



## 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 app called Mindstep that can support mental health challenges.

## Year 11 Revision Sessions

It was fantastic to see so many Year 11 students attending revision sessions in the first week of the Easter holidays. Booking for Saturday supercrams is still open; please do encourage your child to come to as many as possible. Bookings can be made [here](#).

## Year 10 Assessment Week

This week Year 10 have been involved in their first formal set of assessments; this is intended to introduce them to the systems and processes involved in sitting formal examinations in order to reduce anxiety and increase familiarity for their Year 11 trials in November. It is an important diagnostic process for students as the first year of their GCSEs draws to a close. Year 10 should be very proud of their focus, attitude, and conduct throughout the week.

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

The Drama department was so impressed with everyone's auditions and students have now been given their roles and we are excited to get rehearsals up and running. The rehearsal schedule is on the 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' google classroom, with the scene and characters needed for each rehearsal. The rehearsal days are Wednesday after school till 4:30pm and Thursday lunch time. Please can students look on the rehearsal schedule to see when they are needed.

We are looking forward to the performances on 12th and 13th July 2023.

## Student Achievements

'Break A Leg' to ten Ashlyns students starring in four performances of Berkhamsted Youth Theatre's production of Wolves of Willoughby Chase at The Court Theatre 27-29 April – Aisling E, Aniya M, Evie M, Finn M, Holly G, Theo G, Sophia M, Olivia M, Goldie S, and Rose W. Tickets are available [here](#).

## Nursing and Midwifery Careers Event

On Tuesday 16 May we are hosting a careers event on nursing and midwifery for students in Year 8-10. Our guest speaker is a registered nurse and midwife with over 40 years experience in the profession who works at the University of Hertfordshire as a Midwifery Lecturer with responsibility for midwifery student interviews and selection. If you would like to register your interest in this event, please complete the form [here](#). The event will start at 10am for one hour in the LRC. Should the event be oversubscribed we will offer places via a ballot system and confirmation details will be sent out one week before the event.

## Key Dates

- 1 May: Bank Holiday
- 04 May: Y8 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 8 May: Coronation Bank Holiday

## Communications

- [Industrial Action 27 April and 02 May](#)

## Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 2

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
36153	36135	35690	37127
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>

21/04/2023

## Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 31 Mar:

- 7R2 96%
- 8R1 97%
- 9B2 96%
- 10H2 96%
- 11R2 93%

## Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Teacher of Product Design/Food Technology](#)

Support Staff:

- [Clerk to the Governing Body](#)
- [Science Technician](#)

## HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons for the Autumn Term please email [SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk) by Monday 15th May.

## A Level Business Careers Event

This week we welcomed a guest speaker from the engineering firm Arup, who delivered a fascinating presentation about a career in transport economics to our Year 12 A Level Business Studies students. Arup's are at the forefront of transformative rail around the world, helping to shape tomorrow's sustainable travel. Our speaker commented: 'I was pleased to be able to relate my role to the business studies course and provide an opportunity to bring a career in business and economics to life.'

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award

Good luck to all the Year 9 students taking part in the practice expedition this weekend. We have over 100 students taking part this year, so it is set to be a very busy weekend for all involved!

## London Marathon

Miss Holmes and Mr Gurney are putting on their running shoes and taking on the London Marathon this weekend. Keep an eye out for them on TV or, if you're watching in London, give them a cheer to spur them on around the 26.2 mile course. We wish them both, and all those running, the very best of luck!

## Coronation Street Party

Berkhamsted Town Council are hosting the Berkhamsted Coronation Street Party on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm to 6pm on the High Street. Click [here](#) for more information on this free event.

## Summer Term Sports Clubs

Please click [here](#) for the new lunch time and after school sports clubs timetable.

## Dacorum & St. Albans Community Fire Safety District Spring Newsletter

We have been asked to share this [newsletter](#) by Herts County Council regarding fire safety.

## Dacorum Family Services

Please click [here](#) for information about the upcoming 'Anxiety and Attendance' workshop for parents and carers.

If you wish to register for music lessons please go to [HMS Music Lesson Registration](#)

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals you are eligible to apply for Remission of Fees. Application must be made before registering for any lessons. Please click [here](#) for more information and to make an application.

School offers a Music Lesson Subsidy for any students taking GCSE or A' Level Music. For more information please email Mrs Marval [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

## ASA News

### 2023 London Marathon

On Sunday one of our parents will join thousands of other runners in the London Marathon to raise money for the ASA. Thank you to those of you who have sponsored him. There is still time to do so via this link <https://2023tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/doug-jarvis-ec6ef>

## Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Climate Change Education, 'Eco-Anxiety' and Fast Fashion



Books for Earth Day



Apps to Help Children Engage with Nature



Promoting Wellbeing in Autistic Children Through Nature-Based Learning

In honour of **Earth Day**, we are inviting you to join us in 'Investing in Our Planet' by taking a moment to appreciate the natural world around us. Did you know that **reading about nature** can help us build empathy and encourage us to consider our feelings about climate change? Check out our [interview](#) with Dr Verity Jones to learn more.

You can also find a recently curated [list of fantastic books](#) for all ages that celebrate the beauty of our planet in the Tooled Up library. To keep up with our ubiquitously digital world, we've compiled a [list of apps and websites](#) that combine on- and off-screen activities to engage children with nature, from creating landscapes to identifying constellations.

You might also be interested in our [webinar recording](#) with Samantha Friedman, where she discusses the benefits of spending time in nature for children's wellbeing. She highlights the importance of access, engagement, and connection with nature and provides information on nature-based learning and the theories underpinning it.

Don't forget to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with all of our latest updates and resources. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn.