



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.

Safeguarding

Please find a [link](#) advertising support sessions for parents whose children suffer from anxiety. The webinars address support strategies for children and parents on how to deal with anxiety and build resilience.

Assembly Theme

This week's assemblies have been led by Mr Beattie and have focused around issues of knife crime, recapping on Mr McDonald's 'no innocent bystanders' theme from earlier in the year.

Parent Forum

This week our Parent Forum met to discuss careers provision, our character programme, and our modern foreign languages provision. The feedback from Parent Forum is an invaluable part of our school improvement planning processes and we are grateful to our parents for giving up their time and providing us with such helpful feedback.

If you are interested in being part of our Parent Forum, which requires a termly hour of your time in an evening, please email Mrs Thompson on ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Year 9 Options

A reminder to Year 9 parents and students that [Options forms](#) are due in today, 3rd March, unless you are attending the additional meetings for students with SEND. If you require any help or support, please contact Mrs Kingston through the admin email address.

Extended Learning Day

On Wednesday 8th March, the usual school timetable is suspended for 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

Key Dates

- 8 March: Extended Learning Day
- 17 March: Non Uniform Day
- 17 March: ASA Quiz Night
- 23 March: Y7 PTCE
- 3 April: Easter Holiday
- 17 April: Start of School Term

Communications

- [Y11 Elevate Connect Revision](#)
- [Y11 Easter Holiday and Supercram Revision Sessions](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 3

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
28827	29591	29487	30633
4 th	2 nd	3 rd	1 st

03/03/2023

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 24 Feb:

7C1 97%

8H2 97%

9H1 98%

10B1 97%

11R2 95%

Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Teacher of French part time](#)
- [Teacher of Sociology part time](#)
- [Second in Inclusion Maternity Cover](#)
- [Teacher of Product Design/Food Technology](#)
- [Teacher of History](#)

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Ben B, in Year 11, who successfully completed his first solo flight on his 16th birthday. This is the youngest age you can fly a light aircraft on your own.

Congratulations to Ella and Sophia, in Year 8, who have won Pearson's "Twist on a Tale" writing competition, this year focusing on diversity and representation in literature. Ella and Sophia's illustrated story "No Such Thing as Normal" follows characters Echo and Lizzie and their experiences in school as non-binary and neurodivergent. Ella and Sophia won the KS3 section of the competition and the piece will shortly be published alongside other winning stories, a great achievement!

Well done to Kate, in Year 11, who swam in the Herts County Championships in Jan/Feb in her first year in the women's open age group (16 and over), making 10 finals, getting a bronze medal in 200m fly then winning the 400m individual medley. Her time of 5:19:72 was a huge personal best and a Berkhamsted swimming club record. This time qualifies her for Regionals in Norwich at the end of April.



Learning Ambassadors

This week our team yr 8 & 9 of learning ambassadors visited Bridgewater Primary school to deliver a Religious Studies lesson with the focus on 'What Makes Me Unique?'. The learning ambassadors did a fantastic job of delivering a fun and interactive session which was enjoyed by all involved. Thank you to Mr Walker for preparing the students to deliver such a successful lesson.



World Book Day

This week we celebrated World Book Day with our catering team delivering a themed Alice in Wonderland lunch for the students to celebrate a love of reading. Our English Department staff were also on top form for the lunchtime charades quiz acting out a variety of books for students to guess the titles.



Sports Results

U13B Girls Football vs Adeyfield	Lost 9-6
Y9 Boys Football vs Astley Cooper	Drew 3-3 , Lost 4-1 on penalties
Y7A&C Netball vs Longdean	A - 14-6, C - 11-1
Y11 & Senior Versatility Tournament	Y11 - 2nd & 3rd, Senior - 5th
Y11 Boys Football vs Tring	Won 5-2
U13A & U13B Girls Football vs Longdean	U13A - Lost 3-1, U13B - Won 2-1
Y7C&Y10B Netball vs Laureate	Y7C - TBC, Y10B - TBC

Support Staff:

- [TA 18hrs](#)
- [TA 30hrs](#)
- [Science Technician](#)

ASA News

Year 9 Silent Disco tickets are now on sale via Parent Pay. Ticket numbers are limited so please book early.

Quiz Night

Please see attached sign up link as we are looking for volunteers to help with our SOLD OUT Quiz Night. As always your help and support to run these events is very much appreciated and events cant happen without you: [Ashlyns Quiz Night - 17th March](#)

Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone who attended our successful New and New2You uniform sale this week. Please be aware there is still stock left so please contact the school or the ASA for any further uniform needs

Save the Date: Comedy night and Ashlyns Festival (14 and 15 July) - advanced ticket booking is coming soon!

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Books Featuring Characters with 'Diffabilities'



Myths and Truths about Dyscalculia with Dr Jo Van Herwegen



Books to Help Prepare Children for a New Sibling

It's Eating Disorders Awareness Week - an opportunity to raise awareness and talk about the realities of eating disorders as well as to provide hope, support, and visibility to those affected. If you'd like to learn more about how to support or what experts are saying, you will find various resources on the topic in the [Tooled Up library](#).

In a recent [interview](#), aimed at anyone whose child is supporting a friend with an eating disorder, clinical psychologist and eating disorder expert, Dr Amy Harrison, talks to us about optimal ways to do so. She discusses her innovative research into the impact of eating disorders on social functioning and gives us some actionable tips that might be helpful in maintaining and strengthening friendships.

This Friday, it's also Dyscalculia Awareness Day and of course, we've got you covered: Dr Van Herwegen joined us for a thought-provoking [webinar](#) where she outlines commonly believed myths and truths about developmental dyscalculia and explores the latest research evidence about mathematical learning difficulties, with a focus on the school years.

Let's not forget that it's World Book Day as well this week, so we wanted to remind you of all of our fantastic [book lists](#). Whether you are looking for books on supporting young people's [mental health](#), [preparing for a new sibling](#), books featuring characters with 'diffabilities', books to promote [kindness and empathy](#) or to open up conversations about [puberty](#), [normalising mistakes](#) or helping children to cope in the sad event of a [bereavement](#) - we have a list for you. If you can think of any good ones, why not [let us know](#)?

And last but not least, don't forget to follow us on social media for more updates! You will find us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and even [LinkedIn](#).