



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 updated [flowchart](#) in line with the new guidance (outlined below) which summarises simply how attendance works.

COVID Vaccination

Please see the [letter from the Headteacher](#) sent out this week regarding masks and the new date for the covid vaccinations in school. The deadline to complete the consent form is noon on Wednesday 26th January.

If your child cannot get the vaccination in school you can book online:

[Book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment](#)

[Find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#)

Year 11 Study Sessions

We have been delighted with the take up of our subject specific study and revision sessions for Year 11; these have been very well attended this week. We appreciate your support in continuing to encourage students to do at least one study session per day, either lunchtime or after school, as part of their daily two hours of home learning or revision. Home learning should always be completed first, and the remaining time should be made up (or added to) with revision classes or independent study. The subject study sessions timetable can be found [here](#) and Session 6 runs every night except Friday in the LRC, with the addition of a Session 7 until 5.20 on Wednesdays.

Year 9 Options

Our Year 9 students will soon be choosing their GCSE options. To help inform these choices in the lead up to our virtual Options Evening on 10 February, students are using Unifrog, our online careers destinations platform, in tutor time. Unifrog has a vast library of resources relating to different careers and university choices, and is extremely easy to navigate. It's a very useful resource for students to use at home as well as in tutor time to research particular careers and courses.

Careers in Film & TV Special Effects

We will be hosting a virtual VFX careers talk for **Year 8 on Tuesday 1 February from 9.45am - 11am** offering students an insight into the special effects industry which will feature work created by Industrial Light and Magic including *Star Wars*, *The Book of Bobba Fett* and *The Mandalorian*. As this event is being held in the LRC numbers are limited to 45 students. Please register your child using this [form](#). Registration will close at 9am on Tuesday 25 January and should we exceed our capacity we will operate a ballot system for places. You will receive an email to confirm a place or whether your child is on a waiting list.

Key Dates

- 26 Jan: Y11 Raising Achievement Evening (Virtual)
- 27 Jan: Covid Vaccination in School
- 28 Jan: Occasional Day, school closed
- 10 Feb: Year 9 Options Evening (Virtual)
- 14-18 Feb: Half Term

Communications

- [Letter from the Headteacher](#)

House Points

| Current house points | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bourne | Coram | Handel | Raven |
| 24774 | 24909 | 22833 | 24089 |
| 1 st | 2 nd | 4 th | 3 rd |
| 21/01/2022 | | | |

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 14 Jan:

7R1 98%
 8R1 98.2%
 9H2 98.3%
 10R2 96.5%
 11H2 98%

Vacancies

Support Staff

- [ICT Support Technician Apprentice](#)
- [Food & Textiles Technician](#)

Teaching Staff

- [Assistant Headteacher](#)
- [Inclusion Teacher](#)

Charity Quiz Night 28 Jan

A group of 6th form students are putting on a charity quiz night to raise funds for Community Action Dacorum. Please click [here](#) for more details.

Careers in Sport

This week Harvey Grout from Careers in Sports delivered an inspirational talk to our Year 9 and 10 students looking at the diverse professions in the sport and fitness industry and highlighting the skills and qualifications required.

Careers in Marketing & Communications

Brolly Marketing are hosting a free virtual careers event on 25 January from 4 - 5.30pm for students interested in a career in marketing and communications. Speakers include eBay, Warner Bros and Watford Football Club. Registration for this event can be made [here](#).

Dacorum Family Services

Dacorum Family Services are running a variety of free workshops for parents including [Confident Kids](#), Boundaries & Routines and Parenting Top Tips. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Safeguarding

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza DBE, has recently published a guidance document for parents helping to support them to understand online sexual harassment. It is a sensitive topic, and not one all parents feel comfortable discussing with their children.

The commissioner's team brought together a group of 16 - 21 year olds and asked them to talk about what they think parents should know, and what they should say to their children when talking about sexualised bullying and the pressures of growing up online.

Key advice from the young adults in the focus groups included:

- Start conversations early, before your child gets a phone or social media account. Keep the conversation going over time, adapting to your child.
- Young people want their parents to learn about new technology and trends, including risky behaviours and dangerous spaces online.
- Create a safe and trusting home environment. Young people told us the home environment is key, they want to share things with their parents but don't always feel able.

The report and poster 'The things I wish my parents had known...' can be downloaded [here](#):

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

Music Lessons

If you wish to withdraw or change music lessons for the Summer Term 2022, please email

SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk by **MONDAY 31st JANUARY**.

Any queries regarding music lessons please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

ASA News

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Rotary Club Santa Sleigh collection back in December which raised an impressive £460 for the ASA funds.

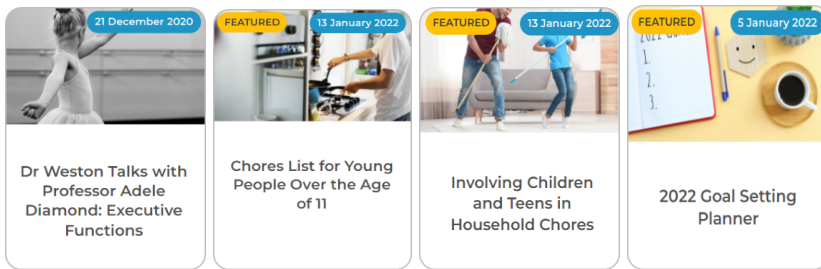
ASA 100 Club

This is a great way to raise money for Ashlyns School 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 January 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 December draw:

1st prize - J Spiers
2nd prize - J Parr
3rd prize - A Barsby

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Updated resources

- Giving children small chores around the home [podcast with Professor Adele Diamond](#)
- Age specific chores, [young people over the age of 11](#)
- [tips](#) for encouraging teens to get involved in chores
- Setting [goals for 2022](#)

We have several webinars planned for Tooled Up parents, which are now available to [book](#). Join us on February 8th for a discussion about the impact of pornography and gambling on teens with Dr Elly Hanson, or February 9th for a presentation about digital citizenship with our founder, Dr Kathy Weston.

Finally, we've added a brand new, exciting feature to the Tooled Up website this week. It is designed to help you find the resources that you need more quickly. Can you spot it? Let us know if you can, the first person to email the correct answer will win a Tooled Up water bottle.