



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.

Safeguarding

Please find a [link](#) to a useful website with information and support (including webinars) about supporting children about the subject of body image.

Uniform Supplier

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a new uniform supplier - PL Schoolwear. Their website is now operational and parents/carers are currently able to order blazers, ties and skirts. Please click [here](#).

We are currently reviewing the school PE kit and these items will be available from PL Schoolwear shortly. In the event that some new items are launched, students will still be able to wear existing stock for PE lessons.

Items supplied by PL Schoolwear are competitively priced and made from sustainable fabrics. Parents/carers can place orders online and items can be either delivered to a home address, or delivered to the PL Schoolwear shops in Aylesbury or Hemel Hempstead for collection. It is also possible to make an appointment at either store for uniform fittings and purchase.

The ASA still hold uniform stock, both new and New2You. If you are interested in purchasing any items, please contact them at: ASA@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Assembly Theme

This week's character theme of the week was humility. The assembly, led by Mr Roberts, explored the meaning of humility and its practical application including how to demonstrate confidence and pride in a humble way. The assembly concluded with the quote 'Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less'. Students were given scenario based activities during their tutor sessions allowing them to consider what a humble response might be.

Lives not Knives

This week Year 7 have had a Lives not Knives input from Herts Police CYP Gangs and Schools team (PC Fiona Peters).

The students were really engaged during the sessions covering knife crime, gangs and county lines discussing the importance of making positive choices.

Extended Learning Day

Year 7 had a fantastic day at the Science Museum, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Year 8 had a day focusing on the history of the school and completed a treasure hunt around the school site identifying some of the more historical aspects of the buildings. We were pleased to welcome back Lydia, a former foundling at the school who explained what life was like for her when she was at Ashlyns during the Second World War.

Key Dates

- 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

- [Industrial Action 15 & 16 March](#)
- [Y13 Business Studies Revision Workshop](#)
- [Y13 Economics Revision Workshop](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 1

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
30212	30732	30614	31805
4 th	2 nd	3 rd	1 st
10/03/2023			

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 03 Mar:

7H2 96%
8C2 98%
9B2 97%
10B1 99%
11R1 94%

Happy Project

Please click [here](#) for information on the Herts County Council Services for Young People Easter Holiday activity programme in Hemel .

Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Teacher of French part time](#)

Year 9 students celebrated National Careers Week this week with a packed day of activities and events designed to get students thinking about possible careers paths. We welcomed inspirational guest speakers from Sky Studios, VW, Saracens, engineering specialists from the National Composites Centre, Osborne Property, Syneos Health and Rayden Solicitors. Our speakers shared their career journeys and gave some excellent practical advice on how to gain employment in their respective industries. Students also had the opportunity to develop their communication skills with a robot challenge and a number of fun skills-led team building activities. One of the speakers commented: 'It was a pleasure to spend time with the Year 9 students and great to be part of such a brilliant initiative from the school'.

Year 10 students took part in a day of work shadowing. The day aimed to give students a real life insight into the world of work. Students were encouraged to appreciate the distance people travel to work, the inter-relationships formed in a business environment, the variety of skills that a job requires and how technology is applied. We have had some really positive feedback from the day, students will now have the opportunity to reflect on their day and write a report as part of their pastoral programme. Those students unable to secure a placement outside of school were able to take part in a bespoke careers focussed day in school with a specialist careers advisor.

Year 11 conducted themselves impeccably through a second set of trial exams in English and Maths to help support them with their preparation for their upcoming GCSEs.

Year 12 focused on careers and had an exciting range of speakers which included a live Googlemeet with a journalist in Kiev and some dogs from the prison service, who were a big hit with our sixth formers. We were also delighted to welcome back a former Ashlyns student who gave a great session on the work that he has been doing studying veterinary science. The students also completed useful sessions on Unifrog.

Rotary Berkhamsted Fun Run

Congratulations to all Ashlyns' students and staff for taking part in the Fun Run and well done to the girls for winning the Schools Challenge! Congratulations to Indie F, Y12, who won the Women's race in an amazing time of 29:21!

