



Next Week, Week 2

A full calendar is available on our website.

School News and Notices

LRC Author/Illustrator Visit with Pam Smy

On Thursday 24 January the LRC welcomed Pam Smy to talk to our Year 7 and 8 students. Pam is a Senior Lecturer in Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. Last year Pam published her first novel, Thornhill, which was shortlisted for the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize and for the CILIP Kate Greenaway Medal. Pam's talk included her ideas and inspiration for Thornhill and the extensive drawing research she undertook to develop the setting and characters. Students had the opportunity to see Pam's sketchbooks to gain an understanding of the creative process of creating artwork for books.

Pam commented, 'I had such a wonderful time at Ashlyns School. I received such a warm welcome from the students and staff, and really enjoyed seeing the pupil's reaction to my doll collection, Theodore the crow and my sketchbooks. I really appreciate how engaged the pupils were and it was a delight to be shown some of their own sketchbooks and drawings. Thank you all for such a memorable day.'

Learning Ambassadors

This week two groups of our Student Learning Ambassadors enjoyed visits to Greenway School to teach lessons to Years 3 and 5. On Wednesday Miss Bjornsgaard and some of our Learning Ambassadors taught a Geography lesson to Year 5, who were very enthusiastic and engaged and greatly enjoyed learning about the Lake District. On Thursday Mr Ma and another group of Learning Ambassadors taught Maths to Year 3, who were equally enthusiastic about some maths problems. We were, as always, extremely proud of our Learning Ambassadors, who work extremely hard to teach fantastic lessons to the younger children.

Year 11 Countdown to Exams

It's been fantastic to see so many Year 11s taking advantage of all the revision classes on offer. Both this week and last week we saw amazing attendance at Mr Peters' ever popular Lit Lunch, with over a hundred students each time. Year 11 students have logged almost three hundred hours of attendance at after school or lunchtime revision sessions this week. The revision timetable is attached to the e-Bulletin, and a reminder that all Year 11 students are welcome to our Session 6 study session in the LRC, running Monday to Thursday from 3.20-4.20.

Revision tip of the week: students should begin writing lists of topics for each subject. This then makes their revision timetables much more straightforward to construct, and they can tick off as they revise each topic.

Mental Health

Just Talk is a Hertfordshire campaign designed to raise awareness of the greater need for boys to talk about mental health concerns. All students in the school are invited to enter the Just Talk competition where they have to produce a 6 panel storyboard to encourage boys to talk more openly about their mental health. The winning entries across Hertfordshire are made into short animations and the winners also receive £100 in vouchers.

If your son/daughter is interested in submitting an entry, they can get an entry form from their form google classroom. The closing date for the competition is 5 pm on Friday 15th February, 2019. All entries should be sent to: publichealth@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Key dates:

- 11 February: Parent Forum 7-8pm
- 12 February: Y8 Parents' Support and Information Evening
- 17 February: Half Term
- 28 February: Y9 Options Evening
- 7 March: Y10 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

This week's attachments:

- ASA 100 Club
- ASA Easyfundraising
- GCSE Revision Sessions Timetable
- Family Matters Drop in Surgery

Staff Vacancies:

- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Photography
- Teacher of Maths
- Senior Science Technician
- KS5 Administrator

Reminder from the Music Department/Finance Office

If you wish to stop your child's music lessons at Easter you need to notify Mrs Jarvis in the School Office, either by email to music tuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk or in writing by Monday 11th February at 12 noon. Please check you have a response confirming receipt of notice. Thank you.

ASA News

ASA MEETING - Wednesday 27th February – 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME to our regular monthly meeting.

ASA 100 CLUB – a 'win-win' opportunity!

REGISTER NOW! Win a cash prize whilst raising money for our students. See flyer attached for details, and email the ASA 100 CLUB direct: asa100club@gmail.com

BRILLIANT FUNDRAISING with WOODS OF BERKHAMSTED

At our last meeting, the school expressed a wish to improve the outdoor facilities for all the students to enjoy.

Woods Garden Centre is offering the ASA vouchers in return for receipts from your shopping. So if you have gardening plans for the Spring please hand in any receipts from Woods at the school office. It's a fantastic way to raise funds for outdoor improvements, ensuring ASA fundraising goes even further towards providing other necessary and vital resources for our students - SO PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAND THOSE RECEIPTS IN!

A green-themed flyer for the ASA 100 Club lottery. The top half features a large, stylized number '100' in the background, with several green lottery balls scattered around it. Each ball has a white number on it. The bottom half of the flyer contains text and a large graphic of the number '100' where the '1' is a vertical bar containing the text 'ASA 100 Club'.

Introducing our new fundraising initiative coming in the New Year - the ASA 100 CLUB lottery.

Choosing your number costs £2 per month. After each draw, a percentage of profits is given out in monthly cash prizes, with the remainder donated to Ashlyns School

It's an easy and fun way to support school, email ASA100CLUB@gmail.com now to register your interest.



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GCSE 2018-2019 Revision Sessions Timetable

Day	Lunchtime	After school
Monday	Religious Studies, 115 Citizenship, F74 Art drop in, F36 Business Studies, F88	Music coursework catch up, Music Block Film Studies, 123 English Language revision, 119 Art, F36 Study session LRC (including help with Maths)
Tuesday	PE coursework catch up, G142 Art drop in, F36 Lit Lunch, F99	PE Topic by topic Music coursework catch up, Music Block Spanish drop-in, 106 French drop-in, 108 Study session LRC
Wednesday	English Literature drop-in, 119 Geographical Skills drop-in, F92 Computer Studies exam and practical coursework, F107 Spanish drop-in, 109 Art drop in, F36	Computer Science exam and practical coursework revision/support, F107 Drama Comp 2 and Comp 3 rehearsal and revision (ends at 5.00pm) Study session LRC (including help with Maths) Religious Studies, 114
Thursday	PE coursework catch up, G142 Film coursework catch up, 123 Business Studies, F88	Geography, F92 History, F83 Art, F36 Textiles, F42 Product Design (week 2 only), 67 Study session LRC
Friday	Food NEA catch up, G142 French drop-in, 108 Film coursework catch up, 123 Drama Comp 2 and Comp 3 rehearsal and revision	Citizenship Music coursework catch up, Music Block

Dacorum Family Services
"Drop in" Surgery at Ashlyns School
Tuesday 12th February 2019

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on 07780114079**

