

## Next Week - Week 2

### Start of Term Letter from the Headteacher

Please click [here](#) for the start of term letter from the Headteacher.

**Covid Flow Chart** -please see the [attached flowchart](#) which summarises simply how attendance works should you have Covid symptoms.

### 70th Anniversary and Heritage Open Days

This academic year sees the [70th anniversary of Ashlyns School](#). There is a timely opportunity to learn more about our school's fascinating history via video tour. [Click here for full details](#). In this video, two former Foundlings tell us what life was like for the children in Berkhamsted's Foundling Hospital 1935-55. Walking round the school buildings, they recall memories and feelings of those days.

### Prefects

Congratulations to our new Year 10 and 11 prefects, who excelled in their applications and training.



### Dr van der Spoel Revision Strategies

On Wednesday we welcomed Dr van der Spoel, a psychologist specialising in motivation and revision strategies whom we have worked with very successfully for a number of years, to the school to work with Year 11. He spent two hours with each half of Year 11 and has given them lots of helpful revision tools to try, and then delivered a virtual presentation in the evening to Year 11 parents - thank you to the very many of you who attended virtually! Year 11 students should come home today with the revision cards that he spoke about in the parent session; they should be encouraged to use them both in school and at home, writing revision questions on the front and answers on the back. Parents can really help here by encouraging them to write at least five new cards per day and testing them on their cards for a few minutes a day.

### Year 11 Session 6

From Monday we will be running 'Session 6', our silent supervised study session in the LRC, on Monday to Thursday from 3.20-4.20. We welcome all Year 11s to the session; it is a supervised, independent revision session where students get on with work or revision independently, and we also offer advice and support for revision timetables and managing an independent revision

### Key Dates

- 16 Sept: Y10 Information Evening (online)
- 23 Sept: Y8 Information Evening (online)
- 28 Sept: Y7 Information Evening
- 30 Sept: Y13 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening (online)

### New Staff

We are delighted to welcome the following new members of staff this term:

Miss Abela (Maths)  
 Miss Arnold (Science)  
 Miss Coregan (Inclusion)  
 Miss De Fraine (History/English)  
 Mr Gurney (PE/Maths)  
 Mrs Khan (Maths)  
 Ms Pugh (English)  
 Miss Rashid (RS)  
 Miss Thoma (Drama)  
 Mrs Thurley (Maths)  
 Mr Waymark (PE/Science)

### Are your child's vaccinations up to date?

We have been asked to share [this document](#) from Hertfordshire's Director of Public Health.

### Contact Details

Please ensure that you inform us, via the admin email address, of any changes of contact details (phone numbers, email address etc.) so that our records are always up to date.

programme at home for those who would find this helpful. It means that by the time students arrive home, they have already completed an hour of homework or revision, which reduces their workload in the evening.

### Study Support Club

Open to all students and runs after school in the dining hall, 3.30-4.20pm each day.

### PE - Extra Curricular Clubs

After school and Lunchtime PE clubs are up and running this week. They are open to all students and free. If you are interested in representing the school in fixtures and competitions then come along to show us what you have got. If competition is not your thing, then why not come along for some fun with your friends whilst being active? Why not try something new or carry on with something you love!

Please make sure you have the correct footwear for any lunchtime clubs and bring your kit for after school activities which run from 3.20-4.30pm. Just turn up at the sports hall to be registered before taking part. The timetable can be found [here](#).

### Competitive Fixtures

Fixtures will be starting soon and in the event of any last minute cancellations or changes please follow the PE Twitter account @AshlynsPE for up to date information. Team sheets will be displayed in the Sports Hall and the match information emailed out to parents/carers.

At secondary school we place a greater emphasis on the students taking responsibility, so they should be checking the daily tutor update and noticeboard for any changes to clubs etc. Due to safeguarding please be aware that spectators are not allowed on site before 4.30pm.

### Safeguarding

- A reminder that **smart watches are prohibited in school**
- Please **do not park in the drop-off circle** at the front of school
- Please see the updated [Child Protection Policy](#) reflecting statutory changes from September 2021, and available on the school website

### Testing

All students who are testing for covid have been issued with home kits. Please ensure they are testing twice a week. You do not need to make us aware of negative results. If your child tests positive please email [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk). Thank you to all for their assistance in completing a full 2 rounds of testing of students in school, which finished today!



### Natasha's Law

From 1 October, there is a substantial change to the law in terms of the food labelling requirements for pre-packaged goods for direct sale. This change requires all pre-packaged goods to be fully labelled with both allergen information and the individual ingredients of each item offered for sale. The law is also known as Natasha's Law.

### Dacorum Family Services

Dacorum Family Services offer free, confidential advice and support for local families, click [here](#) for more information.

### Tooled Up Education

In case you missed the email, please click this [link](#) with sign up instructions for Dr Kathy Weston's Tooled Up Education.

### Music Lessons

The majority of music lessons will begin next week. The timetables will be posted on Google Classroom (class code nq4d5yw) and will also be put up on the Music block notice board.

You can register for music lessons via [their website](#).

Should you wish to stop lessons at the end of the Autumn Term or make any changes to lessons please notify

[schoolsdirectinvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsdirectinvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk) by Monday 11th October.

Any queries regarding music lessons please email [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

### ASA

#### ASA 100 Club

This is a great way to raise money for Ashlyns with a chance to win a prize. Anyone can buy one or more numbers in our monthly draw. Each number is £2 per month or £24 a year, half of this money is used for 3 cash prizes and half to the ASA. We have still not sold 100 numbers each month so sign up today to be in the September draw. Email [ASA100CLUB@gmail.com](mailto:ASA100CLUB@gmail.com) for more info. The more members we have, the more we raise for Ashlyns.

Our catering partner, Accent Catering, make all their pre-packaged goods fresh everyday on site. They have been busy training their teams, introducing new recipes, packaging and labelling systems to ensure they are fully prepared to comply with these new regulations. This affects all sandwiches, bread products, pre-wrapped bakery goods, salad boxes and in fact, any food item that is offered for sale in a sealed package or container.

Students will see new products in new packaging and new labelling. The recipes have been developed to meet the needs of most of our pupils but if your son or daughter cannot find what they are looking for, they only need to ask one of the catering team who will be delighted to assist them. The extensive allergen controls remain in place but the team remains committed to providing special diets and requirements on request, if they are not covered by the core menu.

Two draws took place this week to catch up after the summer holidays. Congratulations to the winners.

July Draw:

1st prize - J Rollit

2nd prize - J Spiers

3rd prize - F Ripley

August:

1st prize - C Green

2nd prize - M Kruck

3rd prize - S Watts