

## Next Week - Week 1

### 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.

### Lateral Flow Tests

The students will receive more test kits in form time on Monday. The testing process is the same but the kits look a little different as there are 7 tests in one box.

### Student Achievement

Congratulations to Vita B, Y7, who, after a long audition process, has won a place with the National Youth Music Theatre and cast as a lead role in their production of a brand new musical called *Henrietta* - which is being staged in London this summer.

### Extracurricular Clubs

Please click [here](#) for the new extracurricular clubs timetable. We have a range of different clubs running at lunch time and after school including a new school magazine for Y9, textiles club for Y7 and Y8 and a Y8 film club.

### LRC Year 7 Book Bake Off Competition

Just a reminder that our Book Bake Off competition for Year 7 students is taking place on Monday 10 May. Students need to bake a cake inspired by their favourite book, either the front cover, a character or a scene. All entries will receive prizes and House points with the overall winners receiving cookery book prizes and an Ashlyns School Star Baker wooden spoon. Students should bring their cakes into the LRC before registration on Monday morning and return at lunchtime for the prize giving ceremony. Cakes can be in any form such as tray bakes, cup cakes, biscuits etc. One entry per student and cakes should be nut free please. We are really looking forward to seeing all of our student creations on Monday!

### The Big Ask

During tutor time next week students will be invited to take part in [The Big Ask](#) survey. The survey was set up by the Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, and aims to put children at the heart of the national recovery post-COVID-19.

### Thank a Teacher

Supported by the Department for Education, the national 'Thank a Teacher' campaign enables anyone to send a free, personalised card to an amazing teacher! Details can be found [here](#).



## Key dates:

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

## Music Tuition

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

[SchoolsDirectInvoicing@herfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsDirectInvoicing@herfordshire.gov.uk) by **MONDAY 17 MAY**. If you do not notify HMS by this date you will be charged for the next term.

If your child is interested in taking music lessons, please go to [Music Lessons Info](#).

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 30 April:

7B2, 7H2 100%  
8B1 98.3%  
9H1 99.6%  
10C1 99.2%  
11C1 98.9%

## House Points

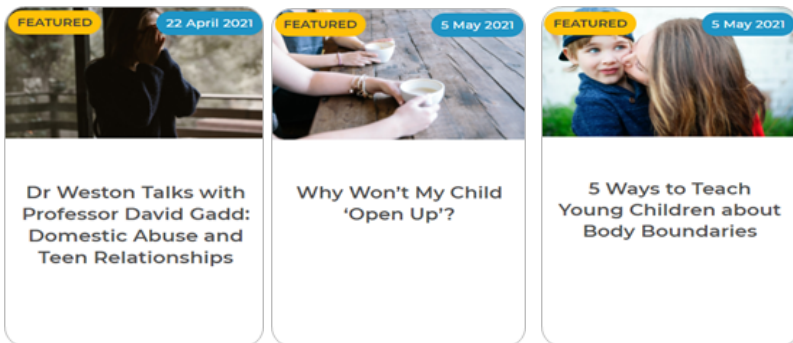
Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
27917	30058	28672	29367
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

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## Safeguarding

- (1) Our working group on Addressing Intolerance and Harmful Sexualised Behaviours is reviewing how we can further enhance a culture of tolerance and respect, and ensure that all students are empowered to call out harmful behaviours. They will be working with student and parent focus groups in the coming weeks.
- (2) [Online privacy and data theft](#): just like adults, children may be at risk of having their online identity stolen and misused. It can be difficult to maintain a child's privacy as they may not understand what information is safe to share online, or what default privacy settings are on the sites and devices they're using. Please click on the link which provides straightforward advice for parents and children.

## Dr Kathy Weston - Tooled Up education



Last week, I delivered a talk on “Everyone’s Invited,’ the website and Instagram page created last year as a space for people to share their experiences of rape culture and sexual abuse. The issues raised have inspired some new resources in the Tooled Up library. The talk highlighted (amongst other things), the importance of teaching young children about body boundaries, so we have produced a [video](#) exploring 5 easy ways to help children understand the issues around respecting their own and others’ body boundaries. There will be more practical resources focusing on body boundaries arriving into the Tooled Up library soon. Encouraging your children to ‘open up’ about their thoughts and feelings can sometimes feel easier said than done, so we’ve also produced a [video](#) designed to get parents thinking about when and where these chats might take place. Parents of teens (with an interest in having brave conversations and sex and relationships) may find my interview with top criminologist [Professor David Gadd](#) useful and can look forward to a forthcoming podcast with [Dr Fiona Vera-Gray](#).

## Staff Vacancies

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

## Updated School Policies

[Attendance](#), [Online Safety and ICT Usage](#), [CCTV and Use of Images](#), [Child Protection](#)

## 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. Click [here](#) for new dates.