



## 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

Currently students can gain mental health support via an organisation known as Kooth via a tile on RM Unify on their chromebooks. Next week students will have assemblies about a new organisation that students will be able to access known as "Sandbox" for mental health support.

## Uniform

We would like to remind all parents/carers that, as per our uniform rules, students should only wear one plain stud per earlobe. Students will be asked to remove any additional earrings. Students should not wear any nail polish in school which includes gel/acrylic nails. Following these rules will ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students while at school. Thank you for your continued support.

## Character Theme

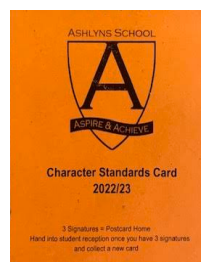
Over the past year we have been focusing on the three school values of integrity, inclusivity and independence, and we have been reflecting on this over the past fortnight.

**Integrity:** *Having and following strong moral principles.* We often tell students that this is doing the right thing even when no one else is watching.

**Inclusivity:** *Ensuring that everyone feels welcome, valued, and respected, no matter who they are or where they come from.*

**Independence:** *Taking accountability for your own actions.*

Teachers lead discussions of and recognise these values in assemblies, tutor time, lesson time and unstructured time during the school day. Students carry an orange character standards card with them throughout the day, if they are caught showing good character, staff will sign their card in recognition of their positive behaviour. Three signatures on the card generates a postcard home. Please do chat to your child about their standards card and what these values can look like in practice.



Any 3 Signatures			
	1	2	3
Integrity			
Courage			
Empathy			
Generosity			
Kindness			
Inclusivity			
Civility			
Leadership			
Open mindedness			
Volunteering			
Independence			
Confidence			
Resilience			
Teamwork			

## Key Dates

- **8 May: Coronation Bank Holiday**
- 15 May: GCSE Exams Start
- 20-21 May: Y9 Bronze DofE Expedition
- 29 May: Half Term Holiday
- 4-6 June: Y9 X band Ypres Trip
- 11-13 June: Y9 Y Band Ypres Trip
- 14/15 July: Ashlyns Festival

## Communications

- [Y11 Prom](#)
- [Y11 Hoodies](#)

## Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 1

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
39007	38880	39430	40432
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
05/05/2023			

## Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 28 April:

7H2 99%  
8R1 99%  
9H1 95%  
10H2 98%  
11H2 95%

## Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Teacher of Inclusion \(Full or Part Time\)](#)
- [Teacher of Science \(Full or Part Time\)](#)
- [Second in English](#)

## Learning Ambassador Programme

At this stage in the year we can start to reflect on the wonderful work our staff and students have done in many of our local primary schools delivering exciting learning opportunities for younger students in the community. So far we have visited 7 primary schools and delivered sessions in English, Maths, History, Science, Computer Science & Religious Studies. Close to 400 local primary school students have had the opportunity to work with our Learning Ambassadors this academic year. Below are just a couple of quotes from our primary colleagues that recognise the great work taking place.

*'Our children very much enjoyed the visit and found the Ashlyns students inspiring.'*

Mrs Gallagher, Headteacher, Swing Gate Infant School and Nursery

*'Having Ashlyns students visit and teach Kestrel class was fantastic and a great experience for Year 3. All of the children were engaged and very excited to be taught by older children. I was very impressed by the level of detail and dedication the students put into their planning; this certainly showed in their teaching. All of the students were kind, caring and approached all the Kestrel students with a gentle manner.'*

Mrs Fisher, Year 3 Teacher, Bridgewater Primary School



We will soon be launching the application process to Year 7 for the opportunity to become a learning ambassador. As part of the application process students will be asked to write a letter of application explaining why they would like to become a learning ambassador and what they think would be able to bring to the role.

## Student Achievement

Well done to Zack H in Year 8 who just passed his grade 8 drum exam with a Merit.

