



## Next week, after half term - 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 see a useful [article](#) that outlines the dangers of vaping and the contents that could be inhaled as a result.

The staff at Ashlyns wish all students a safe holiday. Should you have any safeguarding concerns please ring Children's Services on 0300 123 4043.

## Character Focus of the Week

This week's character focus has been on the virtue of Resilience. Resilience can be defined as being able to recover quickly from struggles and setbacks. Students have had the opportunity in registration time to explore examples of resilience from real life scenarios. They have also been able to reflect on their own resilience and think about how this can impact on their own behaviour and choices.

## Year 7 Learning Ambassador Applications

Applications for year 7 learning ambassadors are now open. To apply students must submit a letter of application via the assignment set on their google classroom intake page. Further details/instructions can be found within the assignment with a draft template available. Becoming a learning ambassador is a very high profile leadership role in the school. An important part of this role is the delivery of lessons to primary school students in a variety of subject areas within our local community. Learning ambassadors also serve on our interview panels when we are looking to recruit new members of staff. This is a great opportunity to explore and develop a variety of character strengths.

## Summer Chill

A huge well done to all the students who performed in the Summer Chill on Thursday. From Boulanger to The Beatles, Bordogni to Bruno Mars, we were treated to a fantastic range of music from our very talented students. The Music Department wishes you all a happy half term break!

## Year 9 Ypres Trip

Immediately after half term two groups of Year 9 students are visiting Ypres in Brussels as part of a battlefields and war memorial trip. Students will have the opportunity to take part in the Memin Gate ceremony as well as visit some of the key cemeteries from the First World War. Following the information evening on Wednesday this week, the slides can be found [here](#).

## Drumming Lesson Bursary

Each year Ashlyns School is lucky enough to receive a Drumming Bursary for a student who has an interest in music, and in particular learning to play the drums.

The Bursary is in memory of ex-student Cedric Sharpley who was the drummer for Druid - a 1970's progressive rock band and later joined Tubeway Army -

## Key Dates

- 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

- [Year 7 Languages Options](#)
- [Year 8 Languages Options](#)
- [GCSE Art Exhibition](#)
- [A Level Photography and Fine Art Exhibition](#)

## Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 1

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
43308	43518	44194	45400
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
26/05/2023			

## Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 19 May:

7C1 98%  
8R1 99%  
9B2 98%  
10H2 97%

## Roadworks Notification

There will be road works on Shootersway, Berkhamsted 8/6-22/7. Please allow more time when travelling to school. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Head of Philosophy, Religion and Ethics](#)
- [Teacher of English \(part time 0.5\)](#)
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Gary Numan's band. Cedric went on to play drums on the infamous 'Cars' track by Gary Numan.

Founded in 2012 by Cedric's partner Ms Gill Mabey, the Bursary gives students the opportunity to have 33 Individual 30 minute drumming lessons over the school year.

Once again this year, enough funds have been raised to offer **two Drumming Bursaries** for the Academic Year 2023-2024, meaning any student, including those who have previously applied or been in receipt of the Drumming Bursary can apply for this fabulous opportunity to receive one to one drumming lessons through Hertfordshire Music Services.

For more information or to apply please email Kerene Marval at [musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk). The closing date for applications will be **Monday 19th June**. The application should be to the attention of Ms Gill Mabey and include why you wish to be considered and how your child would benefit from this opportunity.

## Sports Results

### Athletics Results

Well done to the individual event winners: Sonny M, Julia A Hurdles and High Jump, Eleanor G, Scarlet W, Eimear M, Ross G, Tam H, Rose M, Mollie R.

County League Athletics 23/05/23	U14 Boys 5th U14 Girls 2nd U16 Boys 5th U16 Girls 3rd
Y8 Cricket vs Immanuel School	Won
Y9 Cricket vs Leventhorpe	Lost
U13 Girls Cricket vs Bishop's Stortford College	Won



U13 Girls Cricket Team

### Support Staff:

- [Teaching Assistant](#)
- [KS5 Senior Administrator](#)
- [Administrator](#)

## HMS Music Lessons

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

**Ashlyns Festival 14th and 15th July**

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## 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](mailto:ASA100CLUB@gmail.com) for more info.

Congratulations to the winners of the April draw:

1st prize - A Bridson

2nd prize - B Kidd

3rd prize - G Clifford

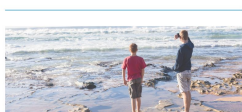
### **Bags2School**

The ASA are looking to have another Bags2School collection before the summer break so please start collecting your unwanted items for collection. Further details to follow after half term.

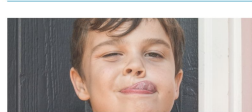
## **Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston**



An A-Z of Frequently Asked Parenting Questions and How Tooled Up Can Help



Beach Science for Teens



Dr Seonaid Anderson: Tics and Tic Disorders in Young People

With Mental Health Awareness Week last week, Tourettes Awareness Month recently starting, and both National Teen Self-Esteem Month and Maternal Mental Health Month running throughout May, we know that it can feel like almost every day brings with it a different 'national day, week or month' to highlight. Unless we consider each issue more deeply, some of these events can feel a little tokenistic. Nonetheless, they provide a good nudge for us to remind you of the plethora of topics covered in the [Tooled Up library](#), which now contains well in excess of 600 resources to support you, at *any time* of the day, month or year.

If you'd like an overview of what we do, why not browse through our [A-Z of Frequently Asked Parenting Questions](#) and find out how we can help. If you are concerned about tics or Tourette's, check out our [article](#) on tic disorders or listen to our [interview](#) with expert, Dr Seonaid Anderson. You can find numerous practical resources and usable advice on [building self-esteem in both children and teens](#), along with resources on the importance of [parental mental health](#) (both maternal and paternal) and how to pay attention to it.

If you are breaking up for half term this week, you might like to check out our [holiday resources](#). We've got everything from [planner templates](#) (to help your children schedule in some study time amongst the fun) to beach science activities for [children](#) and [teens](#), for those of you heading to sunnier climes.

We'll soon be updating our summer resources. If you have any great suggestions for fun days out or interesting exhibitions or activities near you, do [let us know](#)!