



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 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.

The Berkhamsted Rotary Fun Run

Well done to all of those who took part in the 5 mile fun run on Sunday. A special well done to the girls team who won the Schools Challenge, and Hari M, Y9, who won in the the under 16 boy's category with a time of 32.18 mins.

Also a big 'Thank you' to the school's very own gym, [Aspire2fitness](#), who was one of the event's main sponsors.

Careers

The Minister of State for Further and Higher Education, has written to students and parents about the education, training and work choices available to young people after they finish their GCSEs and once they turn 18. [Open Letter to Students](#), [Open Letter to Parents/Carers](#).

Focus on Your Future

Our *Focus on Your Future* career event, which took place this week on ELD for Year 9 and 10, provided a wonderful opportunity for students to start to think about future career possibilities.

The packed schedule included team building tasks, the opportunity to develop key employability skills, learn how to write a successful application and to find out what life is like at University.

The highlight of the day included students meeting leading industry experts in the fields of Media, Law, Science, Engineering, Technology and Public Services. One of our speakers commented: *'The Extended Learning Day was tremendous. Students were bright, engaged and asked smart questions. It was great to meet the bright minds of the next generation.'* Our thanks to all of our speakers who gave up their time to spend the day with us to create such an inspiring event for our school community.

Year 10

With trial exams fast approaching, we would love students and parents to take the opportunity to attend a 'Revision Tips Session' with Dr Kathy Weston via Zoom. Details below:

Topic: Ashlyns School Revision Tips Session

Time: Mar 12, 2022 12:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting: [LINK](#)

Meeting ID: 875 5400 9138

Passcode: 917862

Key Dates

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

Communications

- [Year 10 Assessment Week](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
31663	31604	29486	30638
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd
11/03/2022			

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance w/e 4 Mar:

7B3 96%

8B1 98.7%

9B2 95.6%

10R2 96.5%

11C2 97.4%

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](#)

Herts Police LIVE

Come and meet your local neighbourhood team, one of our talented police dogs (and their equally talented handler!) and officers from specialist units at a special Hertfordshire Constabulary community engagement event in Hatfield. Click [here](#) for more information.

Safeguarding

Safety checks for playing games and apps

There are a number of checks parents can make to ensure their child stays safe when playing games or apps on or offline.

Consoles, tablets and mobile phones all have slightly different safety settings. Below are some top safety tips looking at the main settings to support you. You may need to check these settings on your broadband and each separate device.

- Have I set up a password to access the drive and any games/apps?
- Is the player name appropriate?

Tip - a good username should be random and NOT include any personal details such as a date of birth, etc.

- Who can view my child's personal details and who can engage with my child?

Tip - you can choose from anyone, just friends, just contacts etc. when deciding who can engage with your child

- Are location settings deactivated to stop people being able to see where my child is playing?
- Have time limits been set on devices to control how much screen time?
- Have controls for purchasing games/apps/microtransactions been set on each device?

Tip -you can set passwords, age limits or parent authorisation to download any additional content

- Have parental controls on all devices your child(ren) plays on with been set up?

Tip -some channels have automatic play features so even if your child has searched for something suitable the next video to play may be unsuitable if no content or age settings are made

Some specific guidance on how to set up parental controls can be found below for:

- [Xbox](#)
- [PS4](#)
- [Nintendo Switch](#)

GAMBLING (Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust)

The Young Gamers and Gamblers Education Trust (YGAM) is a national charity whose purpose is to inform, educate and safeguard young and vulnerable people, helping them build resilience and understand the potential harms caused by gambling and gaming. Resources for parents can be found [here](#).

In late 2019, the Gambling Commission published a report investigating the impact of gambling on 11–16-year-olds in the UK. The report found that 44% of young people who are familiar with in-game items had paid money to open loot boxes in-game. More information on how these microtransactions can work can be found [here](#).

EAL resources for online safety

Childnet have produced some leaflets for parents and carers to help support keeping their children safe online. These can be read in many different languages and can be found [here](#).

ASA News

BAG2SCHOOL - ALL FUNDS DONATED TO THE RED CROSS

DON'T FORGET to keep collecting your unwanted items - all funds raised from this scheme are being donated to the Red Cross - see [flyer attached](#) of what is accepted. Open to ALL STAFF and TEACHERS too. 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. Donation address: WOODBERRY, 30 Oakwood (just off Shootersway), Berkhamsted HP4 3NQ

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 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 15th and Saturday 16th July

Get in touch if you have or know of local businesses that can support this huge fundraiser and have a fantastic opportunity to promote their business. GET IN TOUCH!
asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Sports Results, week commencing 7 Mar

Year 7A, 8B and 8C Netball vs Adeyfield	Y7 Won 10-2 Y8B Won 6-2 Y8C Lost 4-2
Year 7 Rugby vs Astley Cooper	Won 11-0
Year 8 Junior NBA	Lost two games
Year 9B Netball vs Adeyfield	Lost 15-12
Year 8A Netball vs JFK	Won 10-3
Year 8A Netball vs Hemel	Lost 19-10
Year 7A & 8A Football vs JFK	Y7A Won 6-2 Y8A Lost 6-0
U15 Girls Football vs Astley Cooper	Won 3-1
Year 7A&B Netball vs Longdean	Y7A Won 11-4 Y7B Won 3-0
U18 Boys Football vs JFK	Postponed

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



You can't have missed the fact that it was International Women's Day this week, and this year's theme was #BreakTheBias. Resources created in conjunction with gender equality charity, Lifting Limits. You'll find a [list of easily actionable tips](#) to reduce gender stereotypes, and key [advice on how to talk to children about gender roles in books](#). We also have a fantastic [webinar](#) with Kirsty Ruthven, Head of Education at Lifting Limits devoted to this subject. [podcast with Professor Christia Spears Brown](#) on reducing race and gender biases.

Podcast from:

- [Professor Adele Diamond](#), named as one of the "2000 Outstanding Women of the 20th Century"
- child psychiatrist [Professor Tamsin Ford](#)
- Professor Emerita of Family Research at the University of Cambridge, [Susan Golombok](#)
- Northern Ireland's Mental Health Champion, [Professor Siobhan O'Neill](#)
- renowned play expert, [Professor Helen Dodd](#)
- Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience and multi award-winning author, [Sarah-Jayne Blakemore](#)

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](#)