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Number



Week ending 24 Feb 2023

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Next week- Week 2

Attendance reporting procedures Please report children's absence by 08:30 each morning using our <u>online google form</u> which can also be found on the school website. This form should also be used to report future absence e.g. dentist appointments.

Safeguarding

Please find a useful <u>link</u> that provides information for children and parents with regard to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

Uniform Update

Details of our new uniform supplier will be shared with parents/carers before the Easter break.

In the meantime, we will be holding a one-off **Uniform Sale** in the Hall on Tuesday 28th February from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. A large amount of both new and also New2You items will be available to purchase at **heavily discounted prices**. Parents/carers attending the event should park at the front of the school and enter through the main reception area.

Charity Event

Coram House, led by Mr Walker and student leaders, raised a magnificent £538.74 from their Charityfest event just before half term. Thank you to students and parents for their support of the event, a great fundraiser for Coram's chosen charity, Hector's House, who perform vital work and programmes to aid youth mental well-being and suicide and self-harm prevention.

Y10 French Trip

30 Year 10 students have spent 5 days in Normandy, near Avranches. They enjoyed aeroball, bread making, archery, local excursions including le Mont St Michel, a local market and dinner at a crêperie.

Whilst on a visit to the local town, employees commented on the politeness and manners of our students.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to take your children on this trip, and to watch them gain confidence and improve their language skills. We are so proud of our students who throughout the trip demonstrated the school values: independence in organising themselves effectively throughout the trip; integrity in their interactions with everyone they met and inclusivity - even allowing Mr Jabbie to join their teams in the sports tournament!

Y11 Geography Trip

Our Year 11 Geography students had an excellent day at Kings Cross on Tuesday. They carried out an investigation into how successful the regeneration programme had been for two neighbouring areas. Through fieldwork techniques, including questionnaires, building quality surveys, service tallies and field sketching, they have been able to identify both the challenges and opportunities of such a large-scale regeneration project.

Key Dates

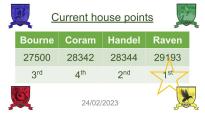
- 1 March: Industrial Action, School open to Y7, Y12 (lessons only), Y13 (lessons only)
- 17 March: ASA Quiz Night
- 23 March: Y7 PTCE

Communications

Industrial Action 1 March

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 2

House Points



Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 10 Feb: 7B2 99% 8B3 94% 9B2 97% 10H2 96% 11H2 97%

Vacancies

Teaching:

- <u>Teacher of French part</u> <u>time</u>
- <u>Teacher of Sociology part</u> <u>time</u>
- <u>Second in Inclusion</u> <u>Maternity Cover</u>

Support Staff:

- Premises Assistant
- TA 18hrs
- TA 30hrs
- Science Technician
- Exam Invigilators



Theatre Production

Today Years 11, 12 and 13 attended an in-school production by the theatre company Alter Ego, which raises aware of sexism and misogyny, sexual harassment and sexual violence: what they are, factors involved in creating them, and what can be done to expose and respond to harmful attitudes that perpetuate harassment and injustice.

Assembly Theme

This week assemblies were led by Mr Roberts on the theme of kindness, linked to Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 20th, exploring how important it is to try to make kindness a habit and challenging everyone to undertake a random act of kindness this week.

SEND Questionnaire

Year 11 parents and carers of students with SEND have been sent a questionnaire via email; please complete this with your child to help us support your child further in the run up to exams.

Extended Learning Day

On Wednesday 8th March the school will be having an Extended Learning Day. Information about what each year group's activities are below:

Year 7 - Trip to the Science Museum

Year 8 - Humanities day focusing on the school and local history

Year 9 - Careers based carousel with interactive workshops and 8 industry speakers

Year 10 - Work Shadowing

Year 11 - Second trials in English Language and Maths

Year 12 - Careers day with workshops from a wide range of careers

Year 13 - Study day to prepare for exams

Careers

Oaklands College is offering Twilight Taster events for Year 11 students on 01 March. To book a subject specific taster lesson, please visit the links below: St Albans

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oaklands-college-st-albans-campus-twilight-taster -sessions-tickets-539027404477

Welwyn Garden City

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/oaklands-college-welwyn-garden-city-campus-twil ight-taster-sessions-tickets-538830164527

Sports Results

U13B Girls Football vs The Latymer School	Won 4-1
Y7 Boys Rugby vs Hemel	Lost
Y8A Boys Football vs Tring	Won 5-2
Y8A vs JFK Netball District Cup Semi Final	Won 17-6
U15 Girls Football vs KLS	Lost 3-0
Y8B Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 2-1

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 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 for more info.

Congratulations to the winners of the December draw:

1st prize - G Okin 2nd prize - C Taylor 3rd prize - M Armitage

Bags to school – Thank you so much to everyone who donated items, this collection raised **£296**. We have taken the decision to donate this money to the Earthquake Appeal in view of recent tragic events in Turkey and Syria.

Uniform – We will be joining school in selling uniform in a one-off sale next Tuesday. Further details can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

A silent disco for Year 9 will be held at school on 30th March from 19.00 - 21.00. Tickets are £3 including drink and snack and will be on sale via Parent Pay soon. There is an upper limit to numbers – first come first served.

Comedy night and Ashlyns festival (14 and 15 July) advanced ticket booking is coming soon!

Y7C Netball vs Tring A&B	A Lost 12-5, B Won 15-2
Y11A vs Y11B Netball District Cup Final	11B - Won - District Cup Champions
Y8 Boys Rugby vs Astley Cooper	Won
U13A Girls Football vs Adeyfield	Won 3-1
Y7A&B Netball vs Abbot's	ТВС
Y7A Boys Football vs Adeyfield	ТВС

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



It was International Mother Language Day this week, a day of celebration throughout the world in promoting linguistic, cultural diversity and multilingualism.

We have two fantastic podcast interviews in the Tooled Up library from leading experts in multilingualism. <u>Professor Victoria Murphy</u> and <u>Dr Naomi Flynn</u> both give excellent advice on how to support children in developing mastery of both their mother tongue and the English language.

We're also very excited to be planning interviews over the next couple of months with Professor Florence Myles and Professor Suzanne Graham, both renowned experts in the benefits of learning foreign languages for children. Keep your eyes peeled for further information if this piques your interest!

Since tickets were released last week, we're really thrilled to have had over 100 Tooled Up parents and educators sign up to our first ever conference, being held on 21st April: <u>Support for Children with Autism: An Exploration of Practical and Evidence-Based Ideas for Parents and Educators</u>.

It is an online conference, free to you as Tooled Up members, and will cover topics like optimal learning environments, autism and mental health, partnerships with parents and ambition, aspiration and employability. <u>REGISTER NOW</u>