



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 08:30 each morning using our [online google form](#) which can also be found on the school website. This form can also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

Careers

West Herts College March Open Days The open days offer the chance to tour the campus, speak to tutors, and discover courses that match career ambitions. More information can be found here:

[Hemel Hempstead campus – Saturday 5 March 9.30am – 12.30pm](#)

[Watford campus – Saturday 12 March 9.30am – 1.30pm](#)

Year 10 - Session 6

Year 10 students are invited to attend a 'Session 6' each Thursday from 10 March to help with their independent work and study. It will take place in F107 & F108 from 15:20-16:20 every Thursday. Parental support, especially in the lead up to trials, would be greatly appreciated.

Extended Learning Day

On Wednesday 09 March, we will be holding Extended Learning Day (ELD). Below is an overview of what is happening on the day:

Year 7

Students should come to school in full PE Kit and will need a fully charged chromebook In Art, Drama & Music, students will work as a year group to produce a range of creative outcomes in response to the theme of "alone we are unique and beautiful, but together we make a masterpiece". In addition, students will participate in a workshop with 'Living the Dream Company' to produce a flash mob.

Year 8

Year 8 will be investigating Ashlyns' historical background as the Foundling Hospital and its links with London. In PRE, students will explore the religious influences on Thomas Coram. We are privileged to welcome a former foundling who will talk about her fascinating experiences at Ashlyns.

Years 9 & 10

We have devised an exciting careers-focused ELD day where students will have the chance to research career opportunities, find out about life at university and develop employability skills. In addition, students will be able to pre-select two industry specific talks from a number of external speakers including representatives from Broadcast Media, Law, Science, Engineering, Teaching, STEM and the Public Sector.

Key Dates

- 9 March: Extended Learning Day
- 17 March: Y7 PTC Evening
- 18 March: Non Uniform Day, Comic Relief
- 1 April: Last day of Term
- 19 April: Start of term

Communications

- [Advance Information GCSE & A Level Exams](#)
- [Y11 Easter Holiday and Saturday Revision Sessions](#)

House Points

Current house points				
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven	
30496	30436	28383	29301	
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd	
04/03/2022				

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance w/e 25 Feb:

7H1 95.7%
8B1 97%
9C2 97.5%
10R2 98.9%
11C1 96.7%

Vacancies

Support Staff

- [ICT Support Technician Apprentice](#)
- [Premises Site Support](#)

Teaching Staff

- [Teacher of Maths](#)
- [Teacher of English](#)
- [Teacher of Computer Science](#)
- [Teacher of Film/Media](#)

Berkhamsted Half Marathon - Sunday 06 March

The Berkhamsted Rotary Club organises a successful

Year 11

English Language and Maths assessments: **students should arrive at school for 9.30am** with a snack & water (there will be no breaktime provisions) and exam equipment in a clear pencil case or bag. Lunch will be provided in the canteen from 12.25 and the Maths exam starts at 1pm after which students will be dismissed - this will be an earlier finish with many finishing at 2.30pm.

Year 12

Students have a Careers Day including a presentation by Bucks University on applying to university and a talk on apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships. There will be a series of presentations including speakers from Spotify, Google, the Police force and Civil Service.

Year 13

Will be using ELD as a Study Day to prepare for upcoming exams.

Safeguarding

Mindful March Each month 'Action for Happiness' creates a daily calendar of activities to promote a sense of belonging and to encourage happiness for ourselves and others. This month's theme is 'Mindful March' and a copy of their daily activity calendar can be found [here](#).

Navigate: emotional support for parents [Navigate](#) is a national mentoring service that provides online emotional support for parents and carers of disabled children who are finding out about their child's additional needs.

Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Service The aim of the HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners is to ensure that children and young people can easily access evidence-based support, early in the development of the problem through workshops, groups and 1-1 interventions. To find out more and how to access the service please click [here](#).

PE Sports Clubs and Fixtures

You will have seen that we have been able to resume our full range of sporting fixtures and we will phase in the full range of extra curricular PE activities soon. Due to the time without being able to complete fixtures, we have a large backlog of games that need to be completed before Easter for the leagues standings to be finalised. Therefore please keep an eye on the school website and ask your child to check the daily student bulletin every morning as we may need to cancel some after school clubs due to fixtures. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible. <https://www.ashlyns.herts.sch.uk/learning/sports-fixtures/>

Sports Results, week commencing 28 Feb

Y11 Boys Football vs Laureate	Won 6-1
U18 Boys Football vs Hemel	Won 4-3
Y7A Boys Football vs Tring	Drew 4-4
Y7A&B Netball vs Tring	A Won 14-2, B Won 6-2
Y7 Rugby vs Adeyfield	Won 8-2
U18 Boys Football vs KLS	Lost 3-4

and challenging half-marathon event and 5 mile fun run, which raises funds for local charities. We'd like to wish the very best to our students who are participating. Please do go along to show your support and cheer them on.

