



## Next Week, after half term - 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.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to our Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh students who all successfully passed the expedition element of the award last weekend. Over the weekend students covered approximately 30km, navigating themselves along their planned routes and enjoyed camping overnight. Thanks to all staff and volunteers who supported students and motivated them through various checkpoints.

We were also extremely proud to be informed that on Monday 16th May five of our ex pupils finally got to enjoy an afternoon at Buckingham Palace receiving their Gold Award.



## GCSE Art Exhibition

The achievement of students studying for GCSE Fine Art will be celebrated with an end of course exhibition which displays each student's coursework portfolio. The exhibition is open to parents and students on Wednesday 15 June between 5.30pm and 7.30pm in the Art Department.

## Collecting Exam Results

If you are unable to collect your GCSE or GCE results please nominate someone to collect them on your behalf and email the Exam Team at [exams@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:exams@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) confirming who you wish to nominate and give permission to collect on your behalf. Any results not collected on the day will be posted out the following day.

## Safeguarding

### Supporting young people with bereavement

There are many myths about grief and the 'five stages of grief' that a lot of people refer to. The charity Winston's Wish looks behind some of these ideas and has summarised it in an article talking about the 12 things you should know about grief. A link to the article can be found [here](#).

Winston's Wish is a good place to look at for resources, activities and reading lists to support young people who have faced bereavement. Please see [here](#) for more information on the support that is available.



## Key Dates

- 6 June: First day after half term
- 15 July: ASA Comedy Night

## Communications

- [Y9 Chromebooks](#)

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
42595	41290	38636	39934
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
27/05/2022			

## Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 20 May:

7H2 97%  
8C2 97.6%  
9H2 98%  
10R2 95%

## ASA News

### ASA Festival 2022 - Comedy and Curry night - Friday 15th July

Our first social event and fundraiser for 2 years - tickets are on sale now - grab them early to avoid disappointment! A great line-up of comedians, including Patrick Monahan (winner of Show Me The Funny) and Fiona Allen (from Smack The Pony). The Fat Buddha will be providing their delicious curries (gluten & vegan options) and there will be a licensed bar. Follow the link for your tickets, friends and families welcome. Support our event and raise much-needed funds for our school.

<https://ashlynsfestival.co.uk/>

### Parent/carers helpline and webchat

Young Minds offers three different services for parents and carers who are concerned about their mental health. They offer a free helpline, webchat and email service for those who need support. More information can be found [here](#).



### Vacancies Support Staff

- [Premises Assistant](#)
- [Finance Assistant](#)
- [Aspire2Fitness Instructor/Admin](#)

### Exam Stress Support

Exams are a stressful time for both students and parents. Here is a useful link to support with this: [Exam and Revision Stress](#)

### Dangers of Vaping

This week students have received assemblies that address the dangers of vaping. Here is a useful link that provides further information upon this.

[E-cigarette safety | Cancer Research UK](#)

### Careers

Martin-Baker, manufacturers of aviation safety equipment, are currently recruiting Apprentices in their Finance and Procurement department; details on how to apply can be found [here](#). Safran, experts in aircraft propulsion and equipment, are currently recruiting Engineering Apprentices and details on how to apply can be found [here](#).

On Tuesday 7 June 5-6pm Cambridge Clinical Research Centre is offering an insight into working in clinical research, you can register for this free careers event [here](#). On Wednesday 8 June 5-6.30pm the NHS is offering an insight into working in human resources, finance, digital communications and administration in the NHS. Please register [here](#) to attend this event.

We are currently scheduling our careers event plan for the autumn term. If you have a career that you would like to share with our school community, we'd love to hear from you, please contact Rebecca Lambert on [rlambert@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:rlambert@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

### **Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston**

There is a new feature on the Tooled Up website that will make finding the resources that you need even easier. If you click on '[browse resources](#)', you will see a new search function called 'Resource Topics'. There, you'll find a list of all the topics that you might be interested in, along with all of the Tooled Up resources that are relevant to each.

New resources:

- [nutrition over the exam period](#)
- [post-exam celebrations](#).

Webinars

[Book your place on any of the following now:](#)

**June 16th, 7.15pm GMT - Being a 'Tooled Up Dad'.** Join Paul Pomroy (CEO of McDonalds) and Dr Weston for a light-hearted discussion about fatherhood.

**June 22nd, 7.30pm GMT - Tooled Up Transitions.** As transitions to new schools loom closer, Dr Weston will whizz through some of the best evidence-based tips to support children as they move on to their next educational stage.

**June 27th, 8pm GMT - Ask Dr Weston and adolescent psychiatrist Dr Anna Conway-Morris** any questions you have about parenting, mental health or neurodiversity. £5 per attendee will be donated to the DEC's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

**June 30th, 7.30pm GMT - Teen Party Planning and Problem Parties.** Criminal defence lawyer, Harriett Mather, joins Dr Weston to share some top tips on how both teens and parents can enjoy post exam festivities safely.

**July 6th, 12.30pm GMT - The Perils of Perfectionism.** Dr Weston is joined by Rob Lightfoot from NACE (the National Association for Able Children in Education) to discuss how we can support young people to develop 'perfectionism literacy' and how to avoid creating perfectionistic environments at home or in school.