



## Next Week - Week 1

**Attendance reporting procedures** - to speed up the process of recording morning daily absence and late arrivals, 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 can also be found on the school 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.

## Covid Vaccination Programme

Please click [here](#) for a letter from the NHS with an update on the vaccination programme for children aged 12-15.

## Duke of Edinburgh - Year 10

Good luck to all those Year 10s completing their Bronze Expedition this weekend!

## Communications with school

We aim to deal as efficiently as possible with queries and information you send in; we would like politely to remind parents to email in to [admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) if you wish to contact us, which enables us to direct your request to the most appropriate person and respond at a time when staff are available, instead of telephoning. **Our communications guidance can be found [here](#)** as a reminder, along with response times. Our support staff can be dealing with many lines of enquiry at any one time, and teachers are busy teaching from 0830-1520 and unable to take calls, so we thank all our parents for approaching conversations with staff in a polite and patient manner.

## Y11

Year 11 students have received their statement of entries for the **Year 11 trial exams** this week in registration. This information can also be found on Insight under Assessments/Examination Timetable.

Year 11 students have been offered the opportunity to attend a virtual 30 minute session by **Dr van der Spoel on memory techniques** next Thursday at 5pm; we have a few places still remaining so if you would like your child to attend, please ask them to [fill out this Google form](#). If they have already filled it out on Google Classroom, they have been allocated a space and they do not need to do so again. Students who are allocated a space will receive an envelope next week with the Zoom login details that they need.

## Careers Engineering Workshops with Martin-Baker

This week, students in Year 8-13 had the opportunity of participating in a series of dynamic workshops led by aviation safety specialists Martin-Baker. The hands-on sessions gave students an insight into STEM career pathways and

## Key Dates

- 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 07 Oct:

7C2 97.8%

8H1 95.5%

9H2 99.5%

10R2 94.4%

11B1 95.1%

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
7987	6961	6550	6955
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>

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## Vacancies

[Foreign Language Assistant](#)

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

apprenticeship opportunities. Students had the chance to sit in a demonstration fighter-pilot's ejection seat and also try out a scaled rocket-sled test track which reproduced the conditions of a full-scale ejection. The team at Martin-Baker commented: *'The high level of engagement, the insightful questions and the polite manner of the students are all testament to the high standards at Ashlyns.'* One of our Year 8 students said, *'The event was really exciting and inspiring and I'm now considering a career in engineering'*.

### Careers Webinars

A series of recorded careers webinars aimed at Years 10-13 is available to students on the [Hertfordshire Opportunities Portal](#). These webinars enable students to hear from employers and employees in a wide range of careers, including medicine, hospitality, fashion, psychology, film and media, and many more. They are a great starting point for students researching any career. There are also live webinars every Thursday between 4.30 and 5.30, available on the same link.

### Punctuality

A reminder please that students should be **on site and heading to tutor rooms by 0830 each morning, ready for registration at 0835.**

### Stakeholder Survey

As you may be aware, at the end of the last academic year, all stakeholders (staff, parents/carers and students) were invited to complete a survey to give their views on a range of topics. The findings of the surveys have been summarised in [this letter](#) to parents/carers. Thank you to everyone who completed a survey.

### Safeguarding

#### (1) Social Media and Gaming Research

We are working with a team of researchers from the University of Leicester, UCL and Anglia Ruskin University who are conducting government-funded research on young people's experiences of gendered, sexual risks and harms online during COVID-19. The online survey is for young people aged 13 to 18 years old and takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete. The questions ask students about their experiences of using social media and gaming platforms during COVID-19, and their experiences of online risks and harms.

In order for your child(ren) to participate, they must first have a parent sign the consent form which can be found [here](#) along with brief information about the purpose and use of data gathered. Students would complete the survey at school with a school staff member present.

