



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.

Welcome Back!

It's been wonderful to welcome back our school community this week, and to see our students return to school with such enthusiasm and commitment. Our new students in Year 7 and Year 12 have settled into school life extremely well, and we wish everyone a restful weekend in preparation for next week.

Safeguarding

Please find the [link](#) to this term's HfL online safety newsletter for parents which includes useful information to keep children safe online including a passage about parental controls.

Arbor

As communicated last term, updates to our new Management Information System (Arbor) were completed over the summer break.

To login to the Parent Portal please visit: <https://login.arbor.sc/>

Select "forgot my password" and reset the password using your email address (this must be the one we hold on record for you).

Careers

As part of our careers programme we are running a year 10 mock interview experience on Monday 11th & 18th December. The aim of these mock interviews is to help students learn how to answer difficult questions, develop interview strategies, improve their communication skills and reduce stress before an actual interview. We are looking for volunteers who can act as interviewers on these days to provide an authentic experience for our students. The interviews run throughout the course of the day with students coming out of lessons to attend, ideally we're looking for volunteers who can commit to the full day where possible. If you have the capacity to support please complete this [Google Form](#).

Character

This week students have spent time with their tutors looking at the school values and character virtues. Tutors have spoken about the importance of developing their character to support both their academic success and wellbeing. The character programme that runs weekly in tutor time is directly linked to our assembly programme and supports students to reflect on their character and aims to develop confident and compassionate students, who are effective contributors to society, successful learners and responsible citizens. Over the next fortnight we will be focussing on the character virtue of **INTEGRITY**.

Extra curricular PE clubs

Please click [here](#) for the extracurricular timetable; this has all the PE clubs on offer at Ashlyns.

Key Dates

- 11 Sept: Dr Van Der Spoel Y11 Parent Event 6.45pm
- 13 Sept: Y12 Information evening
- 20 Sept: Y13 Parents' Seminar
- 21 Sept: Y10 Parents' Information Evening
- 25 Sept: Y7 X Band Peak District Trip
- 27 Sept: Y7 Y Band Peak District Trip
- 28 Sept: Y8 Parents' Support Evening

Communications

- [Start of Term Letter from The Headteacher](#)
- [Behaviour Update](#)
- [Y10 Parent Information Evening](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 2

New Staff

As mentioned in the Headteacher's start of term letter we are delighted to welcome new staff members this academic year. The full staff list can be found [here](#).

ASA News

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 for more info.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 11 parents on Monday 11th September at 6:45pm for an event with our guest speaker Dr van de Spoel. Please ensure that when you arrive at the main school hall you scan the QR code to register your attendance; this will also ensure that your child gets a completed i-Card entered into the school prize draw.

Lockers

Items left in lockers over the summer will be available to collect from the canteen on Wednesday 13th September after school 3.30-4.30. Please ensure your child knows their old locker number as this is how the bags are labelled, we do not have a list of numbers.

Lockers are still available for students in Years 7 to 11. If you would like to book one for your child, please visit Independent Locker Solutions: <https://www.ilsschools.co.uk>. Please note ILS are a separate entity and therefore all queries regarding lockers should be addressed directly to them.

Music Lessons

HMS Music Lessons will begin next week w/c Monday 11th September. Lesson timetables can be found in Google Classroom [here](#) and on the notice board in the Music Block.

If you wish to register for lessons please go to [HMS Music Lessons](#).

Any queries regarding music lessons please email Mrs Marval at musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Updated Policies

A number of school policies were updated at the start of term (Child Protection, Behaviour, SEND, Anti Bullying, Substance Abuse, Curriculum and Restrictive Physical Intervention). They can be found on the [Policies](#) page of the school website.

Parking

With the temporary traffic lights in place, parking around the front gate is very challenging. Please bear this in mind when planning your drop offs and pick ups, and be considerate of the school's neighbours. For the safety of our students accessing buses, taxis, and lifts, cars are not permitted to park or wait on the turning circle.

As the draws have to take place on school premises we are catching up with the summer draws. Congratulations to the winners of the June draw:

1st prize - N Few
2nd prize - E Pritchard
3rd prize - D Mills

Congratulations to the winners of the July draw:

1st prize - J Rollit
2nd prize - N Shukla
3rd prize - J Spiers