

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.

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

Congratulations to Sara G, Y8, who has reached the semi-final of Open Mic UK, a national competition for singers and solo artists in the UK. Sara has also won a free recording studio session at one of the UK's top studios.

Free Sports Shoes

The Swan Project has joined with 1 Impossible Thing to offer free second hand sports shoes to people who need them. To request a free pair just email The Swan Project with the type and size you need: manager@swanyouthproject.co.uk or you can follow 1 Impossible Thing on [Facebook](#).

Communication guidance

We would like to remind parents of our guidelines for when and how to contact school, which can be found [here](#).

Use of Phones in School

Please remind your child they are not to use their phones in school. If they are feeling unwell they must see Matron who will assess if they need to go home.

LRC The Guardian Newspaper Workshop

This term our Year 7 students have been developing digital literacy skills in their LRC lessons. Students have been given tips on how to evaluate the information they find online and have been practising a technique called Lateral Reading as an effective way of fact checking information.

As part of our Fake News lesson, a group of Year 7s had the opportunity to undertake a virtual Fake or Real workshop with *The Guardian* newspaper. Students have also been practising how to check a news claim, how to identify trustworthy sources and how to reverse image picture search to establish an article's credibility.

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

- [Year 11 Final Arrangements](#)

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 14 May:

7H1	98.4%
8R1	98%
9H1	97.5%
10C1	98.8%
11C1	96.9%

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
30505	31975	30379	31204
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Staff Vacancies

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

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.

Changes after half term

From after half term, we will be:

- Returning to **coats being removed in the school building** (teachers will have discretion to permit coats to be put back on if temperatures in your own classroom are particularly cold due to ventilation - but this wouldn't be the norm!)
- **Refining the one-way system** (with 300+ students no longer being in school) to allow some more direct routes across site, whilst retaining core elements of one-way traffic
- **Returning to 5-minute movement time between lessons**, to reflect the above.

We will also be trialling **reinstating student monitors** (runners) from June, but with clear protocols in place.

School Sport

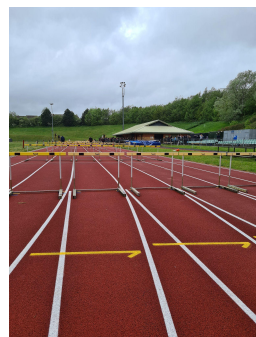
Cricket

This week saw the return of school sport for our students. The year 8 cricket team came up against a very strong Tring side in the County Cup on Wednesday but unfortunately came off second best. It was great to have substitutes, with several players making their debut for the school and within the sport itself.



Athletics

On Thursday, in blustery conditions, the first County League Athletics meet was held at Jarman Park. In conditions more suited to a wintry November, over 30 students represented the school on the track and in the field events. Overall the U14 Girls and U16 Boys came 3rd and the U14 Boys and U16 Girls came 2nd. Some great individual performances by Tam H, Ethan E, Sami H, Indie F, Mollie R, Natalie C, Lucy B, Tia G and Chloe G who won their respective events.



Keep an eye out for the team selection for the next meet on Tuesday.

Summer Sports

After half term the after school clubs will become solely focused on the summer activities of tennis, rounders, cricket and athletics. We will still be in year group bubbles, so whether you have played before, fancy giving something new a try or improving your skills, come along and have some fun whilst learning and being active.

There will be plenty more cricket, rounders, tennis and athletics fixtures to come and we look forward to seeing more faces representing the school in the near future.

Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition

Y7 & 8 students have been given the opportunity in form time to enter this competition; the information is on google classroom and entries must be in by Monday. Please see the [letter for parents](#) for more information.

News from The ASA

ASA 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the April ASA 100 draw:

1st prize - G Clifford

2nd prize - T Harris

3rd prize - N Shukla

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!

ASA100CLUB@gmail.com

ASA Committee Meeting

Wednesday 26th May at 19.30

As we are now starting to get organised for our forthcoming events we are holding an ASA committee meeting where everyone is welcome to join us via the following link [Meet.google.com/yjn-bkce-whs](https://meet.google.com/yjn-bkce-whs)

Dr Kathy Weston - Tooled Up Education



As Father's Day approaches, make sure that you book on to Dr Weston's [talk on](#) fatherhood. Use the promotional code TooledUp1706 to book your free place.

Our list of topical podcasts is growing. Last week, Dr Weston interviewed her 70th expert. Tune into Tooled Up to hear:

[Dr Dasha Nicholls](#) on eating disorders

[Dr Fiona Vera-Gray](#) on The 'Everyone's Invited' movement, harassment of girls and teenage relationships.

[Professor Robin Banerjee](#) on helping children manage transition, peer relationships and social identity.

[Rachel Lees](#) on Teenagers and cannabis use

[Professor David Gadd](#) on Teenage relationships

Remember there are notes to accompany each episode.