#### (2) Online Safety

Apple have a handy Guided Access feature. It effectively keeps the phone or tablet locked on one app – so if you say 'yes' to a quick game of Angry Birds, for example, then *that* is all a child will be able to do on your device. For more information please click [here](#).

### Sports Leaders- Primary School Cross Country

Tuesday saw our Year 10 and Year 8 Sports Leaders helping out at their first district event. Having been delayed by the pandemic for almost 2 years, over 30 students were finally able to help the Dacorum Schools Sports Manager and her team host the annual cross country. With over 8 primary schools in attendance the competition and enjoyment was high.

### 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.

### ASA

#### AGM & General Meeting - Tuesday 19th October - 7.30pm - ONLINE

All are welcome to join our AGM - we need as many as possible to ensure we reach our quorum for voting, so please do join us. Our general meeting straight after will be a quick catch-up on current fundraisers, but if you have an idea for an event, or if you're a new parent and want to hear about what we do, we'd love to 'see' you!

Google Meet link:

<https://meet.google.com/ceo-rfzi-hbk>

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

We're excited to welcome back visitors and our local businesses and designer-makers with their unique handmade products, to our Craft Fair; one of the biggest (and best!) local fairs. Don't miss this great opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done early, all under one roof, with free parking. Our Cafe will be serving refreshments and hot and cold food all day. All money raised goes straight back to enrich the educational environment of our students, so please come along. This year we've made it covid compliant with more space to make you feel safe and comfortable.

You can also support the event with advertising in the event brochure. We have very affordable advertising rates, and the brochure is given out

Clare McCawley, the DSSSN, said: *'The year 10s were great at supporting the little ones and generally really enthusiastic - Big shout out to Leon and Chris who ran pretty much all the races.....the best leaders in the district'*.

Keep an eye out for future events and training as we work our way through the backlog caused by the last few years.

to all our visitors, which previously has been over 1000. Please send your request to:

[craffair@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:craffair@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

## Sports Fixtures, results

Date	Year	Sport	Opposition	Result
11 Oct	10 boys	County Cup Football	Freman College	4-4 AET win after penalties
12 Oct	Y8A & 10A	Netball	JFK	W5-2 % W22-2
12 Oct	Y9	County Cup Football	Marlborough	W8-2
12 Oct	Y10	Rugby	Tournament	3rd
13 Oct	U13 Girls	District Football	Tournament	A7B qualified for top league
14 Oct	U13 Girls	ESFA Cup Football	Great Marlow	W9-0
14 Oct	Y9	ESFA Cup Football	Windsor Boys	L2-6

## Santa Sleigh with Rotary Club

We have now had our participation confirmed as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 5.30pm to 8pm; a real fun evening working with Father Christmas collecting locally. A request for volunteers has already been circulated and we have a few more 'Elves' to find. Please volunteer if you can and if you do not have the request then just drop and email to the ASA at

[asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

## Tooled Up at Ashlyns

Earlier this week, it was World Mental Health Day, so now seems the perfect time to remind you of the vast array of evidence-based resources linked to mental health and wellbeing in the Tooled Up library. Our [wellbeing](#) category currently contains 160 resources and is growing constantly, in response to your needs.

We can't wait for our very own Mental Health Education Week, exclusively for our Tooled Up community, starting on 15 November. Get ready for a week of evening webinars, all of which are open for registration now! Find out about [anger management strategies](#) with Dr Anna Colton, [self-harm](#) with national expert, Professor Ellen Townsend, [the importance of sleep for mental health](#) with Joanna Kippax of Wye Sleep, [OCD and anxiety](#) with psychiatrist Dr Anna Conway Morris, and the [role of clinical psychologists in supporting young people's mental health](#) with Dr Tamsyn Noble. Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis. Make sure you don't miss out by registering now!

## Donation Reminder

Please remember we will be collecting donations for our Christmas Hampers, Christmas (Festival of Light) Tombola and Bags2School after half term so please start saving these items for us. Full details will be in next week's bulletin

## 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.