

Next Week - Week 2

Updates from the Headteacher

Please click [here for a letter to all parents from the Headteacher](#), and [here for a letter to Year 11 and Year 13 Parents/Carers and Students](#).

Final week arrangements

Please see the letter linked above and note that all 3 days are non-uniform. In particular, please note:

- Students must dress sensibly for the weather and activities (comfortable shoes they can walk in, clothes that cover torsos and shoulders, with no bare midriffs).
- School rules on gum, mobile phones and general behaviour remain in place.
- Students will be outdoors for the majority of their time - please ensure that your child has plenty of suncream (applied and for topping-up) and a sun-hat/light clothes to cover exposed skin during the warmest parts of the day. They should also bring a filled water bottle.
- On Sports Day, please dress in House Colours!

Lockers

If your child has a locker please ask them to empty it before the end of term as no one will be allocated the same locker next term. Any items left in the lockers will be bagged up, labelled with the locker number and put in the lost property cupboard. Old keys can be put in the green box at student reception.

LRC

Summer Reading Challenge

Our fabulous Summer Reading Challenge is open to all year groups to complete during the holidays. Choose four books to read to win 30 House points and the chance to win book vouchers. More information on how to enter can be found [here](#). Ebooks are available to borrow for free through the Ashlyns eLibrary; details on how to login can be found on the LRC tile on RM Unify. Deadline for entries is Tuesday 31 August.

Book Return

We are about to undertake our annual stock audit so would be grateful if students could return all library books to the LRC. Students with overdue books on their account have been sent an email this week. We would be grateful if you could check with your son/daughter at the weekend to see if they have any library books at home and ask them to return them to the LRC by Monday.

The Peggy

Congratulations to year 9 students Sophia M, Jamie A, Hermione H, James E, Angelica E, Luke J-M, Ella S and Sammy T for all their hard work towards the triumphant launch today of our new Ashlyns magazine, The Peggy. The magazine is available on the LRC app, with issue 1 featuring an interview with an ex-Ashlyns student turned West End star, The Nerd Files, students' funniest pets, quizzes, news and more. The team will be starting work on Issue 2 in September and would welcome applications to thepeggy@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk from any student who'd like to be involved!

In advance of the summer break, please see a message from Hertfordshire County Council on page 4

Key Dates

- 19 July: Activity Day/Y9 DofE
- 20 July: Sports Day/Y9 DofE
- 21 July: Last Day of Term, School Closes for Students at **12.05, Non-Uniform Day**

House Points

Current house points

| Bourne | Coram | Handel | Raven |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 36647 | 38493 | 35981 | 37701 |
| 3 rd | 1 st | 4 th | 2 nd |

16/07/2021

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance **overall this academic year:**

7H1
8B1
9H2
10H1
11R2

Well done all!

Staff Vacancies

All vacancies can be found [here](#).

Medical

Matron still has a large number of sanitary products available to students. If your child would like some for use over the summer break please ask them to see Matron or student reception.

Summer Activities

Epic Summer Holiday Camp for 5-11yrs (Y1-6) 26th July - 27th August

Epic Holiday Camps are all about creating adventures and encouraging all children to live life adventurously, encouraging skill-building, and giving them the opportunity to try something different. Whether they are a tech whizz, an aspiring Olympian, or Picasso, there is bubble football, archery, kite making, photoshop skills, Minecraft coding, and LEGO programming to name a few.

[Please see attached flyer](#), or use this link www.epicholidaycamps.co.uk

Futsal League (12-15yrs) 26th - 30th July and Futsal Fiesta (8-13yrs) 2nd - 26th August

The Herts Sports Partnership are overseeing a summer holiday sports camp program aimed at children (Boys and Girls) on free school meals called HAPpy (off the back of central government and Marcus Rashford campaign). The camps will provide provision for these children during the summer holidays.

See two [flyers](#) / [here](#). Please use this link, and select Berkhamsted or your post code as your location to book onto either camp. Please note: there is a special code to book for those who are eligible to qualify, so please contact admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk if you have any queries.

<https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/>

Dacorum Activities

Please click [here](#) for a huge selection of different sports, theatre and activity camps available in Dacorum over the summer.

Young People's Healthy Hub

A new FREE course is available for young people (aged 11-16) and families over the summer holidays.

The course is hosted by former BBC MasterChef Quarter Finalist, 2016, Noma Creates (Nomalanga Nyamayaro). Through this course, young people and families will learn how to prepare easy, healthy, and delicious meals, while mastering key life skills that will build confidence. The course will be held via Zoom on Mondays and Wednesdays during the summer holidays with the first session on Monday 26th July, 11am - 1pm. [Sign up for this event via Eventbrite](#).

Engines Off/ Respecting Our Neighbours

Please see [this poster](#) designed by some of our students who are encouraging people to turn off their engines while they are waiting to pick up children at the end of the day. Can we also remind parents they should not be parking in Ashlyns Grove (the private road between the school and the A41) which needs constant access for paramedics, and ask them to turn off engines if parking in the local area. Thank you

From Dr Kathy Weston - *Tooled Up Education*

We hope you have been enjoying the 250+ resources on the *Tooled Up Education* site that are freely available to you as a current member of our school community.

