



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

Anti-bullying week

This week is national anti-bullying week, with the theme being "Make a noise". Over the past two weeks students have been engaging in activities during tutor time linked to this subject and our school values, alongside having an assembly around this issue. They have also had the opportunity to complete an anti-bullying survey in order to gain an insight into students' thoughts and feelings on this area.

Year 7 LRC Great British Book Bake Off

This week our Year 7 students delivered a wide variety of amazing book-themed cakes to the LRC for the Great British Book Bake Off competition. The standard and creativity of the cakes was outstanding with all students being awarded 'star baker' status and everyone going home with book prizes, embroidered aprons and spoons along with merits and House points. Congratulations to all the students that entered.



Autumn Chill

Well done to all the performers at Wednesday's Autumn Chill concert: it was a fantastic night greatly enjoyed by all!

Careers

Our Year 9 ELD this week featured a wide range of inspirational and practical activities to assist students with future career planning. We were joined by industry specialists from West Ham Football Club, the NHS, The National Film & TV School, Rayden Solicitors, The Royal Aeronautical Society, Martin-Baker Advance Engineering and a graphic designer from built-environment specialists, Mace Limited, who all gave an insight into their respective professions. The Royal Navy delivered a fun interactive session focusing on developing leadership and communication skills. Students participated in a mock assessment centre workshop to illustrate the skills and qualities employers look

Key Dates

- **19 Nov: Craft Fair**
- 20 Nov: Y11 Trial Exams
- 24 Nov: Occasional Day, School closed
- 27 Nov: Inset Day, School closed to students

Communications

- Y11 Trial Exam Arrangements

Next Week Winter Lunch Menu: Week 1

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
3809	3654	3670	3838
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17/11/2023

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 music tuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

ASA News

Last call for Chocolate, Bottle and Cake Donations

As the Craft Fair and Festival of Light is fast approaching the ASA are still in need of your generous donations to

for during the recruitment process in addition to a PSHE lesson on managing future income.

World Challenge Fundraising Opportunities

A reminder that suggested fundraising opportunities have been posted on the World Challenge google classroom. Please encourage your child to have a look and sign up. The next available event is at our Cyclocross Event (which attracts hundreds of visitors and participants) on Sunday 3rd December, where we have a space available for up to 12 students to run a refreshment stall - the deadline to apply is Monday 20th November.

Year 11 Raising Achievement

I-card leaderboard

1. Zara H - 17 i-cards
2. Joe P/Kai W/Hally P/Tiana M/Emily J - 16 i-cards
3. Lewis D - 15 i-cards
4. Faith B/Evie C/Eden T - 14 i-cards
5. Mabel B/Nicole B/Jazzy G/Sara G/Skye L/Olly M/Megan S - 12 i-cards

Session 6 Leaderboard (Autumn Term)

1. Nicole B - 32 sessions
2. Joseph R - 28 sessions
3. Isla LJ /Soraya A/Zaineb K/ - 26 sessions
4. Evis C/ Emily J/ Jack HDB - 24 sessions
5. Lauren L/Alfie H - 23 sessions

Character Programme

This week we have continued with our work on the character virtue of empathy. This theme has run through the assembly theme and reflection activities in tutor time. There was also a character element to this week's extended learning day where students were encouraged to develop, share and reflect on their own character strengths.

Physics

Oppenheimer - making history through physics – online and in person

Date: Sat 9th December, 2 – 5pm

Venue: Online and Oxford Physics Department

Audience: Age 14+

This event will discuss the different aspects of the life of Oppenheimer and how he made history through physics. There will be a reception with mince pies and drinks and the event will conclude with a fantastic panel discussion where the speakers and other senior academics, will welcome questions from the audience.

More information and booking: [Click here for more information and to register for this event](#)

Cross Country

All next week students in Years 7-10 will be taking part in the annual inter-house cross country competitions within their core PE lessons. They will need to dress appropriately for the weather and we recommend bringing boots or old footwear along with a spare bag to carry them home in. Who will win it this year? Every person who completes the course contributes to the house points!

make these events their usual success. So could you please look to donate whatever Chocolate and Bottles you can by Friday 24th November and cakes (no nuts, list of ingredients required and gluten free options welcome) by Saturday 18th November. Please see [attached flyer](#) for drop details or email asa@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk to arrange collection

Please also note that both these events still need some volunteers to help so please sign up to help via the following links if you can

Craft Fair:

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

Tombola: [ASA Volunteers 2023: Berkhamsted Festival of Lights on Sunday 26 November \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

As always, a huge thank you from the ASA for all your help and support and we hope to see you at some of these events which are fast approaching

Sports Results

Senior Netball vs Adeyfield	Lost 15-5
Y11 Boys Football vs Longdean	Lost 2-0
U12 Girls District Futsal Tournament	District Champions
U14 Girls District Futsal Tournament	2nd
U18 Boys Rugby vs Longdean	Drew 10-10
U16 Girls District Futsal Tournament	District Champions
Y8 Boys Rugby vs Tring	TBC

School Admissions

Hertfordshire County Council is running a consultation on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2025/26 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups.

The proposed changes are:

- Amend the schemes of coordination to clarify the funding agreement process for new or proposed free schools, the process for informing the home LA of a school's decision to increase their PAN and to reduce the timescale for responding to allocations from 14 days to 7. This will allow more time for effective processing of responses prior to the next allocation round.
- Retain the remainder of the county council's existing admission arrangements for 2025/26, including PANs, Relevant Areas and schemes of coordination.

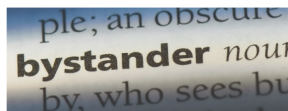
The consultation period runs until 11 December 2023. Please visit

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions2025 for more information and to respond online.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Family Values



Raising an "Upstander"

With many schools marking Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day, your children will be talking through themes at school and are likely to come home full of ideas and questions. How can Tooled Up help support the great conversations that have been going on in schools? What does research tell us about how to cultivate altruism in children, and what impact this can have on the people around them and their own sense of self?

Professor Robin Banarjee from the University of Sussex is an expert on research into kindness. In our [podcast](#) he talks with Dr Weston about the impact that observing and performing acts of kindness can have on children.

Kindness gives children a sense of agency, the belief that they can impact the world around them, and a belief that the world is a hopeful and benevolent place.

Our [kindness passport](#) is a great resource to use with younger children. It encourages children to notice all the kind things that they do for others. When they do something kind, they take this book to their teacher (or a family member) to get it stamped. We've included plenty of ideas for them to try, but there's also lots of space for them to write down their own kind acts that we haven't thought of.

If you are raising older teens, consider using our [conversation starters](#) to kick off a good family discussion around values. As a family, how do we treat others? What is our motto? What do we consider to be 'unacceptable' behaviour? What is bullying behaviour? And how can we ensure we don't feel tempted to participate in it at school, at work or in personal relationships?

There are two versions of our downloadable activity on treating others kindly, one for [younger children](#) and one for [teenagers](#).

It is important our children are encouraged to stand up for others and to gently challenge poor treatment when they see it. How can we raise upstanders? Here are a few [tips](#) for you to consider.