



## 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 useful [link](#) that has a catalogue of social media guides for parents to help support children's safety online when using social media.

## Roadworks Notification

There are currently road works on Shootersway, Berkhamsted, lasting until 22 June. This could especially impact those attending exams so please use an alternative route and allow more time when travelling to school. Click [here](#) for more information.

## School Travel

As part of our continued plan to improve school travel for all our students and local residents we would like to remind all parents/carers to be respectful of our neighbours when parking at pick up time. Some of the roads surrounding the school are private and should not be parked on at any time.

## Summer Health

Hay fever season is in full swing; if your child suffers with this please make sure they have had their medication before they come to school. As the warmer weather sets in please also ensure children wear hats at break, apply sunscreen before school and have their water bottles with them each day.

## Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Good luck to the 42 Y10 students heading to the Cotswolds from Friday-Sunday for their Silver Practice Duke of Edinburgh expedition.

## Year 10 Prefect Leaders

This week the year 10 prefect team visited Thomas Coram School to deliver a fun character based session. Our prefect team led sessions targeting character strengths including determination, resilience, leadership, communication and problem solving to 90 year 3 students. In organising and delivering the sessions the prefect team demonstrated outstanding communication and leadership skills but also showed high levels of compassion and empathy when working with the younger primary school students. It really was a pleasure to witness and they most certainly made the school feel very proud of them. Well done!



## Key Dates

- 11-13 June: Y9 Y Band Ypres Trip
- 1 July: Summer Music Concert
- 6 July: Y11 Prom
- 7 July: Silver Assessed DofE Expedition
- 14/15 July: Ashlyns Festival

## Communications

- [A Level Geography Residential](#)

## Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 2

## House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
44770	44699	45579	46445
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>
09/06/2023			

## Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 26 May:

7C1 99%  
8H1 98%  
9B2 98%  
10H2 96%

## Vacancies

Teaching:

- [Teacher of English](#)
- [Teacher of Science](#)
- [Head of PRE](#)

## World Challenge

As part of the fundraising for the World Challenge trip to Vietnam with Ashlyns next year, Luca W Y10 is organising a 'Fun Dog Show and Family Day', a paw-tastic (!) event on Saturday 22nd July at Berkhamsted Hockey

## Year 9 Ypres Trip

This week our year 9 X band students travelled to Belgium to visit the World War One battlefields. We stayed in the mediaeval city of Ypres which has been carefully rebuilt since being destroyed in WW1. Our students explored the serenely beautiful cemeteries at Lijssenthoek and Tyne Cot with several students spending a long time searching for the brave Victoria Cross recipients while others searched for family names and the graves of ancestors. The students were particularly moved by the mass grave at Langemark German military cemetery, understanding that many of the young men buried there were not much older than themselves.

Three of our pupils had the honour of laying a wreath to the fallen on behalf of Ashlyns School during the Menin Gate ceremony; we were incredibly proud of them and the respect shown by all the other students for the occasion. We were complimented on this from visitors from Australia and Canada who were also attending the ceremony.

The students also enjoyed the delights of Ypres town, especially the Leonidas chocolate which did a roaring trade from both pupils and staff who were eager to take some chocolate home (most of which only made it as far as the bus!) It was a hugely enjoyable trip and hopefully one that will have created memories and friendships for all who attended for many years.

## Year 10 Health and Social Care

The Y10 Health and Social care class went on a trip to Ashlyns Care Home this week. They learned more about the different roles within a residential home Care setting before spending time interacting with residents. The students and residents enjoyed their time there. Thanks to Ashlyns Care home (B and M Care homes) for having us.



## Careers

### 3D Games Art & Design Careers Event

On Tuesday 27 June at 10am we will be hosting a careers talk on 3D Games Art and Design delivered by the University of Hertfordshire who are ranked No 1 in the world for video game design and development. This talk will be open to students in Year 8-10.

If you dream of being a creative player in the video game industry and are interested in working on triple-A games for companies such as Epic, Nintendo or Sony, this presentation will give you an insight into the world of video game development and the artistic and technical skills needed to succeed.

