



Next week- Week 1/A

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 [details](#) of Dacorum services and support sessions that can help parents/carers with a variety of safeguarding areas and topics.

Year 7 LRC Harry Potter Event

This week the LRC was transformed into the world of Harry Potter for our Year 7 students for a magical evening of fun activities. There was great excitement as students entered into the LRC which had been specially decorated for the occasion. A special wand delivery from Ollivanders Wand Shop was waiting for each student to decorate in Hogwarts House colours with the event concluding with a hotly contested quiz which illustrated our students' expert knowledge. A great time was had by all and our thanks to the English Department who delivered such a fantastic event for our students.

Duke of Edinburgh Support

We have recently launched our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award and have a number of students looking for opportunities to volunteer within the local community as part of the award. If you have any links or know of any local organisations or charities who could offer students in Year 9 and 10 an opportunity to help 1 hour a week, for 12 weeks please get in touch with dofe@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk. We can then advertise these opportunities to our Duke of Edinburgh students.

Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco

The ASA hosted another successfully spooky disco for our Y7&8 students on Monday. Thank you to all of those who helped to set up and chaperone; the students had a fantastic evening.



Year 11 Raising Achievement

This week saw the introduction of double i-card for double points in the build up to the year 11 trials. Students have been working hard in lessons and session 6 continues to be very well attended. Year 11 parents have been emailed an exam timetable overview; please use this to support students in their independent revision programmes at home. Students have access to the e-revision booklet on their Google Classroom intake page which includes the subject specific topic lists needed for their trial exams.

i-Card leaderboard (Autumn Term)

1. Emily J
2. Kai W
3. Eden T

Key Dates

- 9 Nov: Y12 Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening
- 15 Nov: Autumn Chill Concert
- 19 Nov: Craft Fair
- 20 Nov: Y11 Trial Exams
- 24 Nov: Occasional Day, School closed
- 27 Nov: Inset Day, School closed to students

Communications

- [Y12 London Lang/Lit Conference](#)
- [Y11 Trial Exams](#)
- [Y10 Careers Programme](#)
- [Y11 Art Trial Exam](#)

Next Week [Winter Lunch Menu](#): Week 2

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
1582	1510	1377	1013
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
03/11/2023			

Flu Vaccination

If your child missed the recent flu vaccination in school and would like to have it please use this [link](#) to book a catch-up appointment at a local clinic.

Parent and Carer Support Workshops

Emotional Based School Avoidance

DSPL8 are running a workshop for parents and carers, please click [here](#) for more information.

4. Zara H
5. Emily J
6. Hally P
7. Iris B
8. Katy C
9. Lewis D
10. Skye H

Session 6 Leaderboard (Autumn Term)

1. Nicole B - 24
2. Soraya A/Joseph R - 21
3. Isla L-M - 20
4. Lauren L - 19
5. Bobby M-C - 18

Character Programme

Over the next two weeks the character focus is on the character virtue of kindness linked to our school value of Integrity. Students have been looking at the science of kindness and also how empathy and vulnerability can have an impact on your decision to take action and be kind.

Careers

This week our Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to listen to a careers talk from a Chartered Accountant who provided an insight into a career in finance and accountancy. Students learned about the different types of roles in the profession including what a Chief Financial Officer and Auditor's role is and highlighted the skills needed for a career in the sector. Our guest speaker commented how welcoming our students were and how well they engaged with the interactive tasks.

Police Detective

Please click [here](#) for more information on an upcoming event to learn about what it takes to be a Police detective and how to solve a true crime case.

Arbor

Please note that behaviour points and merits have now been separated on Arbor from the start of this half term. For the first half term this would have been a number that combined both positive and negative (this total cannot be changed). From the start of this half term the merits will show the positive points gained and the behaviour points will show the consequence points gained but still with the total from combined positive and negative incidents from the first half term.

Travel News

Following our participation in TravelWise Week 2023, we are delighted to have been nominated for a National Sustainable Travel Award! The TravelWise Week Awards recognise organisations that have excelled in raising awareness of sustainable transport options and delivering activities during TravelWise Week and World Car Free Day. Ashlyns has been shortlisted with three other schools and will be celebrated as an example of best practice across the industry at the awards ceremony on 23 November.

