



Next Week - Week 1

Friday 28 Jan: School Closed

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.

Year 11 Raising Achievement

Year 11 students have made an excellent start in their attendance to subject-specific revision sessions. We encourage all Year 11 students to be working on home learning or revision for two hours per day; attending a lunchtime and after school session means ticking off some of that time before they go home. The revision sessions timetable is [here](#); please do encourage your child to attend. If they would prefer silent study, Session 6 runs Monday-Thursday in the LRC from 3.20 to 4.20, and Session 7 also runs on Wednesdays from 4.20 to 5.20.

Raising Achievement presentations for each subject are available on the Raising Achievement page of our website [here](#), with the password that was sent home on Wednesday.

County Cross Country

The deadline for the annual Herts Cross Country Championship on Saturday 5 February at Westminster Lodge, St Albans, is today. If your son/daughter has not seen me to be entered and feels they are of a good enough standard to compete please email Mr Preston; jpreston@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk by 9pm tonight, with their name, year, form and DOB. Late entries are not accepted by the organisers

County Swimming

The County Competition will be on the 25th March. If you feel you are at the standard necessary to represent Dacorum in the swimming gala please come and collect an entry form from Mr Preston in the PE office. Deadline for the completed forms to be submitted is February 10th.

Careers

PwC are currently running a range of themed careers sessions for parents and carers to help students feel prepared when they start their career search. The sessions include: *building your confidence and personal brand* and *how to prepare for an interview*. Information on how to register can be found [here](#).

On Tuesday 8 February GlaxoSmithKline are hosting two STEM virtual apprentice open evenings where students can learn more about opportunities available in Research & Development and gain job application hints and tips. Information on how to register can be found [here](#).

Key Dates

- 10 Feb: Year 9 Options Evening (Virtual)
- 14-18 Feb: Half Term
- 24 Feb: Y10 PTC evening

Communications

- Y10 Parent Teacher Consultation Evening

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
25786	25924	23825	25081
2 nd	1 st	4 th	3 rd
27/01/2022			

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 21 Jan:

7H1 90%
8B1 99%
9C1 98%
10B1 97%
11B2 96.8%

Vacancies

Support Staff

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

Teaching Staff

- [Assistant Headteacher](#)
- [Teacher of A Level Physics](#)

Covid Vaccinations

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

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

Charity Quiz Night 28 Jan

A group of 6th form students are putting on a charity quiz night to raise funds for

Certificates from Summer 2021

GCSE and A level certificates from the Summer 2021 exams will be available to collect from Monday 31st January. Year 12 students can collect from the Sixth Form Office; ex-students can collect from Reception. If you would like someone to pick-up your certificates on your behalf, please email admin@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk as we require written permission.

Safeguarding

A great infographic with some reminders of strategies to use to build emotional resilience and health can be found [here](#) from the Family Lives charity which aims to offer all parents somewhere to turn before they reach crisis point. They have a helpline available Monday to Friday, 1.30 - 9pm on 0808 800 2222 and more information can be found on their website <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> which helps parents and carers with the ups and downs of family life.

Sports Results

Y7 A&B Netball vs JFK	A Won, B Lost
Y7A Netball Vs Hemel A	Won
U16 Girls District Futsal	Tournament Winners
U15 Girls Football vs FitzWimarc	L4-1
Y10B Netball vs Hemel	L47-11

Community Action Dacorum. Please click [here](#) for more details.

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.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



It's Holocaust Memorial Day today, January 27th. We've put together a [list of fiction and non-fiction books](#) for children and teens that can help them to learn about this important subject.

Internet Safety Day is also just around the corner and we'll be marking the occasion with two live webinars:

- February 8th, we'll be hosting a webinar with renowned clinical psychologist and researcher, Dr Elly Hanson, on the impact of explicit online images and gambling on our teens.
- February 9th, you can join us for a discussion about digital citizenship. [Book your free tickets now](#)

You might remember that last week, we asked if you could spot the new feature on the Tooled Up website. It is our fantastic new [Resource Index](#). It updates as soon as we add a new resource and lists everything on the site, by category. If you are logged in, you'll find it by clicking on the 'Resources' button on the homepage.