb extended Cafe space serving hot and cold drinks and snacks all day, and free parking, it's a perfect early Christmas shopping opportunity!

### **CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - Berkhamsted High Street - Sunday 25th November - 3.30-6pm**

This is a big community event on the High Street and Ashlyns stall is always very popular. We will be asking for donations of chocolates and bottles after half term, and each donation will earn a house point for your child's house.

### **NEXT ASA MEETING - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm**

All are welcome and we'd love to see you there - the more the merrier! It's the last one for this year. If you would like further details, please email the asa at [asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

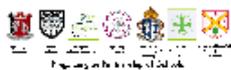
## Free Confidential Impartial

Parents and Carers,  
Coming on a Parenting course could help you to:-

- Speak and listen to your child more effectively
- Improve family relationships
- Deal with difficult behaviour more effectively
- Reward good behaviour, to boost your child's self esteem and confidence
- Set limits and boundaries, discipline and time out
- Gain support from other parents facing similar challenges.

New Hertfordshire one stop parenting directory for parents

[www.hertsdirect.org/parentingsupport](http://www.hertsdirect.org/parentingsupport)



This leaflet last amended 18.10.18 by Ashley Fabray, Administrator,  
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If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for future issues, please contact Ashley on the details above

## Parenting Courses and Support in Dacorum Autumn Term 2018

FREE courses open to parents in Dacorum



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### Are you concerned about your child's eating?

Would you like to learn more about -

- How to increase the range of food they eat
- How to support your child with the sensory aspect of food
- How to reduce anxiety around food

Date: January 17th 2019

Time: 7-9pm

Venue: The Willow Room, Hobbs Hill Wood School, Peascroft Road, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8ER

To book a place, please contact Ashley Fabray on 07525 917 125 or email [fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk)

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment

Please note that this course is only open to Dacorum parents/carers of children with additional needs or under a paediatrician

More information is available on the website  
[www.hertsdirect.org/specialneeds](http://www.hertsdirect.org/specialneeds)



# “Speech, Language and Communication”

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## Wednesday 7th November 2018

**FREE for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND, and teaching professionals in Dacorum**



Our fourth annual conference is focusing on the theme of Speech, Language and Communication (SLCN). This is a common thread across many of the areas we focus on and can be part of many different diagnosis's, for instance dyspraxia, dyslexia, ADHD and Autism. There are a range of skills involved in SLCN these include attention and listening, interpreting facial expressions and tone of voice, remembering spoken information, understanding individual words, understanding the meaning of phrases, and knowing how to respond. Expressing yourself and responding through talking, body language and expression are also part of the SLCN.

We welcome Emma Reed and Kate Purser, speech and language base leaders at Chaulden and Longdean school who will be explaining the principles around the Word Aware model a whole school approach to developing children's vocabulary. We also have Dr Kathryn Weston, who will be talking about the role of language in raising resilient children. Her talk will cover;

- The role of family life and relationship in building children's resilience;
- The role of language in shaping resilience and children's sense of self;
- The role of language in building academic resilience and confident learners.

Similar to last year we will run a series of discussions groups on SLCN and dividing groups between early, years, primary and secondary, post 16 and professionals. This is your opportunity to feed into what our future priorities should be.

There will also be opportunity to look around the information stands from local organisations, who support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities in Dacorum.

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## Wednesday 7th November 2018

**9.30 am until 2.30 pm  
(registration from 9am)**

At

South Hill Centre,  
Cemetery Hill,  
Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1JF

**Lunch & Refreshments  
provided**

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**To book your free place,  
please email Ashley Fabray:  
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tel: 07525 917125**

**Please confirm the school  
attended by your child and  
which category discussion group  
you would like to attend e.g.  
Early years, Primary,  
Secondary, Further Education or  
Professional**

**Together with any dietary or  
access requirements.**

*A limited number of disabled  
parking is available at the South Hill  
Centre. The nearest public car park is  
the Water Gardens, which is a short  
walk down Cemetery Hill and across  
the Leighton Buzzard Road.*

**Unfortunately this year we are  
unable to fund parking**

**\*Please note\* this Conference is only  
open to Dacorum parent/carers,  
schools and settings.**