



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.

Christmas Tree

Thank you again to Christmas Tree Place for donating the beautiful tree for our reception area. We also have two in the canteen for students to enjoy. If you are looking to get your tree locally they can be found just up the road from Ashlyns School: please click [here](#) for their website.



Safeguarding

- Our evidence-informed work on strengthening a culture of gender equality and reducing harmful sexualised behaviours online is already well advanced this year. This week, a detailed [report on youth-based experience of imaged-based sexual harassment and abuse](#) was released, containing recommendations for professionals and parents. **It recommends that parents should:**
 - Avoid taking an overly negative and disciplinary approach to your child's technology use
 - Be non-judgemental and supportive towards your child's online activities.
 - Initiate open conversations with your child about the sending of nude images and problems that can ensue.
 - Initiate conversations with your child about their social media usage and privacy settings
 - Support your child's understanding of consent, bodily autonomy, equality and ethical decision making.

[More detailed information can be found on pages 60-61 of the link above]

- There is a [useful resource for parents and carers that can be accessed here](#) when considering if your child is well enough to attend school. It contains a **range of information about illnesses in children and when a child should return to school after being ill.**

Careers

InvestIn have designed a Christmas Careers Calendar with 12 days'-worth of industry insights, allowing students to explore the world's most desirable careers over the festive period. This combines exclusive activities, useful resources,

Key Dates

- 21 Dec: Last day of term, 12.30 finish for students; Christmas Jumper Day, non-uniform (Christmas Jumper optional)
- 5 Jan: Return for Y7,11, 12 & 13 Please click [here](#) for staggered times
- 6 Jan: Return for Y8,9 & 10. Please click [here](#) for staggered times.

Communications

- [Return to School in January \(on site lateral flow tests permission\)](#)

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance, w/e 03 Dec:

- 7H1 98.3%
- 8R2 100%
- 9H2 97%
- 10H2 98.6%

House Points



Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
19057	19081	18084	19020
2 nd	1 st	4 th	3 rd



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Vacancies

- [ICT Support Technician Apprentice](#)
- [Premises Site Assistant Temporary Contract](#)
- [Premises Assistant Permanent Full Time](#)
- [Foreign Language Assistant](#)
- [Aspire2Fitness Gym Manager](#)
- [Aspire2Fitness Fitness Instructor](#)
- [Aspire2Fitness Gym Administrator \(casual post\)](#)
- [Cover Supervisor](#)

advice from professionals on how to break into their chosen career. Details can be found [here](#).

Football success

Congratulations to both the U13 and U15 Girls Football teams who won their games in the ESFA National Cup. Both teams progress through to the last 32 of their respective competitions. Well done, girls!



Inter-House Cross-Country

Last week saw all students in Years 7 to 11 take part in the annual inter-house cross-country competition. Students completed two laps of the 1.4km course on site and every finisher scored points for their respective houses. There were some fantastic results across all year groups including a new course record! Well done to all who took part.



Year 7 Winners	Raven
Year 8 Winners	Coram
Year 9 Winners	Raven
Year 10 Winners	Coram

Overall Results	
1st	Raven
2nd	Handel
3rd	Coram
4th	Bourne

6th Form Raffle

As part of their Dragons Apprentice initiative, a group of 6th formers are raising money for Waterways Experiences, by holding a raffle. The raffle prizes include: £200 Amazon voucher, Waterways experience half a day boat trip, Dinner for 2 at the Grove in Watford and a hamper.

To enter the raffle, students can go to Science Block 2 (Miss Johnstone's classroom) with their entrance fee during form or email sailoutcharityevent@gmail.com

Each entry costs £2 and the draw will take place at the end of January.

Lunch on Wednesday 15 December

Accent Catering will be offering roast dinner as usual on Wednesday 15 December with some extra festive trimmings and cheer at the usual meal-deal price of £2.30 - payable on the day using a lunch card. Please make sure accounts are topped-up. A selection of the usual grab-and-go items will still be available if desired.

From The ASA:
Christmas Wreath Kit Collection is this Saturday - 11th Dec 10-12 from school reception.

Bags 2 School

Thank you to everyone who donated their clothes and accessories for our Bags2School collection. This was tremendously successful for a 3rd time this year with a 950kg collection raising **£285!**

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 November ASA draw:

1st prize - L Poulton
2nd prize - F Thompson
3rd prize - M Armitage

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston

We've been continuing our resource revamp this week, with new versions of:

- [Raising a Resilient Child](#)
- Anxiety [Wobble Worksheet](#)
- [I Want to Wow my Wobbles](#).

New resources:

- [webinar](#) about promoting excellent mental health in LGBTQ+ teens
- [useful sources of support](#) for LGBTQ+ teens and their families. You can also listen to our latest
- podcast interview where we chat with [Dr Gemma Lewis](#) about the development of mental health problems in teens and early interventions that can help.
- [20 important facts to know about deafness](#) and also an
- [250 useful websites and resources](#) for deaf children, their families and schools.
- Webinar on December 13th at 7.30pm, where Dr Weston will be talking about building resilience in deaf children with educational audiologist and teacher of the deaf, Dr Joy Rosenberg. [Book your free tickets now](#).