



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 links below to a variety of resources to guide parents with supporting their child with bereavement:

[How We Grieve And What May Help](#)

[Short Films – Bereaved Families' Experiences](#)

[How Children and Young People Grieve](#)

[Support for young people after a bereavement](#)

Character Theme of the Week

This week's theme of the week was community awareness. Community awareness is to actively and meaningfully learn from, and share information with different parts of the community. Students in all year groups looked at different ways in which they can actively demonstrate and model good community awareness around school during their tutor time sessions this week.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Well done to all of the students who took part in the Silver D of E practice expedition over the weekend.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to our DofE students, who have spent a combined total of 4355 hours volunteering between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. We are very proud of your achievements.

Parent Forum

Parent Forum met this week with a single item agenda of school improvement planning. As ever, their feedback was extremely useful and will help inform our school improvement planning going forward. If you are interested in becoming part of Parent Forum, please contact Fiona Thompson on ftompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Key Dates

- 1 July: Summer Music Concert
- 6 July: Y11 Prom
- 7 July: Silver Assessed DofE Expedition
- 14/15 July: Ashlyns Festival

Communications

- [Parent/Carer Survey](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 3

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
45863	45822	46739	47653
3 rd	4 th	2 nd	1 st

16/06/2023

Attendance

Forms with the highest attendance week ending 09 Jun:

7R1 98%
8R1 98%
9B2 97%
10H2 96%

Vacancies

Teaching:

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

Support Staff:

- [Cover Supervisor](#)

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.

Year 9 Ypres Trip Y Band

Another successful Year 9 trip to Belgium was had this week with the second half of the year visiting Ypres. The photo shows the students at Tyne Cot cemetery.



Drums Bursary

A reminder that the deadline for the Drums Bursary is Monday 19th June.

Applications should be emailed to musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk and should be a letter FAO Ms Mabey including as much information as possible in order to support the application.

Summer Concert

The Summer Music Concert is back and will be held on the 1st July 7.30pm, tickets will be available next week via ParentPay. This is a fantastic event which showcases the musical talents of our students.

Student Achievements

Congratulations go to a group of 8 Year 8 students who were invited to take part in the elite part of UK Junior Maths Challenge Kangaroo level. This is by invitation only, for students who have prior to this scored a Gold award on the Junior Maths Challenge. Well done to Ella D, Polly S, Ruan H, Martha R, Benjy N, Francis T, Josh S and Alex B.

Well done to Ellie B who took part in a sponsored abseil off the Watford shopping centre last Saturday. Ellie raised £200 for the West Herts NHS Trust.



Careers

Careers in the NHS

To celebrate the NHS's 75th Anniversary, Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust will be delivering a careers presentation to students in Year 7-10 on Tuesday 4 July at 10am.

The talk will cover the wide range of career opportunities in the NHS. We've heard of nurses, doctors and physios, but what about operating department practitioners, radiographers and biomedical scientists as well as the variety of non-clinical roles on offer? Find out the skills and values needed in the industry and how to get into the healthcare sector.

Please click [here](#) for details on the Mental Health Support Teams summer programme. Mental Health Support. Please click [here](#) to book.

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.

ASA News

ASHLYNS FESTIVAL - 14th & 15th July

The team has been working behind the scenes to bring you an amazing Festival, to celebrate the end of the school year, the start of summer, and to raise funds for our school that directly benefit our children. Don't miss the fantastic line-up of professional comedians on Friday 14th with our headline star - Paul Sinha. Grab a bargain with an early-bird ticket for Saturday and beat the queues in the Fun Zone with an all-day pass.

LIKE and FOLLOW:
facebook.com/ashlynsfestival/ and
instagram.com/ashlyns_festival/

VISIT:
www.ashlynsfestival.co.uk
for tickets and more info.

WE NEED YOU!

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.

International Women in Engineering Day Careers Event

On Friday 23 June at 10am we are hosting an engineering careers talk to celebrate International Women in Engineering Day for students in Year 7-10.

The talk will have a focus on geotechnical engineering which is a specialist branch of civil engineering concerned with the behaviour of earth materials and the application of soil and rock mechanics. Our speaker has many years' experience within the industry and will be providing an insight into the skills and qualities needed to succeed along with an activity designed to get students first hand experience of engineering principles.

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.

School Travel

We are supporting Hertfordshire's 'Let's clear the air' campaign. Did you know leaving your engine running whilst you are not moving means your car is releasing polluting fumes into the air from your exhaust pipe? The fumes can cause damage to your health and the health of others around you as well as contributing to air pollution.

If you sit in the car whilst dropping off or collecting your children from school make sure you turn your engine off. You'll be helping to keep the air clear for those around you but also yourself, as the air quality inside an idling car can be twice as bad as the air outside.

Find out more at hertfordshire.gov.uk/cleanerair and please get in touch if you want to find out about how else you can support the campaign.

Sports Results

Hertfordshire Athletics County Championship Saturday 10 June

Well done to those who competed in the scorching heat last Saturday. Special mentions to the following students:

Eimear M Winning 1500m U13G

Mollie R 2nd 200m U15G

James S 2nd 100m U17B

Leon D 2nd 1500m U17B

George B 4th U19B 800m

Indie F 1st 1500m U19G

Natalie C 4th 400m U19G

Good luck to those who made it through to represent the county and the National Finals.

An event of this size would not be possible without the help from you, our school community - please click this link to add your name to the sign-up sheet and do your bit to help make this event the best one yet!

SIGN UP HERE: [Ashlyns Festival 2023](#)

Donations

We would be very grateful for donations of new or usable products for the Glow Up tent at the Ashlyns Festival. If you have any spare nail varnish, coloured hairspray, eye liner, biodegradable glitter and glitter tattoos, cotton pads, cleanser and nail varnish remover please drop them off at the office marked 'Glow Up' donation.

Also, a reminder that good quality uniform - especially blazers and ties are very welcome to supplement our New2You stock.

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.

County League Athletics 12/06/23	U14 Boys - 5th U14 Girls - 3rd U16 Boys - X U16 Girls - 5th
Y8 Cricket vs Berkhamsted	Won
Nicola Mabbitt Tennis - Girls	Y8 Runners Up

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Off to Secondary or Senior School: Tips to Support Your Child



The Best Family Friendly Festivals This Summer



10 Quirky Activities for Teens and Tweens this Summer

Get ready for a month filled with valuable knowledge as we present a new lineup of engaging webinars!

[Off to Secondary or Senior School: Tips to Support Your Child](#)



June 19, 2023, 19:30 BST

Join us for an insightful webinar as Dr Weston reveals her expert tips to prepare tweens and teens for their upcoming educational milestones this summer. Gain valuable insights to ensure they are ready for the next stage of their academic journey.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

[Off to Boarding School: Tips for Parents and Carers](#)



June 17, 2023, 16:00 BST

Are you a parent or caregiver navigating the journey of sending your child to boarding school for the first time? Don't miss this webinar! Dr Weston will provide invaluable tips and guidance to support you through this transition. Discover the keys to fostering a smooth and successful boarding school experience.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Prepare for an amazing summer with our new and updated resources! Explore our [handpicked selection](#) of family friendly festivals across the UK and mainland Europe, offering a delightful mix of captivating performances and engaging activities for all ages. You can also take a peek at our [top 10](#) informative, exhilarating and educational ideas for tweens and teens this summer. Additionally, find a plethora of fun and educational summer activities, so check out our [top picks](#), but hurry, as some are filling up fast or require booking before June ends.