Aspire2Fitness, our fantastic gym, is a supporter of this event and they will be at the start/finish area, giving some practical advice to all the runners. It's still not too late to enter - see <https://www.berkorun.com/> for more details.

Dacorum Family Services Workshops

[Rolling programme of Workshops for 2021-22](#)

[Boundaries & Routines Workshop - Wednesday 16th March, 1.30 pm](#)

ASA News

BAG2SCHOOL - collection date 24th March

We will be donating all funds raised from this scheme to the Red Cross, so please ensure you keep saving your donations (in good condition - see flyer attached of what is accepted), and let's try and make this the best collection yet; in the words of Bag2School 'the more they weigh, the more we pay! Thank you.

ASA Key Role Vacancy

Our current Co-Chair will be stepping down this September, and we are looking for a new candidate to fill this rewarding position. Ideally, we would like this position filled as soon as possible in order to give the new Co-Chair a chance to work alongside our current Chairs in readiness to take on the role by Autumn. Please

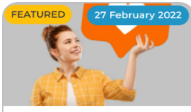
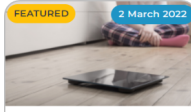

Y8A&C Netball vs Tring	A Lost 29-6, C Lost 8-1
Y8B Boys Football vs Laureate	Lost 12-0
Y9 Rugby vs Adeyfield	Lost 15-10
Y7B & Y8B Netball vs Astley Cooper	Y7B Won 11-4, Y8B Lost 15-4

register your interest, or ask any questions, via email to asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk and FAO: Co-Chair.

SAVE THE DATE - ASHLYNS FESTIVAL: Friday 15 and Saturday 16 July

Please get in touch if you have or know of local businesses that can support this huge fundraiser - it's a fantastic opportunity to promote their business. asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston

 <p>27 February 2022</p> <p>Social Media and Body Image with Professor Tracey Wade</p>	 <p>2 March 2022</p> <p>Body Image and Eating Disorders in Children and Young People Featuring Sophie Medlin</p>	 <p>13 November 2021</p> <p>Gender Equality and Books</p>
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This week, the sad events in Ukraine might be making your child feel anxious, sad or worried. We've written our weekly ['Wednesday Wisdom' newsletter](#) on how we can best approach conversations with our children (of all ages) about this difficult and distressing topic.

New resources:

- [social media on body image](#)
- [body image and eating disorders](#)
- [podcast interview with Eva Musby](#)

World Book Day [book lists](#):

[mental health](#), [preparing for a new sibling](#), [kindness and empathy](#) [puberty](#), [sex and how babies are made](#), [normalising mistakes](#), [bereavement](#), [body boundaries](#), [consent and healthy relationships](#), [help children to think philosophically](#), [different kinds of families](#), [racial diversity](#), [financial literacy](#), [gender equality](#) [Holocaust](#), [fiction for teens](#), [exciting reads for 11-13 year olds](#), [poetry picks](#) For younger children, we also have book lists about [going to the dentist](#), [starting school](#) and [fire safety](#). Right now, we are creating a list of books that feature strong characters with 'diffabilities'. If you can think of any good ones, why not [let us know](#)?

Ukraine Donations

HCC have shared advice for parents and students who may wish to support those fleeing war torn Ukraine. Financial donations to organisations that have a presence on the borders is the most effective means of providing support to families in need. Community collections tend to be resource intensive and can involve costly logistics whilst transporting goods through many countries can be frustratingly slow. Therefore, we are not supporting local collection points at this time.

A financial donation to one of the organisations below will have an immediate impact and help fund what is most needed on the ground:

- [The British Red Cross](#) has launched an appeal to help the Ukrainian Red Cross to provide food, medicine, clothing and shelter, as well as first aid training in bomb shelters.
- [The UNHCR](#) refugee agency is funding emergency shelters, repairs for homes damaged by shelling, emergency cash assistance, psychological support and warm clothing.
- [UNICEF](#) is helping to ensure families have clean water and food and that child health and protection services continue.
- [The Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain](#) is fundraising for medicine, food and other essentials.
- [Save the Children](#) is providing cash assistance, food and other support to refugees crossing into Romanian and Lithuania, as well as in Ukraine itself.

For those who still wish to make a physical donation we understand that Goods for Good are running a Ukraine Appeal and are seeking donations:

[Goods for Good Ukraine Appeal](#)