



Next Week - Week 2

School News and Notices

Parking

Please may we remind parents to park considerately when picking up and dropping off students. The road next to the school leading to Ashlyns Care Home should not be used to park or turn around as small children use the area. Access is also needed for emergency vehicles on both this road and the entrance to the care home.

Audit of home IT provision

Reminder: to help us track and support students who may have limited IT provision at home (devices and/or internet connection) - and to plan ahead in case we needed to deliver aspects of learning remotely in the future - please would you complete this form, by the end of this Friday 18th September: [Student IT Access](#)

Year 11 Raising Achievement

It has been fantastic to see so many Year 11s attending the first week of Session 6, our after school supervised study sessions, in the LRC this week. They have been working incredibly hard and have started their independent revision well. All Year 11s are welcome to attend; it runs 3.20-4.20 in the LRC Monday-Thursday.

Dr van der Spoel is looking forward to working with Year 11 on Thursday 24th September, and is streaming a virtual session for parents at 7pm that evening. Letters have been sent with how parents can access this session - please do join us if you can as our previous Year 11 parents have found this extremely beneficial.

Annual Presentation Evening (virtual)

Although we are unable to hold our Presentation Evening for award-winners and families in the normal way, this year's award winners and citations for Special Awards can be accessed at:

<https://www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/presentation-evening-2020/>

The annual event is always a tremendous celebration of the successes and achievements of so many of our students, and an inspiration to students across the school. All award winners will be contacted to receive their trophies and, for special award winners, mementoes of their citations. Well done all.

Year 10 Parent Information Evening (virtual)

A condensed version of this event, which provides key information to parents of Year 10 students, will be emailed to parents on Monday.

Face masks and the environment

We have been speaking to students this week about the environmental impact of disposable, single-use face coverings. Please encourage your child to invest in or make their own reusable, washable face coverings, and ensure they bring a spare to school.

Covid 19 Cough Please follow this [link](#) for some helpful guidance on the difference between coughs, colds and CV19. A reminder of protocols can be found here: [Covid Flowchart Protocols for Parents and Students](#)

Meal Tokens If your child needs to borrow a meal token for £1.80, please ensure this is paid back the following day either through Wisepay or direct to the Finance Office.

Key dates this half term:

- 2 October: Inset day
- 26 October: Half Term

Letters out

- Student IT Access survey

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 11 September:

7B2 & C2 100%

8B1 99.31%

10H1 & R2 100%

11R1 & C1 100%

Forms with the highest attendance receive 20 house points.

Extra-Curricular Timetable

[Can be viewed here](#)

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the school's governing body. [Please see the letter here for further details and a nomination form.](#)

Policies

Please find our updated policies [here](#): Substance Use, Child Protection and Curriculum.

Music Lessons

Instrumental music lessons are available with our school's music provider, Herts Music Service, from September. If you have not applied for lessons already, all the information you need to book is available at <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline>. HMS tutors will be teaching face-to-face or online. Every effort has been taken to ensure both tutors and pupils are kept safe in line with guidance.

Lunch Cards

Should your child lose their lunch card, they must let Student Reception know immediately to suspend the card. This will ensure no money is spent. A new card can then be purchased for £1.00.

News From the ASA

Thank you to those who made it to our first virtual ASA meeting on Wednesday night, and especially our new year 7 parents. Minutes will be made available on the ASA page on the school website in due course, as well as by email to those who have signed up to the ASA email list - please read as we value your feedback and suggestions.

If anyone has any ideas for fundraising during these challenging and social distancing times, please do get in touch -

asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

LRC Garden and Woods Receipts

Our gardening fairies have been busy over the summer clearing the LRC garden - we're nearly there! We are still collecting receipts from Woods Garden Centre - in return, we get vouchers to use at Woods, which is currently helping towards revamping the LRC garden, so please send in receipts with your child, in a named envelope for the school office, marked ASA / Woods Receipts. Thank you.

ASA AGM - Monday 19th October - 7.30pm - details will be advised nearer the time.

Drop in Sessions at Ashlyns School

Dacorum Family Services Berkhamsted "Drop in" Surgery September 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

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all surgeries are via phone consultation at this time.

email Lisa at, lisamacgovern@hobbshillwood.herts.sch.uk, to book a time slot, with the following information: Name of parent & child, Date of birth of child, Name of school, School year, phone number and presenting need.

