



Next Week - Week 2, Timetable returns to normal

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.

Summer Music Concert

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Summer Concert which will be held on Saturday 2nd July at 7:30pm. Please click [here](#) for more information.

LRC Ashlyns Book Swap

On Friday 15 July the LRC is organising the first annual Ashlyns Book Swap where students can swap old stories for new adventures just in time for the summer holidays. We are asking every student in school to bring in a fiction book (of any genre) that they have finished reading to swap with another student. Books need to be in good condition and delivered to the LRC on the morning of Friday 15 July; students can then return at lunchtime to choose a new free book to take home and enjoy. Now's a great opportunity to sort out your bookshelves and select a book (or two) ready to swap!

Uniform Update

If you will be purchasing uniform items for your child ready for September, please could we ask that you check our uniform rules before ordering/purchasing. The rules can be found [here](#).

Sixth Form Induction

We are really looking forward to welcoming our Year 11 students plus those who have applied to study at Ashlyns from other schools to our Sixth Form Induction Day. Students will need to arrive at Chapel via the front doors for 8.30am.

Y12 Politics

'On Friday morning we had the pleasure of welcoming Baroness Sue Garden of Froggnal to come and speak to our Year 12 A level Politics class. She gave a presentation on the functionality of the House of Lords and then was subject to questions from the students. The visit was very well received and the students all found her talk fascinating and came out of it very enthused'.

Ned Preston - Head/Politics Student

Learning Ambassadors

This week groups of learning ambassadors visited Greenway on Tuesday and Thomas Coram on Friday to teach an English lesson, and Bridgewater on Wednesday to teach French. All the ambassadors did a wonderful job teaching the younger students, and both the learning ambassadors and the primary school students enjoyed their sessions very much. Some of our students also visited primary schools to continue their work on the Jubilee art project. Thank

Key Dates

- 27 June: A Level Art & Photography exhibition
- **2 July**: Summer Music Concert
- 4-6 July: Y7 X band Peaks Trip
- 6-8 July: Y7 Y band Peaks Trip
- 13 July: Sports Day
- 15 July: ASA Comedy Night
- 18-19 July: Activity Days
- 20 July: Last day of Term, finish 12.30

Communications

- [Silver DofE Expedition](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
46151	44638	42690	43194
1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd
24/06/2022			

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 17 June:

7H1 98%
8R1 99%
9C1 98%
10B2 97%

Vacancies

- [Teacher of Art \(part time\)](#)
- [TA 18hrs](#)
- [TA 30hrs](#)
- [Gym Administrator](#)

Thomas Coram Vacancy

- [LSA x2 30hrs or job share](#)

you to the learning ambassadors for all their hard work. They will continue as learning ambassadors next year but we will also open applications again in September for students who would like to join the team.

Sports Day Wednesday 13 July 2022

Students will be taking part for the duration of the day in traditional athletics activities as well as rounders, dodgeball, alternative relays, egg of spoon, tug of war, basketball, football and benchball.

They will be outside for the majority of the day so will need to come prepared with plenty of sun cream, layers (if needed), snacks and water.

Students should come to school in sports kit of their house colour. If they do not have anything the right colour please send them in wearing their Ashlyns PE kit and we will give out coloured bibs. All students are expected to take part in at least one athletics activity and two multi-sports events and everyone will contribute points to their house and form. Further information will be given out to the students via their form tutors. Just a reminder that spectators are not allowed on site.

Can anyone knock Handel off the top spot again? Can 7R2 regain the trophy as the best tutor group in the whole school? Will any new records (dating back to 1970) be broken?

Last years results:

	Overall House		Winning Tutor Group
1st	Handel	7	R2 Best overall Tutor Group
2nd	Coram	8	B2
3rd	Bourne	9	H2
4th	Raven	10	H2

Sports Results, week commencing 20 June

Well done to the U16 Girls' Athletics Team that made the County Plate Finals	
County League Athletics Overall Results in the County	U14 Girls - 14th U14 Boys - 18th U16 Girls - 7th U16 Boys - 10th

Careers

Work Experience

Rennie Grove Hospice Care are looking for work experience volunteers interested in fashion, photography or retail to help them with their Depop, Vinted and eBay listings and sales. It's a great opportunity to get some real-life experience in this important area of fashion retail and see how a charity is maximising the profits from the donations to support local people. The role will be based at the Rennie Grove office at the Retail and Trading Centre in Berkhamsted. Please note the volunteer minimum age is 16. Please contact volunteer@renniegrove.org to find out more and details on the role can be found [here](#).

Women in Engineering

This week the Science Department celebrated International Women in Engineering Day with our students participating in a virtual careers presentation organised by STEMPoint East. Students heard from inspirational female STEM

Music Lessons

HMS are increasing the available funding to the most vulnerable families in Hertfordshire to help with music lesson provision.

From the 1st June 2022, there is a new way to apply for help with Music fees – both pupils who received funding this school year and are re-applying, and pupils who are applying for help with fees for the first time.

Please click [here](#) for the website with more information.

If you would like to register for music lessons to start in September, please click [here](#).

ASA News

COMEDY & CURRY NIGHT

Don't forget to buy your tickets for our fantastic social event -

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

Like and follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ashlynsfestival> and look out for

the sign-up link to volunteer on the night. Amazing comedians, a brilliant bar and fantastic food - spread the word, all welcome.

New2you uniform

Please can we remind parents and carers, especially in year 11 that we would welcome donations of good quality, clean and saleable used uniform and PE kit - especially blazers and skirts. These can be left at school reception or dropped at no. 30 Oakwood.

Ambassadors who work within the engineering industry and gained an insight into the role of a Graduate Engineer and an Environmental Engineering Degree Apprentice. One of our students commented: *'The event opened up my views and opinions on engineering and has shown me a wider path to my future career.'*

Celebrating NHS careers

The NHS is having a birthday on Tuesday 5 July and we can't think of a better day to celebrate the NHS workforce and talk about careers in the NHS. Join the NHS on their YouTube channel at **5.30pm** on **Tuesday 5 July** to hear first hand from an apprentice administrator, a paediatric physiotherapist, a student mental health nurse and a trainee physical sciences bioinformatician. They'll be discussing what they do, how they got in, the tips they have for students and taking questions in real time. [See you there!](#)

Safeguarding

The Secretary of State for Education, Nadhim Zahawi, has written a letter to raise awareness of T Levels. These new qualifications are one of the post-16 options. The letter can be found [here](#).

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston

Summer Holiday preparation:

- [list of Summer activities](#) including music, dance, sport camps, taster of university life, STEM experience, there is something for everyone. Lots of the activities are filling up and some have booking deadlines which close this week, so log in to Tooled Up now and make sure that you don't miss out.
- 10 quirky activities for tweens and teens - if you want some inspiration for exhilarating, informative and educational days out, [take a look](#) now.
- [summer resources](#), including reading guides, holiday and festival packing lists, advice about safe swimming and tips on how to avoid the 'summer slide'. We know that
- [play](#) is crucial for young people's development (whatever their age), so the long summer break is the perfect time to encourage them to relax and try some new activities.

University preparation

- [relevant resources](#).
- [tips for supporting your child](#) as they embark on their studies
- [university packing checklist](#).
- [new resource](#) to help autistic teens with moving on to university, co-created with a leading expert on neurodiversity and a young person with lived experience.