



Next Week - Week 1

15 October: Y11 Virtual Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

School News and Notices

New Parent Governor

Further to the nomination period, Dr Guy Longworth has been appointed as a Parent Governor.

Achievements

We have been really impressed by the excellent attitude to learning shown by students in the first month of the academic year. A total of 24717 merits, 113 postcards home and 76 Students of the Week have already been awarded. Well done and keep it up!

House Competition

This year's House Competition is underway and a full list of activities can be found attached.

Please encourage your child to participate in as many activities as possible to support their House!

Sporting Success

Congratulations to Darcie W (Y9) whose golfing achievements are going from strength to strength. Darcie is on the County Performance Squad, has a handicap of 9 and is currently one of the youngest on the team. She is also leading the order of merit out of 25 girls. Darcie has been invited by Knebworth Golf Club to represent the Ladies' scratch team next season and we wish her all the best of luck in the future.

Sir Linkalot

On Monday and Tuesday, groups of Year 7 students spent some time with 'Sir Linkalot'. These interactive workshops allowed the students to pick up tips and tricks for learning any facts including spelling, maths, English grammar and vocabulary

Mobile Phone Reminder

Students are allowed to bring mobile phones to school but they must be switched off and out of sight at all times. If a phone is used, seen or heard during the school day without the specific permission of a member of staff the student will receive a C3 detention.

Berkhamsted Car Park

We have been contacted by the operators of the Lower Kings Rd Car Park, who are monitoring antisocial behaviour by teenagers on CCTV, and liaising with police. Please would parents discuss with their children.

Planned Maintenance

We have been asked by HCC to inform the school community that significant maintenance works are taking place on Lower Kings Road Canal Bridge later this month for a period of 5 months. The works will necessitate traffic lights, closure and diversions around that area. Please allow extra time accordingly, for your journey to school.

Key dates this half term:

- 26 October: Half Term
- 20 November: Y11 Trial Exams Begin
- 27 November: Occasional Day
- 30 November: INSET Day

Attachments:

- House Activities
- Dacorum Family Services 'Drop In' Surgery
- ASA Halloween Virtual Quiz & Bingo

Communications:

- Year 7 Book Gift
- Reusable Face Masks

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 1 October:

7B2 - 100%

8C1 - 100%

9R2 - 97.30%

10C2 - 98.21%

11R1 - 100%

Music Lessons

Face-to-face music lessons are now taking place in school. All precautions are being taken to ensure both students and teachers are kept safe and are adhering to all measures in line with the COVID Safety Risk Assessments from HMS. Timetables will be posted on the Music Block notice board and on Google Classroom (code nq4d5yw), so please remind your child to check these weekly as they may be subject to change. If you are expecting to have lessons and have still not heard from HMS please let us know at music tuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.



Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
5615	5900	5547	5389
2 nd	1 st	3 rd	4 th



09/10/2020



News from The ASA

AGM - Monday 19th October - 7.30pm - VIRTUAL MEETING

Log-in information and agenda will be emailed to those on the email list

- asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

We will be voting in members for key roles, since we have sadly had to say goodbye to volunteers whose children have left Ashlyns, we need some teams to take over some of our events or positions to continue our fundraising efforts. Please consider if you can help in any way, with friends, to help us. If you can't join us, you can email your comments and suggestions prior to the meeting.

HALLOWEEN VIRTUAL QUIZ & BINGO NIGHT - year 7 families - Saturday 31st October - 7-9pm

The ASA are running a (free) virtual Halloween Quiz, Bingo and Fancy Dress evening (all with Prizes) for our new Year 7 families. This is to replace the usual Halloween get together, and also provide a social event for parents/guardians since our planned event had to be cancelled. Goody-bags including bingo cards will be available before the event, so please ensure you include your address.

