



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.

Y10 Assessments

Well done to all the Year 10 students for their hard work this week in their assessments.

Update on Uniform

Parents will be aware that, due to increased ventilation as part of our Covid mitigation measures, students have been allowed to wear coats inside the school building. As we are now entering a period of warmer weather, from Monday students will no longer be allowed to wear their coats inside the school building as per our normal uniform policy. We appreciate your support with this and in ensuring that students are wearing full school uniform at all times.

Careers

Interested in careers in the NHS?

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is encouraging young people to find out more about working in the NHS – and future opportunities at working for their Trust:

- Explore its new [Bright Futures @BHT](#) careers page: watch the new careers chat films and meet some of the team.
- Sign up to free online work related learning: experience careers in [nursing and midwifery](#), [medicine](#) and [allied health professionals](#) (such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy):
 - You'll get practical skills and knowledge.
 - Add the experience to your CV and personal statement.
 - You'll earn a certificate if you complete the programme.
- With over 350 different careers, the NHS offers so many opportunities to young people. Explore roles at www.healthcareers.nhs.uk

Law Work Experience

On Monday 11th April from 9- 4pm Young Professionals UK are hosting a virtual law work experience opportunity for students in Year 10, 11 and 6th Form.

Students will get to hear and learn from senior legal professionals through a number of practical workshops, get an insight into the life of a legal professional, hear what it takes to thrive and be successful, gain application tips and tricks and ask questions to a panel of industry experts.

As it's a work experience opportunity students will receive a certificate of completion to add to their CV. Sign up for this event [here](#).

West Herts College

On Tuesday 29 March West Herts College will be visiting Ashlyns to answer any questions Year 11 students may have about further education courses at both

Key Dates

- 1 April: Last day of Term
- 19 April: Start of term

Communications

- [Y13 Business Studies Revision Workshop](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
33973	34014	31823	32954
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25/03/2022

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance w/e 18 Mar:

7H2 99%
 8R1 97.9%
 9C1 98.3%
 10B2 98.3%
 11B2 96.8%

Vacancies

Support Staff

- [Teaching Assistant 18 Hours a Week](#)
- [Teaching Assistant 30 Hours a Week](#)
- [Exam Invigilator](#)
- [Gym Administrator/ Instructor](#)
- [Premises Site Support](#)

Teaching Staff

- [Teacher of Computer Science](#)

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**.

Hemel and Watford campuses. The drop-in session will run during registration from 8.25 - 9am. Students who are interested in attending need to register in their form first and then come to the LRC.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Ben H and Matt D (Y9) and the Chesham Stags in the Bucks U14 Plate Final on Sunday. Ben played scrum half and Matt was number 8. Matt scored the winning try in their 27-11 win over Milton Keynes.

Congratulations to Indie F (Y11) who competed for Hertfordshire in the National Cross Country championship over the weekend. Coming in 26th out of 330 runners is a fantastic achievement with Hertfordshire finishing 8th out of 50 teams.

Congratulations to Jamie K (Y9) who, last week, competed in a National Motocross tournament. He raced across the weekend and finished up in the silver medal position. More wins towards the end of the season will mean promotion to the league above. Well done Jamie.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Team at Ashlyns

The Safeguarding Team at Ashlyns School have been trained to an advanced level on all aspects of safeguarding. The team is available to any student, parent or school staff member to discuss and report any safeguarding concerns. The team Members are as follows:

Designated Safeguarding Lead -

T Kirk

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads –

K Gaches, H Khalil, S Shepherd, M Burt, C Bennett, D Walker

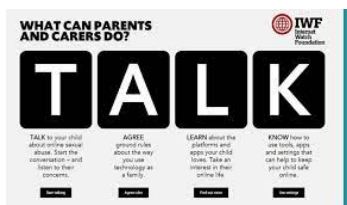
Any of the people above can be reached by the email address safeguarding@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Online Grooming

The IWF safety campaign aims to help parents have conversations with their children about keeping their 'door' closed to child sexual abusers. The campaign includes a [booklet](#) for parents, explaining the risks, explaining why children are vulnerable, and suggests practical steps that parents can take.



