



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

Iphones have a function known as "Air drop". In the event that settings are not edited this could mean that images from anyone can be automatically shared with anyone. It is important that children have these settings reviewed in order that they do not receive inappropriate material. Please see these [guidelines](#) that outline how you and your child can ensure that the correct settings are in place in order to stay safe.

Assembly Theme

Today's assembly was led by Mr Beattie, focused on our school value of independence. He talked to students about Dick Fosbury, the athlete who developed the 'Fosbury flop' technique in high jump.

Mayor's Civic Reception

Good luck to our four students Gene D, Elina L, Tilly R and Eliza H, who will be entertaining the Mayor's Civic Reception with their musical talents this evening.

Ashlyns Festival

14th and 15th July - pre-registration now open

We are thrilled to be hosting this brilliant fundraiser again after a long break! Ashlyns Festival is one of our biggest events, bringing together the community from Berkhamsted and beyond. Kicking off on Friday 14th July with a Comedy Night, and continuing on Saturday with live music all day, great food, and a fun-filled activity area, do not miss the chance to celebrate the start of summer with friends and family, while raising funds for our school and supporting local charities. This event would not be possible without sponsorship from businesses - please email us at ashlynsfestival@gmail.com if you can help. It is a great way to advertise your business whilst supporting our school and other charities.

Pre-register now via our website to get the early-bird ticket deals when they go on sale:

<https://ashlynsfestival.co.uk/>

British Science Week

This week is British Science Week, with the theme of connections. In our assemblies we have looked at how we might be connected to the ocean and how science, technology engineering and maths (STEM) are also connected to the ocean. We focused on sustainable fishing, climate change and possible careers as connections we have. Students in years 7-9 have also had the opportunity to make a paper glider using their science knowledge and research skills; some students will have this opportunity next week. We are also running a science quiz for Years 7-9 in the library on Wednesday 22nd March; please do encourage students in these years to attend. Year 10 and 11 students have researched some of the more unusual careers that might not be immediately associated with science and looked at how they are connected.

Key Dates

- 23 March: Y7 PTCE
- 3 April: Easter Holiday
- 17 April: Start of School Term

Communications

- [Y10 Assessment Week Information](#)
- [Y10 Activity Days](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 2

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
31308	31664	31549	32786
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17/03/2023

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 10 Mar:

- 7H2 97%
- 8H2 98%
- 9R1 95%
- 10H2 99%
- 11H2 96%

Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Teacher of French part time](#)
- [Head of Geography](#)

Support Staff:

- [Teaching Assistant with Ukrainian or Russian](#)

Culinera Canteen Update

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

Home-School Transport Policy

Hertfordshire County Council is consulting on its home-school transport policies and is seeking feedback from schools, parents and other stakeholders.

Full details and an online response form are available at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation The consultation will run to 26 March 2023.

Sports Results

Netball District Cup Final 7A vs Hemel 8A vs KLS	Y7 - District Champions Y8 - District Champions
Netball District Plate Final 10B vs Longdean	Winners
Y10 Boys Football vs JFK	Won 2-1
Y11 Boys Football vs Berkhamsted	Lost 5-1
Y8A Boys Football vs Bushey Meads	L 1-2
U13B Girls Football vs Davenant	L 1-6

ASA News

Year 9 Silent Disco - 30th March

It's less than 2 weeks to go before this special event, which is an opportunity for the whole year group to socialise together for the first time since they started at Ashlyns. Please encourage your children to come along and have fun. The silent disco element removes the usual awkwardness of a regular disco; you can immerse yourself in the music...and if you don't like what you're listening to, you can change it. Students can even get involved in choosing the playlist via this link: shorturl.at/qBNW1. All the details are on the [flyer attached](#).

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Preparing for GCSE Exams: How Do I Feel and What Can I Do?



A Quick Guide to Neurodiversity (and Related Tooled Up Resources)



Exam Planner 2023

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week; an optimal time to consider neurodiversity in more colour and to think about what we can do in our own lives as parents to make the world a little bit more inclusive and welcoming towards those that might see or think differently.

We are always interested in learning more about Neurodiversity at Tooled Up so, on **Friday 21st April** we are delighted to be hosting our first [all-day live online conference](#) to increase our understanding of autism and to allow researchers, parents, and educators to come together in a shared space.

We'll be chatting to experts about optimal learning environments, autism and mental health, partnerships with parents and ambition, aspiration and employability. We will also include some 'lived experiences' throughout the day from parents who advocate for their children, as well as from people with autism who will talk about what has helped them on their life journey. You can register and find a full list of speakers with details [here](#).

In the meantime, you can explore various fantastic [resources](#) on the topic in the [Tooled Up library](#) or check out this [quick guide to neurodiversity](#) which lays out the most important things parents need to know from current research and what you can do to help your child if they are neurodivergent.

As it is also British Science Week in the UK. Make sure that you browse our [science related content](#) which includes a bunch of fun quizzes and facts that you can all check out as a family. We can always do more to promote science and STEM at home, so let yourself get inspired by browsing our [resources](#)!

Speaking of science, some of our teens might have started to anxiously prepare for their GCSE exams and other important tests. This can feel daunting for them, so nudging your teen to consider things that will help them to feel prepared can help lessen nerves and anxiety. This simple [reflective sheet](#) prompts them to unpick where they want to get and what they need to do to get there. Encourage your teen to use this sheet in conjunction with our [exam planner](#) that will help them keep track of all the key information they need in the run up to exam season.