



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.

Supporting the Ukraine humanitarian appeal

The escalating conflict in Ukraine and the devastating consequences for its citizens have been shocking to witness and our thoughts are with all those affected - including family members in the UK.

Like many communities, we want to support the humanitarian effort and find ways to practically support those in Ukraine and those displaced by and fleeing from the conflict.

To this end, the funds raised by the planned activities listed below (and collections) will be donated directly to The Disaster Emergency Charity ([DEC](#)). The DEC brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas. The DEC and their local partners are in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries providing food, water, shelter and medical assistance and therefore the school's focus is to direct fundraising to this important, coordinated effort and to support the scaling up of emergency support.

In this way, our school community will be able to play a small part in the global response to the conflict in Ukraine.

Ways in which you/your child can help through the school:

Non uniform day (18 March) - 50% Comic Relief and 50% DEC
[Bags to school - ASA](#) - The British Red Cross (DEC Member Charity)
 Cake sale 30 March - donations to DEC or its member charities

Of course, families can donate directly to dec.org.uk

As the DEC appeal states, it is easy to feel powerless in the face of such devastation but we can help and every contribution, however small, will support the emergency effort.

Thank you for your support.

Careers

The LRC has just taken delivery of lots of exciting new career books that are now available to borrow. Our Careers page which can be found on the LRC App has useful resources for students interested in researching career opportunities.

On **Wednesday 30 March from 5 - 6pm** British Airways are hosting a virtual careers event for students interested in working in the aviation industry. Whether you aspire to work in the global head office, at Heathrow Airport, or behind the scenes in the engineering and operations teams, this event will cover

Key Dates

- 22 March: Y10 Assessment Week
- 1 April: Last day of Term
- 19 April: Start of term

Communications

- [Sports Tour 2022](#)
- [Y13 Economics Revision Workshop](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
32896	32844	30570	31788
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd
17/03/2022			

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance w/e 11 Mar:

7C2 97%
 8R1 99.3%
 9C1 98.3%
 10C1 95.4%
 11C2 98%

Vacancies

Support Staff

- [Exam Invigilator](#)
- [Finance Administrator](#)
- [Gym Administrator/Instructor](#)
- [Premises Site Support](#)

Teaching Staff

- [Second in Maths Faculty](#)
- [Teacher of Computer Science](#)
- [Teacher of English](#)

Music Lessons

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

SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk by **MONDAY 16th MAY**.

the variety of roles available within British Airways including Pilots, Cabin Crew, Project Management and Engineering. Click the link [here](#) to register for this event.

LRC

A huge thank you for all the amazing book donations that were made to the Just be A Child charity as part of World Book Day. The books have now been collected and will be making their onward journey to Kenya shortly. More details on the charity's work can be found [here](#).

This week saw the shortlist announcement for the Carnegie Medal, the oldest prize for children's literature. The overall winner will be announced in June, but the shortlist can be found [here](#) if students are looking for next book recommendations. All the shortlisted titles are available to borrow from the LRC.

Safeguarding

[Safer Schools Newsletter](#)

What are 'county lines' and Child Criminal Exploitation?

County lines is a term used to describe gangs and organised criminal networks who bring drugs into an area and sell them using dedicated mobile phone lines. The perpetrators are likely to exploit children and vulnerable adults to move and store drugs and money and they will often use coercion, intimidation, violence and weapons.

Children as young as 12 years old can be exploited or used by gangs to courier drugs in and out of their local area; 15-16 years is the most common age range. Both males and females are at risk of being exploited. Social media is often used to make initial contact with children and young people.

Criminal exploitation can be broader than just county lines and can include children forced to commit theft or take part in sexual activity. The victim may have been criminally exploited even if they appear to be taking part consensually. This useful [handout](#) has more information for parents and carers.

Lives Not Knives

The Hertfordshire Constabulary CYP Gangs and Schools Team are holding a virtual event on Wednesday 23rd March 2022, 6-7.30pm which can be watched live on Instagram [@hertspolice](#)



This will be an opportunity to listen to a variety of inspirational speakers with real life experience of serious violence and gang affiliation. There will be an opportunity to hear their stories and ask questions about their experience.

Fearless

Fearless is a site where young people can get advice about crime and criminality. The site also provides a place where young people can report crime anonymously. There is a useful video to prompt discussion with your children that can be watched [here](#).



Hay Fever

As we are now entering hay fever season please could we ask that students take their medication before coming to school. If they need further medication during the day please email matron@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk with details.

ASA News 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. You have to be in to win, so sign up today to be in the March 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 February draw:

1st prize - J Rollit

2nd prize - K Beamish

3rd prize - N Di Giuseppe

BAG2SCHOOL - UKRAINE APPEAL - deadline 24th March

Spring clean this weekend and pass on your donations to our BAG2SCHOOL scheme - all funds raised from this scheme are being donated to the Red Cross for Ukraine ([see flyer attached of what is accepted](#)) Open to ALL STAFF and TEACHERS too. Let's try and make this the best collection yet. Bag2School payout by weight of bags - 'the more they weigh, the more we pay!'

Donation address:
WOODBERRY, 30 Oakwood

Sports Results, week commencing 14 Mar

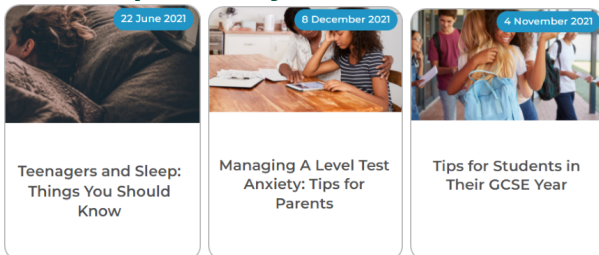
Y7B, Y8A&B Netball vs Longdean	Y7B Lost 9-3 Y8A Won 21-6 Y8B Won 9-7
Y10A Boys Football vs Hemel	Lost 1-0
Y8 Rugby vs KLS	L10-5
Y9 Football vs Longdean	Won 5-4
Y11 Rugby vs Longdean	L24-12
Y10B Netball vs Laureate	Won 25-11
Y7A District Cup Netball Final vs Abbot's Hill Y10A District Cup Netball Final vs Hemel	Y7A Lost 13-8 Y10A Lost

(just off Shootersway),
Berkhamsted HP4 3NQ

NEW-2-YOU UNIFORM

Thanks to donations from parents and carers, the ASA is able to sell good quality uniform and PE kit at half the average price of new items. Please email us asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk if you are interested in buying anything. Also, if you have any good quality uniform or PE items to donate, these can be left at student reception or dropped off at 30 Oakwood. We are always particularly grateful for saleable blazers, skirts and PE tops (no school shirts please, unless brand new). We hope to hold a uniform sale at school in the summer term.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Reduce teenage stress, exams:

- revision tip [video](#) and see if any tips stand out for them. Learn how to support your older teen through
- A level exams support [video](#) for parents.
- Good study habits start early, so try encouraging younger children to [reflect](#) on their progress and see [mistakes](#) as part and parcel of learning.
- If you are concerned about **finding the balance** between encouraging your teens to study without stressing them out, you might find this [webinar](#) by Dr Weston useful.
- On Tuesday 22nd March, you can join a **live Q&A with adolescent psychiatrist**, Dr Anna Conway Morris (6-7pm GMT). Book your spot [here](#). For every parent that attends this webinar, Tooled Up will be donating £5 to the [DEC](#) Appeal.

If you need a bit of advice on how to talk to children about the war, this edition of our Wednesday Wisdom [newsletter](#) can give you some tips.

It is World Sleep Day

- [unmissable webinar](#) with psychologist and sleep expert, **Dr Faith Orchard** on 27th April.
- Top facts about teen sleep [here](#).