Details of log-in will be emailed to those families taking part - [please get your booking forms in by Thursday 22nd October \(see attached\)](#)

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - more details to follow next week, including Hamper

Themes and suggestions of what to donate, donation drop-off locations, and how to buy raffle tickets. (Advance notice: Parents/Guardians are NOT permitted to drop-off any donations to school)



House Events 2020-21



Date	Event (Year Group)	Department	Person
Autumn Term			
October	House Shoe Box	PSHE	Mr McDonald
October	Year 7 Cells Challenge	Science	Mr Roberts
October 9	Year 7 Class Reads Competition	LRC	Ms Lambert
October 5-9	House Assemblies	Heads of House + House Captains	
October 14	Year 9 Disney Film Quiz	LRC	Ms Lambert
October 21-25	Safeguarding challenge	N/A	Mr Peters
October 21-25	House Benchball	PE	Mr Preston/PE team
November 10	Year 8 Book Quiz	LRC	Ms Lambert
November 23	Year 7 Superhero/Manga Character Competition	LRC	Ms Lambert
November	Musicals and Theatre Quiz	Drama	Miss Burgum
December 2-6	House Dodgeball	PE	Mr Preston/PE Team
December 16	Year 9 Book Charades	LRC	Ms Lambert
December	House Cross-Country	PE	Mr Preston/PE Team
December	Christmas Music Competition	Music	Mr Hutchinson
Spring Term			
January-April	Computer Science challenge	CS	Ms Ghalichitabriz
January 25	Year 7 Book Charades	LRC	Ms Lambert
January 21-25	House Netball	PE	Mr Preston/PE Team
February 22-26	House Assemblies	Heads of House + House Captains	
February 3-7	Calligram Challenge	MFL	TBC
March 1	Year 7 World Book Day quiz	LRC	Ms Lambert
March – April	PRE Challenge	PRE	Mr Walker
March 15-19	Comic relief	N/A	tutors
March	Berko fun run TBC	N/A	Mr Khalil
March 12-21	Science week – tutor time quiz	Science	Mrs Lowe
March 21	World poetry	English	Mr Smith
March 23	Year 8 Book Charades	LRC	Ms Lambert
March 23-27	Maths Puzzle Challenge	Maths	TBC
April 12	Year 7+8 Digital Escape Room	LRC	Ms Lambert
April 14	Year 9 Book Quiz	LRC	Ms Lambert
Summer Term			
TBC	Geography challenge	Geography	Mrs Lindop
TBC	Technology challenge TBC	Technology	TBC
TBC	Maths challenge TBC	Maths	TBC
TBC	Art challenge TBC	Art	TBC
TBC	Tug of War	PE	Mr Preston/PE Team
TBC	Drama Talent Competition	Drama	Miss Burgum

May 10	Yr 7 Book Bake Off	LRC	Ms Lambert
May	Ashlyns Speaks (Year 7-10)	English	Miss Khatun
June	Year 7 Castles Challenge	History	Mr Church
June 9	Year 9+10 Digital Escape Room	LRC	Ms Lambert
June	Sports Day	PE	Mr Preston/PE Team
June 28	Year 7 Book Charades	LRC	Ms Lambert

Please note:

- All LRC events start at 1.45 lunchtime in the main LRC
- Unless a specific year group is stated, events are open to all year groups 7-11
- Further details to be confirmed (TBC) will be communicated via House Captains and House Reps
- Further events may be added to the schedule over the year

Dacorum Family Services Berkhamsted "Drop in" Surgery Thursday October 15th 2020

WE OFFER FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES with children ages 5 to 18. WE CAN HELP YOU

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.**





Year 7 Families
**Virtual Halloween
Quiz & Bingo Night**

Saturday 31st October – 7pm - 9pm
FREE entry

PRIZES for Best dressed, Quiz Round + Bingo Round
Goodie Bag for every household participating
(Free) **E-Tickets in advance only**

To get your e-ticket please return the booking form to the school office, marked
"ASA HALLOWEEN QUIZ" or scan to ASA, by **Thursday 22nd October** latest.

Welcome to Ashlyns School ...

... and to our first virtual, socially-distanced Halloween quiz!

Please join us for this free social event for our new year 7 families - a chance to say hi and 'meet' other year 7 parents/guardians.

There's a chance to win best dressed competition, and prizes for Quiz and Bingo winners too.

All forms recieved will get a goodie-bag with sweets and bingo card.

Fill in the form below and hand in at school, or scan + email back to the asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Places are limited! - please send/scan forms by
Thursday 22nd October.

CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE:

Student's Name & Form:

Parent/Guardian telephone number:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Address:

(Your e-ticket confirmation and log-in details will be emailed to you)