



Next Week - Week 2

Attendance reporting procedures - to speed up the process of recording morning daily absence, and ensure we have accurate records of symptoms, we are now asking parents to report children's absence by 0830 each morning using our [online google form here](#) which will be added to the website.

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

A reminder to all students please to continue with twice-weekly lateral flow testing. Top-up kits have been made available today in school.

Safeguarding

1. **NSPCC Image Remover.** The NSPCC have introduced a new Report Remove tool whereby children, young people and adults can report nude images of them that are circulating on social media and ensure they are taken down. The tool can be accessed [here](#).
2. **Parent drivers.** If you bring your child to school by car we ask that you please drive carefully and respect local residents. It is vital that the area remains safe so students are not placed in danger due to inconsiderate driving. Concerns have been expressed by police and residents that some cars are inappropriately parked across driveways, blocking pavements or even on residents' properties. Congestion would be eased and the safety of students better assured if parents who need to collect their children waited further from the school site. If you do travel close to the site via Chesham Road, please ensure you park only on the school side of the road, and not in the turning circle.
3. **The Herts for Learning online safety newsletter** for parents and carers can be found [here](#) and includes reviews and details about:
 - Parents' and Carers' Guide: *Let's talk about life online* – Childnet
 - Parent Zone: Parent Resources
 - *Report Remove: Remove a nude image shared online* – Childline UKCIS Digital Passport
 - *Cyber security: a guide for parents and carers* – Thinkyouknow
 - *What to do if your child sees something inappropriate online* – NetAware
 - *What to do if you are worried about something that has happened to your child online* – NetAware
 - *Social media and mental health* – Young Minds

Rotary Club Firework Display

The Rotary firework event will be held on Saturday 6th November; tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from the Ashlyns school office. Tickets cost £8 for adults, £5 for children and £22 for a family ticket; prices are higher on the night so it is worth buying in advance. Please pay with correct cash or cheques made payable to RCBB.

Covid Testing Kits

Key Dates



- Fri 8 Oct: INSET: school closed to students
- Thurs 14 Oct: Y11 PTC (online)
- Weds 20 Oct: Into the 6th Evening (virtual)
- 25 Oct: Half Term
- Thurs 4 Nov: Y12 PTC (online)
- 19 Nov: Y11 trial exams begin
- 21 Nov: ASA Craft Fair
- 26 Nov: Occasional Day, school closed
- 29 Nov: INSET day, school closed to students


Attendance



Forms with the highest attendance w/e 01 Oct:

7B3 97.6%
 8C2 100%
 9C1 94.1%
 10H1 94%
 11B2 97.8%

House Points

 [Current house points](#) 

| Bourne | Coram | Handel | Raven |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6396 | 5550 | 5345 | 5592 |
|  1 st | 3 rd | 4 th | 2 nd |

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Christmas Hamper Raffle

We are now making our preparations for this year's Christmas Hamper raffle and would very much appreciate your donations, which we will be collecting after half term (details to follow). Last year's raffle was extremely successful mainly due to the amount and quality of the donations received so your generosity would again be

From Monday morning, form tutors will have more covid lateral flow test kits for students who are taking part in home testing.

Cake Sale

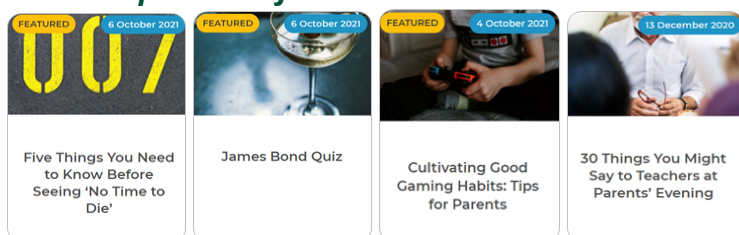
The sixth form students are holding a cake sale on 22nd October at the back of the canteen at lunchtime to raise funds for their Wamba Charity.

Music Lessons

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 by Monday 11th October. Any queries regarding music lessons please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Tooled Up at Ashlyns



Here at *Tooled Up*, we are listening and responding to your questions and queries. Based on parents' requests, we have introduced a resource that can help introduce boundaries to [children's gaming habits](#), one that can aid [the home-school partnership](#) and make parents' evenings a little easier.

Here is a menu of what we are offering in November:

4th November - Just in time for bonfire night, we'll be having a fascinating chat about [Children's Relationship to Fire and Fire-setting](#), with criminologist and author, Joanna Foster.

Later in November, Dr Weston is hosting a Mental Health Education Week for *Tooled Up* Schools. All webinars are free for you to attend:

15th November - [Anger Management Strategies](#) with Dr Anna Colton

16th November - [What Every Parent Needs to Know About Self-Harm](#) with national expert, Professor Ellen Townsend

17th November - [The Importance of Sleep for Mental Health](#) with Joanna Kippax of Wye Sleep

18th November - [OCD and Anxiety: A Parent's Guide](#) with psychiatrist, Dr Anna Conway Morris

19th November - [The Role of the Clinical Psychologist in Supporting Young People's Mental Health](#) with Dr Tamsyn Noble

On 25th November, we welcome Claire Harvey MBE as a guest expert to our [Promoting Excellent Mental Health in LGBTQ+ Teens](#) webinar. Click the link to join us.

massively appreciated. Please note the hamper themes to help with your donations

Year 7 & 13: Christmas

Year 8 & 12: Food from around the world

Year 9 & 11: Treat yourself

Year 10: Garden & Outdoors

Festival of Light Tombola

We have been lucky enough to have secured a Tombola Stall at this year's Festival of Light which is brilliant news. Once again we will have a Tombola theme of "Drink and Chocolate" and would again request your donations to support this, which we will start collecting after half term (details to follow).

ASA 100 Club

This is a great way to raise money for Ashlyns and 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 October draw. Email ASA100CLUB@gmail.com for more info. The more members we have, the more we raise for Ashlyns. Congratulations to the winners of the September draw:

1st prize - S Wiggs

2nd prize - F Thompson

3rd prize - J Rollit

ASA AGM and General meeting, 19 Oct, 7.30pm - venue tbc

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