



Next Week, After Half Term - Week 2

25 February: 6th Form Elevate Presentation

27 February: Y10 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

A full calendar is available on our website

School News and Notices

Please see attached for the latest guidance on Coronavirus.

Y11 Raising Achievement Evening

Presentations from the recent Raising Achievement evening are now available here: <https://www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/learning/year-11-raising-achievement/>

Message from the Finance Office

At Ashlyns, we use an online payment system called WisePay to enable parents to make payments for trips and activities, music lessons and to add money to their dinner money account. If you do not currently use WisePay but would like to set that up and are the first contact for your child with the school, please email both your name and your child's name to sfranklin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk and we will be in touch.

Mobile Phones

Reminder that students should not use mobile phones in school. If you need to get a message to your child, please ring the school office who will pass the message on. There is a phone at student reception for students to use if they need to contact home, so please encourage them to use this rather than their mobile phones. Students seen using their phones in school will receive a C3, after school detention.

Sustainability Week

Ashlyns are holding our first ever Sustainability Week, starting 2nd March. Organised by the students, led by the Sixth Form Exec, the Eco Council and the Student Leadership Team, this week aims to raise awareness of sustainability issues and provide guidance on what students can do to make change. As part of this, we would like to encourage students to take part in making 'ecobricks.' They can do this any time between now and Friday 6th March, when they should bring any completed ecobricks into school and earn house points. Instructions for ecobrick making can be found here: <https://www.ecotricity.co.uk/news/news-archive/2019/what-is-an-ecobrick>.

Youth Speaks

This week, three Year 10 students competed in the District Semi-Final of the 'Youth Speaks: Debate' Competition. The team's brilliant delivery and exceptional hard work has seen them progress to the District Final, despite the tough competition. Well done to Bea B, Gracie S and Lilly P on a fantastic achievement and good luck for the Final!

Holocaust Education Trust

The Holocaust Education Trust invited Ashlyns to take part in the 75 Year commemoration of the liberation of Belsen by the British army. Last week The Head of Humanities Mrs Kirk along with Ellie W and Issy R in Year 12 took part in a seminar in London and visited the site of Belsen. Our Year 12 students will be planning and presenting a legacy project in March. Many thanks to Ellie and Issy who were a credit to Ashlyns and have now become Holocaust Education Trust ambassadors for the future.

Key dates:

- 3 March: Y12 UCAS Evening
- 5 March: Y9 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- Y10 French Trip
- 11 March: Extended Learning Day
- 13 March: Sports Relief Non Uniform Day
- 18 March: Dr Van Der Spoel Y11 Revision
- 19 March: Y7 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

This Week's Attachments

- Coronavirus Information
- Aspire Sports Lettings Poster
- Dacorum Family Services 'Drop In' Surgery

Letters out:

- Y13 Physics ISIS Accelerator Day
- Y9 & Y11 Awe and Wonder Trip to Iceland
- Y10 Assessment Week
- Y10 Geography River Chess Trip

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 07/02/2020

7R1 98.00%

8H1 97.41%

9C2 96.21%

10B1 98.33%

11B2 96.8%

Staff Vacancies:

- Assistant Headteacher
- Teacher of English
- Teacher of Maths
- Teacher of Computer Science
- Teacher of Science
- Teacher of Film Studies
- Teacher of PE

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
20423	22558	21284	20473
4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd

14/02/2020

SPORTS RESULTS

Date	Fixture	Result
Mon 3 Feb	Y7 Rugby V CGS & KLS	Had fun!
Tues 4 Feb	U18 Football V Berko Y11 Football V Berko Y7 A & B Netball V ABHS	L 11-0 W 4-0 W 10-9, L 4-3
Wed 5 Feb	Y11 Rugby V KLS Y8 Rugby V Longdean Y9 Basketball V Longdean U15 Girls' Handball U13A Girls' Football V Longdean Senior Netball V Tring	W 38-25 W1 L1 L 101-17 2nd W 6-2 L 7-26
Thurs 6 Feb	Y11 Netball V KLS Y7 Basketball V St Columbas Y9 B Football V ACS Y7A & 9 Netball V Tring	W 17-6 L 11-43 L 4-5 W 21-2, L 12-19

Table Tennis

Ashlyns U13 girl's team played in the regional finals of the National schools team table tennis championships in Bristol (after winning both county and zonal finals earlier this year). The team came first and are now one of the top 4 teams in the country! They will go on to compete in the national final on 14th March in Hinckley.

Student of the Week

10 FEBRUARY 2020

PE

Katie A
Georgia B
Hazel M
Aliya P
Bella T

MATHS

Soraya A
Rex C
Bobby P

ENGLISH

Tommy B-W
Amelia C
Archie E
Will H
Jessica H
Dan H
Luca O
Jamie S
Lucy T
Khari W

SCIENCE

Finley A
Daisy L
Mia L

HISTORY

Henry A
Leon B

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Sarah B
Yasmin D
Phoebe L
Cerys M
Livvy T

TECHNOLOGY

Chloe E
Elfin H
Eddie H
Max I
Jack M
Lucy S

YEAR 7

Freddie B
Alex H

YEAR 8

Thea B
Jess C
Mia L

YEAR 9

Mohammed A

Evan B
Bill B
Em B
Toby B

Solomon B

Alex C-B
Toby C
Henry F

Max H
Max H
Imani G

Harrison M

Hamish M
Lily S
Alex S
Eve T

YEAR 11

Maya G

New from the ASA

We are sad to say good bye to Julie York and Ellie Jelf, who are stepping down as Chair and Treasurer from the ASA. We thank them both for all their hard work and for the successful last few years of busy fundraising.

We are pleased to announce that Gary Illingworth and Dhrooti Mills have confirmed they will be Co-Chairs - please join us in welcoming them on board!

We are looking to fill the role of Treasurer - and we would like to extend this invitation for two people to share this vital role. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you'd like to support the ASA and work with us, and to find out more details for this position.

ASA MEETING - Wednesday 26th February - 7.30pm - LRC

You are very likely to be aware of the outbreak of Coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. Further to our communication in last week's EBulletin, and with the half-term break almost upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to update you with the most recent advice schools have received from the Department for Education.

Information from the DfE:

The government is monitoring Coronavirus and taking action at home and abroad. The risk to individuals remains low.

Advice to those who have travelled recently

Public Health England has changed the advice for individuals who have travelled recently as follows:

Travellers from Wuhan and Hubei Province

If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province to the UK in the last 14 days you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the area

Please follow this advice even if you do not have symptoms of the virus.

Travellers from other parts of China and other specified areas

This advice applies to travellers who have returned to the UK from the following areas:

- Elsewhere in China
- Thailand
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Hong Kong
- Taiwan
- Singapore
- Malaysia
- Macau

If you have returned to the UK from any of these areas in the last 14 days and develop symptoms of cough or fever or shortness of breath, you should immediately:

- stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with the flu
- call NHS 111 to inform them of your recent travel to the country

Encouraging good hygiene

As always, if you have symptoms of a cold or flu, then there are measures you can take to stop germs:

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after using public transport. Use a sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available.
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

Latest information

Updates on Coronavirus:

- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

Public Health England blog:

- <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

There is currently no cause for concern at school, but we will keep you informed about any further developments and provide information updates as we receive them.



HM Government



CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus



**Tennis and Netball Courts
available to hire by the hour**
sportslettings@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Dacorum Family Services

"Drop in" Surgery at Ashlyns School

Tuesday 10th March 2020

WE OFFER FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES. WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

Managing
your child's
feelings &
behaviours

Parenting
Advice

Family
Wellbeing

Routines &
Boundaries

Making
Positive
Changes

Linking with
other
Services

Lisa MacGovern is a positive, approachable and proactive person who is able to support you and your family to make the changes that really matter.

If interested in receiving some support at her "Drop in" surgery, please contact her to arrange a time.



**For more information please call Lisa
on 07780114079**

