



Next Week - Week 1

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.

LRC

On Halloween the LRC welcomed Chris Priestley, the award-winning children's horror author, to Ashlyns to talk to Year 7 and 8 about his spooky creative inspiration for his writing and illustration work. Chris commented: 'I very much enjoyed my visit to Ashlyns and found the students very attentive with lots of great questions!'

Book Bake Off

A reminder that the Year 7 Book Bake Off is taking place on Monday 14 November for any students interested in baking a cake in the shape of their favourite book, character, scene or setting. This is always a highlight of the year and we look forward to seeing their creations!

Careers

West Herts College has organised two Open Days for students to tour their facilities and find out more about the courses on offer.

Hemel Hempstead Open Day – Saturday 5 November 9.30am – 12.30pm

Watford Open Day – Saturday 12 November 9.30am – 2pm

Registration details can be found [here](#).

World Challenge 2024

We are pleased to announce that Ashlyns will be inviting students (currently in Years 10 to 12) to take part in a World Challenge expedition to Vietnam, running in July 2024. To support those who are interested in learning more about the expedition, we would like to invite you to a virtual information session to be conducted via Zoom on Monday 14th November at 6pm. Please use the following link to find out more about the trip and register for the virtual information evening. [Ashlyns Vietnam 2024 trip page](#)

Sixth Form Tombola

Sixth Form students are holding a tombola stall at the craft fair on 20 Nov to raise money for WAMBA and desperately need some donations:

- Chocolate
- Toiletries
- Drinks (non-alcoholic)
- Hamper-like items

Donations can be left at reception or taken by students to the sixth form admin office. Thank you.

Key Dates

- 10 Nov: Y12 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 20 Nov: ASA Craft Fair
- 21 Nov: Y11 Trial Exams Start
- 25 Nov: Occasional Day
- 28 Nov: INSET Day

Communications

- [KS3 Food Tech Lessons](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu - Week 2, [New Winter Menu](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
11630	11509	11992	12101
3 rd	4 th	2 nd	1 st
04/11/2022			

Vacancies

- [Teacher of English \(Full Time\)](#)
- [Teacher of English \(Part Time\)](#)

Music Lessons

If you would like to register for music lessons, please click [here](#). Any queries regarding music lessons please email musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

Voices for Ukraine

12 Nov, Ashlyns School 7-11pm

Charity concert to celebrate local musicians as well as some Ukrainian musicians who have moved to the area. Please click [here](#) for more information and tickets.

Assembly Theme

Assemblies this week have been taken by Mr McDonald on the theme of 'Individual Leadership'. He spoke to students about the 'bystander effect' and the importance of taking responsibility and doing the right thing, linked to our school values and playing your part in the social contract.

Uniform

Now that the weather is getting colder and wetter, could you please ensure your child attends school with a sensible weatherproof coat; with no badges or logos. Please note Denim and leather jackets are not allowed. Sweatshirts/hoodies are not allowed to be worn at any time.

A plain black V-neck jumper may be worn under the blazer

In addition, please note that black socks must be worn with trousers. Black or white (no logo) socks are to be worn with skirts.

For PE, Ashlyns hoodies may be worn with plain black tracksuit bottoms, plain black leggings or plain black shorts of an appropriate length. No other hoodies or sweatshirts should be worn.

Equipment

Please remind students in Years 7-10 to bring their Chomebook in each day and ensure it is fully charged.

Safeguarding

[#Asktheawkward](#) has been created to help parents explore online relationships with their secondary aged children, making these conversations part of everyday life.

Sports Results

U16 Girls Football vs Lord Williams	Won 6-0
Y8A Netball vs JFK	Won 15-6
Y7 Boys Rugby vs Tring	Lost 20-25
U18 Girls Football vs Beaumont	Won 4-2
U13 Girls Football vs Parmiters	5-5 AET Won 3-2 Pens.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all those who represented the school in the District Cross Country. There were some fantastic performances.

Year 7 Girls- 4th

Year 7 Boys- 1st

Year 8 Girls- 7th

Year 8 Boys- 1st

Year 9 Girls- 1st

Year 9 Boys- 3rd

Year 10 Girls- 2nd

Year 10 Boys- 1st

Notable performances from Eimear M 1st, Arlo L 2nd, Alfie B 3rd, Jobe G 2nd, Ross G 3rd.



ASA News

Craft Fair - Sunday 20th November - 11am-4pm

We need your help - this is one of our biggest fundraising events, back after a 2-year absence, and we need as many volunteers as possible - please use the [sign-up link](#). Thank you. This is a hugely popular event, with handmade gifts from local designer-makers and food producers, Cafe open all day and drop-in craft workshops in the Creative Classroom

Save the Date:

Cyclocross Event at Ashlyns School - Sunday 4th December

We will need volunteers to help on the refreshment stall

Wreath Making at Ashlyns School - Friday 9th December (evening)

Further details tba.

Donations Please

We are now organising our **Christmas Hamper Raffle** and **Festival of Light Tombola** and are now ready to start collecting your wonderful donations. Please see the [attached flyer](#) that will give you all the details of our hamper themes and drop off addresses. We are also collecting bottles and chocolates for the Tombola which can also be dropped off at the same addresses. Keep an eye out for details on how to purchase your raffle tickets coming soon so you can try and win a lovely hamper in time for Christmas

Admissions

Hertfordshire County Council is proposing to retain the County Council's existing admission arrangements for 2024/25, including Published Admission Numbers, Relevant Areas and schemes of coordination. Parents/carers are invited to respond to the consultation, which runs until 11 December 2022. Please click [here](#) for more information and to respond online.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Science of Fire
Quiz



Myths and Truths
about Dyscalculia



Q&A with Laura
Merrifield
England
Women's
Lacrosse Captain

Interviews with inspiring sports women, including England Women's Lacrosse captain, [Laura Merrifield](#), and England rugby player, [Sonia Green](#), who are both also teachers.

English teacher and GCSE examiner Patrick Cragg's selection of resources on Shakespeare:

- What GCSE students are expected to write in the [Shakespeare section](#) of their exam
- [excellent essay introduction](#)
- Three key motifs from core GCSE text [Macbeth](#).

Bonfire Night:

- [quiz about the science of fire](#)
- [webinar recording](#) on children's relationship with fire.

Webinars lined up for November, all free and exclusive to our Tooled Up community. [Book your place on any of the following now:](#)

- November 7th, 7.30pm GMT - [Myths and Truths about Dyscalculia](#)
- November 14th, 7.30pm GMT - [Taking a Closer Look at TikTok](#)
- November 15th, 7:30pm GMT - [Paediatric Cardiology Q&A Webinar](#)