



Next Week – After Half Term, Week 1

School News and Notices

Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum meets virtually in the evening once per term. We are grateful to our existing parents on the forum for giving up this time, and providing us with very helpful feedback on various strategic items. If you might be interested in joining the Parent Forum, please contact Fiona Thompson on ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk who can give you more information.

Safeguarding

With half term approaching may we ask you to remind your children on the importance of following the government guidelines on social gatherings. The rule of 6 still applies inside and outside. Visit <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for up to date rules and advice.

We have also been made aware of some antisocial behaviour in Butts Meadow involving a handful of young people from the area, which the police are investigating.

Uniform

From Monday 2 November, please ensure your child attends school in the full school uniform (with Ashlyns PE hoodies and trainers reserved for PE lessons.) The uniform expectations are set out in this link [Uniform and Appearance](#), and illustrated [here](#), with a reminder that this means black polishable shoes (not trainers). Whilst plain coats may be worn over the school blazer, hoodies of any type are not. Students should 'layer-up' underneath their school shirt with a plain white T-shirt or vest, if cold, and can of course wear a plain black V-neck jumper (no logo).

Positive Covid Notification

Over the half term break, should your child be notified they have tested positive for Covid, please email covid@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk to inform the school, so we can be in contact.

The Swan Youth Project

The Swan Youth Project in Berkhamsted is now seeking a Senior Youth Co-ordinator and additional Trustees. We recognise the importance of the facility for young people and, whilst the centre is currently closed, they plan to reopen at the first appropriate opportunity.

If you are interested in either position, please follow the attached link to The Swan's website where you will find further details: www.theswanyouthproject.co.uk

Duke of Edinburgh

We will be in contact with parents after half-term about plans for the D of E Award.

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Key dates this half term:

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

Attachments:

- ASA Xmas Hamper Raffle
- Supermarket Voucher Flyer
- Supermarket Voucher Sign -Up Sheet

Communications:

- Letter From The Headteacher
- Y11 English Literature Revision Guides

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 16 October:

7C2 100%
8B1 100%
9B2 96.33%
10C1 100%
11R2 100%

Music Lessons

The majority of music lessons are now taking place in school. Timetables will be posted on the Music Block notice board and on Google Classroom (code nq4d5yw), so please remind your child to check these regularly 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:

musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

If there are any current music students who would like to stop lessons at the end of the autumn term please email:

SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk.



LRC Update

Today we launched a new Ashlyns Ebook platform to complement our book collection in the LRC. Students can now choose from 1200 pre-selected children's/YA Ebooks to read on a chrome book, phone or tablet. Some titles are also available to enjoy in audio format. The Ebook link can be found on the LRC App along with instructions on how to log on.

The LRC has been busy this term with a variety of events for different year groups. We organised a Year 9 Disney Quizney house competition with Bourne the winners in a landslide victory and hosted a Year 7 Spooky Reads event which featured our talented English Department, some in costume, reading to an enthralled audience.

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Year 7 Form Reads Competition. Students were asked to create a scene from the book they are collectively reading in their form groups. The winners of book prizes were Paige and Oscar in 7C1, Ruby, Molly and Jacob in 7C2, William in 7H1, Lucas in 7H2, Holly and Louis in 7B1, Matilda in 7B2, Sophie and Elodie in 7R1 and Joel in 7R2.

And finally, a thank you to the ASA and the Facilities Team who have worked on the LRC garden pruning shrubs, planting flowers and laying new paths. We are very grateful for all your hard work in making this a space for all our students to enjoy.

House Competition

After the first half term the House competition has thrown up an exciting prospect - Bourne are currently in the lead! Well done all Bourne students for taking part so successfully in the events and for gaining so many merits. However, Coram are hot on their heels so there's no room for complacency!

Handel and Raven are currently jostling to avoid the bottom spot - but this early on it's all still to play for.

Supermarket Vouchers

For more information on how to support the school through the supermarket voucher scheme please see attached flyer and sign up sheet.

DSPL Communication

[DSPL's Parent/Carer communication](#), which also includes October Half Term activities.

Y7 Maths Club

Year 7 Maths club will be starting after half term. All are welcome on Thursday Lunchtime in room 86 at 1.25. Please see Miss Kershaw for more details.

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.

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
8795	8718	8256	8268
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd

23/10/2020

News From the ASA

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - for all parents/carers, staff and teachers - donations please!!

Thank you to those who have donated so far. If you can donate items over half-term that would be great - see attached flyer for the drop-off locations. Details of how to buy tickets will be announced soon.