The library of resources is still there to support you and your family over the holidays and the *Tooled Up* team have highlighted some resources below that you might like to take a look at. Dr Weston is also hosting a virtual parenting clinic which all Ashlyns parents are invited to on 3rd August.

To access the resource links below, ensure that you are logged in to *Tooled Up* on this device.

You can register with *Tooled Up* by clicking [here](#). Add your name, email address and the Ashlyns School PIN: 4989

Lost Property

Please ask your child to check the lost property cupboards (bottom of the Geography stairs and Sports Hall) for any lost items. Anything left over the summer will be disposed of or recycled.

Follow the onscreen instructions and you will gain access to all these resources and hundreds more to help you support your children in their lives and learning. Please do not share the pin or the resources with anyone beyond our school community. For help, email support@tooledupeducation.com

Join *Tooled Up* for a Live Parenting Clinic

Join us on August 3rd at 8pm for a live parenting clinic where Dr Weston will be answering all of your parenting queries. Please [get in touch](#) with Dr Weston with any questions. They will be answered anonymously and no issue is too big or too small. Register for the webinar [here](#).

Summer Fun

If you're wondering exactly how to make the most of the holidays, we have just the inspiration that you need in our [list of Summer activities](#) for young people of all ages. Whether your child is interested in a music, dance or sport camp, a taster of university life, or a STEM experience, there is something for everyone. Be quick though. Lots of the activities are filling up and some have imminent booking deadlines, so take a look now to make sure that you don't miss out!

You might also like to take a peek at our list of [Quirky Activities for Teens](#) (it's got some great ideas suitable for tweens or younger children too) – our top 10 informative, exhilarating or educational ideas to entertain and inspire your children this summer.

Don't forget that the summer also provides a great opportunity to promote aspiration in your girls. Get some holiday reading inspiration from our comprehensive [book lists](#), covering a wide range of topics, cultivate their curiosity with our [science resources](#) and broaden their thinking with some [philosophical questions](#). And if you ever hear the familiar refrain, 'I'm bored', see how many of our [100 ideas](#) they can complete.

Tooled Up Autumn Webinars

As a 'Tooled Up School', all families at Ashlyns School get free entry to all of our parenting webinars. We are running a series of events with expert guests this autumn. Make sure that you join us to learn more top tips about organising your home, developing young athletes, bringing up tots, challenging gender stereotypes and sports nutrition. Visit www.tooledupeducation.com for full details and to claim your free tickets.

News From The ASA

The ASA teams would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your support this year - please click this link to see our newsletter, and we wish all our families a lovely summer holiday.

<https://mailchi.mp/427cff6cb161/summer-2021-newsletter-5934736>

Uniform Sale

Following our successful uniform sale in June the total raised continues to rise and is currently at around £1,800. Thank you to everyone who has supported this through donations, washing, mending and buying.

Uniform Donations

We have some parents waiting for certain items and are always looking for donations, so if you have good quality clean uniform (no shirts please, unless brand new) or PE kit to donate please drop it off either at the office before the end of term, or to 30 Oakwood, Berkhamsted during the holidays.

Bags 2 School

Many thanks to everyone who donated and we managed to collect over 800Kgs which resulted in a payment of £240 which is a truly excellent result.

Tim Peake Tickets

We have had a number of bids for the Tim Peake tickets but there is still some time to make an offer with the closing date for bids being the last day of term, 21st July. All bids will be responded to by the 23rd July.

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the following update with you ahead of the end of term.

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the efforts and sacrifices you have made to keep your nursery and school communities safe over the past 16 months. As we head into the summer holidays, we'd like to remind you of some of the ways we can all enjoy a safe summer together.

While people will be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted on 19 July, others will be fearful or apprehensive. Remember, rules around self-isolation of close contacts for under 18's do not change until 16 August 2021. We all need to be kind to each other as we move into this next phase.

Covid-19 won't end when the rules change, in fact cases are rising and we need to keep being sensible. It's important to recognise that everyone's circumstances are different and what feels comfortable to one person might not feel that way to another. Let's keep looking out for one another and recognise that we're all going to be moving forward at our own pace.

What you can do to keep yourself and others safe:

Get vaccinated

Vaccinations are now available for everyone aged over 18 who is eligible, you don't need a GP and often don't even need to book an appointment. Visit <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/> for local sites and regular pop ups. If you or children have medical conditions, please speak to your GP about your Covid-19 vaccination.

Keep testing

Regular rapid testing, including for those who are vaccinated, for everyone in year 7 and above (tests are not designed for use on children younger than this) can make a big difference, as most people don't know they're infected until they have infected others. You can order or collect free rapid tests locally, visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest for more information. If you have symptoms get a PCR test and self-isolate.

Look out for one another

Give people space, wear face coverings in crowded indoor areas, keep your windows and doors open when you have people round, wash and/or sanitise hands. These measures have kept us safe and will keep us safe still.

By looking out for one another we can help us keep infections low. There are many people needing healthcare for non Covid-19 reasons who have been waiting for some time. If Covid-19 cases continue to rise, people will have to wait longer for hospital and health care so let's try to stop that by working together.

We hope you all enjoy a safe and happy summer!