



## Next Week - Week 2

### COVID-19 Vaccinations (12 - 15 years)

The School Aged Immunisation Service was unfortunately unable to vaccinate all students with consent on Wednesday. The Hertfordshire Immunisation Team has asked us to convey their apologies for the frustration and disappointment this may have caused. They have assured us that they are in the process of urgently looking at contingency plans, to ensure those students receive their vaccination in the near future. We will share this information as soon as it is received.

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

### Presentation Evening Winners

Congratulations to all those notified winners from last year's Year 11 and Year 13 students, including the recipients of the Special Awards, who were sent the link to the pre-recorded Presentation Evening earlier this week. We will be in touch in the near future to arrange collection of your trophies and citations. Well done, all!

### Careers: Martin-Baker Engineering Event

On 12 October Martin-Baker will be running a series of exciting engineering workshops as part of our Careers Programme. [Martin-Baker](#) are the world leaders in the manufacture of ejection seats and safety-related equipment for aviation. The workshops are open to students from Y8-11; more information can be found [here](#). If your child is interested in a career in engineering please discuss this opportunity with them and complete [this form](#) by 30 September. Please note the group size is limited to 30 students per year.

### 'Empowered' Poetry Competition

There is an opportunity for budding poets to enter a competition with the theme "Empowered". It is open for 11-18 year olds who have a powerful message that they would like to share in the form of a poem. The deadline for entries is 22 October. Please ask in the LRC for more details, or [see this poster](#), where you will find a link to the competition's website. Entries must be made directly to the organiser but let the LRC know if you are entering in order to earn House Points. Good luck!

### Science Faculty Update

We would like to share this term's [online lecture programme](#) from the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory. The talks are extremely entertaining and highly recommended for students and their families. They will be available on youtube following the event and Mrs Lowe, Head of Science, will provide an update on the lectures in future e-Bulletins. We will be holding 2 online events for KS3 students in lessons during October from the Particle Physics Team at the Laboratory. More details will follow.

## Key Dates

- Year 8 Information Evening has been pre-recorded for parents and shared this afternoon
- Tues 28 Sept: Y7 Information Evening - [letter sent this week](#)
- Thurs 30 Sept: Y13 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening (online)
- Fri 8 Oct: INSET - school closed to students

## Congratulations

We are delighted to share the news that Mr Peters has been appointed as the Headteacher at The Misbourne School in Buckinghamshire and will take up this position in January 2022.

Since joining us in 2012, Mr Peters has been a key member of our school's leadership team and has been instrumental in our journey of continued improvement. Whilst our school community will miss him enormously, I am sure you will all want to join me in congratulating him on his appointment and wishing him the very best of luck for his new role.

His new school is lucky to have him and we hope he will continue to stay in touch with his Ashlyns family.

Congratulations Mr Peters!



## LRC Year 7 Spooky Creative Writing Competition

The LRC is currently running a 500 word *Spooky Stories* writing competition for our Year 7 students. All student entries will receive House points and a selection of shortlisted stories will be read aloud by staff at a lunchtime **Halloween event**. The winning entry will be published in the school magazine *The Peggy*. Entries to be submitted to [rlambert@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:rlambert@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) by 11 October.

## House Events

This year's House Competition is underway and a full list of activities can be [found here](#). Please encourage your child to participate in as many activities as possible to support their House! Bourne has taken an early lead with a flurry of early merits whereas reigning champions Coram are in fourth place. These are, of course, early days.....

Current house points

Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
3286	2609	2711	2902
1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>

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## ASA

### Halloween Disco Y7 & Y8 - 15 October

Get your creepiest costumes ready for a spooktacular evening on Friday 15 October. More details to follow.

### AGM and General meeting - Tuesday 19 October - 7pm - venue tbc

All are welcome to join our annual AGM, followed by a brief general ASA meeting. Details to follow.

### CRAFT FAIR - Sunday 21 November - 11am to 4pm

The Craft Fair returns this term and we can't wait to welcome you to this, one of the biggest local fairs and a great fundraiser. More info will follow in the lead up to the event, but if you are a parent, carer or teacher who would like to exhibit at the fair, please send an email request to join the waiting list with a confirmation of whether you require a large table (10-12ft) or small table (6-8ft) and/or electricity, which will help us to see if we have availability. [craffair@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:craffair@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) and follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ashlyns.craftfair>

## Safeguarding: Responding To Online challenges

Online challenges and scares are becoming more frequent. It's important for professionals and parents to know what to do when they arise in order to de-escalate them. Parents can watch this short [new video from UK Safer Internet Centre \(UKSIC\)](#) to find out more.

## Tooled Up at Ashlyns

*Tooled Up Education* have added over 30 brand new resources to their library, accessible to Ashlyns parents as part of our *Tooled Up School* status. Topics cover **making friends, starting at a new school, starting at university, how to be an effective and reflective learner** - and many more. [Click here for more information.](#)

Tooled Up are also running a series of free, evening webinars for **Tooled Up Mental Health Education week** - all the details are in the link above.

## Music Lessons

The majority of music lessons have begun. The timetables are posted on Google Classroom (class code nq4d5yw); they are also 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 [music tuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:music tuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

## Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, or if your financial circumstances have changed, please contact Mrs Hallahan at the school for further information or Hertfordshire County Council on 0300 123 4048 [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals)