



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

This [short film](#) was recently published by Financial Times Films, and gives an important insight to the impact of social media on children and family life. The video can help support parents/carers on how they talk to their children about their social media use.

Behaviour and Uniform Reminders

Students' behaviour and uniform standards are very high at Ashlyns; in order to maintain this, from Monday of next week, we will be reinforcing uniform and behaviour expectations in tutor time with students. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the [uniform expectations](#) as per our school website. Some key expectations and reminders will be as follows:

- In the event that your child has just had new piercings and this amounts to more than a single stud they will be asked to remove them and these will be placed in a named envelope at Student Reception to be collected at the end of the day. The student's Standards Card will be signed. Clear ear studs and nose studs are allowed
- In the event that gel nails are present, one day's grace will be given for removal. This will also result in a C3 detention.
- Hooded jumpers are not allowed to be worn on the premises (with the exception of the school PE hooded jumper during PE lessons), including at break and lunchtime. Should this be the case then the jumper will be confiscated and placed at Student Reception for students to collect at the end of the day and the Standards Card will be signed.
- In the event that a student is wearing trainers they should have a 'trainer pass' or a note from their Head of Year giving them permission. Should they not have one of these then they will be asked to wear plimsolls for that day. Should this be the case then their Standards Card will be signed. Please see details of [expectations and examples of school shoes](#)
- You will already be aware that students should not have mobile phones visible during the school day. Should they be wearing earphones or air pods during the school day these will be confiscated and placed at Student Reception until the end of the day. This will also result in a C3 detention.
- Eating or drinking is not allowed in school corridors. This would result in a Standards Card signature.
- At break or lunchtime students should be on their allocated playground/field/canteen area or in the LRC. Should they be in any area deemed out of bounds, for example, another year group's toilet area or playground/field area, a C3 detention will be given.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Key Dates

- 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 Yearbook](#)
- [Y11 Last Day and Study Leave](#)
- [DofE Bronze Assessed Expedition](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 2

House Points

| Current house points | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bourne | Coram | Handel | Raven |
| 39884 | 39859 | 40493 | 41360 |
| 3 rd | 4 th | 2 nd | 1 st |
| 12/05/2023 | | | |

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 05 May:

7B2 100%
8H2 99%
9B2 97%
10H2 98%
11R2 92%

Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Head of Philosophy, Religion and Ethics](#)
- [Head of Business & Economics](#)
- [Teacher of Business & Economics](#)

Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers' Days

Today was the last day in school for both Year 11 and Year 13 before the examination period commences in earnest on Monday. It is always an emotional day, but both year groups had a lovely celebration and conducted themselves impeccably throughout. Good luck to the students for their first exams next week.

Careers in the RAF

This week we had the pleasure of welcoming the Royal Air Force to Ashlyns as part of our commitment to providing opportunities for our students to explore career pathways. The presentation covered the 60 roles the RAF can offer including aircrew, engineering, logistics and cyberspace communications along with different routes of entry and qualifications needed. More information can be found [here](#).

Year 10 Interview Skills Workshop

On Friday we hosted an Interview Skills Workshop for Year 10 students led by a local employee advisor. The fantastic session gave the students practical advice and guidance on what to include in a CV, how best to prepare for an interview and an understanding of what qualities employers are looking for in candidates.

Assembly Theme

This week's assemblies have been led by Mr Khalil, who talked to students about the Character Virtues of 'generosity' and 'caring' and the benefits to the wellbeing of ourselves and others members of the school community if we display these virtues in our day to day interactions.

Changes to School Day During the Exams Period

As will be familiar to parents and carers of students above Year 7, next week sees the beginning of the change of school day timings for students. This is where lunchtime is moved earlier to ensure silence around the examination hall and access rooms for the students sitting their exams. All students have seen the revised timings of the school day during form time this week, but it may be useful for parents and carers to remind them on Monday. The earlier lunchtime remains in place until 23 June.

Summer Chill

Our Summer Chill concert will take place on Thursday 25 May at 7.30pm; tickets on the door. The concerts are always a highlight of our school calendar.

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

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| Y10 District Cup Football Final V Longdean | L 4-1 |
| Y11 District Cup Football Final V Longdean | L 6-0 |

Support Staff:

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

HMS Music Lessons

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

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.

ASA News

ASHLYNS FESTIVAL 2023 - EARLY BIRD TICKETS SELLING OUT

Comedy Night early bird tickets are almost sold out fast, so grab a bargain before we move to the advance ticket tier. See flyer attached.

Saturday's early bird tickets also available, limited availability especially on car parking and fun zone day passes, and we have lots of info added onto the website!

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

LIKE:

facebook.com/ashlynsfestival

FOLLOW:

instagram.com/ashlyns_festival/

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



A Quick Guide to Nitrous
Oxide (And Relevant
Tooled Up Resources)



Eco-Anxiety, Sustainable
Fashion and Wonderful Ways
Forward with Professor
Natascha Radclyffe-Thomas



Andrew Tate and Toxic
Influencers: A Guide for
Parents and Educators

As every week, the Tooled Up library has been updated with a range of new resources. Here are some of the latest additions that you can access today:

[Autism Conference Recordings](#): If you missed our autism conference, don't worry! We have uploaded all of the conference talks to the library, with topics ranging from the latest research to insightful experiences. The topics of the conference day are split into different resources to make it easier for you to find the information you need.

[Nitrous Oxide Quick Guide](#): Nitrous oxide, also known as laughing gas, is the third most commonly used drug according to NHS data. However, this lighthearted nickname belies the harm that this drug can cause. That's why we have developed a quick guide in conjunction with the DSM Foundation to provide parents and carers with essential information about nitrous oxide. The guide also signposts to further sources of information for those who want to learn more.

[Eco Anxiety Webinar](#): Professor Natascha Radclyffe-Thomas addresses the tension that exists between young people's desire to embrace fashion and concerns about climate change and planetary damage. Professor Radclyffe-Thomas provides insights into the psychology of consumption and shares tips and ideas that can help teens enjoy clothes, fashion and self-expression in ways that feel sustainable and enjoyable moving forward.

[Toxic Influencers Webinar](#): Dr Lisa Sugiura takes a closer look at Andrew Tate's methodologies, his appeal to some children and teens, and what we can do to mitigate the risks of exposure to his hateful content. As he remains one of the most googled men on earth, this webinar is extremely valuable for parents and carers.