If your child is interested in attending this event, please complete the attached form [here](#) to register your interest. Should the event be oversubscribed then we will allocate places via a random ballot. An email will be sent nearer the time confirming allocation of a place and the event arrangements.

### HOP INTO APPRENTICESHIPS & T LEVELS:

The Hertfordshire virtual careers fair for parents & carers Less than a week to go!

Taking place on Wednesday 14th June from 17:30 - 19:00 online, this free of charge event is designed specifically for parents and carers who would like to explore the apprenticeship and T Level options available to their child.

Club and field in Cow Roast. Please click [here](#) for more information.

## 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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FOLLOW:

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

VISIT:

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

## Year 11 Uniform

We would be really grateful for all donations of good quality branded uniform and PE kit for our New2You stock. Please make sure items are clean and saleable as we have limited resources to wash and mend them.

## Bag2School

We have another collection scheduled for early July. Please drop bags off either at school or at 30 Oakwood between 26 June and 6 July. The [attached flyer](#) explains what can and cannot be donated. Thank you for your support.

This event will be interesting for all parents and carers, but will be particularly useful for those supporting children in year groups 10, 11, 12 and 13.

#### EXHIBITORS ON THE NIGHT INCLUDE:

Employers	Training Providers
Morgan Sindall Construction	Sporting Futures Training - Apprenticeships
Caretech	MPAA - training
Computacenter	Skillnet - Apprenticeships
Settle	iSales Academy - Apprenticeships
Warner Bros. Discovery	Herts & West Essex Health and Care Academy (NHS)
Sky Studios Elstree	
Hertfordshire Police	Foxley Kingham Chartered Accountants - Apprenticeships
Roche	HIT Training - Apprenticeships
MBDA	North Herts College -Hart Learning and Development - Apprenticeships
BAM	North Herts College-Hart Learning and Development - T levels
Amazing Apprenticeships	Hertford Regional College - Apprenticeships
East Coast Digital programme (Siemens)	Hertford Regional College - T Levels
Sterling Accounting Solutions Limited - Apprenticeships	Longdean School - T levels
HOP/CEC	Oaklands College - T levels
Toad Hall Day Nursery	West Herts College - Apprenticeships
	West Herts College - T Levels
	University of Hertfordshire

#### Sports Results

County League Athletics 05/06/23	U14 Boys - 5th U14 Girls - 4th U16 Boys - 5th U16 Girls - 5th
Y8, 9 & 10 Boys Tennis - Nicola Mabbitt	Y8 - 2nd Y9 - Won - through to county final Y10 - 2nd
U13 Girls Cricket vs STAHS	Won - through to County Cup final

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



Keeping Calm: Exercises to Relax and Control Anxiety



Summer Holiday Packing Checklist for Teens



20 Ways to Celebrate the End of Exams

Now that June is well underway and the sun has been shining (a little) here in the UK, summer feels like it's almost here. Exams will soon be over and during the coming month or so, we might start to think about plans for the summer break.

The end of exams will be welcomed by many families within the next week or so. Partying isn't the only way to mark the occasion and it's good to remind teens that there are many more options for unwinding and rewarding their hard work. If you need some inspiration, check out our [list of 20 fun and varied activities](#). Whilst assessments are still ongoing, don't forget that we've got various resources in the library which focus on [staying calm](#), [engaging with nature](#), [mindfulness](#), [being creative](#) and [taking care of ourselves](#).

In light of the tragic deaths at Bournemouth Beach and with many of us contemplating trips to the seaside, we'd like to draw your attention to our advice on [water safety](#), drawn from the best sources and with links to further information. If you're feeling inspired to plan your summer, we can offer plenty of help. Our summer packing lists for [children](#) and [teens](#) are a great way to cultivate useful life skills and build their confidence, and we also have a [packing checklist](#) ideal for any teen planning their first festival experience. Our '[holiday](#)' section is packed full of everything from [planners](#) to beach science ideas for both [children](#) and [teens](#). We've also just published our [top tips](#) for fun and quirky days out this summer and will soon be updating our useful list of holiday camps and activities (watch this space).

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