

Next Week - Week 2

Reporting Covid Results

Positive, negative and void Lateral Flow Test results should be reported to both [NHS Test & Trace](#) and school via the [online form](#). If the result of the test is unclear (void) you should do another test.

LRC Year 7 Book Bake Off

On Monday 10 May the LRC are hosting a Book Bake Off competition for Year 7 students to get creative and bake a cake of their favourite book, character or scene. All entries will receive prizes and House points with the overall winners receiving cookery book prizes.

Cakes should be delivered to the LRC on the morning of 10 May before registration, ready for judging and prize giving at lunchtime. Your cake can be in any form such as a tray bake, cupcakes etc. One entry per student and cakes should be nut-free please. Ready, steady... bake!

Y8 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening

Thank you to the staff and parents involved with the virtual parents evening, it was a great success.

Ashlyns Careers Hub

This week we have launched a new online [Careers Hub](#) which features a variety of useful resources and information to inspire our students about career opportunities. The site will be updated weekly and includes links to leading industry organisations, features sector spotlights and guides on how to organise work experience. The site can be accessed from the LRC App on RM Unify via Careers on the *Dashboards* navigation bar.

InvestIn has organised two free online parent careers events. The first on 11 May focuses on helping your child develop skills and techniques for public speaking and the second on 9 June features career opportunities in the City. Details can be found [here](#).

Safeguarding(1): MeeToo App for iOS and Android

[MeeToo](#) is a recommended, multi-award winning, free, anonymous app where young people can talk about difficult things. Built on research showing the positive impact of peer support for mental health, MeeToo provides a safe, pre-moderated space for young people aged 11+ to experiment with opening up about whatever may be on their mind. Posts can be responded to by other users, as well as a team of trained university psychology students and MeeToo counsellors who help to guide discussions and ensure that no post goes unanswered. **Moderators check every post and reply before they go live** to ensure the safety and anonymity of users, and counsellors uphold a sophisticated system for monitoring and tracking potential safeguarding risks. MeeToo supports over 6,000 young people each month. It is featured on the NHS Apps Library and promoted by more than 1,000 schools in the UK. [You can easily see how MeToo works here.](#)

Key dates:

- **3 May: Bank Holiday, School closed**
- 25 May: Y11 and Y13 whole-year-group photos
- 26 May: ASA Committee Meeting
- 31 May: Half Term

Letters Out:

- [Y10 Bronze DofE Practice Expedition](#)
- [DofE Kit List](#)

Music Tuition:

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





SchoolsDirectInvoicing@herfordshire.gov.uk by **MONDAY 17 MAY**. All other music tuition enquiries should go to musictuition@ashlyns.herts.ch.uk.

Attendance:

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 23 April:

7R1 98.6%
8R1 99%
9R2 98.6%
10C1 98.5%
11R2 98.5%

House Points:

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
27917	29039	27701	28422
3 rd	1 st	4 th	2 nd
			
30/04/2021			

Safeguarding(2): Personal Safety

Please do remind your child about the need to remain vigilant about personal safety and traffic when travelling to/from school and at weekends.

Y11 and Y13

Year 11 and Year 13 students continue to work extremely hard on the assessments that form part of the evidence gathering process. Students should be preparing for these assessments both in lessons and at home; session 6 continues to run in the LRC Monday to Thursday, 3.20-4.20 for Year 11 students to help with this. Every student should have constructed an individual schedule of assessments through the information they have been given by their teachers and on Google Classroom. If students need help or support with this or with preparation they should speak to their class teachers, Miss Gee or Mrs Kingston for Year 11, and Ms Gaches and Miss Murray for Year 13.

Extracurricular Clubs

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

Better with Breakfast

We are delighted to confirm our **Breakfast Club** is open from 07:50 - 08:20 in the Dining Hall, serving a variety of items to start the day well. **The breakfast menu, along with our four week cycle lunch menus can be found [here](#).**

Dacorum Family Services

Dacorum Family Services offer free, confidential support for local families with children age 5-18. For more information and booking please click [here](#).

Staff Vacancies

Please see the school website for a full list of teaching [vacancies](#).

Dr Kathy Weston - Tooled Up education

In response to a question we were asked, this week, we've made a [tip sheet about Snapchat](#). We often feel under pressure from our children to download particular apps or social media platforms and Snapchat is one that they seem particularly drawn to. In fact, recent IPSOS MORI data found that in the UK, 71% of internet-using 13-17-year-olds go on Snapchat. We also know that its light-hearted visuals and 'disappearing' messages make it very popular with younger children, despite its recommended minimum age of 13. If your child wants to download Snapchat, check out what you need to consider and download our checklist of things to discuss with them before they do. Making sure that your children become critical consumers of online content is crucial. Luckily, the *Tooled Up* library is full of evidence-based resources and activities focused on cultivating digital literacy, for parents and young people of all ages. Log into the site and browse the [Digital Life](#) category to find out more.

You'll also find two new podcasts on *Tooled Up* this week. Our timely interview with criminologist Professor David Gadd focuses on the culture of violence against women and girls and domestic abuse, within both adult and teenage romantic relationships. Particularly in light of the Everyone's Invited campaign, it's important for us all to consider the most effective ways to teach our boys (and girls) about good relationships and how to best examine issues of consent and boundaries. [Listen here](#) (or read the accompanying notes) for his expert advice and keep your eye on the site for more resources about body boundaries, coming very soon. Our other new [podcast is with Dr Naomi Flynn](#), a leading expert in supporting multilingual children in the classroom (and their families). This is a particularly important issue, given that over 20% of children in UK schools, from very diverse circumstances and backgrounds, speak a language other than English at home. Listen for clear advice for both teachers and parents. If you are interested in multilingualism, and its huge benefits, also check out our podcast with Oxford University's [Professor Victoria Murphy](#).

ASA NEWS

ASA COMMITTEE MEETING - Wednesday 26th May 8pm - meeting details to follow

All are welcome to our next virtual meeting about future and current fundraising ideas - we are also looking for teams to lead on a few popular events as some of our ASA teams will be leaving Ashlyns this summer, so please do consider getting a few friends together to help; a Trustee member will always be there to help. We have concise event packages to handover with all the info you need, and you'll get to have a say in how you feel we can move forward or improve on current events, as well as make a difference to our school.

BAG 2 SCHOOL - is back!

We had such a great response last time to this new fundraising initiative, we've decided to run another collection run, so start bagging up your unwanted items and be ready for further details of a donation point and date.

GOOD AS NEW UNIFORM - donations wanted

Just a reminder we are collecting donations - so please drop off at Woodberry, 30 Oakwood (off Shootersway), Berkhamsted or students can bring in donations to leave at student reception. No shirts please (unless unworn), please empty pockets and wash before donating. If you were to mend too, that would be a great help to our very small team of volunteers! Watch out for details of the sale in due course.

ASA 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the March ASA 100 draw:

- 1st prize - J Rollit
- 2nd prize - R Bray
- 3rd prize - G Clifford

Thank you very much to all the new supporters who have signed up recently. As we still cannot run our usual events the ASA 100 draw is a valuable source of regular funds. The more members we have, the more we raise for Ashlyns. Sign up today!

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