



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 information on this [link](#) about the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Campaign launched by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF). The foundation has unveiled a campaign backed by the UK government and technology partners such as Microsoft, TikTok and Snapchat aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of self-generated imagery.

Careers

Engineering

On Monday 11 October, The Institution of Engineering and Technology will be visiting Ashlyns to deliver a careers in engineering event for students in Years 8-11. This careers talk will inspire and inform students who are considering a career in engineering and provide a starting point to understanding what engineering is and the various career routes to becoming a professional engineer. If your child is interested in attending this event, please complete the form [here](#) to register your interest. This event will start at 9am for one hour and an email will be sent nearer the time confirming the arrangements.

Employability Skills Workshops

This week the Royal Navy delivered a 2-hour employability workshop for all of our Year 8 students to develop core skills of communication, teamwork and leadership. After starting with some fun, warm up exercises, the students were tasked to work in groups to design and create a product from a kit of parts and then present their ideas to a panel of judges. It was wonderful to see how collaborative and creative our students are and how well they all rose to the challenge.

Character

This week has seen our students continue their work exploring the character virtue of Integrity. In assembly students have looked at practical ways in their day to day to demonstrate integrity. This has included how they present themselves through their school uniform and body language as well as being punctual to lessons, respecting the environment and adhering to school mobile phone rules for the greater good of the whole school community. In form time students have been looking at more moral dilemmas and how they could apply integrity in a given scenario.

Raising Achievement Programme

Year 11 have started the academic year positively with a record turn out at session 6 within its first week of commencing. Getting into these habits early will have a significant impact on the students progress as we move through the year. We have had a steady stream of i-cards being submitted at student reception which is another indicator of the incredibly positive start that the year group have made. We held our first mini prize draw this Friday. A special

Key Dates

- 25 Sept: Y7 X Band Peak District Trip
- 27 Sept: Y7 Y Band Peak District Trip
- 28 Sept: Y8 Parents' Information and Support Evening
- 5 Oct: Open Evening: early finish for students at 12.30
- 6 Oct: Inset Day; school closed to students

Communications

- [Y11 Geography Field Trip](#)
- [Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award](#)
- [Ski Trip 2024 Information Evening](#)
- [Technology Department V&A Trip](#)
- [Y8 Extended Learning Day](#)
- [Y13 Theatre Trip](#)
- [Y13 Home Study Arrangements](#)
- [Y13 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening](#)

Next Week Lunch Menu: Week 1


Parent Workshops

Please click [here](#) for the Autumn term groups available for parents and carers to help their children reach their full potential.

Children & Young People's Mental Health

Please click [here](#) for details of support available for parents and carers of young people struggling with their mental health.

mention must go to our TOP 5 students with the most i-Cards submitted since their launch; in no particular order they are:

 MOST i-cards	Kai W Lewis D Iris B Hally P Emily J
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Year 10 Parents' Information Evening

It was great to see so many Year 10 parents at our parents' support and information evening last night; the slides and information from this evening have been sent home separately.

Travel

Travel Update

We are pleased to be able to let you know that we have had ongoing positive conversations with Hertfordshire County Councillor and Berkhamsted Town Mayor Nigel Taylor, regarding our shared intention of improving travel safety for our school community.

Progress has been made towards a reduction of the speed limit on roads adjacent to the school and a Highways Agency report has been commissioned to explore the feasibility of pedestrian crossings at locations in close proximity to the school.

Ashlyns maintains its commitment to sustainable travel whilst working towards our travel safety objectives.

TravelWise Week

We are proud to see our students embracing TravelWise Week and World Car Free Day by choosing sustainable options to travel to school this week. Here are some of their comments:

"I have decided that I will walk to school more often, as I enjoy walking and getting some exercise."

"I've enjoyed walking in the mornings watching the sun rise from the top of the hill along the footpath leading to Ashlyns. We were all amazed at how beautiful it looked and I took a photo of it. It made me feel happy and relaxed."

"It is way better for your physical and mental health."

"Walking made me feel happy and ready for the day ahead of me."

Barnett's Coaches

We have received a communication from Barnett's Coaches to acknowledge the recent disruption to their service and to reassure users that there will be an improvement from Monday 25 September.

Canteen Pricing

Please be aware that due to rising costs of ingredients the prices in the canteen have increased slightly. Please make sure your child has enough money on their account.

Sports Results

U14 Girls Football v Beaconsfield	Won 4-3
U18 Boys Football v Windsor	Lost

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.

Donations Needed

We are looking for donations of any unwanted strategy board games for us to use in school clubs. Please drop donations to Reception. Thank you.

ASA News

Can anybody who is interested in being added to the ASA Community email (absolutely no commitment in signing up) please drop your contact details to the ASA at asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk

This will enable you to be kept informed with all things ASA as regards our fund raising activities and future events.

Y8B Boys Football v Habs Boys	Won 6-1
Y8 Football v Sandringham	TBC

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Goal Planner for the New School Year



Stress-free School Mornings for Teens



Healthy and Unhealthy Behaviour in Teen Romantic Relationships: 20 Things to Know

The initial excitement and confusion of starting the new year have given way to a welcome sense of routine. This transitional phase marks a pivotal moment for families, where children adjust to new environments and set their sights on the future.

Setting Up Success: Thriving in the Academic Year Ahead

Now that the Autumn term is well and truly underway, it's time to instil good habits and organisation skills. This is particularly crucial for students embarking on an examination year. Remember, a strong start paves the way for a successful journey ahead! Discover our '[Goal Planner](#)' to boost self-esteem and confidence in your child, take the [stress](#) out of school mornings, and explore valuable [tips](#) tailored for students in their [GCSE](#) year. If you're a parent of a younger child, there is plenty we can do at home to help feel prepared and calm ahead of an exam as well, so make sure to take a look at our quick and simple [tips](#).

Healthy Relationships, Healthy Boundaries

With the news regularly featuring sexual assault allegations, we need to be opening [conversations](#) with our children about healthy, mutually respectful relationships as well as questions of consent and personal boundaries at an early age. We have various practical resources designed to help teens think critically about [how formative romantic relationships should make them feel](#), how to [navigate potential pressures](#) to share intimate images, and general [facts](#) on teen relationships today. And if you need some help with conversation starters, you can always check out our [list](#) of fact and fiction books for all ages.