



Next Week - Week 2

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.

Year 10 Parents' Support and Information Evening

Thank you to the Year 10 parents and carers who were able to join us yesterday evening for the Information and Support Evening. A copy of the slides will be made available.

Year 7 Peaks Trip

Year 7 will embark on their residential trip to the Peak District next week, with X band away Monday-Wednesday and Y band from Wednesday-Friday. We hope they all have a fantastic time!

Uniform

As the weather is getting colder, students may wish to start wearing a jumper to school. This should be plain black, v-neck with no logos. Jumpers should be worn under blazers, in addition to the blazer, not instead of.

A reminder of our full school uniform rules can be found [here](#).

Student Achievements

Well done to Darcie W, Y11, who has won the Girls' County Golf Championship at Verulam, and finished 7th at the England Girls' Champion of Champions. She has also been selected for the England Regional Squad - an impressive haul of awards!

Sports Results

U16 Girls Football vs Slr Herbert Leon	Won 9-0
U18 Boys Football vs Parmiters	Won 2-1 in extra time
Y10 Boys Football vs Vandyke Upper	Won 3-2
Y8A Boys Football vs APS	1-1, lost on penalties
Y7 Netball league setting tournament	A - Won B - 3rd C - 3rd in pool

Careers

Architecture

This week we welcomed Rise Architects to Ashlyns to talk about careers in architecture. The presentation gave students an insight into the world of architecture, how to qualify and the skills needed to succeed, plus the opportunity of looking at architectural drawings and models. A copy of the presentation can be found [here](#). Our speakers commented: 'We were delighted

Key Dates

- 26-28 Sept: Y7 X Band Peak District Trip
- 28-30 Sept: Y7 Y Band Peak District Trip
- 29 Sept: Y8 Information Evening
- 06 Oct: School Closes at 12.30 - Open Evening
- 07 Oct: INSET Day
- 12 Oct: Y9 Parents' Information Evening
- 13 Oct: Y13 PTC
- 14 Oct: ASA Social
- 19 Oct: ASA Y7 & 8 Halloween Disco
- 20 Nov: ASA Craft Fair

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 1

Communications

- [Y11 Raising Achievement programme](#)
- [Open Evening](#)
- [Y8 Parents Information Evening](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
3528	3385	3293	3021
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th

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Vacancies

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

Parent Support Group

A local support group for parents and carers of children on the Autistic spectrum. [PONKI!](#)

to present to the students from Years 8-11 this week. They had some great questions, and listened and interacted really well; hopefully we've inspired some architects of the future!

Careers Fair

Generation Dacorum are running a Careers Fair on 28 September from 4-6pm at Shendish Manor. The Fair, featuring over 30 local companies, is open to all year groups and is a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to gain inspiration about future career opportunities. There is no cost to attend, but registration is encouraged via the link [here](#).

Work Experience

BAM Construct UK is offering a virtual work experience from 24 -26 October for students to interact with construction project teams around the UK including some flagship projects such as Coal Drops Yard London and Manchester City Football Academy. Deadline for registration is 26 September. More information can be found [here](#).

Safeguarding

Please click [here](#) for the online safety newsletter designed for parents and carers from Herts for Learning Education.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Dinnertime Debriefs



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



The Normalisation of Mistakes in Family Life (and Why it Matters)



Tips for Motivating Your Child to Learn

Parental engagement in children's learning is strongly associated with positive academic outcomes. The Tooled Up library contains numerous resources that enable you to support your child optimally:

- The science of learning [interview](#) with renowned educator, author and speaker, Patrice Bain.
- [stay positive at homework time](#)
- [normalise mistakes](#)
- 'family talk', which [research](#) shows can be a lever for academic attainment and boosting children's self-esteem.

Motivating children to settle down and complete learning tasks isn't always easy. Listen to strategies that can help you to develop children's intrinsic motivation with clinical psychologist, [Dr Vanessa Kurdi](#), or read our [accessible tips](#) suggested by neuroscientists.

For those of you with neurodiverse children, watch or listen back to experts such as [Dr Duncan Astle](#), [Dr Jo Herwegen](#), or [Dr Sophia Mooncey and Adele Devine](#) who bust neuromyths about particular conditions and provide actionable tips to improve engagement with learning.

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 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

ASA News

DRINKS & NIBBLES for parents/carers in years 7, 8 and 9

Friday 14th October 8pm - Sixth Form Cafe @ Ashlyns School

We are delighted to be able to host a social evening and a chance for parents and carers to visit the school and meet up, especially for those year groups who didn't get the chance during the pandemic. Please RSVP with this short google form to help us with catering. We look forward to meeting you.

<https://forms.gle/JPH5We5sVYkjHBrg7>

HALLOWEEN PARTY - years 7 and 8 - Wednesday 19th October 7-8.30pm

Entrance is £5 and includes a drink and snack, plus there'll be fancy dress prizes and a tuck-shop. Tickets go on sale soon.

WE NEED YOUR HELP - please email the asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk if you can help with decorating, volunteering on the night, making Halloween treats etc. This event cannot run without your help.