Year 11 Raising Achievement

Year 11 are working very hard in this final run up to their summer examinations; please do encourage them to continue to attend session 6 or one of the subject specific after school revision sessions, ([timetable here](#)) as well as any Easter, half term, or Saturday supercrams that they are able to attend. ([timetable and booking form here](#) if you have not yet filled it out)

Sports Results

Y7B & 10B Netball vs Hemel	7B - Lost 17-3, 10B Lost 15-13
Y10A Boys Football vs Hemel	Drew 0-0
Y7A&B Netball vs Hemel	A - Won 7-6, B - Lost 6-2
Y10A Boys Football vs Astley Cooper	Won 6-0
U15 Girls Football vs Adeyfield	Won 4-1

- [Teacher of English with Sociology](#)
- [Second in Inclusion Maternity Cover](#)
- [Teacher of Product Design/Food Technology](#)
- [Teacher of Geography](#)

Culinera Canteen Update

Please click [here](#) for the Culinera Newsletter which includes the new Spring Menu.

Please note that due to industrial action next week the published Wednesday Roast will be on Tuesday 14th March.

ASA News

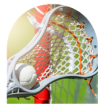
Year 9 Silent Disco - tickets are now on sale via Parent Pay or can be purchased via the [attached flyer](#). Ticket numbers are limited so please book early and also ensure your favourite tracks are uploaded to the playlist via the link on the flyer. Flyers are also available from student reception.

London Marathon – A reminder that there is still time to sponsor Doug, an Ashlyns parent, who is running the marathon to raise funds for the ASA. The link is <https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/doug-jarvis-ec6ef>

Save the Dates - Comedy night and Ashlyns Festival (14 and 15 July)

U13 Girls Cricket Tournament	Won - through to County Finals
Y10B Boys Football vs Adeyfield	Lost 5-3

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Q&A with Laura Merrifield, England Women's Lacrosse Captain



Dr Weston Talks with Professor Susan Golombok: Non-Traditional Family Forms



Gender Equality and Books

It is International Women's Day this week, and this year's theme is #EmbraceEquity. Celebrating difference, diversity and equity is something we are passionate about at Tooled Up, and we've got plenty in the Tooled Up library to help break down stereotypes. Resources created in conjunction with gender equality charity Lifting Limits:

- [list of easily actionable tips](#) to reduce gender stereotypes
- [advice on how to talk to children about gender roles in books](#).
- [webinar](#) with Kirsty Ruthven, Head of Education at Lifting Limits.
- [interview with Professor Christia Spears Brown](#) on reducing race and gender biases
- [conversation with Ella Podmore](#) about her role as senior materials engineer at McLaren Automotive.
- For other inspiring tales about women and girls, take a look at our [book list](#).

Browse through our podcasts:

- [Professor Adele Diamond](#), named as one of the "2000 Outstanding Women of the 20th Century"
- internationally renowned child psychiatric epidemiologist [Professor Tamsin Ford CBE](#)
- Professor Emerita of Family Research and former Director of the Centre for Family Research at the University of Cambridge [Susan Golombok FBA](#)
- Northern Ireland's Mental Health Champion [Professor Siobhan O'Neill](#)
- renowned play expert [Professor Helen Dodd](#)
- Professor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience and multi-award-winning author [Professor Sarah-Jayne Blakemore](#).

Women in sport.

- [50 fabulous sporting role models](#) to inspire you and your children. It features athletes from around the world and many different sports, each with a unique story. You can also take a peek at thi
- [webinar featuring Laura Merrifield](#), England Women's Lacrosse Captain, as she reflects on her career highlights and provides advice for young athletes who want to enjoy and learn more about Lacrosse
- [England and Saracens rugby player. Sonia Green](#), who discusses how to encourage sporting participation, balance academic pressures with sporting aspirations and the best way to deal with inevitable injuries.

Another reminder about our inaugural online conference: [Support for Children with Autism: An Exploration of Practical and Evidence-Based Ideas for Parents and Educators](#) on Friday 21st April 2023, 9am - 4.15pm BST. Visit our website for more information and to [register your place](#).

Finally, we've got some technical news! Whilst our research team has been busy creating valuable evidence-based resources for our fast-growing community, our technical team has also been working hard to improve the ease and speed with which you can find what you need.

Because this is a significant update to the system, the main website will be in 'maintenance mode' from 7am on Saturday 11th March until 9pm on Sunday 12th March. We will carry out this work as quickly and efficiently as we can. If possible, we will get back online before 9pm on Sunday 12th March. If you have any questions, please submit a support request form on our website or email us at support@tooledupeducation.com

