



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.

Y11 Trial Examinations

Year 11 are now halfway through their trial examinations; they are to be congratulated for their attitude to their exams and their behaviour and focus in the chapel and in supervised study sessions. Understanding the exams experience in as close a way to the real thing as possible is a crucial part of their preparation, helping to reduce nerves and anxiety around the process for the summer. It is also invaluable in helping them learn to organise revision and preparation. We have been very pleased to see how they have embraced this and thank you also to their parents and carers who have supported them so well: we know this can be a stressful time for all concerned!

Parent Forum

Thank you to our group of parents who meet termly for Parent Forum. This week we discussed Enrichment and Extra-Curricular, Behaviour for Learning, and Sex and Relationships Education. We are very grateful, as ever, for their feedback which helps inform our practice going forward. If you would be interested in being part of Parent Forum, please email Fiona Thompson on ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk to find out more.

Assembly Theme

This week our assemblies were led by Miss Bjornsgaard on the theme of FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out). Students have learned how social media and the instantaneous world in which they live gives them an unrealistic viewpoint of other people's lives. Discussions have taken place around the use of screens, what other activities students can do to enhance their mental health as well as how, as individuals, they can combat the feelings they get when they are not included in events.

Ashlyns Charity Leaders

Our volunteer Charity Leaders are an important part of our student leadership team, and are currently working hard on some Christmas initiatives:

Christmas Food bank

12th - 16th December

This year we will be donating various items to Northchurch Pantry and Berkhamsted Open Door. You can donate items from 12th - 16th December. Please give donations to form tutors. List of donations can be found [here](#).

Preloved Christmas Jumpers Boutique

On the 14th of December, we will be giving Christmas jumpers a new home at our pop up [Christmas jumper boutique](#) with all proceeds supporting Northchurch Community Pantry and the Open Door Community Food project in Berkhamsted.

What can you do to contribute?

Key Dates

- **25 Nov: Occasional Day, School Closed**
- **27 Nov: ASA Tombola at Berkhamsted Christmas Lights**
- **28 Nov: INSET Day, School Closed to Students**
- **4 Dec: Cyclocross at Ashlyns**
- **5 Dec: Y13 Trial Exams Start**
- **8 Dec: Y7 Parents' Information Evening**
- **11 Dec: Carol Service**
- **21 Dec: Last Day of Term, School Closes at 12.30**
- **5 Jan: First Day of Term**

Next Week Lunch Menu - Week 2

Communications

- [Ski Trip 2024 Information](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
15885	15838	16511	17155
3 rd	4 th	2 nd	1 st

24/11/2022

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 18 Nov:

7R1 97%
 8H1 98%
 9H1 96%
 10B1 97%
 11R2 97%

Vacancies

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

1. Donate a preloved Christmas jumper by Friday 9th December - please give to form tutors.
2. Encourage your child to come to our pop up boutique and purchase a pre-loved jumper on Wednesday 14th December - more details to follow.

Safeguarding

Please find an [article](#) which relates to the usage of Tik Tok moving forwards. A reminder about the guidance with regards to the age of use for various apps is [here](#).

To enhance your access to report any online safety concerns there is now a CEOP button on the schools website (alongside students having this link on their chromebooks) so that any incidents of concern can be reported. This can be found on this [page](#). An image of it is below.



CYCLOCROSS 2022

Sunday 4th December at Ashlyns School

Ashlyns are thrilled to be hosting the CCXL round 11 Crossmas Cyclocross. Any budding cycling enthusiasts, details and how to enter can be found [here](#). Various races from under 10s. Food and refreshments available on the day.

Ski Trip 2024 Years 8-10

We are looking forward to meeting you all at the information evening on Monday 28 6pm in the chapel. If you have not completed the [expression of interest](#) form please do so as soon as possible as it will close at 6pm on Friday 25 November.

Christmas Tree

We would like to thank Christmas Tree Place, Berkhamsted for their generosity in donating the school Christmas Tree again this year. Their Christmas Tree farm and retail site is open now and located 200 metres from the Berkhamsted A41 junction on the Chesham Road. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

Sports Results

10B Boys Football vs JHS	Lost 5-1
Y9B & 10A Netball vs Astley Cooper	Y9B - Lost Y10A - Won
Y8A Netball vs Berkhamsted	Lost 18-15
Y10 Boys Football vs Marriots	Won 4-3
Y8 Boys Rugby vs Tring	Lost 7-5
Y7 Boys Rugby vs Adeyfield	TBC
Y10 A&B Netball vs Abbot's	TBC
11B & 8B Netball vs Astley Cooper	TBC

ASA News

Tombola and Hampers

We still have time for your last-minute Tombola and Hamper donations which can now also be dropped off directly to 70 Cross Oak Road, HP4 3HZ on Friday or Saturday morning. These are brilliant fund raisers for the school so please try and donate.

Hamper raffle tickets available via ParentPay.

Cyclocross 'Crossmas' Event - Sunday 4th Dec

We need volunteers to help on our refreshment stall at this popular event at Ashlyns School - please use [this link](#). We're expecting over 600 visitors at this event, so we really need your help!! Thank you

Santa Sleigh - Wednesday 7th 5.30-8pm

Still need one more volunteer - please contact the ASA via email.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



TikTok: Your Questions Answered



Tate Truths: Questions to Aid Discussion with Young People about Toxic Online Content



Thinking about Who We Follow and Why

Social Media

- [resource](#) to answer some of the most frequently asked questions about TikTok
- [video](#) that provides a clear overview of the platform
- [webinar](#), where Tooled Up founder, Dr Weston and psychologist, Dr Elly Hanson, discuss worrying content shared on TikTok and outline what parents and carers can do to keep their children and teens safe online.

Andrew Tate, disgraced social media influencer, is an example of the toxic and harmful content that circulates around TikTok, Instagram and co: [discussion topics](#) focusing on how we can respond to this kind of toxic content and this [activity](#), designed to provoke conversations about the importance of remaining critical about the things we see and read online and conscious of its impact on us as individuals.

Keep your child safe when using their mobile phones:

- [parental controls](#)
- [conversations](#) with your child about digital hygiene
- [digital values](#)