



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.

Y13 Trial Exams

Well done to our Year 13 students, who have just completed a week of trial examinations. This is an important part of their preparations for the summer examinations and students should spend some time reflecting on the systems and structures they put in place for their independent revision and study. We wish our Year 13 students and their families a restful weekend after what has doubtless been a long week!

Exam Certificates

Certificates from the Summer exams will be distributed to Y12 students next week during Registration. Students who have left will be able to collect their certificates from Reception from Monday 12th December, and a [letter](#) has been sent to explain this process.

Please keep your certificates in a safe place as the school does not have copies and you will need to contact the exam boards and pay for a certifying statement if you lose them.

Assembly Theme

This week's assemblies, led by Mr Beattie, have focused on safeguarding, and all of the measures in place to ensure students are and feel safe. As part of this, we have focused on who students should go to if they feel they have a problem or need to report something; this could be any adult in school that students feel comfortable talking to.

Character Cards

Students are enjoying the introduction of our new character standards cards, where members of staff recognise where students have demonstrated our three values and the character traits associated with these values. Examples of virtues recognised this week are kindness and empathy in helping others where friends are upset, empathy in helping and supporting less experienced players in sport, and demonstrating confidence and teamwork during a primary school visit.

Safeguarding

Please find a useful [link](#) that can help support children where there may be concerns over self harm.

Learning Ambassador Visit

This week a group of learning ambassadors visited Victoria School to teach an English lesson to Year 2 with Mr Roberts and Mrs Harvey, who were very proud of the confidence and expertise of the learning ambassadors during the lesson. Both our learning ambassadors and Year 2 greatly enjoyed the visit!

Key Dates

- 11 Dec: Carol Service, 4pm
- 21 Dec: Last Day of Term, School Closes at 12.30
- 21 Dec: Non Uniform Day
- 5 Jan: First Day of Term

Next Week Lunch Menu - Week 1

Communications

- [Feedback on Parent/Carer Survey 2022](#)

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
18641	18159	18743	19611
3 rd	4 th	2 nd	1 st
09/12/2022			

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 24 Nov:

- 7C2 99%
- 8H1 94%
- 9C1 96%
- 10R1 95%
- 11B2 97%

Vacancies

Teaching Staff

- [Teacher of Art, part time](#)

Support Staff

- [Administrator](#)
- [Cover Supervisor](#)
- [LRC Assistant](#)
- [Science Technician](#)
- [Teaching Assistant 18hrs](#)
- [Teaching Assistant 30hrs](#)

Local Food Banks

Please click [here](#) for a list of food support in the local area.

Careers in Law

This week we welcomed a senior lawyer from Pinsent Masons who spoke to our students about a career in law. The fantastic presentation gave students an insight into life as a solicitor, the different types of law and the qualifying process. At the end of the session students had the opportunity to utilise what they had learned and apply it to a task. Our thanks to Pinsent Masons who made this event possible for our students.

Carol Service

Our Carol Service takes place this Sunday 11th December, and is always a highlight of the festive calendar. Please come along, hear our students perform, and get into the festive spirit; it starts at 4pm. The ASA will be selling hot drinks, mulled wine and mince pies (cash and card) after the event, in the dining hall.

Christmas Food Bank

12th - 16th December

Our student charity leaders are organising the Christmas food bank donations; 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](#).

Year 7 Parents' Support and Information Evening

Thank you to the parents who ventured out on a very cold evening for our Year 7 Support and Information Evening; Mr Beattie presented on the school values as well as harmful sexualised behaviours, and Mr McDonald talked parents through assessment, growth mindset, and enrichment opportunities.

Sports Results

Y11 Boys Football vs Longdean	3-3
U13 Girls Football vs Simon Balle	Won 4-1
U13A Girls Football vs Tring	Lost 6-3
Y7A Netball vs JFK	Won 7-4
Y11 Boys Football vs Davenat	Won 2-0
11B Netball vs Astley Cooper	Won 11-7
Y10 Boys Football vs KLS	Won 6-0
Y7A Netball vs Tring	Won 20-2
Y7B Boys Football vs Sandringham	Won 7-0
U13 Girls Football vs Brampton Manor	Won score TBC

ASA News

Hamper Tickets and Donations

Please keep your wonderful donations coming for our Hampers and also ensure that you purchase your tickets via ParentPay to be in with a chance of winning one of them. We are now into our last week for this event before the lucky winners are chosen. Please see [attached flyer](#) for details of drop off locations. The last day to donate and buy tickets is Friday 9th December.

CHAPEL DECORATING -

Saturday 10th Dec 2-4pm

Thank you to those who have signed up, all slots filled! - we will email you with further details.

Santa's Sleigh

A huge thank you to the ASA Santa Sleigh team who braved the cold last night to support the Rotary Club in their Christmas collections.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



All About Allergies Follow Up with Professor Adam Fox



Andrew Tate and Toxic Influencers with Dr Lisa Sugiura



Heart Issues in Children with Dr Gareth Morgan

Ever wondered what other parents are looking at in the Tooled Up library? Our library has expanded to over 500+ resources in 2022, but which ones proved most popular?

The most favoured resource category has been '[Wellbeing](#)' and, in line with this, our most viewed overall resource has been our '[Coping Menu](#)', designed to get families thinking about strategies for lifting moods and managing emotions. Out of the wealth of webinars we recorded this year, a conversation with UCL brain scientist, Dr Jo Van Herwegen on [busting neuromyths](#) in ADHD and Autism proved to be extremely popular, and our chat with Professor Adam Fox on [allergy care for children](#) came top of our 'live' events.

We have listened to what you need and what you are searching for in our Tooled Up library and developed webinars for 2023 with top experts and practitioners. Please remember you can submit questions for any speaker, so take a peek at the list below and do [get in touch](#).

Book your place via our events page by following the links below and keep an eye on our social media channels for details of the events listed without links. You can find us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Webinar listings for 2023

Q&A on low mood and teen depression with Professor Shirley Reynolds (recorded)

[All About Allergies Follow Up](#) with Professor Adam Fox

[Q&A](#) with Former Saracens Rugby Captain and Headteacher, Floyd Steadman

[Misogyny and Sexism](#) with Dr Lisa Sugiura

[Heart Issues in Children](#) with Dr Gareth Morgan

[Andrew Tate and Toxic Influencers](#) with Dr Lisa Sugiura

[Rowing Tips with Elite Rowers](#) Caoimhe Dempsey and James Ball

[Practical Strategies for Supporting Children](#) with Dyslexia with Sarah Cox and Kate King

Developing an Understanding of Disability and Self-advocacy skills for children and young people with Miranda Eadonable

Early reading with Keya Elie.