



Next Week- Week 1

Attendance reporting procedures - to speed up the process of recording morning daily absence, late arrivals and appointments, 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. This form can also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

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

Lateral Flow Testing

From next week we will return to twice-weekly lateral flow testing at home for students and staff, ideally Sunday night and Wednesday night. This will be kept under constant review in consultation with the Public Health Team.

Masks

Due to the environmental impact, we no longer provide free disposable masks. From Monday students are able to obtain a reusable, washable mask from the dining room in the morning. These masks are £1 each, payable by cash.

LRC Great British Book Bake Off

On **Monday 15 November** the LRC will be hosting our popular book-themed baking competition for Year 7 students. We are looking for cake creations in the form of a favourite book, character or scene. Your cake can be in any form such as tray bakes, biscuits, cupcakes etc. Cakes need to be delivered to the LRC before registration on Monday morning with the prize giving ceremony at lunchtime at 1.30pm. There are lots of amazing prizes to be won along with House points for each entry.

Ready, steady, bake..!

Foundling Talk

Berkhamsted Local History Society is running an event on Weds 17th November 8pm in Berkhamsted Town Hall. Lydia Carmichael will be giving a presentation on her life as a foundling at what is now Ashlyns School, then the Foundling Hospital. All are welcome, visitors will pay £3 cash on the door. A one-way system and covid guidelines are in place at the Town Hall.

Watford Careers Fair

Generation Watford are holding a virtual careers fair on **Tuesday 9 November** for students and parents to connect with local businesses and explore career opportunities. Meet world-class local employers championing careers in Construction, Healthcare, Nursing and Film and Media. The sessions include entry-level skills and qualifications, how to plan your next steps and how to apply for local jobs through apprenticeship and graduate programmes. Registration details can be found [here](#).

Key Dates

- 19 Nov: Y11 trial exams and study leave 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 22 Oct:

7R2 96.0%
8B2 97.7%
9B2 98.3%
10B1 95.4%
11H1 95.4%

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
11483	10271	9686	10098
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd
05/11/2021			

Vacancies

- Lead Cover Supervisor
- Sport and Fitness Leader
- Fitness Instructor/Gym Administrator - *Aspire2fitness*

For full details please click [here](#)

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 musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Amazon Careers Event

On Tuesday 23 November, students in Year 9 will have the opportunity to participate in a virtual behind-the-scenes tour of Amazon to understand the computer technology and state-of-the-art engineering that underpins customer order fulfillment.

If your child is interested in a career in computer science or engineering, please discuss this opportunity with them and complete this [form](#) by Friday 12 November. The event will start at 10am in the LRC for one hour.

Safeguarding

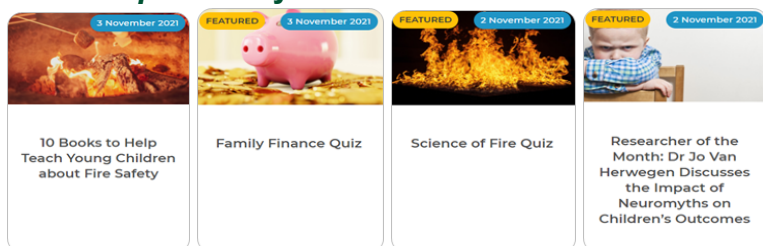
As the nights draw in, personal safety when travelling to and from school is increasingly important - please discuss with your child measures such as reflective straps on backpacks, bright waterproof coats and awareness of how pedestrians are difficult for drivers to spot in dark conditions.

We have also reiterated to students today a reminder of 'stranger-danger' following an incident earlier this week in town.

Sports Results

Sport	Result
Y11 Netball vs Tring	Won 19-18
Senior Netball v Tring	Lost
Y7B Boys Football v Fulham	L5-1
U13 Girls Rugby Tring	Winners
U16 Girls Football v Chancellors	Won 4-0
U13 Girls Football v Salesian	Won 1-0
U15 Girls Football v RHS	Won 7-4
Y10A Netball V Abbot's Hill School	Postponed
Y10A Football V Beaumont	Lost 1-0 in extra time

Tooled Up at Ashlyns



- Listen to our [fascinating interview](#) with Dr Jo Van Herwegen about the potentially damaging impact that common neuromyths can have on children's outcomes, particularly if they have neurodevelopmental conditions. How many of them would you believe to be true?
- Just in time for Bonfire Night, try our [quiz about the science of fire](#). Each question has two answers - one more simplified answer suitable for younger children and a second more in depth response, appropriate for secondary pupils, as well as a [list of books](#) to help teach young children about fire safety.
- Did you know that children's habits and thinking about money are generally established by the time they are 7? Helping children to

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Sanitary Products

Matron has a huge supply of sanitary products for students to use.

ASA

Donations

The ASA are now full steam ahead on our fundraising events for the year end and desperately need your good quality donations to make these the success that we have enjoyed in the past. The events which you can support through your donations are: [Bags2School](#) – unwanted clothes and accessories. **Festival of Light Tombola** – drinks and chocolates. [Christmas Hampers](#) – themed donations - Food from around the world, Treat Yourself, Garden and Outdoors and Christmas. Your help and generosity is, as always, most appreciated.

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 November 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 October draw: 1st prize - N Shukla 2nd prize - D Mills 3rd prize - T Harris

become financially literate is a crucial life skill. To give you a headstart, try our finance quiz to test your whole family's financial knowledge. It's available either as [questions to read off the screen](#) (or print out) and as [quiz cards](#), to make it into a real game.

- Mental Health Education Week is 2 weeks away: our evening webinars (with leading experts discussing a host of issues relating to mental health and wellbeing) are filling up fast. Tickets are on a first come, first served, basis.. Find out more and book on the [Tooled Up Education homepage](#).