

## Next Week - Week 2

### Y11 & 13 Assessments

Well done to students in years 11 and 13, who have worked extremely hard this week as they continue with the class-based assessments that will form part of the evidence for their eventual GCSE and A level grades. We received final guidance from JCQ and the examination boards over the Easter holidays; guidance for parents from JCQ and our draft centre policy can be found using the links opposite. This is a complex process given the number of students, subjects and classes and - because subject leaders will judge when students are ready to take an assessment - the schedule of assessments may be subject to some changes during the course of the process. This also means that some weeks and days will contain more assessments than others. Over the course of the second part of next week, students in years 11 and 13 will receive the information they need to put together an individual schedule for the four remaining weeks of class-based tasks and assessments. It is important to remember that these class-based tasks are not examinations; they are shorter, and interspersed with teaching and preparation time in class. While we expect that students will be preparing and working hard at home, as they would in any usual examination year, they should be able to break down their preparation into manageable sections and tasks.

### Safeguarding: Harassment and Abuse

You may have seen national news about a website called 'Everyone's Invited' which invites anyone affected by sexual harassment, abuse or assault to share their experience anonymously. Many of the testimonials submitted relate to experiences of children and young people at schools, college or university. Ashlyns School takes allegations of abuse or harassment very seriously and we have strict processes and measures in place to safeguard and protect young people in our care. We also work with our students to educate them on appropriate sexual behaviour and relationships through a range of workshops and lessons. Children can also get support and advice from the dedicated NSPCC helpline on 0800 136 663.

Although we already have strong education and reporting systems at Ashlyns in working to keep our young people safe, and to guide students in appropriate behaviours, we will be working through updated guidance and planning in the coming months to further strengthen our culture of respect for and tolerance of others, in collaboration with student, parent and specialist representatives.

### Safeguarding

What parents need to know about Omegle: online safety advice for parents regarding the Omegle social media platform can be found [here](#).

## Key dates:

- 3 May: Bank Holiday, School closed

## Letters Out:

- [Y11 Yearbook](#)
- [Y11 'Class Of' Hoody](#)
- [Y11 & 13 Awarding of Grades: Draft Centre Policy](#)
- [JCQ Guidance GCSE & A Level](#)

## Music Tuition:

If you wish to withdraw or change music lessons for September 2021, please email

[SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk) by **MONDAY 17 MAY**. All other music tuition enquiries should go to [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

## Attendance:

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 26 March:

7C1 98%  
8R1 96.6%  
9R2 98.6%  
10C1 98%  
11R2 99.2%

## House Points:

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
25959	26922	25957	26290
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>
16/04/2021			

## HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

To mark the achievements of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, we are pleased to share this image from the school archives of Prince Philip's visit to Ashlyns School on 30 October 1959. The visit was arranged to celebrate the students' involvement in the newly formed Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. We have a lovely account of the day from a student who was one of the first participants of the scheme. Prince Philip toured the school, spoke to students and was intrigued as to the nature of the Ribena drink he was offered as a refreshment!



## CREATE - Covid Response

Dacorum Family Services are offering a new service to families in the summer term who have been impacted by or who are struggling with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Over the next term, Dacorum Family Services are offering targeted support covering a variety of topics. Parents will be able to book on to a relevant zoom session for tips, strategies and tools. There are also a limited number of one to one sessions available with their Pupil Support and SEND Specialist workers following attendance at the zoom session if required. The zoom sessions are limited to 10 families per session and families can have cameras off and use the "chat" function if they prefer.

For dates and booking information please click [here](#).

## House Poetry Competition 2021

To celebrate Unesco's World Poetry Day on 21 March, students were encouraged to write and submit a poem about "the world around them", whether that was something they saw on their way to school or a world event featured in the news that week. There were no restrictions on form, rhyme or length so it was no surprise when we ended up with nearly 100 entries on a whole range of topics from Children in Need to a student's favourite tree! The winning entries for each house were...

- Bourne - Emma Y
- Coram - James E
- Handel - Esme B
- Raven - Sara G

...with the overall winner being Esme B! Click [here](#) to read the winning poem.

All entries received house points with winners receiving prizes and their poems on display in the English corridor.

We appreciated all the poems, so continue to create and play with words.

## After School Sports Clubs

Please click [here](#) for the new extracurricular clubs timetable.

## Risk Assessment:

Please find the updated [risk assessment](#) on the school website.

## Staff Vacancies:

A full list of Teaching Vacancies can be found [here](#).

## Aspire2Fitness:

Please click [here](#) for a great new joining offer from Aspire Gym.

## Herts SEND

[The Local Offer](#) website lets parents and young people know what special educational needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire, and who can access them. The website provides information about SEND services across education, health and social care, and aims to give families all the information they may need in one place.