



Next week- Week 2/B

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

We wish our students a safe and happy long weekend. Please see a [link](#) that provides guidance for parents and carers about supporting their child to stay safe while on games consoles.

Careers

Careers in Animation

On Wednesday 13 December at 10am we will be joined by a guest speaker with 25 years experience in the UK Animation industry working on BAFTA and Emmy winning shows Peppa Pig and Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom. This careers talk will be open to students in Year 9-10 and will take place in the LRC.

Students will get to see clips and behind-the-scenes insights that demonstrate the wide range of skills and thought, creativity, resilience and hard work that goes into every episode of Peppa Pig. The talk will also cover the wider creative industries and the breadth of jobs available within it.

If your child is interested in attending this event, please complete the attached form [here](#) to register your interest. Should the event be oversubscribed we will allocate places via a random ballot. An email will be sent nearer the time confirming allocation of a place and the event arrangements.

Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust invites you to ... [Discover careers in pharmacy: Thursday 22 February 2024](#)

Join this interactive after-school talk to explore different roles in pharmacy, including pharmacist, pharmacy technician and pharmacy assistant, working in hospital and the community.

- **Who:** Students in Years 7 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 22 February 2024
- **Find out more and book your free ticket:** [Discover careers in pharmacy, Thu 22 Feb 2024 at 16:45 | Eventbrite](#) – bring a friend or family member!

Year 11 Raising Achievement

Year 11 have now completed their first week of trial examinations, conducting themselves impeccably throughout. Trial exams are a crucial part of the preparations for the summer, ensuring students are used to the logistics and processes of an exam series as well as how to manage revision and stamina for a number of exams in a short space of time. Year 11 have worked exceptionally well over the course of the week in both the trial exams and in supervised study.

Key Dates

- 24 Nov: Occasional Day, School closed
- 27 Nov: Inset Day, School closed to students
- 4 Dec: Y13 Trial Exams
- 6 Dec: Y7 Parents' Information Evening
- 20 Dec: Last Day of Term, School Closes 12.30
- 4 Jan: School Starts

Communications

- [Y7 Parents' Support & Information Evening](#)

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

House Points

Current house points			
Bourne	Coram	Handel	Raven
5070	4751	4853	5224
2 nd	4 th	3 rd	1 st
23/11/2023			

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 musictuition@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

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

Whilst there have been no assemblies this week due to the Year 11 trial exams, students have continued to explore the theme of empathy both during their tutor activities and within taught lessons.

Student Achievement

Break a leg to the Ashlyns students in the cast and crew in Berkhamsted Youth Theatre's latest production. **The Snow Queen** opens at The David Evans Court Theatre in Tring from 30 November - 2 December.

Our talented students include Aisling E, Amelia M, Aniya M, Ella K, Emilia S, Emma G, Evie M, Goldie S, Hermione H, Holly G, Isla C, Olivia M, Rose W, Sophia B, Sophia M and Teagan L.

For more details and to buy tickets, visit <https://courttheatre.co.uk/shows/snow-queen/>

ASA News

We look forward to seeing you at the Berkhamsted Festival of Light on Sunday, please come along and support our stall.

As we now enter towards our final events of the year we still need your valuable help to make them the success we usually experience

Carol Concert (10th December) - Donations of Mince Pies and Mulled Wine are required so these can be warmed up and served as a Christmassy and social end to the concert

Christmas Hampers (15th December) - Tickets are currently on sale and donations are still required so that we can maximise the amount of hampers you can win and also pack them with lovely gifts for christmas

Please see [attached flyer](#) with all donation details including drop off locations.

Sports Results

U18 Boys Football vs Adeyfield	Won 7-2
Y7 Boys Football vs Habs	Won 4-3
Senior Netball vs JFK	Lost 27-8
U12 Girls Football vs Chesham Grammar	Lost 2-0
Y10A&B Netball vs Longdean	10A - Won 28-5 10B - Won 15-11
U18 Boys Football vs Tring	Lost 5-6

Cycling to School

To enhance the safety of our students who cycle to school and help protect their bikes, we would like to make parents and carers aware of an opportunity to take their family's bikes to a free event at DENS Bike Project on Wednesday 29 November. They will receive free bike health checks and safety lights from DENS Bike Project and free protective bike marking with upload to the police-approved database from Hertfordshire Constabulary. The services will be offered on a first come first served basis, between 11am and 2pm, at 1 Rossgate, Hemel Hempstead HP1 3LG.

Tooled Up at Ashlyns - resources from Dr Kathy Weston



Raising a Child in the Digital Age



Cultivating Good Gaming Habits: Tips for Parents



Help! I Feel Like a Failure as a Parent!

It's official: Tooled Up Education are innovators! We're thrilled to be finalists in the BETT Awards for Innovation. These Awards recognise creativity and impact in the use of technology in education. Thank you to the 23,000 that subscribe to our digital platform and for being as passionate as we are about the application of research insights in family life.

This week we're thinking about the role that technology plays in family life, and how we can support our children in forming good habits around technology and the internet.

With the holidays around the corner, many parents will be having that conversation about buying a child their first smartphone. Here at Tooled Up we get a lot of questions about "first phones." Watch Dr Weston's [webinar](#) on what to consider before buying your child a phone. Our [webinar](#) on raising a child in the digital world can answer some of your queries and make a good starting point for healthy conversations with children.

If you follow any of the latest trends in technology, you've probably heard of the metaverse by now, but you might not be quite so sure what it is or what it does. Our helpful [explainer for parents](#) from Dr Lisa Sugiura is a great starting point.

Gaming is a key leisure activity for many young people, a social experience, a multi-billion dollar industry and a point of contention in many households. These [top tips](#) from expert Andy Robertson will help you set healthy boundaries and keep gaming enjoyable and safe.

As always, don't miss out on attending any online event. Coming soon:

[November 28, 2023 – 16:30 GMT: International Men's Day Panel Discussion](#)

With Dr Hope Christie, Debi Roberts from the suicide awareness charity The OLLIE Foundation, and male mental health speakers Ryan Parkes, and George Sullivan.

[November 29, 2023 – 12:30 GMT: Help! I Feel Like A Failure As A Parent!](#)

Psychiatrist Dr Gauri Seth will address the thorny topic of parental guilt and how to manage it.

[December 6, 2023 – 19:000 GMT: Raising A Resilient Teen Boy](#)

In this online talk, Dr Kathy Weston will take parents on a journey through the evidence relating to boys' resilience and mental health.

For those enquiring, all recent recordings will appear on our platform very shortly (watch out for the webinar by Dr Tara Porter on 'Understanding Girls' and last week's conference on ADHD!