Sports Results

Y8 Boys Rugby vs Astley Cooper	Lost
U12 Girls Football vs Priory	Won 2-0

Helping Your Child Manage Their Anger

Please click [here](#) for a workshop run by Dacorum Family Services.

Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre

Please click [here](#) for more information. Click [here](#) to book.

HMS Music Lessons

If you wish to register for music lessons please go to [HMS Music Lesson Registration](#)

Music Timetables can be found on the Music Block Notice Board and on Google Classroom

Code: nq4d5yw. It is the student's responsibility to check lesson times to ensure they attend.

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

ASA News

Donations and Hamper Raffle Tickets

The ASA are now collecting donations to support the Christmas Hamper Raffle, the Chocolate and Bottle Tombola (part of the Towns Festival of Light celebrations) and also Mince Pies and Mulled Wine for the Carol Concert refreshments. Please dig deep and make whatever donations you can as this massively helps our fundraising efforts. Please also note that raffle tickets can now be purchased so you can be in with a chance to win one (or two) of our Christmas Hampers. Please see the [attached flyer](#) which gives you details of hamper themes, raffle ticket purchase and drop off locations

Y11 Netball vs Longdean	Won 29-9
U18 Boys Football vs St Michael's	Lost 7-3
Y10 Boys Football vs Adeyfield	Lost 6-1
U15 Girls Football vs Dame Alice Owen	TBC
Y7 Basketball vs Hemel	TBC
Y8A&B Netball vs Abbot's Hill	TBC

Uniform

We have a very limited number of new uniform items available for sale, as follows:

Blazers	Price
30" Girls	£19
38" Boys	£19
42" Girls	£19
42" Boys	£19
44" Girls	£19
46" Boys	£19
PE Hoodies	
30/32	£12
34/36	£12
46/48	£12
PE Polo Shirt	
30/32	£8.50
38/40	£8.50
42/44	£8.50
46/48	£8.50

Please note that the hoodies and polo shirts are the old-style PE kit; students may still wear these items for PE lessons.

If you would like to purchase any of the above items (subject to availability), please email: fthompson@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk. Payment will be via ParentPay, once we have confirmed that we have the item(s) that you require. Please note items cannot be returned or refunded.

Craft Fair

Polite reminder: Please sign up if you can spare an hour or two to help at the Craft Fair if you have not already done so

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C45AAAF2EA3FA7-45095472-ashlyns>

As always, a huge thank you from the ASA for all your help and support

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Live Q&A with a Consultant Psychiatrist



Understanding Girls with Dr Tara Porter



Webinar on Self-Harm

If you're worried about your child's health, and especially their mental health, it isn't always easy to get access to an expert who can inform, advise or reassure you. At Tooled Up we have several opportunities in November for parents who'd like to hear from professionals. Questions can be asked anonymously at these sessions, or sent in advance to kathy@tooledupeducation.com to be asked, also anonymously, on your behalf.

[Understanding Girls with Dr Tara Porter: November 21, 19:30 GMT](#)

Dr Tara Porter is a Clinical Psychologist and Writer. She worked in the NHS for over 25 years in child and adolescent mental health and has her own successful private practice. In this webinar, clinician and author, Dr Porter will be exploring why some girls are struggling so much at present, and will provide parents with ideas for bolstering their relationship with their daughters whilst supporting their mental health. Register [here](#).

[Webinar on Self-Harm with Dr Dennis Ougrin: November 29th, 17:30 GMT](#)

Following his successful and fascinating [webinar](#) on discussing real-world trauma with children, psychiatrist Dr Dennis Ougrin returns to help parents and educators with an equally sensitive topic: self-harm. Please note this is a live Q&A rather than a 'talk'. Register [here](#).

The Tooled Up site has a wealth of material to offer help with supporting your child's mental health. Perhaps your child is heading to see a clinical psychologist and you don't know what to expect? Check our [video and tips](#) from Dr Tamsyn Noble, a St Albans-based clinician to learn more.

Or tune in to hear what Professor Tamsin Ford, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Cambridge has to say on a whole range of interesting topics! Listen back to a fascinating [Q&A](#) with her [here](#).