

Next Week - Week 2

Update from the Headteacher

Parents/Students

Further to the announcement made by the Prime Minister earlier this week (Step 3 of the roadmap) I can confirm that, from Monday 17 May, students will no longer be required to wear face coverings in classrooms or in communal areas at school.

I'd like to thank everyone for the way in which they have adapted to the various safety measures over the past few months. Whilst we have all understood the need for these additional precautions, this latest change will allow for better communication and more natural discussion. I know that students and staff will welcome this step towards a more normal school life.

I would, however, like to stress that those students who wish to continue to wear a face covering will be able to do so for the remainder of the term and we need to be prepared to adapt should the guidance change in response to particular localised situations.

I would also like to emphasise the importance of continuing to adhere to the other safety measures, which remain in place until further notice. The updated risk assessment can be found [here](#).

James Shapland

Student Guide to Awarding Grades Summer 2021

Ofqual has published a guide for students and parents outlining key aspects of the grading process. Please find a copy [here](#).

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.

LFT Survey

Herts County Council have asked us to share a survey ([here](#)) about testing with Lateral Flow Devices in order to learn from people's experiences and consider suggestions for improving the process. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday 28 May 2021.

Student Achievement

Well done to Annelies S, Y10, who completed her Regent Academy Diploma in Fashion Design and Dressmaking with a Distinction. The work completed (approximately 480 hours worth) is the equivalent of an A Level.

Key dates

- 25 May: Y11 and Y13 whole-year-group photos
- 26 May: ASA Committee Meeting
- 31 May: Half Term
- 7 June: Y10 Assessment Week

Letters Out

- Y10 Assessment Week Information
- Y11 Prom and End of Term

Music Tuition

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

SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk by **Monday 17 May**. If you do not notify HMS by this date you will be charged for the next term.

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 07 May:

7B2 98.4%
8R1 99.6%
9C2 98.2%
10H2 97.8%
11B2 98.1%

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
29701	31090	29584	30318
3 rd	1 st	4 th	2 nd

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Athletics Championships

2021 Hertfordshire Athletics Track and Field Championships - Saturday 12th June at Jarman Park. The deadline for entry is Monday 17th May. Students who feel they meet the necessary standard to compete at a County level need to submit evidence (Power of 10 proof) and their details to Mr Preston.

LRC Year 7 Book Bake Off Competition

On Monday the LRC received 42 fabulous book inspired cakes for our Book Bake Off competition. The entries were of an incredibly high standard and demonstrated the fantastic creative talent we have at Ashlyns. Everyone was a Star Baker and received a book bundle prize, certificate and House points. It was an impossible task to select four overall winners, but after much deliberation the students who received Bake Off books and an Ashlyns Star Baker wooden spoon were Jack for his *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* inspired creation which defied gravity, Charlotte and Phoebe for the innovative *Paddington* marmalade sandwich cake, Elodee for *Boy at the Back of the Class* and Isobel for *Beauty and the Beast*.

Congratulations and well done to all the students who participated and thank you to all the parents who encouraged and supported the baking process at home. All the amazing cakes can be viewed [here](#).

Safeguarding

1. Whatsapp - a reminder that Whatsapp recommends that users be 16+ to sign up to their service, and parents should please bear this in mind.
2. *London Grid for Learning (LGfL)* has a really useful [link](#) which draws together information sources to help parents keep their children safe online, including how parents can talk to young people about online issues.

Uniform

A polite reminder that 'Air Force 1'-style black trainers are not permitted, and that jewellery (other than a single plain metallic stud in the lower lobe of an ear) will incur a C3 if seen.

Dr Kathy Weston - Tooled Up Education



As it is Mental Health Awareness Week, don't forget that the Tooled Up library is packed with resources on young people's mental health and wellbeing. Now is the perfect time to listen to our new [podcast](#) with Dr Lucy Foulkes, about her fascinating new book [Losing Our Minds](#) and the importance of teaching young people that everyday stresses are normal.

These resources could also help:

[Wellbeing Journal](#)

[Mindset Planner](#)

[Family Anxiety Manifesto](#)

[Things I Can/Can't Control](#)

Staff Vacancies

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

DSPL

Please click [here](#) for courses, workshops and support including a Raise Resilience 6-week course.

The Swan Youth Project

Students can follow the events and offers from *The Swan* using the link [here](#)

Sanitary Products

Matron has a large supply of sanitary products which are free to students, all they need to do is ask at student reception or Matron's office.

Heroes Stamp Design Competition

The Post Office is running a competition to design a stamp celebrating Covid Heroes, which is open to children up to the age of 14. The closing date for entries is Friday 28 May: click [here](#) for more information.

News from The ASA

Bags 2 School After the huge success of the last Bags 2 School event, another has been planned for collection on the 1st July 2021. Can you please drop any donations ([accepted items listed here](#)) that you may have, after the May half-term, to 30 Oakwood (off Shooters Way) HP4 3NQ and leave by the garage door.