



## Next Week - Week 1

Following the announced date of the State Funeral for Queen Elizabeth II, the school will be closed on Monday 19 September 2022.

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share details of their online [Book of Remembrance](#) which has been opened by the Royal Family to remember the Queen, as well as the national online [Book of Condolence](#).

**Attendance reporting procedures** Please 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 should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

## World Challenge

A group of Year 13 students travelled to Ecuador this summer on a four week World Challenge expedition. The trip saw the students hike in the Andean Mountains across paramo grasslands and the ecologically diverse cloud forest as well as summiting the Paschoa volcano at an altitude of 4200m above sea level. The team took part in a community project on a sustainable eco-farm, Rio Muchacho; they built pathways and foundations as well as taking care of animals and contributing to life on the farm. A highlight of the trip was the excursion to Isla de la Plata where they saw the unique blue footed boobies, snorkelled with sea turtles and spotted humpback whales. To see the highlights, please click on the following link to view the trip video. [Ashlyns World Challenge - Ecuador 2022](#)



## Presentation Evening

On Thursday evening we were delighted to welcome a large number of families into school for our annual Presentation Evening. This was the first time in three years we had been able to host this event in person and it was lovely to be together to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students.

## Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

On Monday we welcomed Dr van der Spoel, a psychologist specialising in motivation and revision strategies, to work with our Year 11 students and parents. Both student and parent sessions were very successful and received excellent feedback; we look forward to watching our students put what they have learned into action! Session 6, our supervised silent study session for Year 11, begins on Monday and runs from 3.20 to 4.20 Monday- Thursday in the LRC. All Year 11 students are welcome.

## Key Dates

- 19 Sept: Bank Holiday
- 22 Sept: Y10 Information Evening
- 26-28 Sept: Y7 X Band Peak District Trip
- 28-30 Sept: Y7 Y Band Peak District Trip
- 29 Sept: Y8 Information Evening
- 6 Oct: School Closes at 12.30
- 7 Oct: INSET Day
- 14 Oct: ASA Social
- 19 Oct: ASA Y7&8 Halloween Disco
- 20 Nov: ASA Craft Fair

## Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 3

## Communications

- [Y10 Parent Information Evening](#)

## House Points



Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
1597	1598	1650	1442
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>



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## Vacancies

- [Foreign Language Assistant - Spanish](#)
- [Student Support Worker](#)
- [Teacher of Spanish](#)
- [Teacher of Art](#)

## Music Lessons

Music lessons take place in the Music Block in practice rooms or MB2.

Timetables are put on the notice board in the Music Block and are also posted on Google Classroom (class code **nq4d5yw**) so please be

## Careers

On Tuesday 27 September we are hosting a one-day HS2 Engineering Workshop for students in Year 8 and Year 9 who are interested in exploring STEM career pathways. This unique, interactive event has been designed with lots of fun, hands-on activities, including designing a train station of the future. This is a fabulous opportunity for our students and if you are interested in securing a place, please discuss this event with your child first and then complete the form [here](#) to register your interest. Please note that the event programme will follow the normal school timetable. Deadline for registration is 21 September and should we be oversubscribed we will offer places via ballot system. An email will be sent nearer the time confirming the arrangements.

## Safeguarding

We have been made aware of a very dangerous website and app called "Monkey". This app allows calls with strangers to occur. It is marketed as "an alternative to Omegle, with a Tik Tok vibe". The platform has been reviewed by police and has been found to contain inappropriate, disturbing and harmful contents transmitted via web camera. Please do check your child's phone to ensure they are not accessing this.

Please also view this article from CEOP regarding [supporting positive sexual behaviour](#). It is a useful guide which provides support on how to address the issue with your child.

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

An email was sent out at the beginning of the week with information about Tooled Up Education, including how to set up an account and details of their forthcoming webinars.



Dr Weston Talks with Justin Bowen: Supporting Bereaved Children at School – a Father's Story



Grief and Loss Organisations



Supporting Autistic Students as They Transition to University: A Video



Talking to Children About the Death of The Queen

One event has captured everyone's attention within the past week and dominated global news outlets. At Tooled Up, we are profoundly saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The thoughts and condolences of our team, like those of so many others, are with the royal family and all those impacted by this great loss.

Support resources:

- [talking to children about the death of The Queen](#)
- [grief and bereavement resources](#)
- [list of organisations and support services](#)

Podcast with author Justin Bowen: [how schools can best support children who have lost a loved one](#) His story is an inspiring and empowering message of hope and optimism. Support for starting university: [how we can best support autistic young people as they transition to university](#).

sure that your child regularly checks to see when their lesson time is.

If you have any queries regarding music lessons please email [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

## ASA News: save the date

**ASA Social Night** for parents and carers of Y7, 8 & 9 is on Friday 14 October

**Ashlyns Craft Fair**  
Sunday 20 November

**Halloween Disco Y7 & Y8 - 19 October**

The Halloween disco is back! Get your creepiest costumes ready for a spooktacular evening on Wednesday 19 October. More details to follow.

## 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 next draw. Email [ASA100CLUB@gmail.com](mailto:ASA100CLUB@gmail.com) for more info.

Congratulations to the winners of the July draw:

1st prize - C Hall  
2nd prize - J Rollit  
3rd prize - J Griffiths

Congratulations to the winners of the August draw:

1st prize - E Hopwood  
2nd prize - V Drury  
3rd prize - J Rollit