## Careers

In partnership with Anna Morrison at Amazing Apprenticeships and Watford Chamber of Commerce Hertfordshire careers hub are running a Parents & Carers Apprenticeships and T Levels Virtual Careers Fair over the platform Remo for parents/carers and their students who go to school in Hertfordshire, currently in year's 10-13.

More information and FREE tickets are available to [book on HOP](#) on a first come first served basis capped at 1000 spaces.

This FREE event is online on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm-7pm with the opportunity to talk with FE colleges, employers and independent training providers directly about apprenticeships and T levels as well as hearing a key note speech from Anna Morrison on Apprenticeships and Degree Apprenticeships.

Exhibitors already include: Warner Bros, Sky, Morgan Sindall, CareTech and Computacenter.

<https://www.hopinto.co.uk/hop-into-apprenticeships-t-levels/>

## Travel Award

We are proud to have received a bronze level accreditation from Modeshift STARS, the national awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting active travel.

Please look out for further news and correspondence from us about our next steps in our ongoing commitment to safe and sustainable travel.

- [Head of Philosophy, Religion and Ethics](#)

Support Staff:

- [KS5 Senior Administrator](#)
- [Clerk to the Governing Body](#)
- [Teaching Assistant](#)

## 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.

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 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm to 6pm on the High Street. Click [here](#) for more information on this free event.

## ASA News

### ASHLYNS FESTIVAL 2023 - TICKET SHOP NOW OPEN

The early-bird ticket shop is now open. There is limited availability, so grab a bargain before tickets go on general release on Tuesday 9th May.

We look forward to welcoming you and your families and friends, to our biggest fundraiser to date, and to celebrate the start of summer!

Don't forget to like and follow our social media pages for continuous updates:

LIKE:

[facebook.com/ashlynsfestival](https://www.facebook.com/ashlynsfestival)

FOLLOW:

[instagram.com/ashlyns\\_festival/](https://www.instagram.com/ashlyns_festival/)

VISIT:

[www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk](https://www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk)

## Digital Wellbeing Services

'WithYOUth' Young People's Digital Wellbeing Services offer free access to Lumi Nova, a digital therapy in the format of a mobile game to help 7-12 year olds learn to understand and reduce symptoms of anxiety and build resilience.

Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage, provides a fun, safe and engaging way for children and young people to tackle their worries head on so they can build resilience, gain confidence and thrive.

It provides instant access to cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT)-based support, proven to be the most effective treatment for anxiety.

Parents/carers simply need to sign up and then download the app for their child to use. Find out more and sign up here: [www.withyouth.org/lumi](http://www.withyouth.org/lumi).

## 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](mailto: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

### County League Athletics

Well done to those who represented the school on Wednesday against KLS, St Joan of Arc, Laureate, JFK and RMS

U14 Boys 4th

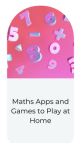
U14 Girls 3rd

U16 Boys 3rd

U16 Girls 3rd

Well done to the following students who won their event: U16s Chloe E, David A, Tam H, Ethan E. U14s Eimear M, Sonny M, Sonny W.

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



We're thrilled to announce that our [digital library](#) now contains over 600 resources! To make it easy for you to find what you need, we've created a brand new [A-Z of Frequently Asked Parenting Questions](#). Check it out for an overview of how we can support your family.

Looking for fun and engaging ways to improve your child's numeracy skills? Check out our [list](#) of recommended maths-based apps and games.

Finally, we'd like to let you know that we have two exciting webinars coming up next week that you won't want to miss:

[Connecting with Our Children Whilst Living High Stress Lifestyles](#)

May 9, 2023, 12:30 BST

Discover how to sustain emotional connections with your children despite having busy, stressful lives.

[Tooled Up Education Staff & Parent Webinar: Speech and Language Awareness](#)

May 10, 2023, 19:30 BST

Join us to explore the difference between speech and language, delay and disorder, and learn tips to help your child's communication skills.