- TALK to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.
- AGREE ground rules about the way you use technology.
- LEARN about the platforms and apps your child loves.
- KNOW how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.



For further details go to: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Sexual Abuse Learning Programme (Parents Protect)

Parents Protect has developed this online child sexual abuse and exploitation awareness learning programme for parents/carers and professionals to help:

- Understand potential risks



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

Ukraine - Bags2School

Many thanks to everyone who donated to the latest Bags2School collection where all the money raised will be sent to support the fundraising for Ukraine. We managed well over 200 bags which is an excellent effort, so once again, well done and thank you all. We will update you with the total raised as soon as we can.

Ashlyns Festival 2022 - Fun Zone

Preparations are now well underway for our Comedy and Music Festival in July and we are planning an impressive fun zone for the afternoon with activities for all ages including climbing walls, obstacle course, wipe-out challenge, rock and roller inflatable, bouncy castles and many more activities but need at least 2 additional volunteers to help manage this particular part of the festival to help and support our current team. If you are interested in helping make this a truly great event please drop a note to ashlynsfestival@gmail.com and we shall get in touch. Thank you in advance.

- Recognise the signs of possible abuse in children
- Beware of inappropriate behaviour in adults
- Know where to go for help if you have concerns and would like to talk about them

Click [here](#) for a link to the programme

Stop it now! UK and Ireland

[Stop it now!](#) encourages adults to create a society that no longer tolerates the sexual abuse of children. There is a confidential and anonymous helpline and email service – 0808 1000 900 or live chat, secure email if you are not ready to speak to someone on the phone.

Click the following links:

[Live chat - Stop It Now Stop It Now!](#)

[Secure email](#)



Sports Results, week commencing 21 March

U15 Girls Football vs Adeyfield	Won 8-0
Year 8 Rugby vs Longdean	Lost 8-2
Year 9 Basketball vs Hemel	Won 34-29
Year 7 District Netball Tournament	7A - Winners 7B - 8th
Year 8 District Netball Tournament	8A - 5th 8B - 7th
U13A Girls Football vs Hemel	Won 7-1
Year 11 Rugby vs Tring	Lost 15-40
Year 9 District Netball Tournament	9A - 4th 9B - 5th
Year 8 Basketball vs JFK	Lost
Year 7 Rugby vs Longdean	Lost 5-7
Year 10 District Netball Tournament	10A - Won 10B - 3rd

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston

FEATURED 20 March 2022

When Does Spring Begin? (Did you know?)

FEATURED 22 March 2022

Apps to Help Children Engage with Nature

FEATURED 22 March 2022

The Autistic Child: What Every Parent or Carer Needs to Know with Dr Sophia Mooney and Adele Devine

Spring finally feels like it has sprung (in fact, meteorologist David Bowker has written an [article](#) for us on exactly this subject) and the clocks change this weekend. It's just the right time to get outside and embrace the natural world, something that benefits the mental health and wellbeing of us all. To make family walks a bit more fun,

we've put together a list of some of the [best nature apps for children and teens](#), which will help them to identify flora and fauna, learn about the night sky or discover more about the geography that's all around them. As the days begin to get longer, don't forget the importance of a stable sleep routine. If you want to learn more about exactly how crucial good quality sleep is, make sure that you book onto our [unmissable webinar](#) with renowned psychologist, Dr Faith Orchard, on 27th April.

Our [Neurodiversity Celebration Week](#) resources are now arriving in the Tooled Up library, with more being added throughout the week. Find out [everything a parent needs to know about autism with Dr Sophia Mooncey and Adele Devine](#), bust some neuromyths with [Dr Jo Van Herwegen](#) and understand more about the benefits of [nature-based learning](#) with Samantha Friedman. You can also discover [key facts about neurodiversity with Dr Kathryn Bates](#) and learn how families with children who have intellectual disabilities are coping post-pandemic with [Dr Karri Gillespie-Smith](#).

Finally, it's Mothers' Day on Sunday, but at Tooled Up, we like to celebrate families in all their wonderful forms. Take a look at our fabulous [booklist](#), which does just that!