



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 the summer term edition of [Herts for Learning's online safety letter](#). This is aimed at parents/carers in order to provide support and advice in this area.

Dr Van Der Spoel Study Sessions

Dr. Van Der Spoel visited Ashlyns this week to work with Years 7, 8 and 9 on the psychology of studying. This intervention is part of a larger programme the school puts in place to help your child learn how to study effectively. The session focused on two key ideas, 'You are teacher number 1' and 'You can increase your ability to focus', looking at how the brain works, memory techniques and tips on engaging in lessons.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Last weekend more than a hundred of our Year 9 students undertook their practice expeditions for their bronze DoE awards. The students found their way back to school along two pre-assigned routes, accompanied by members of staff, getting plenty of practice with map reading on the way! They then pitched their tents and camped for the evening, before completing the walk in reverse the following day. The students worked fantastically well in their teams, and now feel very prepared for the real thing!



Summer Term Extra Curricular Clubs

Please click [here](#) for the updated lunch time and after school extra curricular clubs timetable which includes Drama club, Mindfulness and Orchestra.

Physics Events

Marie Curious, Warwick 2023 (in person)

Date and time: Sat 13 May 2023, 10am - 5.30pm

Venue: Oxford Physics Department

Audience: The event is open to girls aged 11-14 years in Years 7-9 of secondary school.

Details: A free one-day science event for girls, with exciting hands-on workshops and activities. The event aims to build confidence in girls with an interest in science and fuel a passion for continuing to pursue STEM subjects at a higher level.

More information and booking: Free, booking required. [Please see our online talk page for more information and booking.](#)

Key Dates

- **1 May: Bank Holiday**
- 2 May: Industrial Action
- 04 May: Y8 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 8 May: Coronation Bank Holiday
- 20-21 May: Y9 Bronze DofE Expedition

Communications

- [Year 11 Exams and Study Leave](#)
- [Industrial Action 27 April and 02 May](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 3

House Points



Current house points



Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
37973	37382	38077	39279
3 rd	4 th	2 nd	1 st



28/04/2023



Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 21 April:

7H2 98%

8H1 97%

9R2 96%

10H2 100%

11H1 94%

Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Teacher of Product Design/Food Technology](#)
- [Teacher of Science \(Full or Part Time\)](#)

Support Staff:

- [Clerk to the Governing Body](#)
- [Exam Invigilator](#)

Zooniverse for kids: Galaxy investigations (online)

Date and time: Thu 18 May and Thu 25 May, 5.30-6.30pm

Venue: Online

Audience: Ages of 9 – 12 years

Details: Join us for two online webinars where you can meet and talk to real astrophysicists and get stuck into some real research. We will be joined by Professor Chris Lintott, researcher, author, TV presenter and founder of Zooniverse.

More information and booking: Free, booking required. [Please see our online talk page for more information and booking.](#)

Dyspraxia Youth Roadshow

The Dyspraxia Foundation are running workshops and events including cooking and drumming for children with dyspraxia aged 11 -16 and their parents/carers in Hertfordshire on 10th and 13th May and the 10th of June.

For more information please contact Claire at youth@dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk. Click [here](#) to book.

Hertfordshire Athletics County Championship

If you feel your child has met the necessary requirements to enter the County Championship on Saturday 10 June, please ask them to come and see Mr Preston or Mr Young in the Sports Hall or email Jpreston@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk with their first and last name, DOB and events they wish to be entered into. Further details can be found [here](#) and the minimum standards [here](#). Deadline for entries is Monday 15 May

Sports Results

U13 Boys County Tennis V Aldwickbury	Lost
Y8 A Boys Cup Final V Hemel Hempstead School	Lost 1-5
U13 Girls District Football Tournament	A- Winners, B 4th
Y11 District Cup Semi Final V JFK	Won
U13B Girls Football vs KLS	Lost 6-2
Y7A Boys Football vs KLS	Lost 1-0
Y10B Boys Football vs JFK	Lost 2-0

HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to stop Music Lessons for the Autumn Term please email SchoolsDirectInvoicing@herfordshire.gov.uk by Monday 15th May.

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

Coronation Street Party

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

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 March draw:

1st prize - T Harris
2nd prize - N Shukla
3rd prize - J Spiers

ASHLYNS FESTIVAL 2023 - PRE-REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON!

Don't forget to [pre-register](#) for early access to early-bird tickets before they go on general release, and snap up a bargain!

[Comedy Night](#) line-up has been confirmed with Paul Sinha headlining - limited tickets available, so don't miss out! See flyers attached.

Like and follow our social media platforms for the latest updates and news - <https://www.facebook.com/ashlynsfestival>. Visit the website for more info and to pre-register www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk

2023 London Marathon

Huge congratulations to Doug, who ran the London Marathon last weekend, so far raising well over £2,000 for the ASA. Many thanks to all his generous sponsors. There is still time to sponsor him via <https://2023tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/doug-jarvis-ec6ef>

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Feeling stressed out? We've got your back! Join us for a series of webinars over the next few weeks that will help you **tackle stress like a pro**.

On **May 9th**, join us for a [30-minute Q&A](#) with Dr Gauri Seth, a psychiatrist and parent coach who will share valuable insights on sustaining emotional connections with your children despite your busy schedule.

Looking for more [resources](#)? With a huge range of content in the Tooled Up library ranging from articles on children's relationship with nature to quizzes on clouds and James Bond, we hope you can always find what you need. If not, our new [A-Z of frequently asked parenting questions](#) will help you locate advice and support in no time.

Last but not least, we're excited to share another one of our latest creations - a [visual resource](#) inspired by Professor Marc Brackett's work on **emotional literacy**. This fun tool encourages young children to become "emotion scientists" and helps them identify different words to describe their emotions.

So what are you waiting for? Let's beat stress together! [Book your spot](#) for our webinars and explore our amazing [resources](#).