



Next Week - Week 1, School closes 12.30 Thursday 6 Oct, INSET day 7 Oct

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 7 Peaks Trip

Year 7 students have enjoyed a fantastic week in the Peak District, with X band Monday-Wednesday and Y band Wednesday-Friday. Both groups of students have had a wonderful time enjoying the rides at Drayton Manor Theme Park, undertaking a day of walking in the beautiful Peaks countryside, and dancing at the disco!



Year 7 LRC Harry Potter Event

On Thursday 20 October we will be magically transforming the LRC into Hogwarts for an after-school event from 4-5.30pm. Students will have the opportunity to decorate a wand and take part in a Hogwarts House quiz with staff. If your child is interested in attending, please register your interest [here](#) by midday on 10 October.

Open Evening

Thank you to parents/carers who completed our online form to give consent for their child to assist at our Open Evening. All these families should have received a letter from us earlier today giving further details of the arrangements for the evening, including timings for the return to school and leaving the school site at the end of the event. If you have not received this information, and you have completed the online consent form, please contact us as soon as possible.

Please note that the online consent form has now closed and it is now too late to register; students should not return to assist on the evening if the form has not already been completed as, for safeguarding reasons, we will not be able to allow them to be on the school site/grounds. We thank you for your understanding in this.

Y11 Sports Tour (Manchester) Information Evening

There will be an Information Evening held on Monday 10th October at 6.45pm in the Chapel for all Y11 students attending the Manchester Sports Tour during October half term. Please add this date to your diaries. A letter providing more detail will follow next week.

Key Dates

- 06 Oct: School Closes at 12.30 - Open Evening
- 07 Oct: INSET Day
- 10 Oct: Y11 Sports Tour Information Evening
- 12 Oct: Y9 Parents' Information Evening
- 13 Oct: Y13 PTC
- 14 Oct: ASA Social
- 19 Oct: ASA Y7 & 8 Halloween Disco
- 22-25 Oct: Y11 Sports Tour
- 20 Nov: ASA Craft Fair

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 2

Due to the INSET day, and popular demand, Wednesday's menu will not be as published and will be replaced by the usual Friday menu.

Communications

- [Y9 Trip to Ypres](#)
- [Y7&8 Author Visit](#)
- [Y10 French Study Trip](#)
- [Y10 Science Revision Guides](#)

House Points



Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
4800	4880	4708	4359
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th



30/09/2022



Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 23rd Sept:

- 7C2 99.6%
- 8R1 98%
- 9B2 99%
- 10R2 96%
- 11H2 99%

Safeguarding

Please find a useful [source](#) that can help with supporting you and your family through the difficulties of bereavement.

Sports Results

Y8 Boys Football vs John Henry Newman	Lost 4-1
U13 Girls Football vs Leighton Middle School	Won 8-0
U16 Girls Football vs Redbourne	Won 2-1
U18 Boys Football vs Dame Alice Owen	Won 5-2
Y11 Boys Football vs Cedars	TBC

Careers

STEM

This week HS2 visited Ashlyns to deliver a whole day career event focusing on engineering and career paths in STEM. Students in Year 8 and 9 worked in teams to design and draw the train station of the future, plus design and construct a weight-bearing tunnel out of only 40 straws employing engineering principles. Our speaker commented: 'I had a fantastic day at Ashlyns. The students engaged extraordinarily well with the practical activities and I was very impressed with the questions they asked and the quality of their finished products.'

Careers Fair

This week a group of our Year 11 students visited the Generation Dacorum Careers Fair at Shendish Manor and had the opportunity to meet over 30 employers from growing employment sectors in Hertfordshire. Our students conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to the school. One student commented: 'I found it really helpful as it helped broaden my understanding of options for my future career path.'

CSI - Enter the World of Forensic Science Careers Event

On Thursday 13 October we are hosting a Forensic Science careers event for Year 8 students. Working in small groups, teams are presented with a 'crime scene' to investigate. Using devices, students must forensically analyse the evidence and collaborate as a team to find the perpetrator of the crime. This 2-hour event will take place during the school day.

