



## 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.

## Autumn Chill

Well done to all our performers at the Autumn Chill concert yesterday evening. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved and showcasing their talents. Music at Ashlyns is back in full swing!

## Careers

On Thursday 15 December Royal Navy chefs will be visiting Ashlyns to deliver a *Ready, Steady, Cook* style careers event exclusively for Year 10 students who are studying GCSE Food Technology.

Working in teams, students will be tasked with creating a main meal and pudding in 90 minutes using supplied ingredients. If your son or daughter is interested in participating in this event please discuss the opportunity with them and then complete the form [here](#) to register your interest. If you have already completed the form there is no need to do so again.

Young Professionals are running a virtual parent/carer information evening *Your Child, Their Future* on Thursday 24 November from 6-7.30pm with advice and tips on helping your child to navigate the job market and find work experience/internship placements as well as graduate and apprenticeship opportunities. Details on how to register can be found [here](#).

On Friday 9 December we are hosting a careers talk with a senior lawyer from one of the UK's leading law firms, Pinsent Mason. The talk will give students an introduction to life as a solicitor, potential routes into law (via university and apprenticeships), and the wide variety of roles, industries and types of work that lawyers get involved with. This event is open to students in Years 8-11 and if your child is interested in attending the presentation, please complete the form [here](#) to register your interest. The presentation will take place in the LRC at 10am for one hour. Places are limited and in the event of being oversubscribed we will offer places via a random ballot. Confirmed attendees will receive an email a week before with the event details.

## LRC

This week the LRC was full with 50 amazing book-shaped cakes created by our Year 7 students for our Great British Book Bake Off. The creativity and detail that went into each cake was exceptional and as a result, all students were awarded Star Baker status and each student took home a prize including cookery books, fiction books, embroidered aprons and specially created wooden spoons to celebrate their fantastic achievements.



## Key Dates

- **20 Nov: ASA Craft Fair**
- **21 Nov: Y11 Trial Exams Start**
- **25 Nov: Occasional Day, School Closed**
- **28 Nov: INSET Day, School Closed to Students**

## Next Week Lunch Menu - Week 1

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
14161	14109	14595	15011
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
18/11/2022			

## Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 11 Nov:

7H2 99%  
8B2 86%  
9H1 96%  
10B1 97%  
11C1 97%

## Vacancies

- [Teacher of French \(full or part time\)](#)
- [Teacher of Spanish](#)

## Berkhamsted narrative - workshop invite

Please find [attached a flyer](#) from Berkhamsted Town Council regarding a town-focussed discussion on Berkhamsted's identity.

## ASA News

### 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

## Assembly Theme

This week is Anti Bullying Week and in keeping with this theme, Mr Beattie has led assemblies talking about the 'bystander effect' and standing up for both yourself and others. Students in Years 7-11 have completed an anti bullying student questionnaire, which is an important part of our work on anti bullying and which informs some of our work going forward

## School Photographs

Gillman & Soame took Year 7, 10 & Sixth Form portrait photographs in September. If you haven't already, please order these photographs as soon as possible (especially if you would like them for Christmas). If details have been mislaid, please contact Gillman & Soame directly at [action@gillmanandsoame.co.uk](mailto:action@gillmanandsoame.co.uk) or on 01869 328200 with your child's name and quoting the security password **ashlyns638dpt2022** and they can assist.

## Inter-House Cross Country

All next week students in Years 7-10 will be taking part in the annual inter-house cross country competitions within their core PE lessons. They will need to dress appropriately for the weather and we recommend bringing boots or old footwear along with a spare bag to carry them home in.

Who will win it this year? Every person who completes the course contributes to the house points!

## Safeguarding

### A directory of services, events and resources for families in Hertfordshire

Please click [here](#) for a useful directory of services in Hertfordshire to support parents/carers with things like: money advice, emotional and mental health, relationship support, childcare and advice for parents and staying healthy.

## Sports Results

7B Boys Football vs John Hampden	Won 4-2
U14 Girls Football vs John Henry Newman	Lost 4-1
Y8 Boys Football vs Marlborough	Won 6-4

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



Books to Cultivate Kindness and Empathy



Dr Weston Talks with Professor William Pickett and Professor Wendy Craig: Social Media Use and Cyberbullying



Researcher of the Month Dr Larisa McLoughlin Discusses Cyberbullying and Social Connectedness

## Anti-Bullying Week

Sadly, bullying of children and teens, in schools and elsewhere, is extremely common. Globally, one third of children experience bullying in schools (UNESCO, 2019). It's vital to highlight effective strategies for preventing and responding to it which emphasise agency and action, not only this week, but every week.

Resources:

- [sibling bullying](#),
- [cyberbullying and social connectedness](#) and the impact of
- [social media](#). We've also teamed up with psychologist

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 October draw:

1st prize - N Di Giuseppe  
2nd prize - R Harrison  
3rd prize - E Pritchard

## Hamper & Tombola

We are continuing our collection of your wonderful donations for our Christmas Hamper Raffle and Festival of Light "Chocolate and Bottle" Tombola. Please see [attached flyers](#) that will give you all the details of our hamper themes and drop off addresses and remember donations can be dropped at the school office (No Alcohol at school).

Donations can also be left at the uniform stall at the Craft Fair.

Tickets are also now available to buy through Parent Pay or students can hand forms / payment (in a sealed envelope) into the school office.

## CRAFT FAIR - Sunday 20th November - 11am-4pm

**WE NEED YOU** - Many slots still need filling - unless these are filled, we cannot run this event, one of our biggest fundraisers and back after a 2-year absence. Use the [sign-up link](#). Thank you.

We also need donations of cakes/biscuits for the Craft Fair - you can drop off at school on Friday 18th, on Saturday 19th at 9 Birtchnell Close, or bring on Sunday

- Dr Elly Hanson's [top tips](#) on supporting your child to challenge harmful talk in their peer group.
- Importance of kindness interviews with experts, [Dr Jess Datu](#) and [Professor Robin Banerjee](#).
- [100 Acts of Kindness](#)
- [list of books](#) for all ages that can help to develop empathy.
- Interview with Professor James O'Higgins Norman, UNESCO Chair on Tackling Bullying in Schools and Cyberspace. Look out for a new podcast episode in the Tooled Up library, very soon.

morning to the Craft Fair. Please provide a list of ingredients with your donations. Thank you.

New2You uniform and Christmas hamper raffle tickets - will be on sale at the Craft Fair.

**Save the Date:**

**Cyclocross Event** at Ashlyns School - Sunday 3rd December

We will need volunteers to help on the refreshment stall, and donations of cakes/biscuits.

**Wreath Making Workshop** at Ashlyns School - Friday 9th December (evening) look out for further details.