



Next Week- Week 2

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 [flowchart](#) which summarises simply how attendance works should you have Covid symptoms.

Please would students perform their lateral flow test on Monday evening next week, before returning to school after the INSET day

Christmas Tree

We would like to thank *Christmas Tree Place*, Berkhamsted for their generosity in donating the school Christmas Tree again this year. The tree was grown less than a mile from Ashlyns. Their Christmas Tree farm and retail site is open now and located 200 metres from the Berkhamsted A41 junction on the Chesham Road. Please visit [their website](#) for more information.

Uniform

A reminder please that, whilst students are permitted to wear coats and jumpers in school in addition to their blazers, these must still be in line with our uniform code which can be found [here](#).

Parent Forum

Our termly meeting of Parent Forum took place on Monday evening; we discussed the start of term, including transition for Year 7, Covid-related items such as testing and masks, recovery premium funding (previously known as 'catch-up') and our whole school curriculum intent. Our group of parents provided, as ever, extremely valuable feedback and discussion points on these important items which will be extremely helpful to us going forward. Thank you to those parents for giving up their time. If you would be interested in exploring the possibility of being part of Parent Forum, please email Fiona Thompson on ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Careers

(1) Amazon experience: this week a group of Year 9 students had a chance to look behind the scenes at an **Amazon distribution centre** to see first-hand how careers in computer science, robotics and programming underpin the customer experience.

(2) Apprenticeships

- *Amazing Apprenticeships* offer a useful resource for parents interested in researching the benefits and types of apprenticeship roles available at 16+.
- *Find an apprenticeship* is the government's central vacancy portal, advertising live apprenticeship vacancies across the country, with

Key Dates

- 29 Nov: INSET day, school closed to students
- 30 Nov: Y11 trial exams and study leave continue,
- 30 Nov-3 Dec: Visitor Car Park Closed 8-9 am
- 6 Dec: Y13 Trial Exams Start
- 21 Dec: Last Day of Term, 12.30 Finish
- 21 Dec: Christmas Jumper Day, Non-Uniform (Christmas Jumper Optional)

Communications

- [DofE Silver Programme Launch](#)
- [DofE Bronze Programme Launch](#)

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance, w/e 12 Nov:

- 7H1 97.3%
- 8C2 96%
- 9C2 98.2%
- 10R2 96.3%
- 11B2 98.6%

House Points

Current house points				
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven	
16840	14930	14086	14626	
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd	
25/11/2021				

Vacancies

- [Premises Site Assistant](#)
- [Teaching Assistant 18hrs](#)
- [Foreign Language Assistant](#)
- [Aspire2Fitness Gym Manager](#)
- [Aspire2Fitness Fitness Instructor](#)

thousands of vacancies available in a variety of roles, sectors and levels. Parent/carer information can be found [here](#).

- The resource *Understanding Degree Apprenticeships* can be found on the Tooled Up education resource which is available to all Ashlyns parents/carers. Details on how to create an account, and log in, can be found [here](#).
- For students interested in a career in Law, Hogan Lovells *First Steps to Law Programme* will enable you to get a taste of what a career in commercial law might look like through their free virtual work experience programme. Registration details can be found [here](#).

Flu Vaccine

Vaccination UK have advised that any students who missed their Flu vaccination in school can call this number to book. 01462 341173.

Safeguarding - 'Play Safe'

(1) The Football Association and the NSPCC have launched 'Play Safe', a national campaign to focus attention on the vital importance of safeguarding in football. At the heart of the campaign are three short films to emphasise the importance of safeguarding for key groups of people, crucially children themselves.

One aspect of the campaign is prompting parents to ask questions:

- Do you know your child's club Welfare Officer/contact number?
- If so, do you have their tel no. in your 'phone, as well as that of the NSPCC?
- Are you up to speed with your child's club's safeguarding policies and procedures?
- Do you regularly check-in with your child to see what they are enjoying/not enjoying and why?

More information can be found here: <https://www.thefa.com/PlaySafe>

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston

Thanks to all of you who came along to our bonanza week of mental health webinars. For those of you who missed them live, but would like the chance to catch up, the [recordings](#) are now all to be found in the Tooled Up library, along with full notes.

Expert webinars coming up, and other resources:

- Today (25th) at 8pm: how to promote excellent mental health in LGBTQ+ teens; including research evidence and will discuss what needs to happen at home and at school to ensure teens have positive self-esteem and a great support network. [Book your free ticket now](#).
- 13th December: educational audiologist Dr Joy Rosenberg, from Oxford Audiology Solutions discussing how families with children who are deaf or hearing impaired can build resilience. Public tickets are available [here](#) but you can enter your promo code Thrive2021 at the top left at the checkout to get your ticket for free as a parent at a Tooled Up school.
- If you have teens embarking on their GCSE year, make sure that you share our [GCSE tips video](#) and [tip sheet](#) with them to improve their organisation and mindset throughout this important year.
- Our interview with Susan Smith from *All Things Careers* provides really usable information on [degree apprenticeships](#) and a video on the UCAS application process will be in the library soon.

Don't forget to follow Tooled up on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), where we are running competitions for parents in Tooled Up schools and keeping you updated on new resources.

Roger Warren

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Roger Warren, Headteacher from 1980 to 1998 has passed away. Longstanding staff and parents who attended Ashlyns will remember Roger with fondness and our condolences are with his family.

From the ASA

We are now into the final few days where you can make your much valued donations to help raise much needed funds for the school. The events which you can support through your donations are:

[Bag2School](#)– Unwanted clothes and accessories

LAST DAY TO DONATE:
Tuesday 30th November

Festival of Light Tombola –

Drinks and chocolates

LAST DAY TO DONATE:
Friday 26th November

[Christmas Hamper](#)– Themed donations - **Food from around the world, Treat Yourself, Garden and Outdoors and Christmas**

LAST DAY TO DONATE:
Friday 3rd December

Christmas Wreath Kits -

back by popular demand!

You can place your wreath-making kit orders via email to the ASA. **Deadline to order is Today, Friday 26th Nov**, with collection will be on Saturday 11th Dec. [See flyer](#)

Volunteers

The ASA is looking for volunteers for its tombola at this year's Berkhamsted Festival of Lights on Sunday 28 November. If you can spare some time please sign up via [this link](#).