This is a unique opportunity for our students and should you wish to register your interest, please discuss the opportunity with your child and complete the form [here](#). The registration form will close at midday on Tuesday 4 October. In the event that we are oversubscribed we will allocate places via a ballot system. A confirmation email with venue and timings will be sent nearer the time.

Apprenticeships

Our Year 11 Assembly today featured a talk by Ask Apprenticeships about the benefits of apprenticeships and how to find the best opportunities. If your child is interested in finding out more about apprenticeships and is considering the route at 16+ we are running a one hour workshop on Monday 10 October in the LRC at 10am. The session will include how to search and register for apprenticeship alerts on the Government's [Find an Apprenticeship](#) website in addition to finding traineeship opportunities. If you would like your child to attend this event please complete the form [here](#). Registration for this workshop will close at 9am on 3 October. A series of parent webinars about apprenticeships can be found [here](#).

Vacancies

- [Aspire Gym Administrators- Casuals](#)
- [Teaching Assistant 30hrs](#)
- [Teaching Assistant 18hrs](#)
- [Foreign Language Assistant - French](#)
- [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 sure that your child regularly checks to see when their lesson time is.

If you wish to withdraw or change music lessons for the Spring Term 2023 (as of the 5th January 2023), please email

SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk by **MONDAY 10th OCTOBER**.

If you have any queries regarding music lessons please email

musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

ASA News

OPEN EVENING - Thursday 6th October

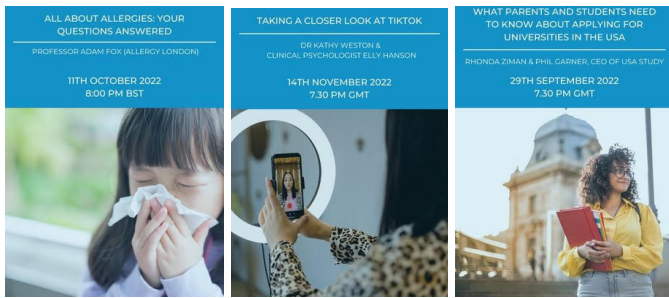
We need volunteers to help man our ASA stand at this event, and hand out event flyers. Please use this [sign-up link](#) to volunteer. Thank you.

DRINKS & NIBBLES - Friday 14th October - 8-10pm

For Parents/Carers in years 7, 8 and 9 to meet up and visit the school. Sixth Form Cafe. Licensed bar (cash and card) and nibbles.

To assist with catering, here is the [RSVP link](#).

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



All of our exclusive webinars are available to book now and completely free to you as a Tooled Up member:

SEPTEMBER

- [What Parents and Students Need to Know about Applying for Universities in the USA \(September 29, 2022 7.30pm BST\) - REGISTER NOW](#)

OCTOBER

- [How to Make a Confident Return to Work After Maternity and Other Work Breaks \(October 10, 2022 7.30pm BST\) REGISTER NOW](#)
- [All about Allergies: Your Questions Answered \(October 11, 2022 8.00pm BST\) REGISTER NOW](#)
- [Making Sense of the Menopause \(October 18, 2022 7.30pm BST\) REGISTER NOW](#)

NOVEMBER

- [Taking a Closer Look at TikTok \(November 14, 2022 7.30pm GMT\) REGISTER NOW](#)

We need volunteers to help at this event, setting up and behind the bar - please use this [sign-up link](#). Thank you.

HALLOWEEN PARTY - Wednesday 19th October

For years 7 & 8 - entrance is £5 including a drink and snack. Fancy dress prizes plus a sweet stall. Tickets go live on ParentPay next week (email the ASA if you can't use ParentPay). Email the ASA if you can make decorations or donate some Halloween treats? Due to various allergens, it would need to be shop-bought or pre-packaged.

asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

WE NEED YOUR HELP - please use this [sign-up link](#). This event cannot run without you. Thank you.