HALLOWEEN QUIZ & BINGO NIGHT - CANCELLED

It is with regret that we've had to take the hard decision to cancel this event as we haven't received enough participants - we apologise to those who have booked and we will be in touch via email.

ASA AGM

Thank you for everyone who 'zoomed' in for our meeting - it was lovely to meet some of our new members too!

Minutes will be sent out to our email list in due course.



The Ashlyns School Association Christmas Hamper Raffle 2020

Draw date 14 December

**Further information for buying
tickets coming soon!**

**Win a fabulous hamper this Christmas –
and raise money for the school!**

Open to all parents, carers, teachers and staff!

We need your help...

Please donate an item for your Year Group's hamper!

See themes and donation ideas below – gift vouchers are also welcome,
please consider supporting small businesses by buying local:

Year 7 Arts and crafts

(Paper, pencils, paints, any craft activity, etc)

Year 8 Home and garden

(Seeds, tools, DIY items, picnic items,
garden games, etc)

Year 9 World food and drink

(Not just pasta and rice please!)

Year 10 Christmas

(Decorations, themed food and games, etc)

Year 11 Bakes and treats

(Cakes, sweets, treats, baking ingredients,
utensils, decorations, etc)

Year 12 Pampering and wellbeing

(Candles, face mask, mindfulness,
colouring in, jigsaws, etc)

Year 13 Movie night in

(Sweet and savoury snacks, cosy socks,
blanket, board games, etc)

All donations must be new and unused. Food and drink items
must have a use-by date of at least March 2021 please.

**Donations can be left at one of our drop-off locations
listed below or sent in with students to the school:**

30 Oakwood

(off Shootersway)
Berkhamsted HP4 3NQ

4 Valley Road

(near Westfield)
Northchurch HP4 3PY

9 South Park Gardens

(off Bridgewater Road)
Berkhamsted HP4 1JA

9 Birtchnell Close

(near Gossoms End)
Berkhamsted HP4 1FE

31 Swing Gate Lane

(near Captains Walk)
Berkhamsted HP4 2LL

10 Ryder Close

Bovingdon HP3 0HY

20 Hawkins Way

Bovingdon HP3 0UB

Please note:

Parents/carers are
not permitted to drop
off donations at school

Strictly no alcohol should
be sent into school

supermarket Vouchers



**Would you like to help your school raise funds in an easy,
hassle free way at no extra cost to you?**

If so have you thought about joining our supermarket voucher scheme? It's simple....

- Place your order for John Lewis or Tesco gift cards
- Set up a standing order for the 22th of each month
- An email will be sent to let you know that your vouchers are ready for collection from School Reception
- **Why not to join Christmas Club and save your vouchers for Christmas**

The commission that School receive on these vouchers varies from 3% for Tesco and 4% for John Lewis vouchers.

So as you can see it has the potential to be a fantastic fundraiser.

If you would like to apply please fill in attached form and return to School.

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**Would you like to help your school raise funds in an easy, hassle free way
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If so have you thought about joining our supermarket voucher scheme? It's simple....

- Place your order at the beginning of the month using the form below and return to school with a cheque made payable to Ashlyns School
- Or set up a standing order for the 22nd of each month
- The vouchers are then ready for collection at the end of the month and your cheque is only cashed once the vouchers are ready for collection
- An email will be sent to let you know that your vouchers are ready for collection
- The vouchers are kept safe in the office at school and can be collected at the end of the day

Alternatively you can save your vouchers for Christmas and they will be available for collection in November. If you would like to join our Xmas Club please tick here ☐ .

However small your order, it all adds up to a great hassle free way to raise funds for your school!

**The vouchers will be ready for collection by 28th of each month.
Cheques should be made payable to Ashlyns School or
Standing Order due 22nd of each month**

	TESCO (Gift Card)	WAITROSE (Gift Card)	TOTAL
Commission rate	3%	4%	
£10			
£20			
£25			
£50			
Any denomination (Please state requirement)			
			ORDER TOTAL.....

If you have any queries please contact Renata Marzec at school on 01442 863605

Please delete as appropriate:

I _____ will personally collect the vouchers / authorise my son/daughter to collect the vouchers. (The vouchers are cash and once the vouchers have been collected Ashlyns School accepts no responsibility if they are lost or stolen.)

Name of student: _____ Form: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Tel. No: _____

Email address: _____

Bank Details if you would like to set up a standing order - **due 22nd** of each month:

Ashlyns School Community:

Sort code: 60-02-21

A/c: 64008029