



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 a useful [link](#) that provides information about the risks and dangers of children vaping.

Careers

Discover careers in nursing and midwifery: Thursday 21 September

What's it really like to be a nurse or midwife and how do you become one? Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust is inviting students to an after-school career talk: meet the team, learn about different specialities, get tips on applying and find out which role is right for you.

- **Who:** Students in Years 8 and above
- **Where:** In person career talk at the Sir Henry Floyd Building lecture theatre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury
- **When:** 5 - 7pm (registration from 4.45pm), Thursday 21 September 2023
- [Click to book your free ticket on Eventbrite](#) – plus find out about future talks on psychology and the Allied Health Professions (eg physiotherapy and radiography)

Royal Navy

Next week also welcomes a visit for year 8 from the Royal Navy who will be working on employability skills with students from across the whole year group. The fun activities have been designed to develop and practice leadership, communication and teamwork skills.

6th Form Careers

Please click [here](#) for a document with information on 6th Form careers advice, opportunities and talks.

Character

Over the next fortnight students are focusing on the character virtue, and core school value, of integrity. We have explored ways to show practical integrity on a day to day basis as students navigate school life. This has included meeting simple expectations related to uniform, punctuality, use of mobile phones and litter. We have also discussed the importance of body language in communicating good character. In tutor time students have had the opportunity to discuss a variety of moral dilemmas linked to integrity where they have been asked to consider what a virtuous response demonstrating integrity would look like.

Year 11 Raising Achievement Programme

This week Dr van de Spoel has been in school working with our Year 11 students and parents looking at effective ways to revise in preparation for their GCSE examinations. The key messages were to start early (now!) with a little

Key Dates

- 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
- 5 Oct: Open Evening
- 6 Oct: Inset Day, School closed to students

Communications

- [Y8 Royal Navy Workshop](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 3

TravelWise Week 16-22 Sept

TravelWise Week promotes active travel, public transport, and other cleaner and healthier transport choices, and culminates in World Car Free Day, when everyone is encouraged to find an alternative mode of travel for just one day. We ask you to consider walking, cycling or using public transport on Friday 22 September and leaving the car at home. Details of public transport links to our school can be found on the travel page of our website [Travel - Ashlyns School](#)

ASA News

Welcome back, we hope you had a good summer break. Autumn is our busiest term for events and we really need your help to make everything happen. Please keep a look

and often approach to get the ball rolling. As the weeks progress it's about stepping up progressively to the point where you're spending at least 2 hours a day revising across the subject areas. REPETITION & EXAMPLES were key messages around revision. Please see this [link](#) for Dr van de Spoel's key tips. We will make available a list with subject specific exam board materials to help support students with their studies.

Session 6 revision will start next week: Monday-Thursday 3.20-4.20pm in the LRC. This is a great opportunity for some dedicated revision in a quiet and focused setting; there is of course also the opportunity to get those much needed I-Card signatures!

SDQ

As part of our ongoing commitment to student wellbeing your child will complete a questionnaire to identify if they need any particular support. This will happen at the start and towards the middle of each academic year in order to help us provide the right type of support if and when needed. The first round of the questionnaire will begin next week (commencing Monday 18th September) during form time.

Music Lessons

Lesson timetables can be found on Google Classroom (code nq4d5yw) and on the notice board in the Music Block.

If you wish to register for instrument lessons please go to [HMS Music Lessons](#). Please note as per HMS' Terms and Conditions if you wish to withdraw from lessons or make any changes effective from Thursday 4th January 2024, this must be done in writing to SchoolsDirectInvoicing@hertfordshire.gov.uk by **MONDAY 9th OCTOBER**.

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

PE Extra Curricular Clubs

It has been fantastic to see so many faces at our extra curricular PE clubs this week. Just a reminder, that they are all **free** and **open to all**. It has been a busy week with various trials for netball and football and over 350 students attending an after school PE club this week. Please remember that selection for the school's teams is based on regular attendance and performance at the after school clubs, within lessons and games. So, even if you missed out or forgot to attend, you can still get the chance to represent the school at a later date.

It was fantastic to complete our first fixture of the season with the Year 8 Girls' A, B and C team playing Berkhamsted in a preseason friendly. POMs were awarded to; Bea B, Eva B and Eimear M.



out for requests for volunteers to help run the fund-raising activities we have planned. Our AGM and General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th October at 7pm. It would be great to see some new faces there – please come along if you can.

Below is a list of the events this term:

Years 7 and 8 Halloween Disco - Monday 30th October

Ashlyns Craft Fair - Sunday 19th November

Berkhamsted Festival of Light - Sunday 26th November

Santa Sleigh - Thursday 7th December

School Carol Concert - Sunday 10th December

Hamper Assembly - Saturday 16th December

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.

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

1st prize - J Harding
2nd prize - G Okin
3rd prize - J Rollin

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



[Back to School Checklist](#)



[Mindset Planner](#)



[Starting University Checklist](#)

As the school term is now in full swing, we're excited to share all the fantastic developments that have taken place at Tooled Up Towers over the summer. We've been working diligently to enhance our services, and can't wait to show you what's new.

Introducing Our Brand New Platform

First things first, we are thrilled to unveil our shiny, new online platform designed exclusively for our members. Head on over to the [website](#) and explore what has changed. We're still settling in, so please bear with us if anything looks awry.

Back to School Checklist

With the holidays fading into the background, many of us are transitioning back into work mode, including our children. If they need a gentle push to get back into the academic groove, look no further than our '[Back to School Checklist](#)'. It's the perfect tool to encourage their independence and start the year off right.

Tools for Teens and New Secondary School Students

For your teens, we've introduced the weekly '[Mindset Planner](#)' to help them stay organised and motivated. If you have young ones embarking on their journey to a new senior or secondary school, our 'Settling In' [journal](#) is here to guide them through their first few weeks with ease.

Support for University-Bound Children

If you have teens heading off to university in the coming weeks, be sure to check out our '[Starting University Checklist](#)' and top tips for [supporting](#) them as they venture into the world of higher education. We also have fantastic resources specifically tailored to support [autistic young people](#) making this significant transition.

Discover Tooled Up

If you're new to Tooled Up, take a moment to explore the [ten key benefits](#) that set us apart and make us your go-to resource for all things parenting and wellbeing. We're here to support you every step of the way.